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# AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH JULY 2016

## “KILTY EXPRESS”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for July is Victorian up and coming sprint star Kilty Express. The early speed front running black chaser did the opposite to win the Group 1 Maturity Classic at the Meadows after he stormed home down the outside to win by half a head last Saturday night.



**Kilty Express storms home to win the Maturity Classic at the Meadows (Pics Clint Anderson)**

After finishing second in both his heat and semi-final, in the heat he almost led all the way but got nailed on the line by the powerful finishing burst of Buck Forty. In the semi he led but couldn't match motors with Classic favourite Ultimate Magic finishing a solid second. However he was to strike back when it mattered running down both Ultimate Magic and Shima Song to claim his first Group 1.

The Warrnambool trained greyhound was the only greyhound in the Maturity Classic trained by a hobby trainer (Ray Drew), in fact it was the first time the Drew kennel has had a runner in a Group 1 race.

Kilty Express is owned by the Bluelion Syndicate, which is managed by Gary Robb, who paid tribute to breeder Brian Parkinson.

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“When we first met Brian we visited his place at Lara and he said told us he gives his dogs every opportunity to be the best they can, and he certainly does that,” Robb said.

“Kilty Express went to Ray and his son Dustin to be trained back in February, and he has gone ahead in leaps and bounds. Dave and I couldn’t believe it when he made the Warrnambool Classic earlier this year, and to now make the Maturity Classic is a dream come true.”

Dustin Drew said he hoped that tonight’s age-restricted Group 1 was the start of bigger and better things for Kilty Express (Kilty Lad – Bogie Jewel).

“I’m hoping this is just the beginning for him at this level. It’s a pleasure to drive four hours to race here.”

Kilty Express is raced by Gary Robb, Dave Walmsley & Tim Robins and trained by Ray Drew at Dennington in Victoria. He is a Black dog whelped April 2014 by Kilty Lad from Bogie Jewel (El Galo x Bogie Gem). Kilty Express has won 10 of his 26 starts and has been placed on nine occasions after the first prize of \$100,000 for the Maturity Classic his current stake earnings stand at \$133,310.

AGRA congratulates owners the Bluelion Syndicate, trainer Ray Drew and Kilty Express on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for July 2016. He joints last month’s winner Buck Forty, plus the previous month’s winners Narralee, Ima Wagtail, Moreira, Dyna Double One and Cash In Motion as the winners so far this year.

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