



MEDIA RELEASE
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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH
AWARD – SEPTEMBER 2013
“SMART VALENTINO”

The AGRA's Run of the Month for August 2013 has been awarded to Smart Valentino making August very special for the New South Wales stayer as he also won the AGRA Greyhound of the Month award. His run of the month came on August 3 at Wentworth Park for his outstanding performance to win his heat of the State National Distance title putting him in the State final and giving him a crack at National honours which he completed on August 24 at the Meadows.



Smart Valentino in action at the Meadows (Pic Clint Anderson)

The son of Where's Pedro and Smart Betsy began okay from box one but copped a check soon after the start back second last he had to make up a lot of ground as he was sixth at the first turn. He had got to fourth after a lap and looked a chance getting to the home turn. He set out after the leader Set To Shine swamping her in the run to the line and won racing away by a length and a quarter in 42.43.

Giving the importance of the race it was a mighty effort considering where he was early, back second last and giving the leaders some 10 to 11 lengths down the back straight.

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Smart Valentino is a Black Dog whelped March 2011 by Where's Pedro from Smart Betsy (Bombastic Shiraz x Awesome Berger). He raced and trained by Mark Swift at Lithgow in New South Wales. He has now won 10 races and has been placed on five occasions from his 23 starts. Smart Valentino's current prizemoney stands at \$108,130.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in August on various tracks around Australia. However given the company and the importance of the race Smart Valentino got the nod.

AGRA congratulates owner/ trainer Mark Swift and Smart Valentino after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for August 2013. He joins three time winner Xylia Allen, Punch One Out who has won two awards, Bell Haven, Dyna Nalin and January winner Hello Good Bye as the winners of the AGRA Runs of the Month for 2013.

Checkout the AGRA Website for a replay of the run of the Month

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