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### **Big names draw favourably in MTD Australian Cup semis**

Some of the best sprinters in the land have drawn favourably in the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup semi finals this Saturday night, including Group-winning queen Cindeen Shelby, who will start from the coveted red box in the third of the semi finals.

Owned by Ray Parkinson, Cindeen Shelby has, to date, won \$383,700 in prizemoney. If successful in this week's semi final and next week's final, the daughter of Bombastic Shiraz and Proper Shelby will break Rapid Journey's Australian prizemoney record, which currently stands at \$530,995.

As is always the case in races as high in quality as the MTD Australian Cup, her task won't be made easy, mainly thanks to some fabulous greyhounds aiming to stand in her way. Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee runner-up High Earner will start from box two in the first semi final of the night, taking on local hero Kilrush, a winner of seven races at the Broadmeadows circuit. Heat two will see another interesting clash, with Queensland raider Mr. Metz (box one) facing Sheoak Ian (box eight), a greyhound with a fantastic record and Group success at The Meadows.

In heat four, Group 2 Macro Meats Rookie Rebel winner Flash Of Light will be looking to make a successful return to the 525-metre journey after a stint over longer trips, taking on the likes of Shredded Cheese and Birthday Boy. Group 1 Macro Meats Temlee winner Fedex will have to overcome box six in heat five to progress to the February 27 final, while interstate raider Robo Raptor (box one) – trained by Tony Brett, who won an Australian Cup with Bogie Leigh – looks very hard to beat in heat seven.

In the last of the semi finals, Adelaide Cup winner Dyna Lachlan (box three) will aim to qualify for his seventh Group 1 final – an amazing achievement for a greyhound who has not yet had 40 starts.

The eight heat winners will progress to the MTD Australian Cup final, worth \$150,000 to the winner. The two fastest runners-up will fill the reserve positions.

For full fields of the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup semi finals, click [here](#)

*Great dining packages are still available throughout the popular Sky Channel Australian Cup Carnival at The Meadows. For more information, call 9355 5222 or go to [www.themeadows.org.au](http://www.themeadows.org.au)*

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