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## AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD JUNE 2017

# “FANTA BALE”

The AGRA'S Run of the Month for June 2017 has been awarded to Superstar all distance performer Fanta Bale for her demolition job in winning the Group 1 Gold Cup at Albion Park on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

She provided fans with one of the most dominant UBET Gold Cup wins in recent memory.

The Robert Britton-trained bitch flew from Box 7 and made it a one-act affair around the 710m Albion Park circuit, holding off Queensland's 2016 Nationals representative.

Big Easy Red, and Queensland's darling of the track, Cyndie's Magic.



**The Superstar Fanta Bale in action winning the Gold Cup (Pic Box 1 Photography)**

In winning, Fanta Bale became the first greyhound to win Group One races over 500m, 600m and 700m. The win brought with it \$75,000 in prize money and took her career earnings close to the \$800,000 mark.

“She was terrific. It was a copybook performance,” Britton said.

“I felt she needed to lead to be a good thing. There's always that element that another strong dog might run you down. She seems to know the right nights to begin well.”

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Fanta Bale returned to Melbourne and after a short break won her next start a heat of the Group 2 McKenna Memorial at Sandown over the 595 she has drawn box 3 in Thursday night's final.

We may see Fanta Bale return to Albion Park for the final of the National Distance Championship a race she will be a leading contender for come August with this year's, Victorian heats and final to be held at Sandown Park on August 3 and 10.

Fanta Bale is a Black bitch whelped August 2014 by David Bale from Ucmé Typhoon (Dodgem By Design x USS Mysterious). Fanta Bale is raced Paul Wheeler and trained by Robert Britton. She has raced 40 times for 26 wins and nine placings. Her stake earnings stand at \$804,690. Fourth on the all-time stakes winning list.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in June on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Fanta Bale won, plus her opposition she got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owner Paul Wheeler, trainer Rob Britton and Fanta Bale after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for June 2017. She joins the other winners of the new-year Burn One Down (February and May) Zipping Bruiser, Lachlan Monelli, Shima Song, Ritza Lenny, Cyndie's Magic (July 2016 and April 2017), Diamond On Fire and Shima Bar 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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