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Marlow trials at The Meadows in TOPGUN preparation

Group 1 Paws of Thunder winner Lochinvar Marlow had his first look at The Meadows in the lead up to Saturday week's Group 1 Sky Racing TOPGUN, stopping the clock at 30.39 on a rain-affected track this afternoon.

The son of Bombastic Shiraz and Sensation Lee did not show his customary early speed, running 5.27 to the first split before picking up momentum in the run to the back straight, halting the second sectional timer at 18.17. The Robert Smith-trained chaser ran home in a solid 12.22 to round off his debut gallop at the Broadmeadows circuit.

Handler Kevin Gordon, father of owner Clare Gordon, was pleased with the Group 1 winner's first look at the track.

"He bombed the start, and a few people standing near the back corner said that he bounced off the rail because he's such a hard railer, so the look at the track will do him a lot of good. We think he can get down to a 5.10 or better first section, so he'll certainly improve on that trial," said Gordon, who announced how difficult it will be to win back-to-back Group 1 races despite Lochinvar Marlow's ideal draw of one in the TOPGUN.

"Home ground advantage comes into play here. Lochinvar Marlow's chances will depend on whether he can hold his ground on the rail, even if he is not first to the post with a lap to go. It is such a fantastic field - Cosmic Chief and Smooth Fancy are obvious standouts, but smokeys like Mr. Metz could easily come out of the traps fast and win."

Connections will be hoping to trial Lochinvar Marlow once more before lining up in the big one on October 23. The interstate raiders will continue to trial at The Meadows in the lead up to the Group 1 Sky Racing TOPGUN, with WA star Pedrosa having his first look at the track on Friday and NSW chasers Smooth Fancy and Snozz stepping out in between races on Saturday night's meeting.

TOPGUN night at The Meadows is one of the best on the greyhound racing calendar, and this year will prove no different. Along with the chance to meet sports stars such as North Melbourne's Brent Harvey and Drew Petrie and Melbourne Vixens star Bianca Chatfield, patrons will be in the running to win some fabulous TAB betting prizes, while children receive free showbags and footballs throughout the night.

To view the form for the Group 1 Sky Racing TOPGUN, click [here](#)

For affordable dining packages during the Group 1 TOPGUN and Group 2 Hume Cup series, contact The Meadows on 9355 5222.

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