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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – DECDEMBER 2011
"HESTON BALE & NOBLE PEDRO"

It's a tie the AGRA's Run of the Month for December 2011 has been awarded to joint winners Heston Bale & Noble Pedro after both greyhounds set new times standards at city venues on the same night December 17th. The night will go down in greyhound racing history as a rare occasion and a very rare occurrence. Never has two more important sprint records been set within a half hour of each other in two states.

Heston Bale 29.45 at the Meadows (Pic Paul Munt)

Heston Bale the brother of Sandown Park 515 metre record holder Bekim Bale took his place in heat seven of the Silver Chief jumping from box three he smashed the previous record of 29.61 held by Turanza Bale set in the Silver Bullet of 2009. After racing to the front down the back he stormed home to run an extraordinary 29.45.

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While up in Sydney at Wentworth Park in the final of the Group 3 Xmas Gift Noble Pedro led from box six and gave none of his opposite a chance when he raced away down the back and in the home straight to record a super run of 29.43 for the 520 metres. His time eclipsed the previous record of 29.44 held by the mighty Queen Lauryn when she set the time standard in the heats of the Ladies Bracelet of 2008.

Heston Bale is a Black Dog whelped October 2009 by Bartrim Bale from Amelia Bale (Sonic Flight x Evonne Bale) he is raced by Paul Wheeler and trained by the Dailly team at Anakie in Victoria. He has raced 14 times for eight wins and three placings his overall stake earnings stand at $50,465.

Noble Pedro is a White & Red Brindle dog whelped March 2009 by Where's Pedro from Miss Beeslee (Collision x She Sprant) he is raced by Tim Caines and trained by Mary Wright of Appin in New South Wales. He has raced 42 times for 23 wins and eight placings his overall stake earnings stand at $91,625.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in December in fact there were an unusual number of track records broken at numinous tracks around Australia. However the city double track record holders got the verdict for a first ever tie.

AGRA congratulates the connections of both outstanding dogs after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for December 2011. They join the previous winners for 2011. Kalden Mayhem, Buck Fever, Bekim Bale, Miata, Punk Warrior, He Knows Uno (2), Symmetry, Enry Walt, Bobby Boucheau and Queenslander Bogie King.

Checkout the AGRA Website for replays of both the runs of the Month

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