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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD SEPTEMBER 2019

“FERAL FRANKY”

The GCA Run of the Month for September 2019 has been awarded to Feral Franky after his extraordinary performance to smash the track record in the regional final of the MDC at Gunnedah on September 8th.



Feral Franky winning at Wentworth Park earlier in the year

The Feral ... greyhound racing's cult hero Feral Franky, has produced one of the most stunning performances ever seen on a country racetrack.

Feral Franky not only won Regional Final of the TAB Million Dollar Chase at Gunnedah, and qualified for the semi-finals of the event, he absolutely obliterated the track record, clocking a stunning 29.62s, a time which takes 0.57s off the previous mark.

To put some context into that, The Feral has gone more than 8 lengths faster than Myrniong Master went in May in clocking 30.19s.

And it wasn't a case of jump to the front and run.

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Feral Franky was tardy out of the boxes as he can often be. He was stuck between two runners on his outside and two inside him at the first turn and it could have easily turned ugly as the field looked for their spots. But as he also often does, The Feral showed great track sense, pushed his way through and into third spot, then powered to the lead up the back and was off and gone.

Courtesy of the win, Feral Franky has now booked his place in the October 11 semi-finals of the series where he will now be one of 64 semi-finalists, competing for one of the eight places in the TAB Million Dollar Chase Grand Final on October 18.

And it would be a brave man to say he can't go all the way to win the \$1 million after performances like Sunday night's.

"You don't know how quick they are going, but at his first look here he trialed 29.82s, and they apparently had a bloke here doing the track all week, so maybe it's (the track) a bit quicker," Smith said.

Asked if he had held his breath going into the first turn, Smith said: "The good thing about putting them into the boxes, from there all you can see is a bunch of dogs and you just hope you come out of it OK."

"He doesn't mind a bit of tightening, he can handle that, it's all part of racing, and he came through it pretty well and then off he went."

Smith had targeted the Gunnedah series because it was one of the first in the TAB Million Dollar Chase series. He wanted to hopefully qualify for the semi-finals early then plot a plan heading towards October 11.

"Yes, it is mission accomplished, and we can just set our plan now and hopefully give him every chance," Smith said.

"We'll go to the Speed Star (a match-racing series in Melbourne next weekend), and that will fill in a week. He can stay competitive in that, and hopefully earn some money without finding too much trouble."

Smith was asked if he would then be tempted to put The Feral in cotton wool before the Chase semi-finals.

"Just a little bit, but not too much. I don't think any dog is going to win it sitting at home in the kennels a few weeks before."

"We've got a couple of weeks to kill, so we'll have to sit down and work out where we are going to go."

Following the performance, the price of Feral Franky was slashed with tab.com.au and he is now the outright favourite to win the Grand Final at \$9.

Feral Franky is a Red Brindle dog whelped April 2017 by Collision from Solar Pak (Mogambo x Tifi). He is raced by Lyndall McIntyre and trained by Ray Smith at Forbes in New South Wales. He has now won 19 races and been placed on 11 occasions from his 33 starts. Feral Franky's overall prizemoney stands at \$341,120.

GCA congratulates owner Lyndall McIntyre, trainer Ray Smith and Feral Frankie. He joins Sennachie and Shima Shine as the first three winners of the GCA Run of the Month in the new financial year of 2019-2020.

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

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