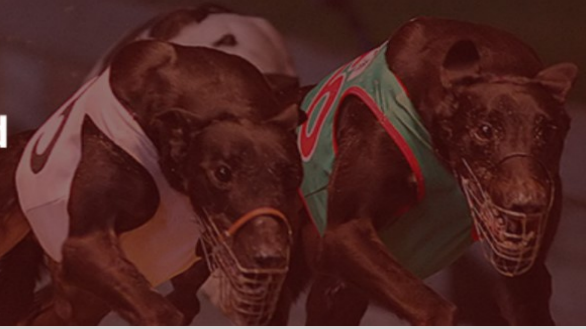




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AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH MARCH 2016

“MOREIRA”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for March is Victorian owned and trained sprinter Moreira. The highly talented chaser capped off a brilliant month when he won the Group 1 Golden Easter Egg at Wentworth Park on March 26.

Moreira had to work hard to become the seventh successive Victorian to land NSW's most prestigious race with the lead changing twice in the early stages, as Knight Sprite and then Asa Killa Queen first hit the front before Moreira poked through to be the front-runner turning for home.



Moreira winner of the Group 1 Golden Easter Egg (Pic Clint Anderson)

Brad Hill Billy then staged a late bid, taking ground off Moreira before going under by a neck.

Knight Sprite came again to finish third, ahead of outsider Blue Revolver.

The winner covered the 520m in 29.77, well outside the race record of 29.48 set by Fernando Bale in 2015.

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Before the Egg final Jason Thompson had labelled Moreira as being "as good, if not better" than his 2012 Easter Egg winner Don't Knocka Him, who also started from box one.

And Moreira had to live up to Thompson's praise because Brad Hill Billy, renowned as being one of the most powerful finishers in training, was always going to be hard to hold out when he zoomed into fourth place with 250m to go.

Moreira was an impressive winner of his semi-final on March 19 proving too good for Knight Sprite in 29.93, that followed a second placing in his Easter Egg heat to Marley Bale in 29.83.

Thompson said Moreira would now be aimed at the Group 1 Perth Cup at Cannington in April.

Moreira is raced by Adean Monolitsis and trained by Jason Thompson he is a Brindle dog whelped September 2013 by Kinloch Brae from Donna Ricca (Collision x Brooklyn Belle). Moreira has won 15 of his 35 starts and has been placed on 11 occasions after the first prize of \$250,000 for the Easter Egg his current stake earnings stand at \$368,898.

AGRA congratulates owner Adean Monolitsis, trainer Jason Thompson and Moreira on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for March 2016. He joints last month's winner Dyna Double and Cash In Motion as the winners so far this year.

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