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Gosford Glory For Free Will

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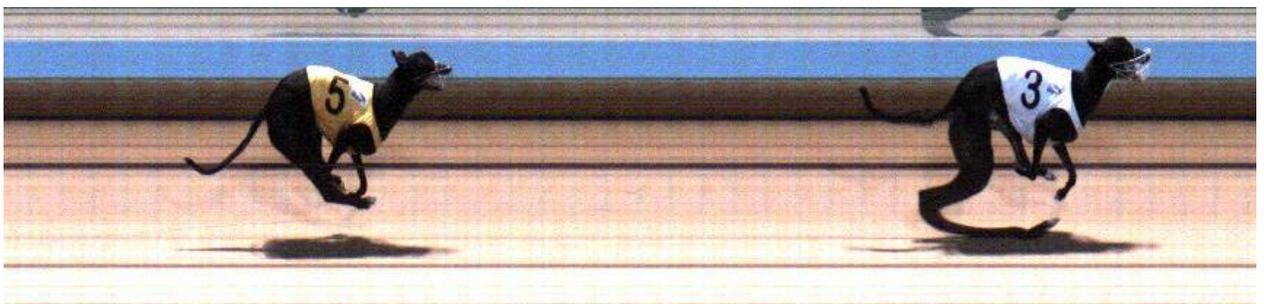
After four attempts, Londonderry trainer Anthony Azzopardi finally cracked it for a win in the Group 2 Woy Woy Poultry Gosford Gold Cup with extra-smart sprinter Free Will.

Free Will was installed as favourite for the \$40,000 to-the-winner showpiece after the scratching of dual Group 1 winner Got A Moment on Monday after she came on season.

Giving nothing else a look-in, Free Will (\$2.70) led throughout for his career defining triumph, defeating Nowra Puppy Classic winner Amadeus Strikes (\$18.10) by three lengths with Group 1 winning Queenslander Bogie King (\$5.80) third.

Free Will, a regally bred son of Elite State and Formulate, recorded 29.59 in claiming victory, identical to the time he posted in the Boxing Day heats.

Free Will is raced by Derya Mustafa, with the March 2010 whelping now a winner of 11 races from 45 starts with five Wentworth Park triumphs also already beside his name.



Free Will is an easy winner of the Gosford Cup official Photo Finish

With \$96,000 now in the bank, largely courtesy of Tuesday night's victory, a tilt at the Group 1 Centrebet Paws Of Thunder, commencing at Wentworth Park on Saturday week, is now well within sight.

On a night of champagne racing at Gosford to kick off the New Year, trainer Dennis Barnes landed the middle-distance feature of the night with fastest qualifier Fine And Fancy.

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Going around as a warm even-money favourite, the Cudal based bitch disposed of a handy line-up, with Back Page Lead and Hotwire filling the placings in the \$4,000 to-the-winner feature.

It has been a big week for Dennis and Anne Barnes, with their smart maiden Fancy Liza eclipsing the Richmond track record on Saturday night when running a sensational 30.14.

After a slashing third at Wentworth Park on the weekend, local sprinter Bit Elite took out the \$5,115 Multicam CNC Consolation Final for Zadia and Eric Smith, using the rails alley to register her sixth race victory at big odds.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Mr. Clydesdale (\$4.50), 5th Laurie's Gift (\$33.10), 6th Little Ed (\$4.80) 7th Suits Us (\$25.00) and Cadence (\$12.30).

Free Will is raced by Derya Mustafa and is trained by Anthony Azzopardi he is a Black dog whelped March 2010 by Elite State from Formulate (Bombastic Shiraz x Pure Formality). Free Will has won 17 of his 45 starts and has been placed on 17 occasions, with the \$40,000 first prize for the Gosford Cup his current stake earnings stand at \$95,675.

The greyhound industry is fortunate to have such a generous sponsor as greyhound lover, owner and trainer Laurie Refalo, the owner of Woy Woy Poultry Supplies. Not only does his company Woy Woy Poultry Supplies sponsor The Gosford Cup (\$40,000 to the winner) but also the Gardens Young Guns (\$10,000 to the winner).



The Gosford Cup became the clubs feature race for the year when they changed their surface to loam in 2003. At the same time a circuit of NSW Country Cups was started. It was a Group three race worth \$10,000 to the winner to start with and has risen in status and profile to Group two in 2006 and again last year prizemoney increased to \$40,000 to the winner. Loyal sponsors Woy Woy Poultry Supplies has being with the race in all of its nine years.

Listed are the past winners. 2003 **Thai Flame**, 2004 **Addis Boy**, 2005 **Cheeky Sprite**, 2006 **Cool Matt**, 2007 **Prey For Mercy**, 2008 **Suave Fella**, 2009 **Miss Elly Mint**, 2010 **Elite Blue Size**, 2011 **Tuiaki** and 2012 **Prince Diablo**.

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