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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD NOVEMBER 2017

“ROCKOON”

The GCA Run of the Month for November 2017 has been awarded to Victorian middle-distance star Rockoon for his win in the Hume Cup Final at the Meadows on November 6th.



Rockoon a super effort to win the Hume Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)

Breeders Keith Hellmuth and the See The Dream syndicate watched on as their home-bred stars achieved Group glory on a huge night of racing at The Meadows on Melbourne Cup eve.

The night's flagship race – the Group 1 Hume Cup – was won in outstanding fashion by Rockoon, who gave the race's leader Riley Tokaam a monumental start before powering past his rivals to win in 34.36 over 600 metres, emulating his dad Peter Rocket by winning at the highest level.

New South Wales chasers Where Art Thou and Riley Tokaam filled the placings, but the night belonged to Rockoon – raced and trained by Lisa and Keith Hellmuth, who also put the polish on the greyhound's parents Peter Rocket and Raya Riot.

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Lisa Hellmuth – overcome with emotion after such a famous victory – said that a decision by her and husband Keith to reject a six-figure sum for the greyhound looks to be the right call after the \$75,000-to-the-winner pay cheque.

“It was a big offer, but the dog is sentimental to us seeing we raced his mum and dad and it was such a huge run tonight.”

Rockoon is a White & Black dog whelped June '15 he was bred, and is raced & trained by Lisa and Keith Hellmuth at Peacedale in Victoria. Rockoon is by Peter Rocket from Raya Riot (Bombastic Shiraz x Holly's Gem). The Group 1 Hume Cup win took his record to 23 starts for nine wins and eight placings and prizemoney earnings of \$116,575

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in November on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Rockoon went about his win, plus the company he beat, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

GCA congratulates owner-trainer-breeders Keith & Lisa Hellmuth and Rockoon after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for November 2017. He is the fifth winner this year joining last month's winner Thirty Talks, Billy's Bake, On and Off and Extreme Magic making up the winners in 2017-2018.

Checkout the GCA Website for a replay of the run of the Month

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