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Thompson makes it three on the trot as Fedex fires in Group 1 Temlee

Leading trainer Jason Thompson has achieved the incredible feat of training three Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee winners in a row after Fedex (\$6.10) powered to victory to defeat an outstanding field of chasers in the feature race at The Meadows on Saturday night.

Fedex – who finished second in last year’s race behind champion sprinter El Galo – sat behind early leader High Earner (\$6.30) and finished too strong, scoring in 30.06 over the 525-metre journey. Queensland chaser High Earner finished second, while Group 1 Hobart Thousand winner Prankster (\$13.00) finished third. Fedex - who will be one of the leading contenders in next Saturday’s MTD Australian Cup semi-finals - improved his prizemoney to almost \$240,000 from 57 race starts.

The Group 2 Macro Meats Zoom Top was thrown wide open after the scratching of champion stayer Mantra Lad on Saturday morning, with the classy Drill ‘Em (\$7.00) eventually proving far too strong, taking home the \$30,000 first prize after a 42.76 gallop. South Australian-raider Satanic Cash (\$3.20) and National Distance Champion Jarvis Bale (\$9.80) filled the minor placings.

The middle distance runners clashed in the Group 2 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel, with Flash Of Light (\$2.60fav) doing right by favourite punters to score over kennelmate Aint Workin (\$7.90) for husband and wife training duo Mark and Lisa Delbridge. The daughter of Premier Fantasy and Trendy La Maze scored in 34.48 over the 600-metre trip.

Eight heats of the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup were also run on the night, with the highlight coming after Heather’s Tiger burnt up the track to win in an outstanding 29.67, just .07 outside Turanza Bale’s track record over the 525 metres. The eight heat winners will join the 56 seeded greyhounds in next Saturday’s MTD Australian Cup semi-finals.

The Group 1 final – worth \$150,000 to the winner – will be run on February 27. Saturday night’s seven other winners to progress into next week’s heats were. Day Trader 30.04, Sydnie Allen 30.04, Arvo’s Sphinx 30.25, Allen Chang 30.26, Allen Shaul 30.19, Hot Price 30.27, and Nelly Bale 30.01.

The stage is set for a brilliant night of racing at The Meadows this Saturday night in the build up to the 52nd running of Australia’s biggest race the ‘Australian Cup’.

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Temlee winner Fedex is raced by the Moss Syndicate and trained by Jason Thompson at Pearcedale in Victoria. He is a Brindle Dog whelped December 2006 by Primo Uno from Tranquil Goddess (Tinas Jo x Goddess Of Fire). Fedex has won 23 of his 57 starts and has been placed on eleven occasions he has an outstanding record at the Meadows winning eight of his 17 starts. With the \$50,000 first prize for the Silver Chief it took his current stake earnings to \$239,770.

Time for the Temlee was 30.06 with sections of 5.04 and 17.96. After the placed runners the field finished in the following order: Birthday Boy (\$7.70), Dyna Lachlan (\$5.00fav), Enry Walt (\$6.60), Cindeen Shelby (\$5.60) and Mr. Metz (\$8.30).

The Temlee became part of the Australian Cup Carnival in 2003 listed are the past winners.

2003 **Excite Ability**, 2004 **Hotline Hero**, 2005 **Paua To Burn**, 2006 **Closing Argument**, 2007 **Slater**, 2008 **Whippy's Image** and 2009 **El Galo**.



Fedex Goes one better than last year winning the "Temlee" (All Pics Paul Munt)



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THE ZOOM TOP

Drill 'Em won his third Group final in the last six months when he overcame some early trouble to race away from a classy invitational field in the Zoom Top. Drill 'Em is somewhat of a transformed chaser from his early sprint days when he appeared to have his mind on other things but since entering the Dave Knocker kennel in the later part of 2009 he has performing in fine style. Drill 'Em's win in the Zoom Top was his fourth from five starts at the Meadows showing he has a distinct liking for the track.

Drill 'Em is Brindle dog whelped March '07 he is by Texas Gold from Geoff's Mate (Ashigga x Executive Maggie). The Group 2 Zoom Top win took his record to 34 starts for 13 wins and 10 placings and prizemoney earnings stand at \$125,625. He is raced by the Binborrin Syndicate and trained by David Knocker at Langwarrin.

Winning time and sections for the Zoom Top were 42.76, 4.97(9), 16.14(9) and 29.89(9). After the placings the runners finished in the following order: Next Top Model (\$2.70), Headley Bale (\$23.30), Melandri (\$5.60), and Smart Choice (\$26.30).



Drill 'Em races away in the home straight to win the Zoom Top

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** and 2009 **Gunnadoo Magic**.

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THE ROOKIE REBEL

Mark Delbridge enjoyed the greatest moment of his career when snaring the Group 2 Rookie Rebel over 600 metres on Saturday night at The Meadows with Flash Of Light. And making the win even sweeter was the fact that runner-up in the race was a greyhound named Aint Workin', who is trained by Delbridge's wife Lisa.

For Mark Delbridge the win was a long time coming as he handled many group winners in the late nineties when learning his craft under the guidance of GRV Hall of Fame inductee and legendary trainer Graeme Bate.

Time for the Rookie Rebel was 34.48 with sections of 8.94 (8) and 22.02 (6). After the placings the runners finished in the following order: Barnik Boy (\$5.90), Paragon Patch (\$6.60), Blitzem Bale (\$18.50), Sky Fly High (\$16.40) and Cho Chang (\$21.30).

Flash Of Light is Black bitch whelped December '06 she is by Premier Fantasy from Trendy La Maze (Trendy Leigh x Penny La Maze). The Group 2 Rookie Rebel win took her record to 46 starts for 22 wins and nine placings and prizemoney earnings of \$116,175. She is raced by the Auscot Syndicate and trained by Mark Delbridge.



Flash Of Light proves to strong in the Rookie Rebel

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 **Jamaz** and 2009 **Bo Frazier**.

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