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Bate trio set to end TOPGUN hoodoo

Master trainer Graeme Bate's TOPGUN hoodoo could end with his three runners – Allen Hertz, Radley Bale and Allen Harper – all legitimate chances to win the Group 1 Sky Racing TOPGUN at The Meadows tomorrow night.

Bate came agonising close to winning the inaugural running of the Group 1 Sky racing TOPGUN in 1993 when Revealing finished a half-head behind joint winners Golden Currency and Worth Backing. It has been the one Group 1 event that has eluded him ever since.

“The TOPGUN has always been a race I've wanted to win after I was narrowly beaten in the first TOPGUN. The race continues to gain more and more prestige as the years go by, and I really would like to win one,” said Bate, who admitted that it was hard to split his three runners in tomorrow's \$125,000-to-the-winner final.

“I don't really rate one over the other, but the box draw has helped Allen Hertz (box two) a fair bit. The dog is a Meadows specialist and he likes to be near the fence, so that would be the only way I could separate them for the final.”

In an extra twist, a Radley Bale (box six) victory in the Group 1 title tomorrow would push his prizemoney level to \$520,900, less than \$90,000 short of High Earner's Australian career earnings record.

Bate has had an amazing year to date, winning seven Group races in the first nine months of 2011.

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