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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – MARCH 2015

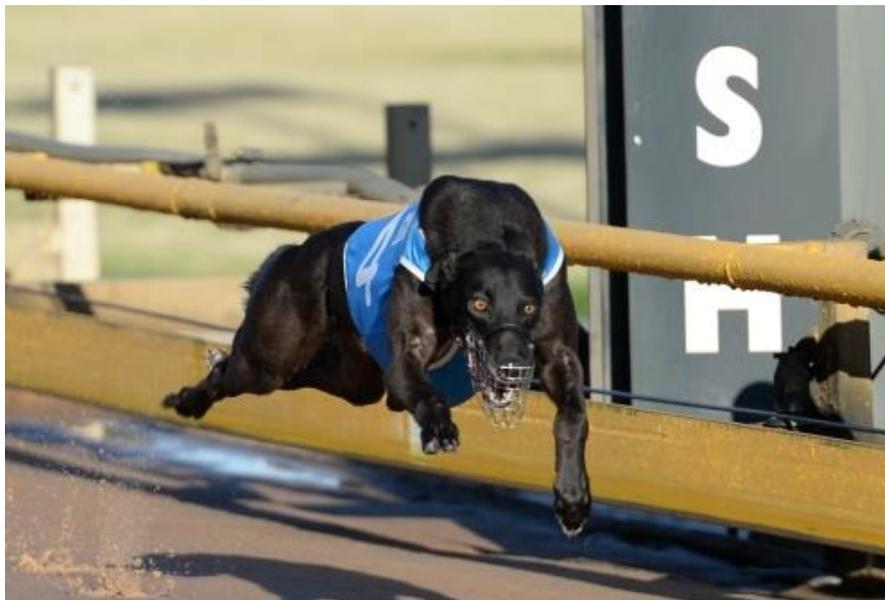
“QUASI BALE”

The AGRA's Run of the Month for March 2015 has been awarded to above average sprinter-middle distance performer Quasi Bale for his outstanding performance in winning the Group 2 Richmond Derby on March 13.

Trained by Mark Delbridge, Quasi Bale began well from box four in the feature race, and challenged for the lead with No Donuts as the field went through the first turn.

Down the back straight though, Quasi Bale went into a different gear, powering away from No Donuts and running away for a 4 3/4 length win.

Quasi Bale won in 30.22, with a first sectional time of 5.38 and a phenomenal run home time of 14.74, which had regular Richmond racegoers gobsmacked.



Quasi Bale in action winning at the Meadows (Pic Clint Anderson)

The winning time of 30.22 was a race record for the Richmond Derby, it's the fastest win in the feature since the track had a major revamp in 1999 when the club put down a new loam surface and track re-shape and the Derby's new distance became 535 metres.

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A long time traditional feature race the Richmond Derby was first run up the straight 320 yards in 1957 it then changed to a grass circle over 537 metres in 1974.

Quasi Bale has always shown outstanding ability with wins early on at Horsham in 27.02 and 32.79 for the 570. At Sandown he won in 29.33 and 33.89 and at the Meadows in 34.20 for the 600.

No doubt he has many more wins in store given what we saw at Richmond where he was perfectly suited by the track and distance.

Quasi Bale is raced by Paul Wheeler and trained by Mark Delbridge he is a Black dog whelped December 2012 by Bekim Bale from Amanda Bale (Larking About x Denise Bale). Quasi Bale has won 13 of his 26 starts and has been placed on two occasions and his prizemoney stands at \$78,945.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in March on various tracks around Australia. However given the quality of the field and the way in which Quasi Bale when about the win, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owner Paul Wheeler, trainer Mark Delbridge and Quasi Bale after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for March 2015. He joints Space Star the winner of the award in both January and February of 2015.

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

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