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One EI of a TOPGUN victory for Senor

The Carolyn Jones-owned and trained El Grand Senor (\$5.20) demoralised his rivals in a dazzling display of speed to take out the Group 1 Sky Racing TOPGUN at The Meadows over 525 metres on Saturday night.

The son of Where's Pedro and Elgrando Gold was not hindered by his box four draw, spearing to an early lead after a sensational 5.03 split with a lap to run. With rivals finding trouble on the first corner, El Grand Senor opened up a race-winning lead down the back, stopping the clock at an amazing 17.48 at the next split – shaving .04 off his own previous second sectional track record.

Enjoying a massive lead turning for home, the giant 39-kilogram chaser raced away with his second Group 1 win at The Meadows (he was victorious in the Hudson Pacific Maturity in July), stopping the clock at 29.83, ahead of the impressive Enry Walt (box seven), who ran on extremely well to grab second. New South Wales chaser Snozz battled on gamely for third, while race favourite Cosmic Chief (\$4) finished fourth after missing the start and finding early bother.

Jones – beaming after her star's easy win over Australia's best greyhounds – did not go into race with a great deal of confidence.

"He hadn't been jumping well in his last couple of starts, so I certainly didn't go in very confident. On ability, I knew he was capable of winning, it was just a matter of him getting out well, which he did. It is just an amazing thrill to win a race against a great field like that," said Jones, who sent a scary warning out to rival trainers after the race.

"The beauty with El Grand Senor is that I really think he's still improving. When I send him around in a trial, his times keep getting better, so I wasn't overly surprised that he broke his own sectional record in the race. Now that I've seen him beat the best dogs in Australia, I can look confidently at some of the bigger races on the calendar in the coming months."

El Grand Senor has won 21 races from just 27 starts, improving his prizemoney to over \$217,000 after Saturday's outstanding performance.

The action continues at The Meadows on Monday week (Melbourne Cup eve), with the running of the Group 2 Hume Cup and the Group 3 Silver Bullet on yet another massive night of racing at The Meadows.

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