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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD MARCH 2018

“RIPPIN’ SAM”

The GCA Run of the Month for March 2018 has been awarded to Victorian up and coming stayer Rippin’ Sam for his win in a heat of the Association Cup at Wentworth Park on March 24th.



Rippin’ Sam winning his heat of the Association Cup at Wentworth Park (Pic Greyhound Recorder)

Rippin’ Sam (\$2.10) made an ultra-impressive Wentworth Park debut with a barnstorming 42.25 victory in the second run-off, defeating fellow Victorian Tritt Tritt by four lengths, his eighth win from 21 starts and seventh from his last 11.

He was nowhere to be seen early and still gave the leaders a monster of a start off the back, he stood them up 10 to 12 lengths at some stages of the heat, however once he knuckled down to the task at hand he stormed home in devastating fashion in what was an extraordinary performance.

“We gave Rippin’ Sam a slip around Wentworth Park the week before and I thought he felt his way early in his heat but once he knew where he was he really let go,” Britton said.

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“Early days he was always last early but he’s jumping a bit better now.

Britton had won the Association Cup with Rippin Sam’s uncle Space Star, and he was hoping to repeat the dose with Rippin’ Sam but it wasn’t to be.

A long way out of his ground early he got home hard at the finish to wind up second behind Scott Keeping who was a little unlucky to not score the run of the month for his performance in the final, it was an outstanding run also.

Rippin’ Sam is a White & Brindle dog whelped February '16, he is raced by Loren Harborne & trained by Rob Britton at Lara in Victoria. Rippin’ Sam is by Fernando Bale from Tears Siam (Bekim Bale x Tonto Tears). His record is 21 starts for eight wins and eight placings and prizemoney earnings of \$85,875.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in March on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Rippin’ Sam went about his win, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

GCA congratulates owner Loren Harborne, trainer Rob Britton and Rippin’ Sam after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for March 2018. He joins the previous winners Riveting, Extreme Magic (2), Riley Tokaam, Rockoon, Thirty Talks, Billy’s Bake and On and Off making up all the winners in 2017-2018.

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

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