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GOLD 1242

Fireball Storms Home To Win Sale Cup

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The history books will record the 2012 Gold 1242 Sale Cup Final as the slowest run Cup since the race went to 650 metres in 2004.



Destini Fireball storms home to win the Sale Cup (All Pics Daniel Gangur)

The huge crowd on course will tell you that this year's Cup was the most exciting with the winner Destini Fireball (\$3.30) producing a run that had to be seen to be believed in order to snatch the \$75,000 first prize in the last few strides.

In a race that saw the interference at the first turn put paid to the chances of some favoured runners, it was the Andrea Dailly trained outsider Bagget Bale (\$23.70) who dashed away with a seemingly unbeatable 8 length lead with 400m to go. At this stage Czar (\$8.50) looked the only danger, if any, with the eventual winner Destini Fireball held up in traffic and looking to be out of contention.

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With 250m to go Bagget Bale started to shorten stride, with Czar 6 lengths astern and a similar distance back to Destini Fireball who had clear galloping room.

And just like in his heat victory the huge 37 kg frame and giant stride of Destini Fireball made light work of cutting down the 12 length margin, hitting the lead close to the line and defeating Czar by a length with the same margin to the tiring Bagget Bale.

For Lethbridge trainer Norm Rinaldi, the Group 1 Sale Cup victory capped a stellar year which includes victories in the Group 2 Harrison – Dawson and Group 3 Launching Pad, both at Sandown Park. Destini Fireball missed a good part of the year being sidelined with a career threatening hock injury.

During a holiday in the United States, Norm and wife Jannis, purchased two greyhounds Greys Lemon Ice and Greys Destiny which when brought to Australia and mated with Australian sires have produced the 3 Group race winners plus a multitude of other winners.

Destini Fireball will continue on the Group race circuit and will be aimed towards the rich invitational races the Zoom Top and the Rookie Rebel at the Meadows.

The Rinaldi kennel on the night won 3 races including the sprinters feature the Diageo Gift with the promising speedster Destiny Shaker who is a litter sister to the Cup winner, again showing the versatility of the breed. The Sale Mazda Summer Cup also went the other side of Melbourne with the Graeme Bate trained Fully Advanced scoring a decisive victory.

In fact the first 9 winners were kennelled west of Melbourne with patrons having to wait until the final race for a “local” victory with the Stephen Toner of Bunyip trained Talks Cheeky scoring an upset victory.

Once again the Sale Greyhound Racing Club was well supported by local and surrounding communities with a large crowd in attendance.



Owner-Trainer Norm Rinaldi with Destini Fireball

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Lagoon Crockett (\$22.70), 5th Johnny Ringo (\$5.10), 6th Lektra Radiant (\$15.80) 7th Proven Impala (\$3.30) and Migaloo Magic (\$9.00).

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Destini Fireball is raced and trained by Norm Rinaldi, he is a White and Black dog whelped March 2010 by Where's Pedro from Grey's Destini (Kiowa Sweet Trey x Greys Nose Dive). Destini Fireball has won 10 of his 23 starts and has been placed on five occasions and with the \$75,000 first prize for the Sale Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$126,985.

The seemingly bold move in 2001 to run the Sale Cup over the 630m journey, with a first prize of \$20,000, produced an outstanding result with brilliant front running stayer, Bentley Babe, etching her name on the Cup Honour role.

Again in 2003 a major track restructure unveiled a brand new circuit on April 10th extensive work had been carried out after it closed in January. Under the guidance of track designer Brian Barrington Sale had an extreme makeover, with the new distances becoming 440, 520 and 650 metres. The track was also widened to 7 metres, with both straights being realigned.

The Cup in 2010 became the richest country cup in Australia with a first prize of \$50,000 and last year it maintained its Group 1 status lifting the first prize to \$75,000 which will be maintained in the future.

The Cup has been won by some great champions and listed below is the full honour roll as we currently know it.

1968 **Unknown**, 1969 **Unknown**, 1970 **Radiant Quan**, 1971 **Stripper Sam**, 1972 **Midnight Avon**, 1973 **Rerod**, 1974 **Rebel Rena**, 1975 **Shikar**, 1976 **Dargaville**, 1977 **Daalko Boy**, 1978 **Cascilla's Lad**, 1979 **Newmore's Heart**, 1980 **Bushy Prince**, 1981 **Forceful Lad**, 1982 **Charcia**, 1983 **Colinda Flyer**, 1984 **Chariot Supreme**, 1985 **Johnny Caprice**, 1986 **Top Shroud**, 1987 **Quick Royal**, 1988 **Blackman Ray**, 1989 **Mr Chatters**, 1990 **Chief Magundi**, 1991 **Malawi's Prince**, 1992 **Premier Pete**, 1993 **Linebacker**, 1994 **Jamb Kid**, 1995 **Wylie Boy**, 1996 **Wylie Boy**, 1997 **Shannen's Storm**, 1998 **Awesome Assassin**, 1999 **Brookside Red**, 2000 **Vino Veritas**, 2001 **Bentley Babe**, 2002 **Beljay Velvet**, 2003 **Draino**, 2004 **Arvo's Junior** 2005 **Hercules**, 2006 **Elektra**, 2007 **Miss Brook**, 2008 **Vintage Octane**, 2009 **Mantra Lad**, 2010 **Symmetry** and 2011 **Mystic Apple**.

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