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AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2014 “TOMMY BRISLANE”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for September 2014 is talented New South Wales sprinter Tommy Brislane.

In September the brilliant front running sprinter announced his arrival on the big stage with two group wins firstly the Group 1 Dapto Megastar then followed it up with a another brilliant front running display in the Group 2 Bob Payne Spring Sprint at Wentworth Park.



Tommy Brislane winning the Dapto Megastar (Pic Craig Golding Illawarra Mercury)

The black chaser's quick raise up the ranks of the top class didn't really surprise too many he had shown well above average ability since bursting onto the scene back in April at Wentworth Park, when he won seven of his first eight career starts, including a heat and semi-final of the Group One Peter Mosman Classic in 29.71.

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After finishing fifth in the final, he returned one week later to clock a sizzling time of 29.51 over the 520 metre, stamping his authority as a genuine Group race contender.

Taking advantage of a better draw in box three as in his previous Group finals he had experienced no luck at all with box draws, however all that changed at Dapto showing early speed to burn and great determination at the finish he held off the talented Ritza Hattie and it was group race win number one.

The team of owner Geoff Slattery and trainer Steve White didn't have to wait long for another Group success as his love affair with Wentworth Park continued in the heat and final of the Group 2 Bob Payne Spring Sprint.

Jumping smartly from box six, "Tommy" outpaced his opposition, clocking 5.36 to the first mark, before racing off with the \$40,000 to the winner series, leaving his rivals to battle out the placings.

Connections were hoping for an invite to the Top Gun at the Meadows on October 25 and that was confirmed today, his chances of making the final field of eight look pretty good after a remarkable month of September and a very impressive short but outstanding career in 2014.

Tommy Brislane is a Black dog whelped September 2012 by Premier Fantasy from Mary Virginia (Brett Lee x Thai Again). He is raced by Geoff Slattery and trained by Steve White from Nowra Hill in New South Wales. Tommy Brislane has raced 17 times for 12 wins and three placings with his win in the Spring Sprint the \$40,000 first prize took his current stake earnings to \$162,440.

The month of September has seen ten group races decided. Tommy Brislane was a complete standout for the monthly award winning the only Group 1 and a Group 2.

AGRA congratulates owner Geoff Slattery, trainer Steve White and Tommy Brislane on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for September. He joins the January winner Iona Seven, February winner Keybow, March winner Buckle Up Wes, April winner Tonk, May winner Awesome Project, June winner Xylia Allen, July winner Mepunga Hayley and August winner Chica Destacada as the Greyhounds of the Month for 2014.

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