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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD FEBRUARY 2016

“BLACK BEAR LEE”

The AGRA'S Run of the Month for February 2016 has been awarded to top class New South Wales sprinter the very talented Black Bear Lee.

He won the award for his outstanding effort to win the Group 2 Cyril Rowe Bulli Cup at Bulli on February 19.

The Ruth Matic-trained son of Brett Lee and Paua To Love overcame a moderate start from box three to run over the top of a competitive line-up and claim the featured race and the \$40,000 winning prize.

In the Cyril Rowe Bulli Gold Cup, Black Bear Lee trailed early leader Pedro Cerrano midway round but produced a scorching run home to win by one-and-a-quarter lengths, paying \$4.50.

One Samuel (\$12.20) was second, with Nangar Flash (\$7.80) third.



“I don’t know how he did it,” Matic said with a laugh. “When I saw him leading I thought, ‘is that really him’.

“I didn’t expect that as he is more of a Wentworth Park greyhound than a one-turn one. It was also such a good field last week in the heats and then again here.

“I thought he would have to lead early to win against these greyhounds but he proved me wrong.”

It was Black Bear Lee’s third Group title in under a year after victories in the Group 3 Magic Maiden Final and Group 3 John Stollery Christmas Gift and extended his prize money earnings to a shade more than \$150,000.

Matic said her greyhound would be freshen up to prepare for next month’s Golden Easter Egg series at Wentworth Park, a track in which Black Bear Lee has already scored 10 victories.

“When we picked him up from being broken in he went well and just continued to run amazing times for a pup with his experience,” Matic said.

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"We thought he could be something special and that's what he's been.

"He's such a placid greyhound and has the perfect temperament. When I went to get him out of the kennels tonight I had to call him twice. He's just a super greyhound."

Black Bear Lee was whelped May 2013 by Brett Lee from Paua Of Love (Bombastic Shiraz x Paua To Burn). He has raced by J Lymbery & G Ganderton and trained by Ruth Matic. He has raced 34 times for 16 wins and 11 placings. His overall prizemoney stands at \$151,855.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in February on various tracks around Australia. However given the quality of the Bulli Cup final and the way in which he won, Black Bear Lee got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owners J Lymbery & G Ganderton, trainer Ruth Matic and Black Bear Lee after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for February 2016. He joins last month's winner Cash In Motion and makes in two contenders for this year's AGRA Run of the Year for 2015-16.

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

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