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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – MAY 2015

“SWEET IT IS”

The AGRA's Run of the Month for May 2015 has been awarded to sensational staying talent Sweet It Is. Yes she's done again, won yet another AGRA Run of the Month.

This time it was for her effort in winning back to back Sandown Cup's with another brilliant come from behind performance to race away from an outstanding field, winning as she liked.

Lining up in her 18th group final – her 10th at group 1 level – Sweet It Is was sent to the boxes a \$5.80 second favourite behind Space Star (\$1.30), and it was the latter that began brilliantly to take an early lead.



Sweet It Is in action at Sandown Park (Pic Clint Anderson)

Sweet It Is is known to drop back to the rear of the field early in her races, however on this occasion she was handy to the leaders when passing the winning post the first time. When Space Star found trouble approaching the back straight, Sweet It Is then made her move.

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The daughter of Mogambo showed great track sense to weave through the field to hit the lead and race away to become the fifth greyhound to defend her Sandown Cup title.

Despite being three and half years of age, her winning time was just half a length outside her best time at the View Road circuit (41.69).

“I didn’t watch the first hundred meters,” said her emotional trainer Braden Finn.

“I closed my eyes and when I opened them and saw her in fourth place I thought she might be a chance. Then there was bit of a jam up front and fortunately she’s pretty smart in a field and could get around them.

“She’s an amazing dog, she never ceases to amaze me. She tries her heart out every time and to do what she did tonight at her age in an amazing effort.”

Sweet It Is powered to the line six lengths clear of Lady Toy, who finished second in a group 1 final for the fourth time in her career.

The win improved her record to 18 wins from 58 starts and the \$175,000 winner cheque took her prize money to an Australian record \$828,515. It was her fifth group 1 title – her third at Sandown Park – and became the fifth greyhound in history to win consecutive RSN Sandown Cups. She now boasts an impressive record of eight win and five placings from 15 starts over Sandown Park’s famous ‘half-mile’.

Since her Run of the Month performance Sweet It Is has travelled across the Tasman and lined up last Sunday in a heat of the Silver Collar at Manukau in Auckland. In a staggering first up effort she blew the locals away winning by 16 lengths in 46.07sec for the 779 metres. The run was only two lengths of Thrilling Brat’s 45.96sec track record, on a wet slow track.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in May on various tracks around Australia. However given the quality of the field and the way in which Sweet It Is when about the win, she got the nod as the Run of the Month.

AGRA congratulates owner-trainer Braden Finn and Sweet It Is after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for May 2015. She joints last month’s winner Fernando Bale, March winner Quasi Bale and 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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