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Super Group One Action In The West Two Of The Best To Start Favourites

Grigorieva Bale (Turanza Bale- Kingston Bale) was able to show speed from box 7 to settle on the outside of the leader Regal Lauryn who clocked 5.64 early, going into the first corner before racing to the front entering the back straight. The Andrea Dailly trained chaser was never headed again as he defeated fellow Victorian General Destini by 1 1/4 lengths in 30.48. The black dog should improve further after having his first look at the track tonight going into next weeks Gr 1, \$210,000 final. Andrea Dailly won the Gr 1 Perth Cup in 2005 with Sun Hero.

Renegade Chief (Bombastic Shiraz- Teeze) began well from box 8 and settled second on the outside of the leader Stormy Weather past the judge the first time clocking 5.72. It was at that point the Kelvyn Greenough trained dog dropped into another gear and raced clear going down the back clocking 18.76 off the back before stopping the clock at 30.12, 9 lengths clear of Holding Sway. The last start winner of the Gr 1 Silver Chief is owned by Tony Lockett who still holds the record for the most goals kicked by an AFL/VFL player and he also won a Brownlow medal as a player. Greenough trained High Earner to win his second Perth Cup in 2011.

Hello Good Bye (Bombastic Shiraz- Hello Sienna) showed early speed along with Moss Vale from boxes 7 and 8 respectfully clocking 5.75 first split with the two bumping heavily on the first corner. The two continued to cause each other trouble before Hello Good Bye shot clear going off the back in just 19.22 before running home the last split in 11.20, stopping the clock at 30.42 for Kelvyn Greenough. It was a most impressive heat win for a dog having just his 14th career start. Recently he clocked one of the quickest times ever at Sandown stopping the clock 29.09.

Hot Irish (Premier Fantasy- Lovey Craves It) led from box 2 clocking 5.67 first split and then 13.36 into the back straight and 18.78 off the back straight before winning by 6 lengths from Wy Yung Tiger in 30.22 a new PB. The Ben Abercrombie trained star, who easily won the Cannington track star award in 2012 with 23 wins, missed out on last years Gr 1 Perth Cup final by a neck before bouncing back to win the Gr 3 Consolation the following week. Hot Irish has won \$250,000 in stakes basically all in WA.

Harry Monelli (Magic Sprite- Fantasy Monelli) led throughout from box 1 to score a PB 30.47 victory for trainer David Hobby. The WA bred chaser clocked a slick 5.65 first sectional before going into the back in 13.45 and then off the back straight in 18.87. The black dog has now won at his past 3 starts for owners Mike and Michelle Quinsee who have spent a lot of money on breeding their own chasers hoping for a Perth Cup winner.

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Glen Gallon (Flying Stanley- Incoherent) holds the record for the 4th quickest time ever recorded at Cannington clocking 29.87 in a heat of the Perth Cup last year, with only one dog in Miata who has run quicker. This year the Queensland trained dog stopped the clock at 30.01 after leading from box 4 and clocking 5.67, 13.35 and then 18.69 off the back straight. The Tony Brett trained star also holds the third sectional split still with it standing at 18.55. Glen Gallon has recorded Gr 1 victories across Australia and finished second to Got A Moment in last years Melbourne Cup. After finishing 6th to Oaks Road last year in the Perth Cup, Brett is hoping he can score a victory like many former Queensland trained chasers before him.

Saving Bundles (High Earner- Egg On Legs) scored an upset win in the 7th heat of the Sky Racing Perth Cup when he ran down the leader Squashed Banana in the home straight to score by 4 lengths in 30.61. The Linda Britton trained chaser clocked a very slick 27.32 in early January before being in all sorts of trouble last start. The dogs sire High Earner is the only dual winner of the Perth Cup in its history.

Dyna Nalin (Ashom Bale- Tally Bale) scored a brilliant win in the final heat of the Perth Cup for trainer Paul Stuart. Recording his 8th consecutive victory, Dyna Nalin chased down One Banana to score by 7 lengths with Melbourne Cup placegetter Hurunui Hitman back in third in his wake. Dyna Nalin will go into the Gr 1 final next week having just his 14th career start. Lektra Jay (Where's Pedro- Elektra) after being held behind the boxes in 33 degree heat because of a delayed Trot race, the Victorian slightly missed the start and settled fourth early behind the leader Beau One before breaking through the pack down the pack. Once he levelled up on straightening the race was all over and the son of the 2008 Galaxy winner Elektra raced clear to win by 3 lengths in 30.51 for Andrea Dailly.

Miata (Bombastic Shiraz- Winsome Bluebird) demolished her rivals in a one way contest in the opening heat of the Gr 1 Sky Racing Galaxy for trainer Paul Stuart. While Golden Action led her early on, once Miata railed through and grabbed the lead going down the back straight she raced clear to win by 23 lengths, her biggest winning margin in WA. Miata has now won 13 times over the 715 metres and holds the track record of 41.30. If she remains unbeaten and claims the Gr 1 final next week, the \$80,000 first prize will take her earnings to \$671,508 and the richest greyhound stake earner in Australian history. A remarkable feat considering she has recorded most of her wins over the staying journey. Miata clocked 41.60.

Kalden Mayhem (Big Daddy Cool- Abbadale Gold) made it into back to back Galaxy Finals after winning the second heat of this years series by 4 lengths from Politician in 41.97. The Troy Murray trained evergreen chaser finished 5th behind Miata in last years final. He was having his 103rd start tonight and has now won 48 times and over \$168,000 in stakes for the WA bred dog.

Pedro's Finest (Where's Pedro- Somerton Lass) scored his biggest win of his 98 start career when he won the final heat of the Gr 1 Sky Racing Galaxy for trainer John Iwanyk. The white and black dog railed underneath of Until Then as they left the front straight the first time and raced clear to win by 6 lengths from Travel Bug Miss. The winners time of 41.98 was just outside his PB of 41.96 set in June last year.

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



Grigorieva Bale (VIC)

45 starts 15-13-5 (\$185,555)

Turanza Bale – kingston Bale

Black Dog June '10

Owners: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Cannington best: 30.48 (7) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Brilliant sprinter with heaps of ability in good form at the moment finished a close second in the Warragul Cup before an impressive heat win here last week. Has been in the money 33 times from 45 starts must be some sort of chance from box one.



Glen Gallon (QLD)

52 starts 29-9-2 (\$468,087)

Flying Stanley – Incoherent

Red Brindle Dog August '09

Owner: **Velocity Lodge (PTN) Syndicate**

Trainer: **Tony Brett**

Cannington best: 29.87 (6) (3 Starts 2-0-0)

Outstanding sprint talent from Queensland he seems to get better the more he goes around. Won the Group 1 Brisbane Cup in 2011 and has finished runner-up in a number of Group 1's all over Australia. Ran a blistering 29.87 to make the final last year. While he again went the best of the heats last week recording 30.01. He looks the one to beat.

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Hello Good Bye (VIC)

14 starts 7-3-1 (\$22,332)

Bombastic Shiraz – Hello Sienna

Black Dog October '10

Owner: **Paul Galea**Trainer: **Kelvyn Greenough****Cannington best:** 30.42 (7) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

A very smart youngster from Victoria he made everyone take notice when he recorded 29.09 at Sandown in January. Won his heat from box seven in 30.42 but it was a solid effort as he was checked and knocked about early. Could be a surprize packet as he has run fast time at a number tracks in New South Wales and Victoria. Place chance with some luck in running.

4

Dyna Nalin

14 starts 11-2-0 (\$34,265)

Ashom Bale – Tally Bale

Black Dog March '11

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**Trainer: **Paul Stuart****Cannington best:** 30.20 (1) (13 Starts 10-2-0)

Outstanding local sprinter talent he has been impressive in a short time. 10 wins here at Cannington and a best of 30.20. Will need some luck from box four but he looks a likely type with very sound future. Place chance best from four.

5

Renegade Chief (VIC)

20 starts 14-4-2 (\$165,525)

Bombastic Shiraz – Teeze

Black Dog July '10

Owner: **Anthony Lockett**Trainer: **Kel Greenough****Cannington best:** 30.12 (8) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Much travelled sprinter he has a heap of ability, won the Group 1 Silver Chief and has contested a number of other feature finals. Very impressive last week recording 30.12 from box eight he will need to begin again this week to be a winning chance. Has the Greenough polish but he might need some luck from this draw.

6

Hot Irish

66 starts 39-13-5 (\$249,900)

Premier Fantasy – Lovey Craves It

Black Bitch October '09

Owner: **Damon Fardig**Trainer: **Ben Abercrombie****Cannington best:** 30.23 (8) (56 Starts 36-10-4)

Local superstar sprinter she has won 36 races here at Cannington. Fantastic race bitch, she may have been better served from an inside draw. She'll have plenty of local support and knows her way around Cannington better than most she'll need some luck from six but always a chance.

7

Saving Bundles

26 starts 10-6-2 (\$59,656)

High Earner – Eggs On Legs

Black Bitch July '10

Owners: **Christine Robartson**Trainer: **Linda Britton****Cannington best:** 30.38 (2) (12 Starts 3-2-2)

Another finalist for Linda Britton by the mighty two time Perth Cup winner High Earner and raced by his owner. Only had the 26 starts for 10 wins and a best here of 30.38. This is a hard draw from out wide and she'll need a bit of luck in this. Honest type she is sure to run a handy race. Place chance best.

8

Harry Monelli

23 starts 11-5-1 (\$36,770)

Magic Sprite – Fantasy Monelli

Black Dog January '11

Owners: **M & M Quinsee**Trainer: **David Hobby****Cannington best:** 30.47 (1) (19 Starts 9-5-1)

Smart young local sprinter he is in good form with three wins on the trot at Cannington. Had the advantage of box one last week, so he must come out cleanly and get across to have any chance. Certainly has some ability, place chance looks best.



Off To Fenway

13 starts 5-3-3 (\$15,605)

Magic Sprite – Sassy Rebel

Honest local sprinter he finished second last week behind Harry Monelli has won three here but will start big odds if he gains a start.



General Destini

42 starts 15-14-3 (\$158,760)

Where's Pedro – Greys Destiny

Smart Victorian Group winner finished second last week behind Grigorieva Bale he will need to improve to trouble this lot if he gains a start.

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

Peter O'Neill

1st Glen Gallon

2nd Renegade Chief

3rd Grigorieva Bale

Ryan Lavitzke

1st Glen Gallon

2nd Grigorieva Bale

3rd Dyna Nalin

David Simonette

1st Glen Gallon

2nd Dyna Nalin

3rd Hot Irish



Tab Sportsbet Fixed Market for the Sky Racing Perth Cup:

\$140,000 to the winner Group 1 SKY RACING Perth Cup (530m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Grigorieva Bale	Andrea Dailly	\$7.00
	Glen Gallon	Tony Brett	\$2.75
	Hello Good Bye	Kelvyn Greenough	\$10.00
	Dyna Nalin	Paul Stuart	\$16.00
	Renegade Chief	Kelvyn Greenough	\$4.00
	Hot Irish	Ben Abercrombie	\$8.00
	Savings Bundles	Linda Britton	\$26.00
	Harry Monelli	David Hobby	\$21.00
	Off To Fenway	Ben Abercrombie	\$50.00
	General Destini	Norm Rinaldi	\$101

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The History of the Perth Cup

In the 37 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 February 10th.

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 Sandgroppers 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 reining 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 Decathalon (\$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.

Decathalon 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 pass Decathalon 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.

2010 and it seemed like it was always going to happen but as we all know something's are easy said than done. Plus the fact if you continue to draw box five it can make your task all that bit harder. However Queenslander High Earner scored his first Group 1 success in the most emphatic way. It was an extremely impressive performance in the final of the 2010 Sky Racing Perth Cup at Cannington.

The Queenslander dominated from the front and went within .05s of Velocette's 12 month-old track record in snaring the \$140,000 to the winner feature.

Always a dominant favourite in betting, High Earner (\$2.10) assumed control of the 530m sprint before the winning post the first time and dominated thereafter. Carving out record breaking splits of 5.65, 13.25 and 18.61 he raced away from Victorian Arvo's Breeze (\$19.20) and local Wassim Bale (\$25.90) to win by seven lengths in 29.97.

2011 almost seemed like it was deya wu when Queensland superstar High Earner (\$5.10) flew the boxes in the Sky Racing Perth Cup final setting up his second consecutive win in the Group 1 feature when he again racing away in exactly the same way he did the previous year. High Earner had a different trainer and he had a different preparation however the result was the same and he was as impressive as ever.

The son of Collision-Double Guess gave a faultless display of power sprinting when he gave his rivals no chance winning the Cup easily in 30.37 beating Victorian pair Gold Heritage (\$6.20) and Kilty Lad (\$2.90).

2012 Oaks Road (Spiral Nikita- Leprechaun Pace) gained his first Group 1 success for owner Edwin Kingswell and trainer Mark Gatt when he scored a run away win in the Cup final. Showing early speed from box 2, Oaks Road (\$5.80) led and then with race favourite Heston Bale getting severely checked and allowed the son of Leprechaun Pace to race clear to win by 7 lengths in 30.22 from Lektra Jay (\$28.00) and Autoamerican (\$23.70). The \$140,000 took Oaks Road earnings along to \$293,130 from just 37 starts where he has won 14 times.



Last year's Perth Cup winner the brilliant New South Wales sprinter Oaks Road
(Pic Courtesy Joe Mulder)

In 37 times the Perth Cup has been staged winners have come from every corner of the country. Victoria leads the interstate invaders with nine wins from New South Wales with seven victories, four from South Australia (all in the eighties) and four 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**, 2009 **Miss Slick**, 2010 **High Earner**, 2011 **High Earner** and 2012 **Oaks Road**.



GROUP ONE – SKY RACING GALAXY \$80,000 to the winner



Travel Bug Miss

82 starts 13-19-20 (\$56,728)

Over Flo – Cokie Royal

Black Bitch May '09

Owners: E & A Campana

Trainer: Eric Campana

Cannington best: 42.10 (4) (13 Starts 2-5-3)

Chased home Pedro's Finest in her heat last week in 41.98 beaten 6 lengths. Has won two on the track over this distance and may find this final perhaps a tough ask. Place at best.



Politician

48 starts 12-14-8 (\$49,742)

Pure Octane – She's Hot

Black Dog May '10

Owners: **Jeff Schrull**

Trainer: **John Iwanyk**

Cannington best: 42.25 (15 Starts 5-5-1)

Handy local stayer he has won here in 42.25. Finished second last week behind Kalden Mayhem in 41.97. Fancied to run a place from the inside draw as he has been in the money 11 from 15 here.



Miata

46 starts 39-2-2 (\$591,108)

Bombastic Shiraz – Winsome Bluebird

Red Fawn Bitch October '09

Owner: **P Stuart & N Wheeler - Whye**

Trainer: **Paul Stuart**

Cannington best: 41.30 Rec (1) (13 Starts 13-0-0)

Local Superstar she is unbeaten over any distance beyond 600. She holds three track records at Cannington as well as one at Mandurah. Looked super last week when she ran 41.60. Last year she ran 41.58 in her heat win. This race was her first Group 1 win last year and she has taken all before her since, apart from a couple of setbacks. Almost impossible to beat here over the 700 if she wins she will break the Australian stakes record. Local pin-up girl.



Atelier

64 starts 11-12-12 (\$51,895)

Bombastic Shiraz – Zarbo

Red Fawn Dog May '09

Owner: **R Valenti & S Catchpole**

Trainer: **Ricky Valenti**

Cannington best: NBT (4 Starts 0-0-1)

Former Victorian he has raced here since June last year with some success. However has never won on the track over this distance and he hardly looks like he'll be any trouble to Miata in this. Finished third last week behind Pedro's Finest. Place chance best.



Kalden Mayhem (SA)

103 starts 48-11-17 (\$168,230)

Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold

Blue Dog October '08

Owner: **CS & JT Murray**

Trainer: **Troy Murray**

Cannington best: NBT (4 Starts 2-0-0)

South Australian trained and WA bred he has been a warrior for some time. Has won 48 races in over 100 starts and scored a heat win in 41.97. Made the final last year and has been a great money spinner for connections. Looks a place chance behind the champ.



Pedro's Finest

98 starts 30-20-15 (\$122,920)

Where's Pedro – Somerton lass

White & Black Dog November '08

Owner: **Pride Of Five Syndicate**

Trainer: **John Iwanyk**

Cannington best: 41.96 (1) (18 Starts 7-3-2)

Talented local sprinter-stayer he has performed well for most of his 98 start career. A former Victorian he has won seven races here winning his heat last week in 41.98. Certainly a place chance he is in reasonable form at the moment.



Hogmania

86 starts 11-21-11 (\$39,610)

Miagi – Uno I'm Loopy

Black Dog May '09

Owners: **A Beattie, G Hogarth, K Beasley & D Bull** Trainer: **Greg Martin**

Cannington best: 42.59 (4) (14 Starts 1-6-3)

Has only won here once in 42.59 finished third last week behind Kalden Mayhem beaten some 15 lengths after starting \$41. Place chance at very best.



Twistie

72 starts 4-14-8 (\$13,720)

Pure Octane – Ashley Who

Fawn Dog October '08

Owners: **D Rowe & S Van De Klashorst**

Trainer: **Steve Van De Klashorst**

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

Local stayer he has never won on the track over this distance. Finished second to Miata last week beaten a conservative 22 lengths appears to be another making up the numbers. Place chance at very best.



Bad Company

57 starts 12-10-15 (\$66,775)

Collision – Casey's Angel

Local stayer he finished third behind Miata last week and has never won here. Will start big odds if he gains a start.



Until Then

40 starts 16-4-6 (\$50,090)

Collision – Casey's Angel

Another local stayer she finished the fastest fourth last week. Has at least won over the distance in 42.12. Will start at very big odds if she gains a start.

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

Peter O'Neill

1st Miata

2nd Politician

3rd Kalden Mayhem

Ryan Lavitzke

1st Miata

2nd Travel Bug Miss

3rd Atelier

David Simonette

1st Miata

2nd Politician

3rd Travel Bug Miss

Local Market for the Group 1 Sky Racing Galaxy

\$80,000 to the winner Group 1 SKY RACING Galaxy (715m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Travel Bug Miss	Eric Campana	\$33
	Politician	John Iwanyk	\$13
	Miata	Paul Stuart	\$1.10
	Atelier	Ricky Valenti	\$58
	Kalden Mayhem	Troy Murray	\$17
	Pedro's Finest	John Iwanyk	\$25
	Hogmania	Greg Martin	\$101
	Twistie	Steve Van Klashorst	\$101
	Bad Company	Linda Britton	\$101
	Until Then	Linda Britton	\$101



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**, 2009 **Western Land**, 2010 **Drill' Em**, 2011 **Blue Lorian** and 2012 **Miata**.

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