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**“Youngster Miss Brook brilliant in Gold Cup win at Albion Park”**



The VIP Petfoods Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup final promised to be an exciting race and it delivered in spades. Youngster of the field Miss Brook (\$3.80) at 22 months of age gave popular Queensland owner-trainer and breeder Paul Felgate his first Group one success, she raced past early leader Sargent Major (\$3.30) in the home straight to win convincingly by three lengths and three quarter lengths in another outstanding time of 41.86. Spalding (\$21.50) rallied along the rail to finish a nose in front of the fast finishing Miss Grub (\$19.10) third but all honours were with the winner.

Sargent Major lead as expected and the field was strung out early Miss Brook settled fourth, but started to storm home off the back, getting to third she railing and chasing the leader to sweep past and record an effortless win.

Only four months ago Miss Brook was a finalist in the Group 2 Vince Curry Memorial Maiden at Ipswich.

Paul Felgate was delighted with Miss Brook victory and found it hard to comprehend she is so young and good enough to win a Group one, while what an exciting future she has in front of her.

“Here she is winning a Group 1 over 710m, at just 22 months old and to think she can only improve ... how scary is that,” said Felgate.

Over 710m she has won three of her four starts and was knocked down at the first turn when a flashing second to Lucy’s Light in the Winter Chase final. Felgate admitted the Group 1 victory was his greatest thrill in 28 years in greyhound racing.

And this is added to the thrills he has had with champion Just The Best, the Felgate owned champion stud dog.

Amazingly Felgate had Miss Brook for sale as a puppy in a huge scale down of pups he had on his property, Brandonworld, at Alberton just south of Brisbane.

“I had the entire litter for sale for \$3000 each and everyone laughed at me because they said they were too dear,” said Felgate. “I had 60 pups for sale, sold 36 and those who are left have won 75 races since I came back from Ireland in February.”

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Felgate has always known his bitch was a superstar in the making.

“She broke in exceptionally well at Bevan and Elaine Williamson’s property, the third fastest of a batch of 15 pups I sent over,” he said. “But I really knew how good she was going to be as a stayer when she flashed home in a 12.40sec final section in a 600m race when second to her litter sister Zoe Sky here a few months ago,” he said.

Plans for Miss Brook include “all the Group 1 staying races wherever they are” according to Felgate.

Miss Brook is Fawn Bitch whelped July '04 is by Felgate’s former handy all distance greyhound Ballistic Jet from his bitch and winner of a dozen races Brandon Sky (Awesome McLaren x Brandoness). The Group 1 Gold Cup win took her record to a sensational 23 starts for 13 wins and 15 placings and prizemoney earnings of \$65,460.

Immediate plans are for Miss Brook to go to Sandown for a trial and then contest the Group 2 McKenna Memorial heats on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with the final a week later.

For anyone who has had the pleasure to spend any time at Brandonworld the next few days would be well worth the visit. There is no doubt ... the kennel bar is open.

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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