

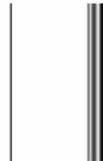


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“Spitfire goes like a Jet in WA Derby Final”



The rich Group 2 Brittons Formal Wear W.A. Derby was taken in fine style on Saturday night at Cannington by visiting Victorian Spitfire Jet (\$4.60). In an action packed race “The Jet” was always travelling well considering his extraordinary effort in the heat last week where he gave winner Allegro Sun 20 lengths start and ran him to two and three quarters to qualify for the final.

No such ground was needed to be made up this week as Spitfire Jet trailed leader, the Andrea Dailly trained Victorian into the first turn only a couple of lengths behind and was always going to be hard to beat from that point of the race.

However drama had unfolded no long after the start when Golden Eagle (\$14.70) fell severely hampering the chances of the Jason Thompson trained My Shout who had started favorite at \$1.80 from box 3. The tangle cost My Shout any chance and the race should be forgotten from his form. Great Lee was the other finalist that was also badly checked and his race was over as well.

Luck had certainly played its part with Victorian leading until the home corner but as they turned for the line Spitfire Jet went straight past Victorian and raced away to record a handsome victor by a length and three quarters. He was simple too good after receiving a perfect run in the race, West Aussie Stud Poker ran into third place behind the two Victorians. Time for the final was 30.66

It was an impressive win by the youngster and with further racing and maturity he appears to have bright future and could follow in the footsteps of other WA Derby winners and carve out a solid race career.

Spitfire Jet’s win was another big tick for sire Primo Uno who has taken all before him from limited opportunities. His strike rate is first class and no doubt his popularity will increase in the months to come.

Trainer Daryl Williams was absolutely delighted after the win. Williams prepares a small team of three from his Bannockburn property near Geelong. He spoke to Sky Channels Craig Evans after the race.

“It’s the biggest thrill I’ve ever had in my sporting career football and the Greyhounds by far the biggest thrill.” Williams said.

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Craig Evans asked Daryl Williams if he was confident he could win during the run and what the future holds for his youngster. "Yes I was when he missed all that trouble and was laying second down the back he finishes on well so I thought he was a big chance."

"It's so hard to believe what he has done already I never dreamt of it. To be quite honest I haven't thought about what's next I'll have to go back home and have a look around and see what's on and just take it as it comes." Williams concluded.

Spitfire Jet is a Black dog whelped April 2004 by up and coming sire Primo Uno from the unraced Princessa (Prince Of Tigers x Plunky's Girl) he is owned by work mates the Lost Trolley Syndicate and trained by Daryl Williams from Bannockburn in Victoria. "The Jet" has raced only seven times for five wins and a placings, his prizemoney earnings took a big boost with the Derby's first prize of \$33,250 taking his over all stake money to \$41,465.

Spitfire Jet had a great start to his career winning a heat and final of the monthly maiden series at Sandown Park in March he recorded wins of 30.09 and 30.24. Prior to heading west he also won a heat and final of a grade five at Ballarat running 25.30 and 25.34.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Great Lee (\$18.40), 5th Optimistic One (\$25.10), 6th Allegro Sun (\$20.60) 7th My Shout (\$1.80 fav) and Golden Eagle fell but finished (\$14.70).

Listed below is the WA Derby honour roll, this feature for age restricted dog pups was first conducted at Cannington in 1976. Since that time it has been a well sought after major event on the WA Calendar each year. Most notable winners would be Swift Glade (1983) a brilliant sprinter who campaigned successfully in the east under the guidance of Graeme Bate. Prince Of Tigers (1997) he brilliantly won the Group 1 National Sprint final in Adelaide in 1997 and had his career tragically cut short by injury. Reggemite (1998) arguably the best ever sprinter to come out of the west he won a Sandown Shoot Out in 1998 and was runner up in the Top Gun to the all conquering Rapid Journey. Plus recent winner Victorian Sun Hero (2004) who also enjoyed a wonderful race career, reaching no less than 17 group race finals, for four wins and eight placings. He made five group one's winning the Perth Cup and amassed \$316,950 in prizemoney.

1976 **Rajundi**, 1977 **Mister Toewyte**, 1978 **Wind Warning**, 1979 **Dark Gramoi**, 1980 **Pop's Jester**, 1981 **Power Play**, 1982 **Mum's Jester**, 1983 **Swift Glade**, 1984 **Zelrob**, 1985 **Icy Fox**, 1986 **Janarlee Tiger**, 1987 **Black Review**, 1988 **Cheatin' Charmer**, 1989 **Tim's Chariot**, 1990 **Liz's Champ**, 1991 **New Temlock Two**, 1992 **Eljay**, 1993 **Nikemos**, 1994 **Michael's Tears**, 1995 **Steve's Pride**, 1996 **Frogmore Ferrari**, 1997 **Prince Of Tigers**, 1998 **Reggemite**, 1999 **Paddy's Fault**, 2000 **Blue Catona**, 2001 **Clear Havoc**, 2002 **Osti's Warrior**, 2003 **Regal Bazz**, 2004 **Sun Hero**, 2005 **Magic Trance**.



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