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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – FEBRUARY 2012

“RADLEY BALE”

The AGRA's Run of the Month for February 2012 has been awarded to Radley Bale after his extraordinary performance to win the Group 1 Temlee at the Meadows on February 18th. Radley Bale almost fell in the early part of the race but he picked himself up and in his usual hard chasing style kept coming, getting up to win in the shadows of the post.



Radley Bale gets up on the rail to win the Temlee (Pic Paul Munt)

Radley Bale's win in the Group 1 Temlee [525m] was an emotional one for his trainer Graeme Bate, as he came from sixth and made up five lengths to run down super-strong pair Mystic Apple and Glen Gallon in a performance that had to be seen to be believed.

Bate has won virtually every major greyhound race imaginable on Australian soil, however the pure courage shown by his four-year-old sprinter, who stumbled in the early stages of the race, drew enormous emotion from the Lara trainer, which was refreshing to see.

“That was one of the best races I've ever seen,” said Bate after Radley Bale snared a \$75,000 first prize for he and owner Paul Wheeler.

“He almost fell early on and I thought his chances were gone. Then I saw him make up some ground and in the home straight I was screaming to the point where I nearly lost my voice. He's so courageous.”

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Radley Bale is raced by Paul Wheeler and is trained by Graeme Bate at Lara in Victoria. By Big Daddy Cool from Wheeler's brood bitch Minkara Bale (Rage Of Fury x Basco Bale). He is a Red Fawn Dog whelped February 2008 he has won 36 of his 99 starts and has been placed on 27 occasions his current stake earnings stand at \$569,493 third on the all-time highest stake earners list.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in February in fact there were some fantastic performances on various tracks around Australia. However given the importance of the race and quality of the field Radley Bale got the nod to win the monthly award.

AGRA congratulates the owner Paul Wheeler and trainer Graeme Bate after being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for February 2012. He joins the January 2012 winner Heston Bale.

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

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