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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD JANUARY 2017

“SHIMA BAR”

The AGRA'S Run of the Month for January 2017 has been awarded to star young Victorian sprinter Shima Bar after his outstanding come from behind win in his heat of the Group 1 Paws of Thunder at Wentworth Park on January 14th.

The importance of the win can't be un-played as it allowed the youngster passage into the rich final which he won a week later from box 1.



Shima Bar races away with the Paws of Thunder final (Pic Greyhound Recorder)

In his Run of the Month win his first start at Wentworth Park race caller Tim Newbold's first words were "Shima Bar has walked out of the boxes" he proceeded to rail up from his box two draw into third but on reaching the first turn he checked of the heels of Vintage Rocks pushing him wide on the track out into no man's land. Entering the back straight he stayed in the middle of the track and finding some momentum he got to fourth and was coming at a rapid rate until again he got checked off heels coming around the home turn.

Once he straightened up with a good look at the lure he stormed down the center of track to pass the three lead dogs winning by a half-length in a brilliant performance.

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The time was an irrelevant 30.27, the effort to win was outstanding, the stewards report read Shima Bar's position in running as 5-3-4-4-4-1.

It's no surprise he can run on in a race his dam Shimaguni was a multiple Group winner, she was unfortunate to run into champion Miata at the peak of her powers, while Shima Bar's older half-sister Shima Song was edged out in last year's Maturity and also contested the Adelaide Cup and Peter Mosman finals.

However, those disappointments were forgotten for owners Bob Cummings and David Gleeson when their budding superstar Shima Bar overcame his tender age and lack of experience to win the Paws Of Thunder.

"Bob Cummings and I have been breeding dogs together for 40 years and winning the Paws Of Thunder is the biggest thrill we've had," said part-owner David Gleeson.

"Bob and I have had dogs in many Group races before. Shimaguni was unlucky to run into Miata when she was on the way down and Miata was on the way up, but if Miata hadn't been around Shimaguni would have won a couple of Group 1s.

Shima Bar is a Black dog whelped February 2015 by Barcia Bale from Shimaguni (Primo Uno x Messines). Shima Bar is raced by David Gleeson & Bob Cummings and trained by Andrea Dailly at Corio in Victoria. He has raced 14 times for nine wins and two placings. His stake earnings stand at \$98,915.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in January on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which he won, Shima Bar got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owners David Gleeson & Bob Cummings, trainer Andrea Dailly and Shima Bar after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for January 2017. He joins the winners of the new-year Zipping Bruiser, Lachlan Monelli, Shima Song, Ritza Lenny, Cyndie's Magic and Diamond On Fire 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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