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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD JANUARY 2018

“EXTREME MAGIC”

The GCA Run of the Month for January 2018 has been awarded to Victorian sprint star Extreme Magic for his win in the RSN Racing & Sport Mixed Stake at the Meadows on January 26th.



Extreme Magic had been off the racing scene since the 30th of November last year when he scored an amazing come from behind win and ran 29.08 at Sandown, only his brother Bewildering managed to run a faster time at Sandown in 2017.

The start before that he ran second in the Group 3 Sir John Dillion Memorial.

There has been no doubt about his exceptional talent. He ran third in the 2017 Group 1 Rookie Rebel and is the Traralgon track record holder in 29.78. He has also recorded 33.84 at Sandown over 595m and ran 29.63 at Cranbourne. Perhaps his best effort was the 33.916 over 600m at The Meadows, only .005 off Dyna Double One's 33.911 track record run.

So it comes as no surprise that the black chaser was capable of posting his second Run of the Month Award for this year. He has always shown he can perform but has often found trouble in the run after beginning tardy on most occasions.

Extreme Magic again on Australia Day begun poorly from box one and soon after the start got a

bump and drifted back to last, however due to a couple of fallen runners approaching the first turn he got to fifth or sixth turning into the back straight.

He showed his pure speed and raced past the mid pack as if they were standing still, making up a ton of ground coming to the home turn.

It was at this point he raced up and went to the outside to take his place third as they turned for home.

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Still a long way from the leaders and looked no hope half way down the home straight, he was reducing the margin very quickly , so quickly did he mow them down course broadcaster Ron Hawkswell, one of the best in the business only had enough time to call him as he spotted the black chaser arriving right on the post.

It was a thrilling performance and one very worthy of a run of the month award.

The performance was a brilliant effort of hard chasing from a dog with a very big motor, as his former trainer Jason Thompson told us last year Extreme Magic is a very fast dog in fact he said he was two lengths quicker than his much-heralded litter brother, the speedy Bewildering.

Extreme Magic is a Black dog whelped February '15 he is raced by the See The Dream Syndicate & trained by Seona Thompson at Pearcedale in Victoria. Extreme Magic is by Black Magic Opal from Outlandish (Collision x Tocsin). His record is 35 starts for 15 wins and 10 placings and prizemoney earnings of \$98,535.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in January on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Extreme Magic went about his win, plus the company he beat, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

GCA congratulates owners the See the Dream Syndicate, trainer Seona Thompson and Extreme Magic after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for January 2018. It is his second win this year after winning in July 2017 and he joins last month's winner Riley Tokaam and previous winners 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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