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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD FEBRUARY 2019

“TORNADO TEARS”

The GCA Run of the Month for February 2019 has been awarded to Superstar Victorian stayer Tornado Tears after his extraordinary win in near track record time at the Meadows on February 23rd.

Any doubts that champion stayer Tornado Tears would return to his brilliant best after a lengthy injury-enforced spell were erased in no uncertain terms at The Meadows last Saturday night.



Tornado Tears sensational win in Fanta Bale Superstayers heat (Pic Clint Anderson)

Contesting the last of three heats of the Group 1 Fanta Bale Super Stayers, Tornado Tears produced a sensational display, clocking a near-record 41.96sec, just .03 outside his ‘uncle’ Space Star’s 725m benchmark.

Space Star, a litter brother to Tornado Tears’ dam Tears Siam, also trained by master distance conditioner Robert Britton, set the record in the heats of the Super Stayers in 2015.

Tornado Tears had only returned to the track one week earlier, after five months on the sidelines due to a hock injury, when he claimed a memorable – albeit narrow – victory in the Group 1 Zoom Top invitational.

After running 42.51sec in the Zoom Top, Tornado Tears started a prohibitive \$1.20 favourite from box two in the final Super Stayers heat, with his litter-brother Rippin’ Sam (\$7.70) the only other runner at single figures.

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Tornado Tears began well and settled second behind Taken King (\$18.70) and after railing to the lead approaching the home turn he exploded clear, careering away to a 7.34 length victory over Queenslander Double Gee (\$15.70) and Boom Down (\$26.50).

It was Tornado Tears' eighth win in a row and 21st from 30 overall, while he's yet to taste defeat in four starts over The Meadows' 725m course.

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in February on various tracks around Australia. Perhaps a case could have been made for the run of Poke The Bear on the same card even though he ran second. However, given the way Tornado Tears has returned after injury a near record run seemed enough to give him the nod as the Run of the Month.

Tornado Tears is a White & Black dog whelped February 2016 by Fernando Bale from Tears Siam (Bekim Bale x Tonto Tears). He is raced by Millmi Syndicate and trained by Robert Britton at Lara in Victoria. He has now won 21 races and been placed on four occasions from his 30 starts. His current prizemoney stands at \$600,200.

GCA congratulates owners Millmi Syndicate, trainer Robert Britton and Tornado Tears after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for February 2019. He joins last month's winner Fernando Blaster, Poke The Bear, Not Available, Aston Kimetto, Kouta Mayhem, Equilibrium and Fernando Express as the winners of GCA Run of the Month for the new year 2018-2019.

Thanks for information supplied by Gerard Guthrie GRV Website

Checkout the GCA Website at www.greyhoundclubsaustralia.com.au for a replay of the run of the Month

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