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GCA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH AWARD JULY 2022

“ORCHESTRATE”

The GCA Greyhound of the Month for July 2022 has been awarded to top class Queensland sprinter Orchestrate after he won the Group one Brisbane Cup at Albion Park on July 7th for leading mentor Tony Brett.



Orchestrate winning at Albion Park.

On the same night Tony Brett collected his fifth Group 1 Brisbane Cup and put the finishing touches on yet another Group 1 Queensland Cup winner, the Hall Of Fame trainer revealed he is preparing to significantly downsize his operation to keep a promise he made to wife Fleur. Brett was left speechless moments after his star chaser Orchestrate lived up to all the immense potential he'd shown over the past 18 months by careering away from kennel mate Just A Sort to win the \$525,000 show-piece in front of a large crowd at Albion Park.

Showing his customary acceleration with a blistering 5.40 second first split from box eight, Orchestrate found the front exiting the home straight for the first time and established a winning break early.

Although Just A Sort stuck to his task in hot pursuit, he was never going to catch the son of Barcia Bale who led throughout to score in 29.65 seconds.

Just A Sort did finish second, with the heavily backed Photo Man finishing best of the rest in third.

“We probably under sell our dogs a bit but bang, he’s just stepped straight up in three weeks and kept finding,” Brett said.

“He got beaten a nose by Equalizer in the Super Sprinters two weeks back but I was the happiest man on the track.

"I knew then and there he would be cherry ripe for tonight."

Orchestrate won the Rockhampton Cup early in his career before being Queensland's sole winner in last year's Origin Greyhound Series.

He overcame multiple setbacks in time for a tilt at the Gold Bullion in the summer before heading south to contest the Australian Cup but was scratched on race morning due to slight lameness.

The Tom Kinnear-owned chaser returned a winner at Albion Park in mid-May and improved with each run on his way to collecting the \$350,000 winners' cheque.

"Tonight's our 20th Group 1 but everyone told us after we won our first Group 1 that 'you've had your group dog, enjoy it because you don't get dogs like that'," Brett said.

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in July on various tracks around Australia. Including the Maturity Classic won by Wow She's Fast. We had 10 Group races decided. However, Orchestrate got the nod for his consistent top-level racing over the length of his career.

Orchestrate is a Black Dog whelped March 2019 by Barcia Bale from Speculate (Premier Fantasy x Surpassing). He is raced by the Speculate Syndicate and trained by Tony Brett at Grandchester in Queensland. He has now won 22 races and been placed 11 times from his 42 starts. Orchestrate's overall prizemoney stands at \$550,475.

GCA congratulates owner the Speculate Syndicate, trainer Tony Brett and Orchestrate on being awarded the GCA Greyhound of the Month for July 2022. He joins Bedrock Fred, Wow She's Fast, She's A Pearl, Mambo Monelli, Jarick Bale and Jungle Deuce as the GCA Greyhound of the Month winners for 2022.

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