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GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD JULY 2020

“SIMON TOLD HELEN”

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for July 2020 has been awarded to star Victorian superstar chaser Simon Told Helen after his outstanding win in the Group 1 Maturity Classic at Meadows on July 25th. The award win is his third this year.



Simon Told Helen winning the Maturity at the Meadows

Simon Told Helen has become the third greyhound to claim the group 1 Silver Chief-Maturity Classic double with a dazzling performance at The Meadows on last Saturday night.

Going into the \$100,000 to-the-winner final as the one to beat following a devastating heat victory, Simon Told Helen was simply breathtaking in Saturday night's star-studded Maturity Classic to claim a fourth group 1 title.

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Showing blinding speed soon after box rise, the David Burnett-trained son of Barcia Bale charged through the first section in five seconds flat before powering up the back in a sublime 17.38.

Coming off the top turn Hard Style Rico began charging into the picture before Simon Told Helen found another gear turning for home to score by 1 ½ lengths in 29.59.

Finishing third was Tiggerlong Tonk another 1 ¾ lengths away while Christo Bale got home late for fourth.

Somewhat ironically, the first four across the line in Saturday night's Maturity Classic all contested January's Group 1 Silver Chief Final won by Simon Told Helen, the first of his four group 1 victories.

But the night belonged to Simon Told Helen with little left to be said about the megastar of the Australian sprinting ranks.

Now the winner of a remarkable seven group races from his 30 appearances, Simon Told Helen boasts 19 electrifying race wins.

His prizemoney now stands at \$624,000 and in the eyes of many is just getting started.

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in July on various tracks around Australia. However, given the fact Simon Told Helen won two from two, both exceptional performances in extremely quick time including a Group 1 final and a heat of a Group 1. He got the nod as the Greyhound of the Month.

Simon Told Helen is a Black Dog whelped January 2018 by Barcia Bale from Who Told Lindylu (Cosmic Rumble x Who Told Helen). He is raced by the Emma's Boys Syndicate and trained by David Burnett at Little River in Victoria. He has now won 19 races and been placed seven times from his 30 starts. Simon Told Helen's overall prizemoney stands at \$629,035. 20th on the all-time list Australia wide.

GCA congratulates owners the Emma's Boys Syndicate, trainer David Burnett and Simon Told Helen on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for July 2020. He has now won the award in July, March and May and he joins Tiggerlong Tonk, Fernando's Riot and Zipping Veyron as the 2020 GCA Greyhound of the Month award winners.

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