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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD OCTOBER 2019

“HOOKED ON SCOTCH”

The GCA Run of the Month for October 2019 has been awarded to Hooked On Scotch after his extraordinary performance to win the Group 1 Adelaide Cup on October 11.



Hooked On Scotch winning the Adelaide Cup

The win brought up a unique double for the speedster as he was also judged GCA Greyhound of the Month.

Many astute judges around the country have already declared the Adelaide Cup win the Run of the Year and perhaps it will be, however we have a long way to go until the middle of next year, so who knows what we will witness.

If you didn't see it you almost wouldn't have believed it, that's the best way to describe Hooked On Scotch's remarkable Adelaide Cup win.

Booking his Adelaide Cup spot with an electrifying State Of Origin success a fortnight earlier in 29.19, Hooked On Scotch was handed box one for his maiden group 1 assignment in the Cup, coming at just start ten.

Showing ability that belies his 22-month old age tag, the son of Barcia Bale and Nicki Fields was considered one of three key chances for the SA feature, with dual group 1 winner Sennachie (\$2.20) and classy sprinter Whiskey Riot (\$5.50) right in betting also.

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The race promised to be a cracking spectacle, but no one could have envisaged what was to follow.

In a mad rush to the first turn where Whiskey Riot raced to the lead with Sennachie hot in pursuit, Hooked On Scotch lost his place and drifted off the track ... losing all hope.

So, it would seem anyway.

While all eyes were on the neck and neck battle between Whiskey Riot and Sennachie in the run home, Hooked On Scotch dropped from the clouds with a thunderous finish to snare a last stride triumph in 29.44.

Second was a gallant Whiskey Riot for Anthony Azzopardi just a head away, while ironically, Sennachie finished a neck away from Hooked On Scotch at the finish, the same margin he trailed him on the clock in the recent State Of Origin.

It was a performance for the ages and stamped the youngster with the brightest of futures.

Hooked On Scotch is a Black & White Dog whelped December 2017 by Barcia Bale from Nicki Fields (Knocka Fields x Misty Fields). He is raced by the Darren & Michael Puleio Syndicate and trained by Jason Thompson at Peacedale in Victoria. He has now won eight races and been placed on four occasions from his 13 starts. Hooked On Scotch's overall prizemoney stands at \$168,005.

GCA congratulates owner Darren & Michael Puleio Syndicate, trainer Jason Thompson and Hooked On Scotch. He joins Feral Franky, Sennachie and Shima Shine as the first four winners of the GCA Run of the Month in the new financial year of 2019-2020.

Thanks for information supplied by GRNSW Website

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

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