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AGRA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD – SEPTEMBER 2010

“SMOOTH FANCY”

AGRA's Run of the Month for August 2010 has been awarded to current National sprint champ Smooth Fancy, after his amazing performance to record 29.48 at Wentworth Park in a semi-final of the Paws of Thunder on September 25.



Smooth Fancy runs the hands of the clock at Wenty (Pic Craig Youll)

It was the opening semi of the Group 1 event and the Anthony Azzopardi trained speedster showed his upward spiral isn't going to peak anytime soon, with the reigning National Sprint Champion leading all the way to record a breathtaking 29.48.

Most impressive was Smooth Fancy's remarkable 5.37 for the first split, followed by a second split of 13.79 and a super run home time of 15.69. It was almost the first time Smooth Fancy had led from box to post and illustrated just what he is capable of.

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The run ranked very close to the record run of 29.44 at Wentworth Park set by Queen Lauryn in May 2008 a performance that won her the AGRA Run of the Month on that occasion.

Smooth Fancy missed the start in the final of the Paws of Thunder last Saturday night and finished unplaced but I'm sure we'll see him take his place in the Group 1 Top Gun at the Meadows on October 23. He will then more than likely be set for a tilt at the Group 1 Melbourne Cup at Sandown. Heats are on November 11 and the final on November 18.

Smooth Fancy is a Black dog whelped November 2007 by Collision from Flash Fancy (Brett Lee x Miss Fancy). He is raced by Terry Kingcott and trained by Anthony Azzopardi. He has now raced on 29 occasions for 15 wins and seven placings and his current stake earnings stand at \$106,640.

As usual we had some outstanding runs recorded in September but Smooth Fancy got the nod for his outstanding performance in extra fast time at Wentworth Park.

AGRA congratulates owner Terry Kingcott, trainer Anthony Azzopardi and Smooth Fancy on being judged the AGRA Run of the Month for September 2010. He joins last month's winner Stepping Stone and the previous months winners Pedrosa, Velocity Cloud, Dashing Corsair, Nellie Noodles, Drill Em', Blue Lorian and Goodesy as this year's AGRA Runs of the Month for 2010.

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