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# **Quick Jagger Supreme at Sale**

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Western Australian star Quick Jagger, the only interstate finalist, emulated his sire Dyna Nalin when upstaging millionaire Fanta Bale in the Group 1 TRFM Sale Cup Final (650m) on Boxing Day.

Described by trainer Chris Halse as “dumb”, Quick Jagger continued WA’s excellent recent record in the Cup, following in the footsteps of Dyna Nalin in 2013 and Star Recall, which was also sent to Victoria by Halse and partner Linda Britton in 2014.



**(Clint Anderson’s photo of Sale Cup winner Quick Jagger holding off Fanta Bale)**

While the Cannington 520m record-holder had only had one unplaced middle-distance appearance in his home state, he won impressively over 595m at Sandown Park before winning his Sale Cup heat in 37.37sec, just .03 outside Chasin’ Crackers qualifying standard.

Melbourne Cup runner-up Chasin’ Crackers started \$3.10 favourite in Tuesday night’s \$75,000 to-the-winner final, shading champion Fanta Bale at \$3.30, with Quick Jagger one of three finalists at \$7.50.

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Chasin' Crackers was best to begin, but Quick Jagger and Fanta Bale were in close attendance and in a memorable drive to the line, Quick Jagger finished best to defeat Fanta Bale by 1.29 lengths in 37.35sec, with Chasin' Crackers finishing third.

"The dog has loads of ability and he's always promised a lot, so to finally win a Group 1 was a great feeling," said Chris Halse, who watched the Cup in his car after trialling in WA.

"Deep down I knew I had the fastest dog in the race, which sounds funny when you look at Fanta Bale and the other dogs in the race.

"It was just a matter of luck, because if there's a way to get beaten, Quick Jagger will find it. If something can go wrong in a race, it will go wrong with him. The best way to put it is that he's a dumb dog, which probably makes sense because he's owned by a group of Irishmen!

"When he got around the first corner safely and was out wide I was really happy. I thought he had Chasin' Crackers covered, but Fanta Bale is just a great chaser and you never know you've beaten her. But he was strong to the line and put them away in the straight.

"We won the Sale Cup with Star Recall. She was a very good bitch, but Quick Jagger is quicker than she was and he's stronger too."

It was a fairy-tale result for Quick Jagger's three owners, Irishmen Declan Edmonds and Eamonn Fitzpatrick and friend Geoff Chatfield, with first-time owner Edmonds telling GRV in the lead-up to the Cup that prior to owning Quick Jagger he "didn't know what a Group 1 was!"

"I'm still shaking. Best day of my life. I'm on cloud nine," an ecstatic Edmonds said moments after Quick Jagger's triumph.



The winner of 12 from 27 starts, Quick Jagger will next take his place in the Group 3 Shootout on New Year's Day. He was made first reserve but gains a run after the scratching of race favourite Bewildering.

"It was always the plan to go to 700m with him down the track, but he can run the hands off the clock over 500m, so you try to pick up the good sprint races as well," Halse said.

"After the way he went tonight we'll have to step him up now. We've got a race called The Miata coming up over here in a couple of weeks that we'll look at for sure."

The three support features on Sale Cup night saw odds-on favourite Tito Mojito, trained by Michael Giles, take out the Summer Cup Final (520m), Neville Wakefield's Fully Loaded win the Gippsland Carnival Launch Final (440m), while Feikuai George, prepared by Xiao Cheng, was a runaway winner of the Rising Stars Final (440m).

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

After the placed runners, the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Brueghelino (\$8.40), 5<sup>th</sup> Inequity (\$40), 6<sup>th</sup> Van Ann (\$7.50) 7<sup>th</sup> Royal Intention (\$7.50) and Gold Vein (\$54.20).

Quick Jagger is raced by the Edmonds Fitzpatrick Syndicate and trained by Chris Halse at Nambeelup in Western Australia. He is a Black & White dog whelped July 2015 by 2013 Sale Cup winner Dyna Nalin from Saving Bundles (High Earner x Eggs On Legs). Quick Jagger has won 12 of his 27 starts and has been placed on nine occasions after the first prize of \$75,000 for the Sale Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$135,055.

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 in 2011 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**, 2011 **Mystic Apple**, 2012 **Destini Fireball**, 2013 **Dyna Nalin** and 2014 **Star Recall**, 2015 **No Donuts** and 2016 **Dundee Osprey**.

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