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Diablo Claims Gosford Gold

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Tuesday night's Group 2 Woy Woy Poultry Gosford Gold Cup Final (515m) was as good as over at the first turn when the strong finishing Prince Diablo (\$6.00) emerged from the pack to chase the speedy Wez Da Risk (\$9.50).

Prince Diablo joined Wez Da Risk at the 600 metre boxes and he raced away to beat the rank outsider (\$38.70) by 6 ½ lengths. Nicholas's Habit (\$14.00) was three lengths away third in 29.92s.

Prince Diablo, the Canberra record holder, is one of the state's finest sprinters and he boasts a race record of 18 wins from 36 starts.



Prince Diablo is as easy winner of the Gosford Cup official Photo Finish

On four major tracks the son of Premier Fantasy has posted near record times, Wentworth Park (29.55s), Betchoice Gardens (29.24s), Richmond (30.20s) and Bulli (25.95s).

Prince Diablo is trained by one of the best, John Finn, who will celebrate his 70th birthday in 2012.

"I knew Prince Diablo had the race won down the back but sometimes he attempts to rail underneath dogs in front of him and finds trouble," Finn explained.

"I wasn't happy until he reached the front. Prince Diablo is going as well as ever after a lapse in form for a while.

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“Any dog that can win fifty per cent of his race starts against top company is a good dog.

“He has won \$114,000 now and there is plenty of racing in him yet as he doesn't turn three until March.

“I decided to bypass this weekend's Bob Payne Summer Sprint and his next run will be in the Bulli Gold Cup heats in a couple of weeks.”

Gosford Cup second favourite Adam Meway jumped okay from box five but he collided with Things Missing on his inside and he never got into the race after being forced wide at the first turn.

Earlier in the evening, the talented Oaks Road toyed with smart sprinter Fancy Dean in the Gosford Cup Consolation.

Midfield away from box five, Oaks Road had a clear run to the first turn where he crossed Fancy Dean and led him by two lengths through the catching pen.

Oaks Road increased his lead down the back and eventually won by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in a cracking 29.79s. Fancy Dean held off Young Snozz to finish second by half a head after Young Snozz conceded him six lengths start on the top turn.

Oaks Road and Fancy Dean will have a rematch in a heat of the Bob Payne Summer Sprint at Wentworth Park on Saturday night.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Adam Meway (\$2.30), 5th Main Drag (\$7.70), 6th Gable Drum (\$10.50) 7th Rybenbrook (\$7.70) and Things Missing (\$19.40).

Prince Diablo is raced by U Dowling & A Taylor and is trained by John Finn he is a White & Black dog whelped March 2009 by Premier Fantasy from Best of Diablo (Just The Best x Thai Magic). Prince Diablo has won 18 of his 36 starts and has been placed on six occasions, with the \$40,000 first prize for the Gosford Cup his current stake earnings stand at \$117,688.

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 this year prizemoney increased to \$40,000 to the winner. Loyal sponsors Woy Woy Poultry Supplies has being with the race in all of its eight 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** and 2011 **Tuiaki**.

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