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“Stage is set for Group One Glory in the West”

This week's final of the Group 1 Sky Channel Perth Cup is set up for a classic finish after eight exciting heats last Saturday night at Cannington. Queenslander High Earner became the second fastest greyhound ever around Cannington when he won his heat of the Cup in sensational time.

He ran 29.93 when winning heat four by seven lengths for owner-trainer Christine Robartson.

It was just .01 outside the track record held by Velocette and equal with Cromlah Bale.

High Earner obviously took no harm from his heavy fall in the final of the Group 1 Australian Cup last week at The Meadows.

In an outstanding training performance local leading mentor Linda Britton qualified three runners in next week final. Linda's first heat winner was Regent Diamond, she followed her win from box one in last week's Interstate Sprint Challenge used the red to full advantage again going into the final after clocking 30.38.

Britton then won heat six with Wassim Bale also from box one recording 30.28 and How I Roll ran down leader Red Demon to win heat eight in 30.61.

Other Cup heat winners were Joanne Monelli for trainer David Hobby in 30.39 she was having her first start in over a month. Oxley Spirit won heat two for local Andrew McLaren in 30.31. Zini's Gump won heat five for former Victorian trainer Terry Erinshaw in 30.37 and Victorian Tina Womann won heat seven with Arvo's Breeze in 30.40, making this year's cup very much a local affair.

In the Group 1 Galaxy heats over the 715 Jarvis Bale showed his liking for the Cannington circuit after his win in the National Distance Championship in September last year. On Saturday night he blitzing the opposition in a new track record time of 41.36 lowering the previous record of 41.42 held by Chinatown Lad. Next Top Model ran 41.61 defeating Dashing Corsair in the second heat and Drill 'Em took his brilliant Melbourne form to the west winning the third heat in 41.43.

This Saturday nights final has a winner's purse of \$80,000, the second richest staying event in Australia.

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GROUP ONE – SKY CHANNEL PERTH CUP \$140,000 to the winner



Joanne Monelli

61 starts 23-13-8 (\$144,555)

Premier Fantasy – Foolish Girl

Black Bitch December '06

Owner: **Mike Quinsee**

Trainer: **David Hobby**

Cannington best: 30.14 (2) (39 Starts 16-8-5)

Made last year's final and great training effort to bring her back in distance after a month off to win last week's heat. Has been a grand campaigner in the west and from box one is certainly a chance she will be very strong at the end. Each way chance from the draw, in good hands.



Regent Diamond

49 starts 20-3-4 (\$87,550)

Primo Uno – Prestige Girl

Red Brindle Bitch May '07

Owners: **C Weston & G Weston**

Trainer: **Linda Britton**

Cannington best: 30.08 (2) (24 Starts 12-1-1)

Local sprint star in great form won both the Sprint Challenge and her heat from box one and she is well served again from this inside draw. Fantastic record at Cannington with 12 wins from 24 starts and last week was another polished performance. Probably needed an inside draw and has got it, certainly a big show.



Oxley Spirit

15 starts 9-2-1 (\$27,205)

Whisky Assassin – Oxley Glyder

Black Dog October '07

Owner: **P Clarke, I Mitchell & N Peebles**

Trainer: **Andrew McLaren**

Cannington best: 30.17 (27) (10 Starts 5-2-0)

Young local sprinter he used box one to full advantage last week but needs to perhaps improve on his best winning time to trouble this lot. Drawn okay just needs to begin as well as he can to be a chance. His best is in front of him.



Zini's Gump

51 starts 19-7-9 (\$128,235)

Stately Bird – Zini

Black Dog October '06

Owner: **Shaun Miller**

Trainer: **Terry Erenshaw**

Cannington best: 30.02 (1) (47 Starts 17-7-8)

Another honest local sprinter with a heap of experience at Cannington. 47 starts for 17 wins another who used last week's red box to lead and win. Will need to come out quick again to overcome box four. Place chance with luck.



High Earner (Qld)

47 starts 25-9-7 (\$196,110)

Collision – Double Guess

Black Dog May '07

Owner/Trainer : **Christine Robartson**

Cannington best: 29.93 (3) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Superstar sprinter he just seems to miss the start in Group 1's is overdue to win one has both the ability and class. He is perhaps the best performer in this field but again has a horror draw. Got going early last week after a moderate start and simple blew them away in a best of the night lightening fast 29.93. Will start favourite and deserves the mantle is certainly the one to beat if he begins clean and has a little bit of luck he will be hard to hold out.



How I Roll

22 starts 9-2-2 (\$54,160)

Surf Lorian – Shelburn

Brindle Dog September '07

Owners: **Just Wins Syndicate**

Trainer: **Linda Britton**

Cannington best: 30.35 (1) (17 Starts 9-3-2)

Only a youngster with nine Cannington wins to his credit, did well last week to run down the leader but needs to improve on the 30.61 and a best of 30.35. Might just be out of his class at this stage of his career. Place chance best.



Arvo's Breeze (VIC)

38 starts 12-5-3 (\$49,845)

Arvo's Junior – Arvo's Delilah

Black Dog August '06

Owners: Arvo's Syndicate

Trainer: Tina Womann

Cannington best: 30.40 (3) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Only Victorian in the field he comes into the race after making a very flash Australian Cup final. Did well to win last week's heat but also would have to improve on the 30.40 he recorded. Fancied to run a big race in some quarters. Showed he has some ability and will be better for a run on the track. Honest type will be nice odds.



Wassim Bale

97 starts 16-20-11 (\$69,700)

Lansley Bale – Georgina Bale

White & Black Dog March '06

Owners: C Weston & G Weston

Trainer: Linda Britton

Cannington best: 30.26 (1) (27 Starts 5-6-3)

Third finalist for outstanding local trainer Linda Britton in another amazing training performance. He has plenty of experience around Cannington with five and nine from 27. Has been a wonderful dog to still be capable of making a Group 1 at his 97th start. With a bit luck in running could finish in the placings.



Ricky's A Robber

54 starts 11-7-15 (\$37,035)

Bombastic Shiraz – Another Robber

Run down last week after opening up a big break, has won eight and 11 at Cannington from 33 have some claims if he gains a start.



Flying Shambi

62 starts 25-12-7 (\$74,840)

Big Daddy Cool – Congenial

Talented local that finished a long way back second last week behind High Earner, a tall ask in this company will be long odds if she gains a start.

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

Peter O'Neill

1st High Earner

2nd Joanna Monelli

3rd Regent Diamond

Ryan Lavitzke

1st Oxley Spirit

2nd Joanna Monelli

3rd Zini's Gump

David Simonette

1st Joanne Monelli

2nd Zini's Gump

3rd High Earner



Local Market for the Sky Channel Perth Cup:

\$140,000 to the winner Group 1 SKY CHANNEL Perth Cup (530m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	Joanne Monelli	David Hobby	\$3.20
 2	Regent Diamond	Linda Britton	\$4.50
 3	Oxley Spirit	Andrew McLaren	\$8.50
 4	Zini's Gump	Terry Erinshaw	\$6.00
 5	High Earner	Christine Robartson	\$2.80
 6	How I Roll	Linda Britton	\$14.00
 7	Arvo's Breeze	Tina Womann	\$6.00
 8	Wassim Bale	Linda Britton	\$21.00
 9	Ricky's A Robber	Michelle Beamish	RES
 10	Flying Shambi	Graham Berry	RES

What's happening on race night?

Join us at Greyhounds WA Cannington for the running of the Sky Racing Perth Cup and Sky Racing Galaxy Final. Dine in Checkers Restaurant and watch an exciting night of greyhound racing with full TAB facilities, Sportsbet, DJ tunes, full bar facilities, on-course parking and plenty of room for the kids to play.

Or, spend the evening on-course with **FREE gate entry!** Plus there's kids activities, loads of giveaways, outside bars and totes, Puppy Club, live band 'Crave' and fireworks after last race! Gates Open 5.30pm

First Race approx. 7.05pm.

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Beverage packages are available - Adults \$35, Kids \$14 per person

Bookings Essential on **08 9458 9182**.

The History of the Perth Cup

In the 33 years since Dennis Calleja's greyhound Marcus Rate took out the first running of the *W.A. Gold Cup*, as it was then known, the Sky Channel Perth Cup, has developed into one of the country's most important group one classics. His first prize of \$1300 pales when compared to the \$140,000 on offer to the winner of this year's cup on April 21st.

The race has had a number of sponsors over the years and was known as the Brownes Gold Cup from 1976 to 1986. In 1987 it was called the Australis Mining Gold Cup, in 88 it was the Fairplay Gold Cup then from 1989 until 1992 it was called the Winfield Gold Cup. In 1993 a long sponsorship begun with Be Active and it was known as the Be Active Gold Cup in 1993 and 94 before being called the Be Active Perth Cup until 2007 when the club welcomed their new sponsor Sky Channel.

The Sky Channel Perth Cup has an honour role the envy of many, with some of the nation's top performers claiming the trophy.

While local dogs have at times had their fair share of success, more often than not in the last two decades the winner has been the best-performed chaser in the country at the time.

Possibly the best dog to have raced in the West enjoyed a stella run of success at Cannington in 1998. Jane Carruthers arrived in town for the big race that year with the mighty Rapid Journey. He had just won the Golden Easter Egg in Sydney and was keen for more Group One success.

That year local star Reggemite didn't let his fans down when he ran a slashing 30.54 in his heat. He had the crowd buzzing with his near track record run, but then Carruthers unleashed her brindle sensation on Cannington bettering Reggemite's time by a neck and equalling his track record of 30.52 in an awesome heat winning display.

Rapid Journey dominated the final of '98 and justified the second shortest odds offered in Cup history winning by almost 8 lengths at the quote of 1/3. Later in 1998 he again showed his liking of the Cannington 530m by returning and claiming the National Sprint Championship.

It was apparent in 1994 that having the best dog in the country was no guarantee of conquering one of the Nation's toughest sprint challenges. Star Queenslander Worthy Reward smashed the track record in his heat win that year and backed it up with a faultless display in his semi-final. Although drawing poorly in six he was sent out a 2/5 favourite but found trouble and was no match for the Troy Provost trained Just Like Whiskey who held off the fast finishing Worthy Reward to win by two lengths.

Harry Sarkis ventured west in 1996 fresh from taking out the Easter Egg with his smart black bitch Tenthill Doll. Harry showed his confidence early by supporting his bitch heavily in the traditional Calcutta and she didn't disappoint equalling the track record in her heat. When she drew the cherry in the final, bookmakers sent her out the shortest priced favourite in history at 2/7. The race was never in doubt and she cruised in to beat Jurassic Vapour and top local bitch Storm Act.

Seven of the last nine winners have come from interstate. Victorian Amy's Doll remained undefeated in the series when she claimed the trophy in 1993 for young trainer Paul Mills. Paul enjoyed a great visit that year also qualifying City Success for the final and was to become a regular over the next few years at Cannington as he tried to recapture the Cup.

Queensland had won the first of its two Perth Cups in 1987 when Pretty Fearless out kicked Scot A Win in one of the closest finishes on record, and claimed its second cup in 1995 with the Michael Zammit prepared Brisk Bill.

That same year a super smart local bitch by the name of South Georgia was emerging and many thought she had the speed to match Brisk Bill in the final. She led them into the back straight but could not hold on as Brisk Bill raced away for a convincing win over another visitor Baltusrol with South Georgia a gallant third.

Star Tribute for Dave Irwin overcame box eight with a barnstorming finish to win in 1997. That year NSW dog Welsh Duo put in a slashing performance in the heats and after drawing box one was expected to jump a short-priced favourite in the final. In possibly the most sensational incident in Group One racing, the stewards at kennelling, due to weight variation, scratched Welsh Duo.

Marcus Rate's 1976 annihilation of the field stands as the second biggest winning margin in Cup history.

It would take another 14 years before his winning margin of 10 lengths would be bettered. It was broken in 1990 when one of the smartest bitches to race at Cannington finally emerged from the shadow of her famous litter sister. Sand Pebble, trained in the hills east of Perth by Ron Timms, won the first Gold Cup of the nineties by an emphatic 10-¾ lengths to easily hold off Grant Langston's Quit and her mighty sister Sandi's Me Mum. Sand Pebble's race career was cut short by injury but many who saw her run remember her as the equal of Sandi's Me Mum in ability.

Perhaps the most remarkable Perth Cups came in the two years following Sand Pebbles win.

Frantic Night was purchased for \$200 by a group of owners headed by Billy Choules shortly before the 1991 series. He was not fancied in either the heat or semi final but made his way through to the final, drew the checks and the rest is history. A bad scrimmage on the first turn allowed him to rail through and pinch the race as a rank outsider with the celebrations from exited owners continuing for many days.

In 1992 the Cup was run as Perth experienced its wettest February day on record. Former Victorian chaser Wynlee Supreme ploughed through the bog to win in the slowest time in history. His win as a 50-month old dog also made him the oldest winner of a Perth Cup. The conditions were so bad that officials had to cancel the last race on the program when the sea of water on the infield made it impossible for the below ground lure system to operate.

Wynlee Supreme gave trainer Linda Britton her biggest win in the sport and was to be the first of two wins in the race. She qualified four runners for the final in 1999 with all eyes on the superstar Reggemite.

In a major shock Reggemite began well but was injured driving into the first corner, he battled on strongly to finish fourth but sadly it was the last time he was to race at Cannington. Britton trained the quinella that year as Bliss Bale held off kennel mate Shiridon's Alarm to win by a half length.

Nifti Fire went into the first Perth Cup of "the naughties" as the form greyhound for popular trainer Jodie Harding. When he drew the cherry in the final, many thought the race was as good as over. As luck would have it, Nifti Fire

began only fairly and copped a buffeting going into the first turn. His chances looked remote going down the back straight but he showed great fighting qualities to get up in the last bound to grab the 2000 Cup.

Grant Langston dominated training ranks in the late eighties and early nineties qualifying three runners for the final on four occasions. He managed to win the race only once. Miss Crisp will always be remembered as the bitch that took out the last Cup run on grass at Cannington. She began brilliantly from the white and was never troubled in beating the croweater Faust's Legend in quick time. She'll also be remembered as the mother of Paradise Street, the best stayer produced in the West and a three-time winner of the State Distance championship and National Champ in 1998.

In 2001 Graeme Bate sent over the brilliant Kantarn Bale for the series and he quickly emerged as Cup favourite with dashing wins in the lead up Interstate Challenge and Perth Cup heat. He drew well in box two in the final but totally bombed the start and ran a remarkable race to finish second to the Jason Thompson-trained Sammy Mint.

Sammy Mint had qualified with a tough-as-teak performance from box six in his heat. When Thompson drew out the envelope to give his dog the coveted rails in the final, he knew he had the chance to end Sammy Mint's racing career with a Group One victory. He was right as Sammy Mint easily held off Kantarn Bale and hometown favourite Cobram Storm.

The 2002 cup saw group one success for Victorian super sprinter Modern Assassin often the bridesmaid in the many major finals he gave nothing else chance after sweeping to the front at the first turn and led from that point on to win in 30.60. Favourite was the all conquering Carlisle Jack who had breezed into town to take the Interstate Challenge in track record time and after a brilliant heat win he was all the rage for the final but early trouble after a slow start left him near the rear and struggling. Trained by Mary Mugavin-Brown the Perth Cup was a highlight of a stellar career for the talented black chaser.

Outstanding Gippsland sprinter Elgrando had been most unlucky not to snare a Group 1 victory in 2002. Travelling to the West in 2003 in search of the Perth Cup, the "big fellow" showed a distinct liking for the Cannington circuit. After a brilliant heat win, he made a sweeping run down the back straight in the final to claim the leader Rifle Street in the shadows of the post. The \$60,000 first prize took his stake tally to over \$184,000. Elgrando trained by Carolyn Jones was one of five Victorians to make the final.

Victoria provided the winner of the Perth Cup for the fourth time in succession in 2004. Many were surprised by the performance of relatively unknown sprinter Kilby Supreme when she gave some of the big names a run for their money. Her star was to shine brightly as the speedy black bitch made Cannington her own not only accounting for a top class field but taking a big chunk of the 530 metre track record in the process. It was a tremendous thrill for Victorian trainer Elaine Vigor with Kilby Supreme becoming her first Group One success and she shared the night with "Kilby" owner popular MGRA employee Jackie Davis.

A well deserved Group One glory was finally posted by Sun Hero in the Perth Cup of 2005. The Andrea Dailly trained super sprinter had made nineteen group finals, with his closest finish at Group One level being third in the Paws Of Thunder of 2004.

It was a happy return to Perth for former Sandgropers Tom and George Dailly who had been introduced to the sport by their late father, George Senior. The Perth Cup was proving easy pickings for Victorian trainers with Sun Hero's win the fifth in succession. It was also a big "V" trifecta with Go Forever finishing second and Black Lee third.

2006 and Greyhounds WA were delighted with a spectacular evening of greyhound racing. A record crowd in excess of 5300 the biggest ever assembled at Cannington since the opening night back in 1974. Victorious in the big final was up and coming Victorian sprint sensation Superman after establishing a new track record in his heat win Superman begun well from box seven and finding the front early he careering away to win comfortably from fellow Victorians Trewly Special and Pororoca.

2007 and superstar Victorian sprinter and reigning AGRA Australian Greyhound of the Year Betty's Angel captured the Sky Channel Perth Cup with a brilliant win.

Beginning well from box 1 Betty's Angel (\$1.80) was beaten for the early lead by the locally trained Decathlon (\$26.10) he held that advantage through the first turn and down the back, with "Betty" in hot pursuit. Unfortunately at the first turn youngster Kostic Burns fell heavily causing havoc for a number of finalist's behind the two leaders.

Decathlon was still in front into the home straight and for a fleeting moment looked like winning, but the last section has always been Betty's Angel's best and she raced past Decathlon going on to win by one length and three quarters with Brother Knows (\$29.80) seven back in third, time for the final was 30.47.

2008 and high speed Queensland youngster Size Can Matter captured the Group 1 Sky Channel Perth Cup final in brilliant fashion with a very impressive all the way win.

Beginning like a rocket from the “squeeze” box 4 Size Can Matter (\$5.00) took control in the run to the first turn with the favourite Whippy’s Image after a slow start in hot pursuit, the classy white chaser held the fence around the first turn and down the back straight he showed the superior speed. The Adelaide Cup winner was trying hard but wasn’t making any ground. As “Whippy’s” started to wilt new challengers appeared on the scene with West Australian track specialist Back Tonight (\$9.40), racing into the picture from well back. He looked a winning chance as they came into the home straight however Size Can Matter found another gear kicking near the line to win by a length and half in 30.22.

2009 and Max and Pam Julien enjoyed their greatest moment in the sport when Miss Slick (\$4.00) scored a last stride victory in the Cup final with the super star bitch they bred defeating the leader Victorian Trew Millions (\$10.90) for trainer Tina Womann.

Miss Slick (Bombastic Shiraz- Little Lamplight) settled in second some four lengths behind the leader Trew Millions, however as she approached the home corner she dug deep and reeled in the Victorian as they got to the line to score WA’s first victory since local chaser Nifti Fire won in 2000 for Jodie Harding.



Local Champ Miss Slick winning the cup last year

In 34 times the Perth Cup has been staged winners have come from every corner of the country. Victoria leads the interstate invaders with eight wins from New South Wales with six victories, four from South Australia (all in the eighties) and three from Queensland making Western Australia’s showpiece a Group One race a very National event.

Perth Cup Honour Roll

Listed below is the Perth Cup honour roll it has been won by some outstanding sprinters over the years most coming from the eastern states.

1976 **Marcus Rate**, 1977 **Canonero's Gift**, 1978 **Biafra's Son**, 1979 **Rare Discovery**, 1980 **White Panther**, 1981 **General Jeff**, 1982 **Wotta Wizard**, 1983 **Superstar**, 1984 **Legatee**, 1985 **Supreme Carmen**, 1986 **Farquhar**, 1987 **Pretty Fearless**, 1988 **Karinya Flash**, 1989 **Miss Crisp**, 1990 **Sand Pebble**, 1991 **Frantic Night**, 1992 **Wynlee Supreme**, 1993 **Amy's Doll**, 1994 **Just Like Whisky**, 1995 **Brisk Bill**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Star Tribute**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Bliss Bale**, 2000 **Nifti Fire**, 2001 **Sammy Mint**, 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Elgrando**, 2004 **Kilby Supreme**, 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Betty's Angel**, 2008 **Size Can Matter** and 2009 **Miss Slick**.

GROUP ONE – SKY CHANNEL GALAXY \$75,000 to the winner



Blue Lorian (NSW)

34 starts 13-5-4 (\$59,180)

Surf Lorian – Winsome Bluebird

Blue Dog December'07

Owner/ Trainer: **Peter Whye**

Cannington best: 41.75 (7) (2 Starts 1-0-1)

Won the Stayers challenge with a mighty performance to come from well back early, he finished third last week to Jarvis Bale and recorded a similar time. Had been in solid form before coming west for the series, is certainly one main chance's in this final.



Supreme Command

74 starts 14-20-7 (\$41,895)

Lindale Blue – Oriana Bale

Black Bitch January '07

Owner: **Paul Felgate**

Trainer: **Linda Britton**

Cannington best: NBT (4 Starts 0-3-0)

Handy former Queenslander and Victorian stayer that is a recent addition to the Linda Britton kennel. No wins on the track doesn't help his cause here if he can stay in touch with the leaders might be an outside chance. Place best.



Next Top Model (VIC)

35 starts 17-7-5 (\$97,540)

Surf Lorian – By Request

Brindle Bitch July '07

Owner: **John McGeary**

Trainer: **Jason Thompson**

Cannington best: 41.61 (5) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Smart Victorian stayer she has made eight Group finals without tasting success. Has a good solid chance in this final if she can repeat last week's effort where she won well in 41.61. It was also her first start on the track. Good performer due for a change in luck.



Dashing Corsair (Qld)

70 starts 27-10-9 (\$163,775)

Malfoy – Rose Flamenco

Red Fawn Dog April '07

Owner: **Paddy Finch**

Trainer: **Dwyer Lennon**

Cannington best: NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

Front running Queensland stayer he won the National Sprint here in September last year. Finished second last week behind Next Top Model and perhaps is a question mark at the distance. Would need to open up a big lead if he is to hang on and win. Place chance for sure.



Drill 'Em (VIC)

37 starts 15-8-3 (\$187,125)

Texas Gold – Geoff's Mate

Brindle Dog March '07

Owner: **Binborrin Syndicate**

Trainer: **David Knocker**

Cannington best: 41.43 (2) (2 Starts 1-0-1)

Brilliant Victorian stayer in outstanding form coming off two Group wins at the Meadows he again looked outstanding last week with a 41.43 win. Knows how to score in a big one and he meets the same dogs he has beaten a few times when it's mattered before. Certainly another great winning chance, racing well.



Sirocco Style

60 starts 13-13-12 (\$38,575)

Malfoy – Pacific Style

Red Fawn Dog December '06

Owner: **Andrew Webb**

Trainer: **Linda Smithson**

Cannington best: 41.81 (4 Starts 1-2-1)

Handy local performer he looks a little out classed in this final. Finished second to Jarvis Bale last week and it was a good effort but would need to improve best winning time of 41.81 to trouble this lot. Place chance best.



Symmetry (VIC)

12 starts 7-3-1 (\$22,690)

Flying Penske – Classy Creek

Black Dog March '07

Owner: **Helen Ivers**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

Cannington best: NBT (2 Starts 0-2-0)

Young Victorian stayer with a bright future. Certainly has claims if he can show some of his recent Melbourne form. Finished third last week to make the final and a place chance looks best.



Jarvis Bale (VIC)

72 starts 14-22-18 (\$182,055)

Sonic Flight – Rosemary Bale

Black Dog November '06

Owner: Paul Wheeler

Trainer: Graeme Bate

Cannington best: 41.36 (7) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Amazing performance to set a new time standard for the Cannington 715 last week 41.36. At his previous start here he won the National Distance final. A repeat of last week's run would see him be very hard to beat and there is no doubting he loves the track. A good winning chance again apart from the fact he has only won two races since that National win last year.



Satanic Cash (SA)

27 starts 12-6-3 (\$106,100)

Big Daddy Cool – Satanic Miss

South Australian star he has been in good recent form has made a few Group races this year and would be some sort of chance if he gains a start.



Sitka

43 starts 17-8-5 (\$52,505)

Collide – Mohar

Local stayer she has a couple of wins on the track but would start very big odds if she can gain a start.

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

Peter O'Neill

- 1st Drill 'Em
- 2nd Jarvis Bale
- 3rd Blue Lorian

Ryan Lavitzke

- 1st Dashing Corsair
- 2nd Blue Lorian
- 3rd Jarvis Bale

David Simonette

- 1st Next Top Model
- 2nd Jarvis Bale
- 3rd Blue Lorian

Local Market for the Group 1 Sky Channel Galaxy

\$80,000 to the winner Group 1 SKY CHANNEL Galaxy (715m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Blue Lorian	Peter Whye	\$7.00
	Supreme Command	Linda Britton	\$15.00
	Next Top Model	Jason Thompson	\$4.50
	Dashing Corsair	Dwyer Lennon	\$8.00
	Drill 'Em	David Knocker	\$3.40
	Sirocco Style	Linda Smithson	\$21.00
	Symmetry	Robert Britton	\$12.00
	Jarvis Bale	Graeme Bate	\$3.80
	Satantic Cash	Robert Isaacson	RES
	Sitka	Bill McNally	RES

The Galaxy first became a group race in 2002 as the major distance support race to the Perth Cup Carnival prior to then it was conducted as a minor feature and was first run in 1982.

1982 **Afro Freeway**, 1983 **Supreme Carmen**, 1984 **Aulfee**, 1985 **Lady Temlock**, 1986 **Abilene**, 1987 **Lassie's Girl**, 1988 **Red Rambo**, 1989 **Ghetto's Glider**, 1990 **Busy City**, 1991 **Galahad County**, 1992 **Petite Emma**, 1993 **Cousin Johnny**, 1994 **Floral Kwondo**, 1995 **Wits End**, 1996 **Rocket Racer**, 1997 **Gemarly Park**, 1998 **Paradise Street**, 1999 **Harvard Bale**, 2000 **Alencia Bale**, 2001 "Not held" 2002 **Jennev** 2003 **Why Complain** 2004 **Winter** 2005 **Best Quoted**, 2006 **Ronray Dancer**, 2007 **Flashing Floods**, 2008 **Elektra** and 2009 **Western Land**.

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