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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – MARCH 2014 “SPACE STAR”

The AGRA's Run of the Month for March 2014 has been awarded to exciting youngster Space Star after he recorded a red hot run of 35 even, setting a new track-record for the Richmond 618 trip at only his first start in a race. The big and powerful middle distance performer gave nothing else a look in winning by an amazing 26 and a quarter lengths.



Space Star sets new figures at Richmond (Pic Courtesy Greyhound Recorder)

The son of Bekim Bale and Tonta Tears used box seven to his full advantage as he stayed out wide affording himself a clear run. After beginning well he took over in the lead at the winning post the first time round and preceded to race away from his rivals in an amazing display of speed and stamina.

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The run became even more amazing when trainer Dawn Garrett revealed post-race that the explosive black dog had never even trialled over the 600 metre mark at any track. He however had shown well above average ability in his lead up trials to his first start.

Space Star certainly has the breeding lines to perform as he did his grand dam Tears also trained by Garrett broke the Richmond middle distance record at her fourth start in a race back in September 2004 recording 35.22. His dam Tonta Tears won 14 races in Queensland at Albion Park and Ipswich while his grand sire is American Superstar Kiowa Sweet Trey another indicator to Space Star's strength and ability.

At only 21 months of age there would appear to be a bright future for the Bekim Bale chaser and he'll be nursed along slowly and perhaps work up to a longer distance campaign later in the year. In the meantime his next outing could be over the 600 metre journey at Gosford.

The previous record holder of the Richmond 618 metres was Where's Keroma set at 35.16 on the 2nd of November 2013 at his 35th start in a race.

Space Star is a Black dog whelped June 2012 by Bekim Bale from Tonta Tears (Kiowa Sweet Trey x Tears) he is raced by Camilla Limon and trained by Dawn Garrett at Somersby in New South Wales. Space Star has raced once for his win at Richmond and \$830 in prizemoney.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in March in fact it was a month when more track records were set in any month that most of us can remember. They just kept going under on all distances and at a number of different tracks around Australia. However given the fact Space Star was having his first start in a race it was an amazing feat and he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owner Camilla Limon, trainer Dawn Garrett and Space Star after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for March 2014. He joins January winner Walk Hard and last month's winner Frosty Jay Jay.

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

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