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Gold Cup set for a Magic Night at Albion Park on Thursday



The VIP Petfoods Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup final is set down for decision Thursday night at Brisbane's metropolitan venue Albion Park. Last Thursday's heats provided an interesting nights racing with a ballot required to determine the final field.

GROUP ONE - VIP PETFOODS GOLD CUP

\$50,000 to the winner

Box 1 SARGENT MAJOR (VIC)

White and Brindle Dog Oct '03 Stately Bird - Triumphant Tears

Owner: Charlie Magrin Trainer: Lauren Gorman

Sandown Cup winner in May finished second to Jeanie's Girl beaten one and a quarter lengths in 42.17 in the heat. It was his first start on the track, likes to lead in his races so is ideally drawn in box one, big chance kennel really firing at the moment. 32 starts for 15 wins and 8 placings.

Box 2 SPAULDING (VIC)

Black Dog May '03 Brett Lee - Thai Magic

Owner: Todd Woods Trainer: Lauren Gorman

Fourth in Sandown Cup, has made numerous group finals for a few placings but yet to salute, grand campaigner from the Gorman Kennel. Finished third to Miss Brook beaten seven lengths in the best of the night 41.84, not without a chance. 46 starts for 16 wins and 13 placings.

Box 3 SOMETHING WILD (QLD)

White Fawn Bitch April '02 Token Prince-Miss Money Penny

Owner / Trainer: Darren Russell

Raced in Victoria with success when made the final of a group 1 at the Meadows, in March finishing sixth. Also won three at Sandown, finished second in the heat to Best Quoted in 42.21 need some luck in running to win in this company. 47 starts for 16 wins and 12 placings.

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Box 4 **BEST QUOTED (NSW)**

Brindle Bitch Oct '02 Token Prince – Miss Quoted
Owner: **Ian Morgan** Trainer: **John Mooney**

Super staying bitch that finished sixth in last years final to litter sister Last Quoted seems to be racing as well at ever Group 1 and 2 winner and plenty of group placings. Raced at her best too storm home in the heat, winning in 42.21. Can never be discounted always a chance, winner of over \$214,000 in prizemoney 66 starts for 19 wins and 25 placings.

Box 5 **MISS GRUB (QLD)**

Black Bitch Nov'03 Solve The Puzzle - Arenia Miss
Owner: **Charlie Northfield** Trainer: **Glenda Dart**

Yet to win over the 710 metres at Albion Park, but three placings from four starts runner up in the heat to Miss Brook in 41.84 and will need luck to upset this class but a young stayer on the improve. 31 starts for 5 wins and 15 placings.

Box 6 **MISS BROOK (QLD)**

Fawn Bitch July '04 Ballistic Jet-Brandon Sky
Owner/Trainer: **Paul Felgate**

Only 22 months old and has recorded two sub 42 second runs at Albion Park from only three distance starts. A youngster with exceptional ability and big future won her heat in fastest time of the night 41.84 without doubt the one to beat. 24 starts for 12 wins and eight placings.

BOX 7 **JEANIE'S GIRL (QLD)**

Black Bitch March'04 Bitability Bale-Lil Jeanie
Owner: **Jarrod Hunt** Trainer: **Tommy Noble**

Upset heat winner in 42.17 at her first start over the 710 metres handy type over the 600 mark and would need to be at her very best with a shade of luck to trouble this classy field but certainly an improver. 44 starts 15 wins and four placings.

Box 8 **DEVINE GEM (QLD)**

Red Fawn Bitch October '02 Token Prince – Serbian
Pearl

Owner: **Lynette Noble** Trainer: **Tommy Noble**

Lucky to win ballot and gain entry into the final, but has been a wonderful race bitch with three wins over the 710 and a best time of 42.28. Finished third to Best Quoted in the heat in 42.21 would have to improve to win but a grand campaigner. 108 starts for 40 wins and 38 placings.

Reserves:

9 **LUCY'S LIGHT**

10 **ZOE SKY**



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Albion Park bookmaker Haydn Flynn's early betting market on the final is:

6-4 Sargent Major
13-8 Miss Brook
4 Lucy's Light
9-2 Best Quoted
7 Jeanie's Girl
12 Spalding
20 Something Wild, Miss Grub
40 Devine Gem
50 Zoe Sky

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

David Brasch
1st Sargent Major
2nd Miss Brook
3rd Best Quoted

Paul Dolan
1st Sargent Major
2nd Miss Brook
3rd Miss Grub

John Brasch
1st Miss Brook
2nd Sargent Major
3rd Spaulding

The Brisbane Club is planning a big night with Silks Restaurant open on the night providing an excellent smorgasbord dinner and a great view of the nights' racing. The cost will be \$32.50 per person. Bookings are essential – please phone 07 3262 2044 ASAP to reserve your table.

Entry to the Course will be **FREE** on Final night.

There will be plenty of entertainment on the night, with the Gold Cup being themed around "A Magic Night". While we're certain of seeing plenty of magic on the track, the off track entertainment will include roving magicians, The Phoenix Fire Tribe, kids entertainers, a jumping castle, the Afghan Hounds racing, raffles and more. So Albion Park is the place to be Thursday 8th of June.

The Gold Cup was first run at Gabba in 1974 and was known as the Gabba Gold Cup until 1980 when sponsored by SGIO for a year and by Woolworths of another year. It went back to the Gabba Gold Cup until 1988 when the race became the FAI Gold Cup for four years. It changed to the Albion Park Gold Cup when racing transferred there in 1993 and has been sponsored by current sponsor VIP Petfoods since 2002. It has been won by some champion stayers over the year's Dotie Wilson the only dog to win it twice in 75 and 76. Mandarin Girl 77, Picture This 82, National Star 85, Trojan Tears 94, Miss Cruise 95, Boronia Blossom 96, Totally Ablaze 98, Questions 99, Total Denial 02 and last years winner Last Quoted.

1974 **Captain Winter**, 1975 **Dotie Wilson**, 1976 **Dotie Wilson**, 1977 **Mandarin Girl**, 1978 **Dusty Ginny**, 1979 **Mockacindy**, 1980 **Gini's Choice**, 1981 **Final Dream**, 1982 **Picture This**, 1983 **High Monakii**, 1984 **Shy Deena**, 1985 **National Star**, 1986 **Clover Park**, 1987 **Shy Nimbus**, 1988 **Gary's Hope**, 1989 **Mary Casey**, 1990 **Rocket To Tubrid**, 1991 **Cobbalena**, 1992 **Elusive Odie**, 1993 **Pilgrim's Star**, 1994 **Trojan Tears**, 1995 **Miss Cruise**, 1996 **Boronia Blossom**, 1998 **Totally Ablaze**, 1999 **Questions**, 2000 **Amazing Dancer**, 2001 **Hotshow Vintage**, 2002 **Total Denial**, 2003 **Dooley's Mist**, 2004 **Toss O'Reilly**, 2005 **Last Quoted**.

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Dotie Wilson only dual winner of the Gabba Gold Cup 1975 & 1976



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