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Box Draws Complete for the Group 1 Extravaganza at the Meadows

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The 2013 version of the Macro Meats Group 1 Temlee over 525 metres – this year worth \$100,000 to the winner – will be one of the most wide open affairs after last Saturday night's box draw.

The field – who has won a combined total of over \$1.6 million - is one of the best assembled, with representation from four states across Australia.

Melbourne Cup placegetter Hurunui Hitman has come up with the coveted red box for trainer Steve McKenna, winning two from two from the draw earlier in his career. He will take on the likes of Glen Gallon, who is lining up in his second Temlee final after finishing third in last year's version. Victory for the son of US sire Flying Stanley would push his prizemoney to over \$570,000.

Group 1 Silver Chief finalists Proven Nitro and Renegade Chief face off for the third time in their illustrious careers, while New South Wales' sole representative Sheikh – a tearaway winner in the Group 1 Paws Of Thunder - has drawn poorly on box five.

Champion chaser Miata – aiming for back-to-back Group 1 Macro Meats Zoom Top - has drawn box four in the 725 metre classic next Saturday night.

The daughter of Bombastic Shiraz and Winsome Bluebird took out last year's version in a race record 42.37, and renews rivalries with fellow National Distance finalists He Knows Uno and Bell Haven.

Thrilling Brat – a visitor from New Zealand who has already tasted Group 1 success at The Meadows in last year's Superstayers final – has drawn well in box seven and comes into the final with five wins from his last six starts.

Queensland chaser Metz Magic has drawn the coveted red box for the fourth consecutive occasion and will be one of the leading fancies in the Group 1 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel over 600 metres.

The son of Bombastic Shiraz and Witheren's Girl is in red-hot form, taking out the Maidment Memorial at Sandown in 34.11 and has winning three of his last five starts. He will take on the likes of Jethro, already a Group 1 winner at The Meadows after a huge win in the Hume Cup back in November.

Female chasers are also very well represented with four live chances including Sandown Cup winner Irma Bale, track specialist Cailyn Bale, Group 2 Queensland Futurity winner Katie Merry and the brilliant Proven Impala, who has the fastest PB among the eight finalists.

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The Temlee, Rookie Rebel and Zoom Top start the three-week Australian Cup Carnival, with over \$1million in prizemoney up for grabs. The night is also contains the preliminaries for the Group 1 Maurice Blackburn Lawyers Australian Cup with the all-important heats the second week of the carnival.

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



Hurunui Hitman

31 starts 17-5-2 (\$168,600)

Spiral Nikita – Miss Yap

Black Dog September '10

Owner: **Anthony Forte**

Trainer: **Stephen McKenna**

Meadows best: 29.94 (3) (6 Starts 4-1-0)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 2 Geelong Cup, 3rd Gr 1 Melbourne Cup.

Is unbeaten off this draw but comes into the race with just two wins from his last seven starts. One of those was a classy 29.94 win at The Meadows on Australia Day. Will need to lead clearly to hold off some of these.



Hot Irish (WA)

67 starts 39-13-6 (\$269,735)

Premier Fantasy – Lovey Craves It

Black Bitch October '09

Owner: **Damon Fardig**

Trainer: **Ben Abercrombie**

Meadows beat: NBT (0 Starts 0-0-0)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 3 Perth Cup Consolation, 3rd G1 Perth Cup.

Cracked the quarter of a million prizemoney mark with a super come-from-behind third in the Perth Cup. Easily WA's best chaser with 37 wins at Cannington. Has early pace and comfortable in this company.



Renegade Chief

21 starts 14-4-2 (\$167,625)

Bombastic Shiraz – Teeze

Black Dog July '10

Owner: **Anthony Lockett**

Trainer: **Kelvyn Greenough**

Meadows best: 29.89 (2) (5 Starts 3-2-0)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 1 Silver Chief, 3rd Gr 1 Vic Peters

Missed a place for the first time in his 21-start career after finding trouble in the Perth Cup this week. Drawn well, winning a Group 1 race from box two at The Meadows. Hard chaser and looks a big chance.



Boris Fields

17 Starts 10-1-3 (96,431)

Knocka Norris – Sonnet's Image

White & Blue Dog November '10

Owner: **John Macri**

Trainer: **Jason Thompson**

Meadows best: 29.59 (2) (5 Starts 2-0-1)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 2 Great Chase

Obvious talent who has drawn poorly. Recorded a sizzling 29.59 here when winning the Great Chase, but does lack a little bit of early speed, which could cause him to come undone in this field. Will need luck.



Sheikha (NSW)

19 starts 8-2-4 (\$117,920)

Collision – I'm Exceptional

Black Bitch September '10

Owners: **Gerard Guthrie, Anthony Lyons & Peter Davis.** Trainer: **John Finn**

Meadows best: NBT (0 Start 0-0-0)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 1 Paws Of Thunder

Connections skipped the Group 1 Futurity to concentrate on this race after her Paws Of Thunder victory at double-figure odds. The box draw hasn't done her any favours but does possess early speed. Place best.



Proven Nitro

37 starts 20-5-7 (\$220,780)

Nitro Burst – Proven Cobalt

Black Dog July'10

Owner: **McGrath Syndicate**

Trainer: **Jason Thompson**

Meadows best: 29.59 (5) (6 Starts 5-0-1)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 1 Vic Peters, Won Gr 3 Sandown Shootout, 3rd Gr 1 Adelaide Cup

One of two starters for Thompson, Proven Nitro is a bonafide Group performer with big wins in the Vic Peters and Shootout late last year. Again drawn poorly in a feature final, but is a huge chance if he finds a forward position early.



Glen Gallon (QLD)

54 starts 29-9-2 (\$470,187)

Flying Stanley – Incoherent

Red Brindle Dog August '09

Owner: **Velocity Lodge (PTN) Syndicate**

Trainer: **Tony Brett**

Meadows beat: 29.69 (3) (7 Starts 2-1-1)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 1 Brisbane Cup (2011), Won G1 Winter Cup, 2nd Gr 1 Melbourne Cup, 2nd Gr 1 Brisbane Cup (2012), 2nd Gr 1 Silver Chief, 2nd Gr 3 Gold Coast Cup (2011), 3rd Gr1 Temlee, 2nd Gr 1 National Sprint Championship.

The Queenslander has been such a consistent Group performer over a long period of time, and his win in a Perth Cup heat (30.01) proves he still matches it with the best. Hit or miss at boxrise but handles wide draws.



Cintiarna

30 starts 15-5-2 (\$105,220)

Bombastic Shiraz – Hello Sienna

Black Bitch October '10

Owner: **Sandra Collins**

Trainer: **Sandra Collins**

Meadows best: 30.11 (1) (4 Starts 2-0-0)

Group Race Record: Won Gr 2 Cranbourne Cup

One of two youngsters by Hall of Fame sire Bombastic Shiraz in this field, showing her class in the Cranbourne Cup in January with an all the way victory. She will find it tough from out wide. Big odds.



Irmy Bale

51 starts 22-8-7 (\$119,435)

Go Wild Teddy – Amity Bale

GrGroup Race Record: 3rd Gr 1 Paws Of Thunder.

Hard chasing and consistent chaser for the Bate/Wheeler combination. Will start long odds if starts against this field.



Gold Town

28 starts 7-9-3 (\$63,385)

Surf Lorian – Golden Gwen

Group Race Record: 3rd Gr 1 Silver Chief, 2nd Gr 2 Cranbourne Cup

Impressive placings in Group races recently but this is another step up in class. Big odds if starts.

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

Ron Hawkswell

1st Renegade Chief

2nd Proven Nitro

3rd Hurunui Hitman

George Farrugia

1st Proven Nitro

2nd Glen Gallon

3rd Renegade Chief

Rob Testa











1st Proven Nitro

2nd Boris Fields

3rd Glen Gallon



Tab Sportsbet Current Fixed Odds for the Macro Meats Temlee:

\$100,000 to the winner Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee (525m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	<i>Hurunui Hitman</i>	<i>Steve McKenna</i>	\$3.70
 2	<i>Hot Irish</i>	<i>Ben Abercrombie</i>	\$5.50
 3	<i>Renegade Chief</i>	<i>Kelvyn Greenough</i>	\$3.90
 4	<i>Boris Fields</i>	<i>Jason Thompson</i>	\$8.50
 5	<i>Sheikha</i>	<i>John Finn</i>	\$16.00
 6	<i>Proven Nitro</i>	<i>Jason Thompson</i>	\$5.50
 7	<i>Glen Gallon</i>	<i>Tony Brett</i>	\$5.50
 8	<i>Cintiarna</i>	<i>Sandra Collins</i>	\$21.00
 9	<i>Imry Bale (RES)</i>	<i>Graeme Bate</i>	\$16.00
 10	<i>Gold Town (RES)</i>	<i>Peter Hunt</i>	\$16.00



Last Year's exciting finish of the Temlee with Radley Bale winning in the last stride
(All Pics Paul Munt)

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**, 2009 **El Galo**, 2010 **Fedex**, 2011 **High Earner** and 2012 **Radley Bale**.

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



Czar

54 starts 12-15-7 (\$90,175)

Flying Penske – Classy Creek

Fawn Dog December '09

Owner: **Cherie Ivers**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

Meadows Best: NBT (3 Starts 0-1-0)

Multi distance performer he has yet to win here over the 725 which won't help him in this field. Always around the money but looks a little outclassed here. Place chance best.



Destini Fireball

28 starts 14-5-1 (\$161,245)

Where's Pedro – Grey's Destini

White & Black Dog March '10

Owner / Trainer: **Norm Rinaldi**

Meadows best: 42.82 (5) (3 Starts 3-0-0)

Lightly raced with heaps of ability won the Sale Cup with a big finish and has stepped up to the longer distance brilliantly. Current form at the Meadows outstanding three from three, all have been impressive wins. Looks one of the two main challengers to the champ. Expect a solid effort.



Bell Haven (TAS)

44 starts 28-8-2 (\$119,375)

Head Bound – It's A She

Black Bitch April '10

Owners: **D Cannan & R Milner**

Trainer: **Ted Medhurst**

Meadows best: NBT (0 starts 0-0-0)

Well performed Tasmanian stayer she has won at Group level in Sydney on a couple of occasions. Has clashed with Miata before and hasn't been able to beat her. However she is a good chaser and one of the testers to the champ. Place chance looks best.



Miata (WA)

47 starts 40-2-2 (\$671,508)

Bombastic Shiraz – Winsome Bluebird

Red Fawn Bitch October '09

Owner: **P Stuart & N Wheeler - Whye**

Trainer: **Paul Stuart**

Meadows best: 42.37 (1) (3 starts 2-1-0)

What can you say Superstar stayer from the West she looked sensational again winning her second Galaxy last week. She is expected to have no problems winning her second Zoom Top here. Pin up girl of the sport the crowd love her and as always she is the one to beat.



Mimicking

49 starts 8-10-13 (\$43,953)

Flying Penske – Classy Creek

Black Dog December '09

Owner: **Cherie Ivers**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

Meadows best: NBT (6 Starts 0-1-2)

Handy stayer he hasn't won here which might find him struggling in this company. Consistent placings, but he doesn't seem to win too often. Looks outclassed and should start big odds.



Johnny Ringo

53 starts 17-13-6 (\$78,415)

Path To Power – Dance Token

Black Dog March '10

Owner: **T Wales & C Knox**

Trainer: **Jamie Ennis**

Sale best: NBT (2 Starts 0-1-1)

Another stayer who hasn't won here over the distance in fact he has only had the two starts for two placings. Better known as a middle distance performer he has some ability but looks out of his depth here. Place chance best.



Thrilling Brat (NZ)

43 starts 23-10-2 (\$104,260)

Brett Lee – Goodoo Mate

Brindle Dog December '08

Owner: **Gary Harding**

Trainer: **Karen Walsh**

Meadows best: 42.34 (8) (3 Starts 1-2-0)

Top class New Zealand stayer he won last year's Group 1 Superstayers and has a great record on the track. Recorded 42.34 from box eight in that win and he will be one to test the champ if has a nice cart into the race. Handy type place chance for sure.



He Knows Uno (NSW)

81 starts 34-21-12 (\$476,724)

Primo Uno – Honeymoon's Over

Black Dog December '08

Owners: **Lillian Patterson**

Trainer: **Michael Patterson**

Meadows Park best: 42.75 (5) (3 starts 1-0-1)

Grand campaigner getting towards the end of a fantastic career. Has been up for a long time but has an enormous will to chase from a long way back in his races. Would be great to see him do well but his best might have pasted him.

**Erica Allen**

49 starts 8-9-13 (\$53,820)

Surf Lorian – Maple Bale**Handy local stayer she is always about the money, hard to see her trouble this field if she gains a start. Has won here.****Arising**

26 starts 11-5-2 (\$34,095)

Bombastic Shiraz – Pure Elle**New to the staying ranks he has won here but didn't fire in the west, will start huge odds if he gains a start.****Local expert's selections for the Zoom Top are as follows.****Ron Hawswell****1st Miata****2nd Destini Fireball****3rd Bell Haven****George Furrugia****1st Miata****2nd Bell Haven****3rd Destini Fireball****Rob Testa****1st Miata****2nd Thrilling Brat****3rd Bell Haven****Tab Sportsbet Fixed Odds Market for the Macro Meats Zoom Top:**

Group 1 Macro Meats Zoom Top (725m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Czar	Robert Britton	\$26.00
	Destini Fireball	Norm Rinaldi	\$12.00
	Bell Haven (TAS)	Ted Medhurst	\$9.00
	Miata (WA)	Paul Stuart	\$1.16
	Mimicking	Robert Britton	\$26.00
	Johnny Ringo	Jamie Ennis	\$51.00
	Thrilling Brat (NZ)	Karen Walsh	\$10.00
	He Knows Uno (NSW)	Mick Patterson	\$26.00
	Eric Allen	Andrea Dailly	\$51
	Arising	Janet Cottrell	\$51

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 and 2012 Miata.

GROUP ONE – Macro Meats Rookie Rebel \$75,000 to the winner**Metz Magic (QLD)**

43 starts 18-7-3 (\$156,082)

Bombastic Shiraz – Witheren's Girl**Black Dog May '09****Owner: Bill Crooks****Trainer: Ron Ball****Meadows best: 34.47 (1) (2 starts 1-1-0)****Great chaser from Queensland won the recent Maidment Memorial at Sandown over 595. Impressively won here in 34.47 then went quicker when nailed right on the line last week by Lektra Radiant. Big chance again from his favourite draw rarely runs a bad race, hard to beat.**



Proven Impala

55 starts 20-5-9 (\$114,210)

Velocette – Thanks Blue

Black Bitch October '09

Owner: **Larissa Darragh**

Trainer: **Joe Borg**

Meadows best: 37.33 (6) (1 Starts 2-0-1)

Recent form is good without winning finished behind Metz Magic in the Maidment at Sandown but has won here in fast time 37.33. Given a big chance of winning by some good judges. Terrific bitch with a solid record, look for forward showing.



Katie Merry

53 starts 17-12-5 (\$128,941)

Go Wild Teddy – Miss Mini Mouse

Black Bitch January '10

Owner: **Ben Riddle**

Trainer: **Kelly Bravo**

Meadows best: 37.42 (5) (9 Starts 3-2-1)

Local all distance performer she has a good record here winning three times with a best of 37.42. A group winning last year her form can be patchy at times but she does have a fair bit of ability. Place chance best.



Cailyn Bale

47 starts 28-8-3 (\$92,580)

Bartrim Bale – Belbin Bale

Red Fawn Bitch January '10

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Mark Delbridge**

Meadows Park best: 34.57 (4) (3 Starts 1-1-0)

Handy sprinter – middle distance chaser she has won here in 34.57. Recent form is very good and she comes into this with some sort winning chance. Will need some luck in running from box four but don't leave her out of the multiples.



Premier Baloney

86 starts 20-16-18 (\$156,245)

Premier Fantasy – Miss Mini Mouse

Black Dog May '09

Owners: **Treadstone Syndicate**

Trainer: **Kelly Bravo**

Meadows best: 34.47 (2) (14 Starts 4-1-5)

Another honest middle distance performer he has a great record here of four and six from 14. Will need a fair slice of luck from five but knows his way around here. Place chance looks best.



Irma Bale

69 starts 30-19-5 (\$360,381)

Bartrim Bale – Amelia Bale

Black Bitch October '09

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Meadows best: NBT (1 Start 0-0-0)

Better known over the longer trip where she won a Sandown Cup but she has been a grand campaigner for the Wheeler-Bate camp winning over three hundred and sixty thousand. Could lead here with some luck out of boxes but having not won over this distance at the Meadows would have preferred to see her in the Zoom Top. Place chance.



Jethro

46 starts 22-8-7 (\$175,105)

Head Bound – It's A She

White & Black Dog April '10

Owner: **Leigh Alexander**

Trainer: **Kelvyn Greenough**

Meadows best: 34.57 (2) (3 starts 3-0-0)

Not raced for some time but an outstanding performer and Group winner here. Great record of three from three with a best of 34.57. Has a big motor and if he is right on the night is one of the main chances. Has the Greenough polish so you can rest assured he'll be ready to race.





Lagoon Crockett (NSW)

42 starts 15-6-5 (\$50,655)

Meticulous – Angel Doll

Black Dog April '10

Owner: **Sharron Webster**

Trainer: **Terry Reid**

Meadows best: 37.46 (2) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Former New South Wales sprinter-stayer he has raced okay in Victoria making the Sale Cup final. Has a good record here of two from two with a best of 37.46. This is a pretty classy race and it might just be a bit beyond him. Place chance best.



Migaloo Magic

44 starts 16-2-8 (\$43,536)

Velocette – Skinny Magic

Former Queenslander he races over all distances he'd find it hard to trouble this lot if he gains a start.



Lektra Radiant

25 starts 10-3-3 (\$49,515)

Trewly Special – Elektra

Local sprinter-stayer he has won his last two here and would not be without a chance if he gains a start.

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

Ron Hawkswell

1st Metz Magic

2nd Cailyn Bale

3rd Jethro

George Furrugia

1st Proven Impala

2nd Metz Magic

3rd Jethro

Rob Testa

1st Irma Bale

2nd Premier Boloney

3rd Metz Magic

Tab Sportsbet Fixed Odds Market for the Macro Meats Rookie Rebel:

Group 1 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel (725m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Metz Magic (QLD)	Ron Ball	\$3.80
	Proven Impala	Joe Borg	\$8.50
	Katie Merry	Kelly Bravo	\$21.00
	Cailyn Bale	Mark Delbridge	\$3.80
	Premier Boloney	Kelly Bravo	\$21.00
	Irma Bale	Graeme Bate	\$3.60
	Jethro	Kelvyn Greenough	\$4.00
	Lagoon Crockett (NSW)	Terry Reid	\$26.00
	Migaloo Magic	Angela Jackson	\$16
	Lektra Radiant	Andrea Dailly	\$12

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** and 2012 **Lektra Jay**.

What's happening on race night?

- Big6 \$25k Jackpot.
- Mystery Bets with bonuses.
- Kids Entertainment.
- Live Band.
- Rob Testa & Jaimee Rogers hosting.



The Mighty Miata winning the Bold Trease last time she was in town.

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