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Stars come out to play: dogs vie for a berth in one of Australia's greatest races

Eight fabulous heats of the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup over 525 metres headline a first-class evening of racing at The Meadows this Saturday night.

The Australian Cup – a race steeped in history dating back to 1958 – is the premier event on The Meadows calendar, with winning connections of the March 5 final taking home \$150,000. The winners of this Saturday night's heats could get the opportunity to place their name on one of the world's most revered honour rolls.

Australia's newly crowned prizemoney champ High Earner will aim to qualify for his 16th Group final after drawing box eight in heat seven of the night. Connections of the son of Collision and Double Guess will be hoping to atone for last year's Australian Cup final after their star took a heavy tumble, ending his chances on the first corner.

Ballarat Cup and Bulli Gold Plate winner Greta Bale will adopt her usual catch-me-if-you-can attitude in the first of the MTD Australian Cup heats, drawing box two in a winnable race. The Graeme Bate-trained chaser has rose to fame after winning 11 of her last 13 races.

Heat five looks set up for a great battle between recently crowned Group 2 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel winner Symmetry (box four) and in-form sprinter Malta (box eight), while heat eight pits dual Group-winning star Octane Show (box one) against rising stars Allen Elroy (box four) and Finbar McCool (box eight).

The Meadows will also play host to three heats of the Group 1 Macro Meats Superstayers over 725 metres this Saturday night, with six-time Group winner Blue Lorian, crack West- Australian stayer Pillow Torque and the brilliant So Seductive all leading chances in their respective heats.

To view the fields for the heats of the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup and heats of the Group 1 Macro Meats Superstayers, click [here](#)

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