

All Oz say he's the One

IT is a measure of the achievement of Tropical One in establishing an Australian win streak record that even The Australian newspaper thought it big news.

Tropical One (Ashigga-Intertesimal) is raced by Viv Montague and trained by her husband Stan. It's long been the premier greyhound racing partnership in Cairns. There's been plenty of achievements for the couple along the way, but Tropical One is something special.

On April 24, Tropical One equaled Mount Isa star Sophocles' long-standing successive win record of 21 victories in a row.

Then on May 1 he went one better and since then (to time of writing) he has stretched it to 23 in a row. Greyhound followers will struggle to remember the previous greyhound story run by The Australian newspaper.

When Tropical One had the greyhound world captivated by his win chase back in April, The Australian sent a reporter to Montague's kennels and the result was a half page article on Page 7.

Staggering stuff indeed.

But Tropical One's feat deserved that attention ... and more. Every greyhound trainer knows just how tough it is to win a race, put together a couple in a row ... but 23 in a row, all in top grade, now that's something.

Tropical One hasn't been beaten since he finished second on September 22 last year.

Of course he's the Cairns 410m specialist. His record over the journey is 60 starts for 47 wins, seven seconds and one third.

Montague, normally a publicity shy trainer, has had to grin and cope with the celebrity status that has been thrust upon him and his dog.

But he has also handled it all with aplomb.

"It's getting crazy," he said during it all. At one time he did four radio interviews in a week, had appointments with the local TV station, and was always answering reporters calls.

Stan gives all the credit for the win streak to his dog. "He's done it all."



Stan Montague and his father Leo with Tropical One.

		Malawi
		Malawi's Prince
Ashigga		Duchess Marina
		Black Pirate
	Atwell	Zoomer
TROPICAL ONE		Acacia Park
	Acacia Ablaze	Watusi Rose
Infertesimal		Worth Doing
	No Hostility	No Liability