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Favourites Salute on first night of the Australian Cup Carnival

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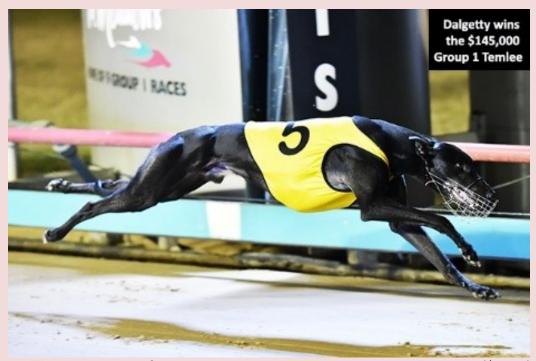
Favourite backers rejoiced as the leading fancies in the Group 1 Temlee, Group 1 Rookie Rebel and Group 1 Zoom Top all saluted on a fantastic night of racing at The Meadows.



Dyna Double One became just the third Australian greyhound in history to reach the \$900,000 prizemoney mark after a stunning 34.00 win in the Group 1 Rookie Rebel over 600 metres. Sent to the boxes as the shortest priced favourite in the race's history, Dyna Double One (\$1.30) began cleanly enough off the inside to hold his position and take the lead on the first corner, and despite a gutsy effort from Moreira (\$7.80), the champ powered to the line to score by five lengths to claim his second Group 1 victory. Old campaigner Sisco Rage (\$32.20) showed there is still life in his fantastic 131-race career, finishing

third to help push his prizemoney to a tick under a quarter of a million dollars.

It has been an amazing month for Dyna Double One, recording four wins from four starts, including a Group 1 success and two track record gallops.



Trainer Jason Thompson went from runner-up to victor as young gun Dalgetty (\$3.40) put in one of the more impressive performances to win the Group 1 Temlee in 29.42 – the second fastest time ever recorded at The Meadows over the 525-metre journey.

Jumping from box five, the son of Stagger and Rockin' Along began beautifully, stopping the clock at 5.02 with a lap to go. Despite having Group 1 star Above All behind him, the black chaser extended his lead in the run to the line, running home in a dazzling 11.92 to win his second Group race at The Meadows while handing trainer Jason Thompson his fourth win in the Group 1 Temlee.

It was an amazing effort for a greyhound who recently returned from an injury that kept him sidelined for over six weeks.

The Robert Britton-trained Above All (\$9.20) ran second, while star chaser Shared Equity (\$14.90) grabbed third.

The Group racing kicked off with No Donuts (\$1.70) again highlighting his fantastic speed with an all-the-way 42.71 victory in the Group 1 Zoom Top. With fabulous splits of 4.96, 15.88 and 29.60, the son of Fabregas and Chevy Princess held off a gallant Come On Fantasy (\$16.20) to win the second Group 1 race of his career for trainer Anthony Azzopardi, who has recently made the move to Victoria with his fabulous team.

Outsider Seeking Justice (\$15.70) ran third to round out the placings for trainer Jim Auld.

The night also saw the running of eight preliminaries of the Australian Cup, with Both Sides Now the fastest of those winners, powering to a 29.78 gallop.

The Group racing continues next week with eight heats of the Group 1 Australian Cup and heats of the Group 1 Superstayers over 725 metres.

After the placed runners in the Temlee the field finished in the following order: Unlawful Entry (\$3.90), Elfen Bale (\$14.50), Zambora Brockie (\$4.10), Cash In Motion (\$16.20) and Fantastic Spiral (\$11.80).

Dalgetty is a Black dog whelped April 2013 by Stagger from Rockin' Along (Mogambo x Bayview Beauty). Dalgetty is raced by the Veetee Living The Dream Syndicate and trained by Jason Thompson at Pearcedale in Victoria. He has raced 21 times for 14 wins and three placings. After adding the \$100,000 first prize for the Temlee his stake earnings stand at \$202,990.

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, 2012 Radley Bale 2013 Cintiarna, 2014 Zelemar Fever and 2015 My Bro Fabio

After the placings in the Zoom Top the runners finished in the following order: Ryno's Raider (\$5.20), Kilkee Flex (\$16.60), Beks (\$22.90) and Luna Jinx (\$5.80).

No Donuts is a Black dog whelped June 2013 by Fabregas from Chevy Princess (Big Daddy Cool x Chevy Miss). No Donuts is raced by Brad Canty and trained by Anthony Azzopardi. He has raced 39 times for 21 wins and 12 placings. His stake earnings stand at \$289,152.

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 Zorro and 2015 Space Star.

After the placings in the Rookie Rebel the runners finished in the following order: Cosmic Owl (\$49.60), Xtreme Knocka (\$16.90), Lithgow Panther (\$11.50), Grand Intention (\$13.40) and Polijuice Potion (\$31.80).

Dyna Double One is a Black dog whelped March 2013 by Barcia Bale from Crystin Bale (Buttsie Bale x Sorrento Bale). Dyna Double One is raced Brendan Wheeler and trained by Andrea Dailly. He has raced 52 times for 29 wins and 15 placings. After adding the \$75,000 first prize for the Rookie Rebel his stake earnings stand at \$900,316.



Champ Dyna Double One too good in the Rookie Rebel (All Pics Clint Anderson)

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 and 2015 Cosmic Wise.

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