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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD JULY 2022

“COLUMBUS MONELLI”

The GCA Run of the Month for July 2022 has been awarded to youngster Columbus Monelli. Similar to last month a run can come from any track and Columbus Monelli staged an enormous effort to win the Sign Strategy Grade five at Cannington on Saturday July 16th.



Columbus Monelli winning at Cannington

I am happy to say I was alerted to this run from three different people two of them West Australian stalwarts who know an outstanding run when they see one.

Sent to the boxes a short \$2.00 favourite after an impressive Cannington win when on debut on July 6th. From box one he recorded an impressive best of the night 29.74. He found the front that night leading most of the way racing home to an eight-length victory.

However, on July 16 up a grade he stood and missed the start badly finding himself back last and struggling at the tail of the field for a large part of the journey. He got going down the back but still stood the leaders up a many lengths. Gaining momentum approaching the home turn he set out after the leader and looked a slim chance then he just stormed past No Limit Needed to win easily by a half-length in the finish.

The performance was rare to see and it should be the forerunner of a handy career, you never know.

As usual there were some great greyhounds competing in July on various tracks around Australia. However, it was a super chasing effort to come from last, travel between dogs at various times of the journey before racing home hard to get up and win. The performance won him the Run of the Month.

Columbus Monelli is a Black Dog whelped November 2020 by Zack Monelli from Frida Monelli (Fernando Bale x Bingle Monelli). He is raced by the Quinsee Syndicate and trained by Morgan Turner at Nambeelup in West Australian. He has now won two and been placed once from six starts. Columbus Monelli's overall prizemoney stands at \$10,645.

GCA congratulates owners the Quinsee Syndicate, trainer Morgan Turner and Columbus Monelli on winning the July 2022 Award. He is the first winner of the GCA Run of the Month award for the financial year of 2022-2023.

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

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