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AGRA GREYHOUND OF THE MONTH JULY 2017

“FAST TIMES”

AGRA's Greyhound of the Month for July is brilliant New South Wales owned and Queensland trained sprinter Fast Times following his outstanding win in the Group 1 Ubet Winter Cup at Albion Park on July 6th.



Fast Times in action winning the Winter Cup (Pic Box 1 Photography)

A son of Barcia Bale and Group 3 winner Clockwise, Fast Times has long been held in high regard by his trainer and had built a stellar resume which included victory in the Lismore Maiden series last December to go with a Queensland Derby final berth and a runner-up effort in the Richmond Riches series in May.

Brett was full of praise for his chaser in what was a performance that belied a dog which had started only 16 times prior to Thursday night.

“True grit from a good chasing young dog to do that at his 17th start. I couldn't be happier with him.” Brett said.

“The first thing I saw was that Ando's Mac also jumped ok from out wide but we had the pace to beat him to the first turn.”

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Brett admits Bubble Guppy surging through in the back straight caused a heart-in-mouth moment,

“He gave (Bubble Guppy) every chance because he sat off the track. If Bubble Guppy had have gotten through and held him off a bit he may not have come back.”

“It was two good dogs and it was the longest 29.77 I’ve watched in a race.”

A trip to Ipswich a few weeks ago appears to have worked the oracle with Fast Times’ box manners according to his trainer.

“That’s when he was last beginning, in those early runs (at Ipswich).”

“You just go back to what was working and where it was and you hope the change works and it did.”

Following the Group 1 victory Fast Times went to the Meadows to contest another Group 1 the Maturity Classic. Without having seen the track he won his heat brilliantly first up on July 15 in a fast 29.92.

A week later in the semi-final he won again in 30.15. Unfortunately, he suffered an injury in the lead up to Saturday night’s final and had to be scratched on Friday.

The injury shouldn’t keep him sidelined for two long and let’s hope he can take his place the Queensland heats of the National Sprint Championship on August 10.

Fast Times is raced by Terry Hill and trained by Tony Brett of Grandchester in Queensland. Fast Times is a Black dog whelped April 2015 by Barcia Bale from Clockwise (Magic Sprite x Elizabeth Royal). He has won 13 of his 19 starts and has been placed on three occasions his current stake earnings stand at \$152,360.

AGRA congratulates owner Terry Hill, trainer Tony Brett and Fast Times on being awarded the AGRA Greyhound of the Month for July 2017. He joins last month’s winner Mister Twister, Fanta Bale (2), Falcon’s Fury and Lightning Frank as the AGRA Greyhound of the Month winners for 2017.

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