

AGRA RANKS THE ICONS

“ZOOM TOP IN A CLASS OF HER OWN”

Following the rankings of the Decade I decided it was a worthwhile exercise to look back at the careers of the AGRA Hall Of Fame greyhounds and some other icons of the industry, to rank their career performances to compare how they would stack up against today’s top 100.

As I suspected the one and only Zoom Top blew everything else out of the water. As most of her major wins were in staying races, I gave her full points as during her era the staying top liners were ever bit as good as the sprinters. “Sweetie” raced and beat the best stayers of all time most of which if they were racing today would almost be unbeatable.

I have always maintained she was the best and most versatile greyhound in the history of the sport, all the statistics prove this to be the case. It was a privilege to think I was alive and well to have seen Zoom Top race and at one time pat her and chat to her trainer Hec Watt. I’m sure many greyhound fans of my vintage remember her fondly as a greyhound that commanded crowds of 15,000 people at Harold and Wentworth Park on the many occasions she raced there.

Listed below are the points scored by a few of the all time greats included in the table is the top ten of the decade.

THE ICONS		TOP TEN OF THE DECADE 1996 - 2006	
ZOOM TOP	740 (136 Starts)	1 RAPID JOURNEY	515
BOLD TREASE	576 (104 Starts)	2 BOGIE LEIGH	485
WINIFRED BALE	479 (81 Starts)	3 PAUA TO BURN	453
SANDI’S ME MUM	430 (92 Starts)	4 KANTARN BALE	452
FLYING AMY	417 (57 starts)	5 ARVO’S JUNIOR	426
LIZRENE	410 (97 Starts)	6 CARLISLE JACK	413
HIGHLY BLESSED	405 (38 Starts)	7 SUN HERO	405
NATIONAL LASS	293 (63 Starts)	8 BRETT LEE	377
BROTHER FOX	250 (23 Starts)	9 PURE OCTANE	318
TEMLEE	230 (37 Starts)	10 FAITHFUL HAWK	314

I did do the stats on the likes of Worth Doing and Black Top but their careers were so short it was unfair to include them with the above superstars, not to say they couldn’t have been included had they raced for longer. However that question will continue to be a point of interest as to what hights a greyhound may have reached had it raced on for a longer period of time. A question we can’t answer.

The Mighty Zoom Top winning one of her 17 feature finals.



Listed below is a table with both the Top Ten of the decade and the Icons in order of points scored during their careers, I'm sure everyone would agree it is an impressive list of the best of all time.

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Again an era is era and this exercise is in no way an attempt to compare the best of all time against each other, more an illustration of just how good they were when they thrilled crowds in all parts of the country.

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