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Spirit Of Boom gets deserved 10,000 win

It may have been his last race start, and if it was, Spirit Of Boom retired the perfect way, with a deserved victory in the \$650,000 Group 1 James Boag's Doomben 10,000 (1350m) at Doomben on Saturday.

Trained by Tony Gollan, Spirit Of Boom could easily lay claim to being the second best sprinter in the country leading into Saturday with two seconds behind Lankan Rupee and a group 1 win in the William Reid Stakes this preparation.

The six-year-old has been in career best form but being a stallion, retirement and stud duties beckon, though it looks like he has gone out with a final group 1 victory in his home state.

Ridden by Michael Rodd, Spirit Of Boom jumped nicely from the gates and was happy to settle midfield behind stablemate and half-brother Temple Of Boom (Harrison), some five lengths off race leader Buffering (Browne).

Rounding the home turn Rodd was travelling well and on the lookout for room and fortunately a narrow gap opened up and he was able to steer Spirit Of Boom off the fence and into the centre of the track on straightening.

Buffering kicked strongly in the straight but



Shamexpress, winner of the Doomben 10,000

STEVE HART

Temple Of Boom came off his back then inched closer as the metres past while Spirit Of Boom was coming with his run in the centre of the track.

Temple Of Boom levelled up to Buffering

with 75m to go but Spirit Of Boom packed too many punches and ran over the top of the pair in the final 25m to claim victory and give Gollan a group 1 quinella.

On the line the margin was a half neck

between the stablemates with a further head to Buffering in third. The overall time was 1.17.93 with the last 600m run in 34.33.

"I don't have much to say today," a stunned Gollan said. "I usually have plenty to say but I am absolutely gobsmacked. It's a dream come true to train a group 1 here in Brisbane. I am stuck for words.

"They are two great horses to train, I have taken them everywhere and they just keep turning up and when they get the runs to suit like they did today they are just so hard to beat.

"I am so proud of the two horses, all the time that look after them, the kids that travel them, the owners, it's just a really good day.

"(Spirit Of Boom) took the narrowest of runs. He is a six-year-old stallion and they don't

usually take those runs, they usually like to get to the outside but he is brave and gallant and he is so deserved.

"He is off to stud after one more run, maybe this was his last run. We will see what the handicapper does but he has done his job now. The Stradbroke would be a dream farewell but we are going to savour this and see what happens.

"This is definitely the biggest moment in my life and to share it with my wife, these owners and my mum and dad at home I am really proud."

"This has been a dream of mine since I was a kid up here," Rodd said.

"Working for Bryan Guy and leaving the stables in the afternoon and you would go and watch a Doomben 10,000 and it was just

a race I always dreamt of winning, even more so than the Melbourne Cup because I thought it was in my reach.

"It has taken a while but it is just great to do it for Tony and Jane and some Queensland connections.

"He has been flying, he is the sort of horse who just needs the luck and he got it today."

Spirit Of Boom is by Sequalo out of the Special Dane mare Temple Spirit and is owned by Mrs P Gollan, B Siemsen, Eureka Stud Synd (Mgr: C & S McAlpine), J Schloss, A Dunemann, J Kurtz, S Kurtz & River Junction Racing Synd. His record now stands at nine wins and 20 placings from 51 starts and prizemoney totalling \$2,372,900.

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