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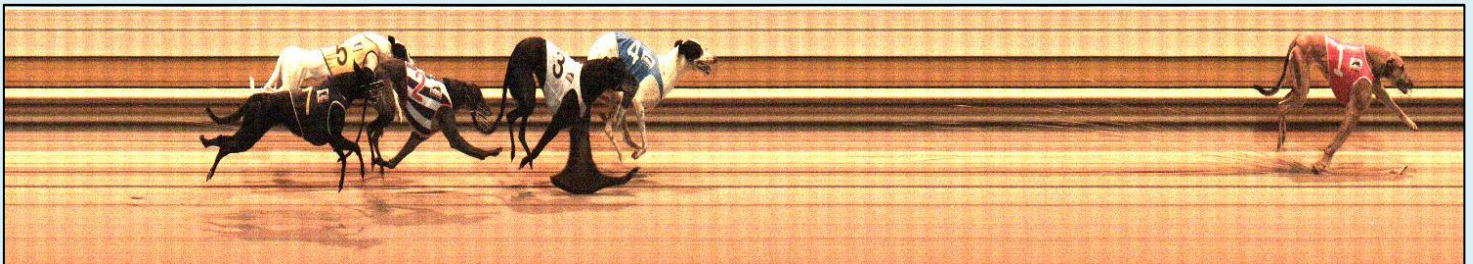
Neeky's Way Wins the Queensland Futurity

By Neil Brown

Neeky's Way (\$2.80) used her box one draw to great effect in last night's Group 2 Bogie Leigh Futurity at Albion Park.

The John Dart-trained greyhound looked the bitch to beat from box one after scored a sound 30.02 victory in last week's heats from box seven.

Once taking control at the first turn she never looked like being run down, taking home the \$40,250 first prize in a hugely competitive final.



Official Photo finish of the Bogie Leigh Queensland Futurity with winner Neeky's Way

One of the stars of the renowned Northern Rivers Dart kennel in NSW, Neeky's Way defeated her kennel mate Spare Cash (\$5.20) by a comfortable five lengths with the Darren Russell trained Lockety Brin (\$8.80) third in a smart 29.85 just outside her best winning time of 29.84.

That victory was built again on a blistering first sectional run of 5.54 and with one win and two placings in three previous starts wearing the red rug, she was always going to prove the testing material in the decider.

The other well fancied finalist was Joyce Rumble (box seven) starting a \$2.90 chance she found it difficult getting across, then got to a handy third down the back but after a couple of checks at the home turn she failed to run on and finished a disappointing sixth.

Joyce Rumble had made it seven wins from eight starts with her 29.98 heat win from the same box last week and looks the biggest threat to Dart taking home the Futurity trophy.

The win was a great tonic for John and Glenda Dart who encountered a very challenging period last month with the recent flooding in the Northern Rivers area, and they have bounced back with flying colours to secure victory in one of the most prestigious events on the feature race calendar.

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After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Magic Hornet (\$11.90), 5th Precious To Me (\$72.80), 6th Joyce Rumble (\$2.90), 7th Bikini Cloud (\$15.10) and Invergarry Lady (\$58.50).

Neeky's Way is a Red Fawn bitch whelped October 2014 by Spring Gun from Miami Gold (Hallucinate x Silent Melody). She is raced by John McGrory and trained by John Dart of Dulguigan in New South Wales. Neeky's Way has won 12 races and finished placed on nine occasions from 32 starts. With the \$40,250 first prize for the Futurity it took her current stake earnings to \$60,472.

The Queensland Futurity is a time honoured flagship event for the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club first run at the Gabba in 1973 it has been won by some wonderful sprinting bitches' over the years most of which continued to carve out outstanding race careers and later proved their worth as brood bitches. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1973 **Little Colleen**, 1974 **Hi Now**, 1975 **Kabisa Gem**, 1976 **Pinto Power**, 1977 **Overflow Love**, 1978 **Katie's Disco**, 1979 **Gallant Anne**, 1980 **Pretty New**, 1981 **Miss Budweiser**, 1982 **Truly Active**, 1983 **Double Crown**, 1984 **Rustic Venture**, 1985 **Kirsty's First**, 1986 **Cyclone Magpie**, 1987 **Fifi She's Not**, 1988 **Run Baby Run**, 1989 **Milluna Babe**, 1990 **Tardy Tears**, 1991 **I'm An Angel**, 1992 **Turbo Tears**, 1993 **Blue Chip Doll**, 1994 **Conquering Wind**, 1995 **Marinette**, 1996 **Ultra Dreams**, 1997 **Lough Derg**, 1998 **Barrio Fiesta**, 1999 **Golden Pepper**, 2000 **Winged Runner**, 2001 **Springtime Magic**, 2002 **M'Lady's Fool**, 2003 **Bogie Leigh**, 2004 **Fool's State**, 2005 **Smart And Sassy**, 2006 **Here I Come**, 2007 **Honey Mist**, 2008 **Queen Lauryn**, 2009 **Millennium**, 2010 **Velocity Regina**, 2011 **Imposing Jett**, 2012 **Katie Merry**, 2013 **Purcell Bale**, 2014 **Visualize**, 2015 **Over Here** and 2016 **Fabregal**.

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