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AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2016

“WORM BURNER”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for August is South Australian Sprint star Worm Burner. An outstanding performance by the Angle Park specialist, he made it 11 wins in a row when he took out the Group 1 2016 National Sprint Championship at his favourite track last Saturday night.



Worm Burner races away with the National Sprint Championship at the Angle Park

In front of a large parochial crowd the Cameron Butcher trained South Aussie exploded from box 6 to surprisingly cross long odds on favourite Zambora Brockie from Victoria to the cheers of his supporters. He ran his first split in a flying 4.37 with Zambora Brockie for Anthony Azzopardi in hot pursuit and Times Square for WA trainer Chris Halse moving to third from his wide draw.

Down the back straight it seemed the louder the crowd cheered the further Worm Burner was able to extend his lead over his rivals running a sick 16.66 of the back straight. Finding himself in front for the first time in his career saw Worm Burner blister through his final section in a sizzling run home of 12.51 to record an unbelievable 29.17 for the 515m journey leaving his challengers in his wake by almost 6 lengths to the delight of the on course patrons. He defeated Zambora Brockie, Times Square and Dundee Osprey who claimed fourth, all gallant in defeat breaking 30 seconds themselves but were no match for the son of Oaks Road and Little Looper.

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The crowd continued to cheer the local champion as he returned to the dais for the presentation. In what was a high quality Group 1 Final, Worm Burner stamped himself as not only the local star but a star on the National scene.

It capped off a super month for the king of Angle Park he had four starts in top company for four wins all in quick time of 29.62, 29.50, 29.53 and 29.17.

His next target will be the Group 1 UBET Adelaide Cup to be run on Friday 7th October before a likely invitation to the Group 1 Sky Racing Topgun at the Meadows on October 22 with the \$600,000 Melbourne Cup just around the corner at Sandown on November 18.

Worm Burner is raced by Cameron & Yvonne Butcher and trained by Cameron Butcher at Meningie in South Australia. Worm Burner is a Brindle dog whelped December 2013 by Oaks Road from Little Looper (Primo Uno x Koyuga Proof). He has won 28 races all at Angle Park from 43 starts and has been placed on nine occasions after the first prize of \$75,000 for the National Sprint Championship his current stake earnings stand at \$164,005.

AGRA congratulates owners Cameron & Yvonne Butcher, trainer Cameron Butcher and Worm Burner on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for August 2016. He joints last month's winner Kilty Express, plus the previous month's winners Buck Forty, Narralee, Ima Wagtail, Moreira, Dyna Double One and Cash In Motion as the winners so far this year.

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