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### **AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD AUGUST 2016**

# “DIAMOND ON FIRE”

The AGRA'S Run of the Month for August 2016 has been awarded to up and coming Victorian sprinter Diamond On Fire.



**Diamond On Fire winning at Ballarat**

Proving the Run of the Month can come from anywhere this month's winner won the semi-final of a maiden series at Ballarat. It was such an eye catching run and outstanding effort to win over the 450 metres on August 17 he got the nod for this month's award.

Diamond On Fire almost proved that old saying "odds on look on" when he started a prohibited price of \$1.04 after winning the heat of the maiden series the week before on August 10<sup>th</sup>. On a wet night and wet track he flew the boxes from the eight, straightened in front and raced away to win by 10 lengths in a very impressive 25.62.

Punters around the nation were convinced off that run he was a near on certainty from box one and backed him accordingly.

Not expecting the fawn dog to fall out and settle in the rear most would have given up hope after 100 metres when he found early trouble he still appeared no chance half way up the home straight and even with 20 metres to go couldn't win. However the youngster dug deep and found the line winning by a nose in a photo.

He came out a week later missed the start again from box six, had to miss a fallen dog in running and got to the outside racing home strong again to win the final.

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Diamond On Fire looks a smart youngster winning three from three but he will have to improve his box manners as he goes through the grades, however he has shown a wiliness to chase hard and that will always stand him in good stead in the future.

Diamond On Fire is raced by Sally Baertschiger and is trained by Wayne Vassallo at Devon Meadows in Victoria. By Djay's Octane from Pah Leeze (Collision x Brooklyn Belle). He is a Fawn dog whelped October 2014, he has won all three of his starts and his current stake earnings stand at \$9,815.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in August on various tracks around Australia. However given the way Diamond On Fire went about the win he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owner Sally Baertschiger, trainer Wayne Vassallo and Diamond On Fire after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for August 2016. He joins the first winner of the new-year Cyndie's Magic as contenders for this year's AGRA Run of the Year for 2016-17.

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

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