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GCA RUN OF THE MONTH AWARD AUGUST 2018

“EQUILIBRIUM”

The GCA Run of the Month for August 2018 has been awarded to up and coming Victorian staying star Equilibrium after his breathtaking city debut performance at Sandown Park on Nationals night August 24th.



Perhaps the writing was on the wall after five wins in succession all over middle distances at country tracks. Plus the wins were pretty similar as well, most came from last early with barnstorming finishes and all in fast times. However, to step up to city class and blow a quality field away, again in quick time he was announced as a genuine star and future Group winner.

All his wins had been impressive starting at Sale over 650 in 37.17 followed by a Shepparton win over 660 in 37.14, then to Ballarat for a 660 win again in the best 37.95. At his home track Bendigo he won two races in consecutive weeks over the 660. On both occasions he came from last and racing away to win by six lengths, then eight lengths.

The second Bendigo win was an equal to a run of the month he recorded 37.91 but local clockers had his run home time under 13 seconds unheard of and quicker than superstar Burn One Down's run home time when he won over the 660 at Bendigo in June 2016 recording a blistering 37.81.

Equilibrium is raced by Bethany Dapiran her dad Peter a highly regarded owner-trainer-breeder of many champion chasers for a long period of time. Trainer Ian Garland also a long-time participant of the sport he almost brought superstar Brett Lee and trained his brother Trendy Leigh. Ian bred star race dog and National Sprint Champion Fabregas, later to become a super sire. He is no stranger to the best of company on the race track.

Not many dogs debut in the city and smoke a top field first up to record 41.69 for the 715 at Sandown. Considering one race later the under disputed current champion Tornado Tears kept his unbeaten Sandown record intact of six for six in 41.45 and that was in the National Distance final.

Equilibrium's run reminded me of past superstars Lizrene, Landena, Bold Trease, Pharaoh's Mask, Xylia Allen and Fanta Bale all of which made a city staying debut a very exciting experience.

As usual there were some outstanding runs recorded in August on various tracks around Australia. However, given the way in which Equilibrium thrilled the big crowd at Sandown on the Nationals final night, he got the nod as the Run of the Month.

Equilibrium is a Blue dog whelped March 2016 by My Bro Fabio from Bambina (Collision x Adalita). He is raced by Bethany Dapiran and trained by Ian Garland at Longlea in Victoria. He has now won eight races and been placed on seven occasions from his 22 starts. His overall stake money stands at \$30,900.

GCA congratulates owner Bethany Dapiran, trainer Ian Garland and Equilibrium after being judged the GCA Run of the Month for August 2018. He joins last month's winner the ill-fated Fernando Express as the second GCA Run of the Month for the new year 2018-2019.

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

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