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AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2014

“KEYBOW”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for February 2014 is outstanding Victorian trained, New South Wales owned sprinter Keybow.

In February the talented speedster won his first Group 1 event when he beat an outstanding field assembled for the Perth Cup on February 8.



Keybow winning at Cannington (Pic Joe Mulder)

Keybow led all the way to run a very fast 30.15 for the Cannington 530 metres he defeated Saving Bundles and Star Recall after springing to the lead, thus avoiding a crucial collision that saw the other finalists hampered badly and well fancied Allen Deed, fall.

Keybow had showed his extraordinary ability in his heat the week before when jumped third but forced a passage to the lead and raced into the Group 1 final in 30.50.

Back in Melbourne for a tilt at the Group 1 Australian Cup he was breathtaking again leading all the way in a best of the night 29.58. In fact it was the second fastest run ever recorded at the Meadows circuit. The record held by Heston Bale at 29.45 was set on the 17th of December 2011 in a heat of the Silver Chief Classic.

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The win made it three starts in top company for three wins in the month of February. Keybow has thrived since joining the Victorian Kennel of Darren McDonald. Acknowledged as one of the country's finest mentors he was delighted to take over a sprinter with such inexperience but untold ability. Before arriving he had recorded a Wentworth Park win of 29.74 at only his fourth start.

A solid second in the Australian Cup final after a tardy start together with a second in the Group 2 Cranbourne Cup in January plus Perth's performances, there is no doubt Keybow is set to play a major role in Group racing throughout the remainder of 2014.

Keybow is a Black dog whelped December 2011 by Take The Kitty from Key Exit (Over Flo x Atlanta Belle). Keybow is raced by Kelvin Lean and trained by Darren McDonald of Devon Meadows in Victoria. He has raced 21 times for 11 wins and six placings. His stake earnings stand at \$273,595.

The month of February has seen 12 group races decided. Keybow beat the other Group 1 winners and a number of high class Group 2 winners for the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates owner Kelvin Lean, trainer Darren McDonald and Keybow on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for February. He joins the January winner Iona Seven as the Greyhounds of the Month for 2014.

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