



MEDIA RELEASE

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Box Draws Complete for the Group 1 Extravaganza at the Meadows

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The fields and box draws for the Group 1 Temlee (525m), Rookie Rebel (600m) and Zoom Top (725m) have been finalised, setting up a huge night of racing to launch this year's \$1.3 million Australian Cup Carnival.

The three invitational races – to be run on February 17 – sees 24 finalists with a combined prizemoney total of over \$5.16 million, including an amazing \$2.41 million among the eight Temlee finalists, again highlighting the outstanding quality ready to clash next Saturday night.

Champion female chaser Fanta Bale will start as favourite to become the first chaser in history to the win Rookie Rebel (2017) – Zoom Top (2018) double, aiming for the eighth Group 1 win of her fairytale career. The daughter of David Bale and Ucme Typhoon has already amassed \$1.18 million in prizemoney. Victory on Saturday night would edge her closer to Fernando Bale's Australian prizemoney record of \$1.299 million.

The Robert Britton-trained chaser will take on the likes of kennelmate and boom young stayer Rippin' Sam, a greyhound with the second fastest time in a Handicap race over the half-mile trip at The Meadows. Queensland will be represented by two chasers, including three-time track record holder Champagne Sally and last start Group 3 Chairman's Cup winner Jalapeno.

Lovely Banks trainer Brett Bravo goes into the Group 1 Zoom Top with a two-pronged attack thanks to brothers Packey Keeping and Scott Keeping – the latter defeating Fanta Bale in the Group 3 Summer Plate at Wentworth Park back in December.

Melbourne Cup hero Aston Dee Bee returns to The Meadows for the first time since running second to Up Hill Jill in last year's TOPGUN. The son of Barcia Bale has since climbed to fifth on the all-time prizemoney list after amazing wins in the Ballarat, Warragul and Melbourne Cups to cement his spot as Australia's premier sprinter.

The black chaser is one of four runners for trainer Seona Thompson in this year's Temlee decider, also putting the polish on brothers Out Of Range and Poke The Bear and Group 3 Silver Bullet winner Bewildering.

Golden Easter Egg winner Striker Light becomes one of only a handful of greyhounds to compete in back-to-back Temlee finals, finishing fifth in last year's decider behind Lightning Frank. The daughter of KC and All and Pretty Fancy will line up in her 14th Group final. She and Raw Ability will both be looking to snare the third Group 1 win of their careers.



Chasin' Crackers will be looking to break his Group-race winning duck after four placings at the highest level when lining up in Saturday's Group 1 Rookie Rebel. The son of Fabregas and Lady Arko takes on fellow Sale Cup finalist Brueghelino in what looks to be one of the more open Rookie Rebels in recent history.

The Australian Cup Carnival is the world's biggest greyhound spectacle, with over \$1.3 million to be won over the famous three-week period (Feb 17, 24 and March 3). The Carnival includes the running of the \$550,000 Group 1 Australian Cup, the Group 1 Super Stayers, the Group 1 Temlee, Rookie Rebel and Zoom Top and the Group 3 Vic Breeders for maidens, worth \$25,000 to the winner.

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GROUP ONE – Temlee \$100,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Tab Fixed Market for the Temlee 525:

\$100,000 to the winner Group 1 Temlee 525m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Striker Light	Brett Bravo	\$8	29.91
	Aston Dee Bee	Seona Thompson	\$3.20	29.74
	Fast Times (Qld)	Tony Brett	\$12	29.93
	Bewildering	Seona Thompson	\$3	29.75
	Raw Ability	Anthony Azzopardi	\$4.80	29.73
	Kouta Mayhem	Jason Sharp	\$21	NBT
	Out Of Range	Seona Thompson	\$12	29.83
	Poke The Bear	Seona Thompson	\$8	29.71
	Slick (QLD) (RES)	Johm McCarthy	\$6	NBT
	Equanimity (WA) (RES)	Enzo Crudeli	\$51	NBT

Local expert's selections for the Temlee final are as follows.

Rob Testa

1st Aston Dee Bee

2nd Bewildering

3rd Raw Ability

George Farrugia

1st Aston Dee Bee

2nd Raw Ability

3rd Striker Light

Ron Hawkswell

1st Aston Dee Bee

2nd Striker Light

3rd Bewildering

Ed Caruana

1st Aston Dee Bee

2nd Raw Ability

3rd Striker Light

GROUP ONE – Rookie Rebel \$75,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Tab Fixed Market for the Rookie Rebel 600:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Rookie Rebel 600m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Chasin' Crackers	Glenn Rounds	\$3.50	34.53
	Henry	Ben Divirgilio	\$12	34.31
	Hecton Bale	Andrea Dailly	\$5.50	34.40
	Dyna Dean	Mark Delbridge	\$8	34.23
	Riley Tokaam (NSW)	Jason Mackay	\$16	34.52
	Where Art Thou	Steve White	\$16	34.67
	Extreme Magic	Seona Thompson	\$2.70	33.92
	Brueghelino	Des Douch	\$7	34.32
	Royal Intension (RES)	Diane O'Neill	\$12	34.54
	Cardamom (RES)	Andrew Stewart	\$41	34.52

Local expert's selections for the Rookie Rebel final are as follows.

Rob Testa

1st Hecton Bale

2nd Extreme Magic

3rd Chasin' Crackers

George Farrugia

1st Brueghelino

2nd Dyna Dean

3rd Extreme Magic

Ron Hawkswell

1st Hecton Bale

2nd Dyna Dean

3rd Henry

Ed Caruana

1st Chasin' Crackers

2nd Dyna Dean

3rd Extreme Magic

GROUP ONE – Zoom Top \$75,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Tab Fixed Market for the Zoom Top 725:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Zoom Top 725m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Quick Jagger (WA)	Chris Halse	\$5	NBT
	Ebby Ripper (NSW)	Michael Eberand	\$8	42.48
	Scott Keeping (NSW)	Brett Bravo	\$8	NBT
	Fanta Bale	Robert Britton	\$2.40	42.41
	Jalapeno (QLD)	Tony Apap	\$21	NBT
	Rippin' Sam	Robert Britton	\$3	42.03
	Packey Keeping	Brett Bravo	\$12	42.42
	Champagne Sally (QLD)	Ray Burman	\$21	NBT
	Hit The Highway (RES)	Angela Long	\$31	42.72
	Sublime News (RES)	Paul Abela	\$31	42.85

Local expert's selections for the Zoom Top final are as follows.

Rob Testa

1st Fanta Bale

2nd Quick Jagger

3rd Rippin' Sam

George Farrugia

1st Fanta Bale

2nd Rippin' Sam

3rd Champagne Sally

Ron Hawkswell

1st Fanta Bale

2nd Rippin' Sam

3rd Scott Keeping

Ed Caruana

1st Fanta Bale

2nd Jalapeno

3rd Ebby Ripper

What's happening on race night?



WEEK 1
17
FEBRUARY

Eyes on the Prize

Featuring three outstanding Group 1 Greyhound Races:
ROOKIE REBEL • ZOOM TOP • TEMLEE

Live Music from 'The Voices' in the Beer Garden
Featuring Jason Singh (Taxiride), Reece Mastin (X-Factor)
& Dale Ryder (Boom Crash Opera)

Free Kids Entertainment • Reserved Dining Available



Be on course throughout the Australian Cup Carnival for your
chance to share in **\$60,000** worth of cash & prizes!

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WHEN: Saturday February 17, 2018

WHERE: 80 Northcorp Bvd Broadmeadows, Victoria-3047

Gates Open at 6.00pm

Entry: Free

Car Parking: Free

Three weeks of group racing arrives at the Meadows on Saturday February 18. The night kicks off with three Group one races, The Temlee over 525m, The Rookie Rebel over 600m and for the stayers the Zoom Top over 725m. Plus, also on this night you will see the prelims of the Australian Cup.

Honour Rolls

The Temlee, Rookie Rebel and Zoom Top became part of the Australian Cup Carnival in 2003 listed below are the past winners.

2003 Excite Ability, 2004 Hotline Hero, 2005 Paua To Burn, 2006 Closing Argument, 2007 Slater, 2008 Whippy's Image, 2009 El Galo, 2010 Fedex, 2011 High Earner, 2012 Radley Bale, 2013 Cintiarna, 2014 Zelemar Fever, 2015 My Bro Fabio, 2016 Dalgetty and 2017 Lightning Frank.

Listed below are the past winners of the Rookie Rebel.

2003 No Shame, 2004 Shamira Bale, 2005 Malfoy 2006 Paua To Burn, 2007 Train A Journey 2008 Jamazz, 2009 Bo Frazier, 2010 Flash Of Light, 2011 Symmetry, 2012 Lektra Jay, 2013 Proven Impala, 2014 Hawk Alone, 2015 Cosmic Wise, 2016 Dyna Double One and 2017 Fanta Bale.

Listed below are the past winners of the Zoom Top.

2003 Tears Of Jupiter, 2004 Irinka Barbie, 2005 Rocky, 2006 Slick Galore, 2007 Miss Grub, 2008 Miss Brook, 2009 Gunnadoo Magic, 2010 Drill 'Em, 2011 Blue Lorian, 2012 Miata, 2013 Destini Fireball, 2014 Cheetah, 2015 Space Star, 2016 No Donuts and 2017 Burn One Down.

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