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KEYBOW'S CUP

It was a clean sweep for Victorian-trained greyhounds in Perth on Saturday night as the two Group 1s went the way of Keybow and Born Ali.

Keybow, trained by Darren McDonald, took out the \$140,000 to-the-winner Perth Cup.



Keybow races away with to win the Perth Cup (All Pics Courtesy Joe Mulder)

Keybow paid \$5.00 for the win in the Perth Cup when defeating Saving Bundles and Star Recall after springing to the lead, thus avoiding a crucial collision that saw the other Victorian-trained finalist, Allen Deed, fall.

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“He (Keybow) had to begin well from box 3 because all the (early) pace was drawn on the outside. As it turned out he found the early lead, there was trouble behind him and he was able to skip clear,” McDonald said.

Keybow will now be set for the heats of the Australian Cup in a fortnight, but McDonald wasn't about to spruik his greyhound's chances.

“I like to let my dogs do the talking rather than me to the talking for them. I am hoping he will measure up in the big group races in 2014, but only time will tell whether he can.”

“He doesn't always begin as he did in the Perth Cup, but he showed when he ran second in the Cranbourne Cup what he is capable of because he was taking group off (the winner) Banjo Boy, and not many greyhounds can do that,” the Devon Meadows trainer said.

After the placed runners in the cup the field finished in the following order: High Recall (\$6.80), Zelemar Fever (\$4.40), Sveta Monelli (\$13.50), Hillbilly Flash (\$5.20) and Allen Deed (\$6.80).

Keybow is a Black dog whelped December 2011 by Take The Kitty from Key Exit (Over Flo x Atlanta Belle). Keybow is raced by Kelvin Lean and trained by Darren McDonald of Devon Meadows in Victoria. He has raced 19 times for 10 wins and five placings. His stake earnings stand at \$193,595.



A Happy Team with Keybow post-race

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. 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 the last five years when the club welcomed their new sponsor Sky Racing.

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** and 2011 **High Earner**, 2012 **Oaks Road** and 2013 **Dyna Nalin**.

GALAXY FINAL

Earlier in the night, the Robert Britton-trained Born Ali won the \$80,000 first prize in the Galaxy, Born Ali (\$2.30) defeated Dyna Willow (\$4.20), and kennel mate Gold Affair Two (\$19.00).

Born Ali took out the Gr 1 Sky Racing Galaxy final after coming from behind kennel mate Gold Affair Two and then holding off the late challenge by Dyna Willow. The Robert Britton trained bitch jumped well from box 1 as favourite and then levelled up going off the back straight to the leader before the fight began in the home straight.

Born Ali kept punching and won by a head in 42.05 and in doing so took her stakes past the \$212,000 mark.

She will return to Victorian where next Saturday night at the Meadows she will line up in the Group 1 Invitational Zoom Top from box seven she will take on Dyna Willow (box 1) Perth Cup night FFA winner Maddison Dee, Destini Fireball, Cheetah Zorro, Benarkin (Qld), Lucy Wires and Dyna Kayla.



Born Ali shows great courage to hang on and win the Galaxy

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order: Infinite Wish (\$14.80), Reverberate (\$19.00), Sweet It Is (\$8.70), Ash Flash (\$5.30) and Hellmuth (\$4.30).

Born Ali is a Black bitch whelped December 2010 by Velocette from Born Princess (Whisky Assassin x Born Lucky). She is raced by Noel Mugavin and trained by Robert Britton at Lara in Victoria. She has now won 18 races and been placed on 22 occasions from his 69 starts. The Galaxy first prize of \$80,000 brings her overall prizemoney to a record \$212,255.

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**, 2012 **Miata** and 2013 **Miata**.

Greyhounds WA delivered once again with a spectacular evening of greyhound racing, on a very pleasant night a healthy cup crowd turned out to greyhound racing main night in the west.

The curtain fell on very successful \$500,000 Chasing Carnival that appears to be continuing to get bigger and better each year. The West has again showcased Australia's best chasers in the Sky Racing Group 1 Perth Cup (\$140,000 to the winner) and Group 1 Galaxy (\$80,000) and there is no doubt West Australia is a great place to race.



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