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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH
AWARD – DECEMBER 2014
“ABOVE ALL”

The AGRA's Run of the Month for December 2014 has been awarded to outstanding former New Zealand chaser Above All after his amazing effort to win a heat of the Hobart 1000 over 461 metres at the Tattersall's Park on December 11th.

The importance of the win was vital as it allowed the hard chasing sprinter a berth in the Group 1 final a race he won a week later.



Above All in action at Sandown Park (Pic Clint Anderson)

Again in the final Above All performing at the highest level when he smashed Paw Licking's track record of 25.64 that he set in winning last year's Hobart 1000 with Rob Britton's new kennel star stopping the clock at a scintillating 25.52 which was two lengths quicker than the previous best, a run that could have also won the AGRA Run of the Month award.

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However it was the eye catching heat win that was judged the best. Above All (\$1.20) missed the start badly from box four and settled last but mustered speed quickly but he then ran into the back of the field and had to steady before finding his way to third rounding the home turn.

Winsome Tommy kicked clear on the home turn with Wynburn Rush in pursuit but when Above All caught sight of the lure he ranged up to the leaders and went on to defeat Wynburn Rush by 3-1/4 lengths with Winsome Tommy just under a length astern.

In winning his 1000 heat he stopped the clock at 26.16 but it was irrelevant given where he had to come from to win the heat.

Since returning to Victoria Above All has continued on with his exciting form which saw him finish fourth in the Melbourne Cup in November winning a place in Saturday night's Group 1 Silver Chief final where he will again do battle with the Cup winner Dyna Villa and young sensation Dyna Double One.

Above All is a Black dog whelped July 2012 by Magic Sprite from Kara Janx (Fashion Thief x More Than This). He is raced by Alison Lee and trained by Robert Britton at Lara in Victoria. He has now won nine races and been placed on three occasions from his 15 starts. His current prizemoney stands at \$118,165.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in December. However given the circumstances in which this talented chaser won and the win led to a Group 1 victory he got the nod as the Run of the Month for December.

AGRA congratulates owner Alison Lee, trainer Rob Britton and Above All after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for December 2014. He joins three time winner Sweet It Is November, April & May, January winner Walk Hard, February winner Frosty Jay Jay, August winner Regal Lauryn, September winner My Bro Fabio and March & July winner Space Star.

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

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