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***“Gold Cup Final Full of Talent”***

GREYHOUND racing enthusiasts will see Australia’s best stayers go head to head next week with an all-star field making the cut in the heats last Thursday night of the Group One Cartwright Property Gold Cup.

Victorian trainer Robbie Britton was a disappointed winner the past two weeks. Britton’s “boom” stayer Nellie Noodles had won heat and final of the Winter Chase at Albion Park but Britton warned it wasn’t the real Nellie Noodles racegoers had seen. The “real” Nellie Noodles turned up on Thursday night.

The daughter of Flying Penske-Classy Creek blitzed her rivals in her heat of the Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup (710m) winning by 12 and three-quarter lengths in 41.57. She downed Countess Of Cork with three and a quarter lengths to Our Movie Star in third.

Nellie Noodles brought up win eight in 14 race starts. Britton is now looking forward to next week’s Group 1 final in which she will clash with track record breaker Dashing Corsair.

“Next week’s final will all depend on the run she gets,” said Britton of Nellie Noodles’ chances.

“If she gets a dream run through, then she can beat Dashing Corsair.”

Britton admitted he couldn’t see if it was Nellie Noodles in front when the bitch dashed through the field at the 600m boxes on the second lap.

“I saw something dash six lengths in front at that point and I was just hoping it was her,” said Britton.

Britton admitted bringing Nellie Noodles to Brisbane a day early had worked wonders. He had waited to bring her north on race day for the heat and final of the Winter Chase. The bitch had not coped with that as well as Britton had hoped.

He arrived in Brisbane on Wednesday and Nellie Noodles appreciated it ... as everyone watching her sensational 41.57 victory saw.

The staggering feature of the bitch’s victory was her final section of 12.78 and Nellie Noodles was not even in front at that section.

The overall time is the third fastest over 710m, behind just the two track records Dashing Corsair set in March and May

Trainer Dwyer Lennon admitted he is not a nervous person.

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But he breathed a sigh of relief after his champion galloper Dashing Corsair (Malfoy-Rose Flamenco) had led throughout to win his heat of the Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup (710m) on Thursday night

"This is the race he has been expected to win," said Dwyer. "It's his home track and he's the track record holder.

"He was expected to get into the final and I admit I was nervous before the race."

Specially after Dashing Corsair had reeled off a track record, eclipsing his own mark, last week when winning in 41.44.

He scored by seven and a quarter lengths in 41.61 beating Allen Zander with two and three-quarter lengths to Jarvis Bale in third.

It was his 33rd victory in 79 starts and his 21st at Albion Park.

While the 41.61 he ran to win his heat and a few lengths off his record, Dwyer pointed out it was just three-tenths off the long standing track record held by champion stayer Miss Brook until only recently.

Dashing Corsair lowered Miss Brook's mark of 41.59.

Interestingly, Miss Brook was also the winner of a Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup. Lennon said his dog had pulled up with soreness in a hip support after last week's record breaking win.

Dashing Corsair now has three of the six fastest times over the distance.

"I kept him on the lead all week, just walking and a lay in the sun each day," said Dwyer. "It appears to have helped him begin again tonight.

"But he's fit and doesn't need to run between his races."

Allen Zander chased Dashing Corsair throughout but was well beaten.

Darren McDonald is no stranger to big race finals and he will have two runners in next week's Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup final (710m).

McDonald's Reign Over Me (Bond-Primal Tears) finished too strongly to win his heat of the Cup on Thursday night in 42.21.

He scored by two and three-quarter lengths over Allen Shaul with a length and a half to Blue Lorian in third.

McDonald will also have Countess Of Cork in next week's final after she finished second in her heat behind Nellie Noodles.

Reign Over Me and Countess Of Cork have been sent north to top Northern Rivers trainer Steve Kavanagh. The pair will stay with Kavanagh for their lead-up to next week's final.

Kavanagh said he would expect improvement in Reign Over Me for the final.

"He hadn't raced up here for a long time and that was his first distance run here, so you would expect improvement in him," said Steve.

"But he will probably have to improve."

Kavanagh was highlighting the fact Reign Over Me ran 42.21 to win his heat as compared to the times run by the other heat winners, 41.57 by Nellie Noodles and 41.61 by Dashing Corsair.

Kavanagh said Reign Over Me had surprised him when he ran down the early leaders to win.

"I thought he may have struggled at the distance when he got back early," said Steve. "But it was a good effort."

Reign Over Me had finished second to Next Top Model in the Group 1 Sandown Cup final on May 13 then backed up to win at The Meadows last Saturday night over 725m in 42.64.

It was his 14th victory in 45 starts.

Nellie Noodles' litter brother Symmetry led easily in the early stages but he compounded quickly from the home turn. Trainer Robbie Britton said he would rest the dog for a month.

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## GROUP ONE – CARTWRIGHT PROPERTY GOLD CUP \$50,000 to the winner



### **Allen Shaul (VIC)**

38 starts 13-5-7 (\$72,865)

Surf Lorian – Denise Bale

Black Dog September '07

Owner: **Janice Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

**Albion Park best:** NBT (2 Starts 0-1-0)

Fairly new to the staying ranks in Victoria after becoming a handy sprinter middle distance performer. Finished second behind Reign Over Me in his heat last week heat, appears to be a little outclassed in this company and a place chance looks best.



### **Countess Of Cork (VIC)**

43 starts 11-7-8 (\$69,890)

Modern Assassin – Miss Marly

White & Black Bitch September '07

Owner: **Rod Prime Racing**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

**Albion Park best:** NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

Former WA stayer in the Darren McDonald kennel has racing consistently since arriving but just finds it hard to crack the elite stayers. She is some sort of chance but would need a fair bit of luck to overcome the big names here.



### **Nellie Noodles (VIC)**

14 starts 8-2-0 (\$21,070)

Flying Penske – Classy Creek

Black Bitch March '07

Owner: **Helen Ivers**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

**Albion Park best:** 41.57 (8) (3 Starts 3-0-0)

The current star of the staying ranks she looked outstanding last week recording the fastest heat time of 41.57. Recent winner of the Winter Cup, she is unbeaten on the track has taken all before her under the guidance of Robert Britton. She set multiply track records in Victoria and after extraordinary final section last week, looks very hard to beat.



### **Blue Lorian (NSW)**

34 starts 14-6-8 (\$64,890)

Surf Lorian – Winsome Bluebird

Blue Dog December '07

Owner/ Trainer: **Peter Whye**

**Albion Park best:** NBT (1 Starts 0-0-1)

Talented New South Wales stayer it is his second Group 1 final after finishing unplaced in the Galaxy in Perth. Hasn't won on the track and finished third in his heat behind Reign Over Me last week usually races off the pace and comes home hard, place chance is best.



### **Allen Zander (VIC)**

48 starts 13-7-8 (\$58,690)

Surf Lorian – Denise Bale

Black Dog September '07

Owner: **Janice Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

**Albion Park best:** NBT (2 Starts 0-1-0)

Litter brother to the Dailly's other finalist Allen Shaul, he is only having his eighth staying start and looks a little outclassed here did win a couple of 715's at Sandown and last week's second behind Dashing Corsair was a solid effort. Would need some luck, place chance.



### **Reign Over Me (VIC)**

45 starts 14-11-8 (\$89,670)

Bond – Primal Tears

Black Dog June '06

Owner: **Michael Cope**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

**Albion Park best:** 42.21 (8) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

New South Wales stayer he joined the McDonald kennel in early April and has tasted some success. Won his heat in fine style last week and if he can lower his winning time to below 42 he is certainly a chance of upsetting the two fancied runners, is racing well.



## Dashing Corsair (Qld)

80 starts 33-11-11 (\$207,620)

**Malfoy – Rose Flamenco**

Red Fawn Dog April '07

Owner: **Paddy Finch**

Trainer: **Dwyer Lennon**

**Albion Park best:** 41.44 Record (1) (4 Starts 4-0-0)

**Outstanding all distance performer not only a very good sprinter but has adjusted to staying just as well. Has recorded the fastest two times ever at Albion Park and only went a shade slower in last weeks heat. Is the obvious leader as his first section is his best. Might prove very hard to run down if he can reproduce the 41.44 he ran two weeks ago. Very hard to beat especially at his favourite track, 4 for 4 over the distance here, will start favourite.**



## Jarvis Bale (VIC)

81 starts 18-23-20 (\$246,920)

**Sonic Flight – Rosemary Bale**

Black Dog November '06

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

**Albion Park best:** NBT (1 Starts 0-0-1)

**Fantastically consistent stayer from the Graeme Bate kennel has knocked making group finals 22 in all with six Group 1's. Doesn't know how to run a bad race and is always capable of causing an upset he has matched it with the best before and is sure to do it again. However he would have to do everything right here to compete with the two fancied runners. Place chance for sure.**



## Our Movie Star

42 starts 9-12-7 (\$23,250)

**Surf Lorian – Midnight Fever**

**Finished third a long way behind Nellie Noodles last week and would need to improve if she gained a start.**



## Next Top Model (VIC)

42 starts 19-8-5 (\$206,490)

**Surf Lorian – By Request**

**Finished fourth last week behind Reign Over Me, won the Sandown Cup in the middle of the month, she is a high class stayer not with a chance if she if she gains a start.**

**Local Bookmaker Jeff Walters Market on the final:**

<b>\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Cartwright Property Gold Cup (710m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
	Allen Shaul	Andrea Dailly	\$15
	Countess Of Cork	Darren McDonald	\$15
	Nellie Noodles	Robert Britton	\$2.50
	Blue Lorian	Peter Whye	\$51
	Allen Zander	Andrea Dailly	\$26
	Reign Over Me	Darren McDonald	\$12
	Dashing Corsair	Dwyer Lennon	\$1.80
	Jarvis Bale	Graeme Bate	\$26
	Our Movie Star	Reg Hazelgrove	\$66
	Next Top Model	Jason Thompson	\$26

Local Queensland expert's selections for the final are as follows.

**David Brasch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Dashing Corsair**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nellie Noodles**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Allen Shaul**

**Luke Gatehouse**

**1<sup>st</sup> Dashing Corsair**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Nellie Noodles**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reign Over Me**

**John Brasch**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nellie Noodles**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dashing Corsair**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jarvis Bale**

## What's happening on race night?

### Cartwright Property Group 1 Gold Cup

The Brisbane club has a big night of entertainment planned for their first Group 1 Final night for 2010.

Next week's Cartwright Property Group Gold Cup Final will be the opening night of the 2010 Winter Chasing Carnival, and to celebrate on course patrons can enjoy Live Music and Roving Entertainers. There will be free children's rides and a side show alley. You can have your photo taken at the parade of former champions and with a full bar and Bistro facilities, Bookmaker and Tote betting it should be a great night for all attending.

## The History of the Gold Cup

The Gold Cup was first run at Gabba in 1974 and was known as the Gabba Gold Cup until 1980 when sponsored by SGIO for a year and by Woolworths of another year. It went back to the Gabba Gold Cup until 1988 when the race became the FAI Gold Cup for four years. It changed to the Albion Park Gold Cup when racing transferred there in 1993 and has been sponsored by current sponsor VIP Petfoods since 2002. It has been won by some champion stayers over the year's Dotie Wilson the only dog to win it twice in 75 and 76. Mandarin Girl 77, Picture This 82, National Star 85, Trojan Tears 94, Miss Cruise 95, Boronia Blossom 96, Totally Ablaze 98, Questions 99, Total Denial 2002, 2006 Miss Brook, 2007 Miss Grub, 2008 Chinatown Lad and last year's winner Queen Lauryn.

### GABBA GOLD CUP

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1974	Captain Winter	42.12
1975	Dotie Wilson	41.83
1976	Dotie Wilson	42.08
1977	Mandarin Girl	41.70
1978	Dusty Ginny	41.75
1979	Mockacindy	41.46
1980	Gini's Choice	41.90
1981	Final Dream	41.83
1982	Picture This	41.88
1983	High Monakii	41.75
1984	Shy Deena	41.62
1985	National Star	41.61
1986	Clover Park	41.40
1987	Shy Nimbus	41.74
1988	Gary's Hope	41.49
1989	Mary Casey	41.51
1990	Rocket To Tubrid	41.68
1991	Cobbalena	41.71
1992	Elusive Odie	41.37

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### GOLD CUP AT ALBION PARK

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1993	Pilgrim's Star	41.88
1994	Trojan Tears	42.53
1995	Miss Cruise (NSW)	42.57
1996	Boronia Blossom	42.25
1997	Red Mystique	42.06
1998	Totally Ablaze	41.96
1999	Questions	42.10
2000	Amazing Dancer	42.11
2001	Hotshow Vintage	42.15
2002	Total Denial	42.41
2003	Dooley's Mist	42.28
2004	Toss O'Reilly	41.76
2005	Last Quoted	41.74
2006	Miss Brook	41.86
2007	Miss Grub	41.77
2008	Chinatown Lad	41.91
2009	Queen Lauryn	42.08



Last Year's Gold Cup winner the mighty Queen Lauryn (Pic Corey Pearce)

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