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### **\$1.2M Australian Cup greyhound racing carnival to kick off this Saturday night**

One of the world's richest greyhound racing carnivals will kick off in Melbourne this weekend as some of this country's finest race dogs get set to go around in the Zoom Top (725m), Rookie Rebel (600m) and Temlee (525m) races.

The Australian Cup Carnival will get off to a strong start with three Group 1 invitational races to be held at The Meadows this Saturday night. Next Saturday night will see the heats of the Australian Cup and the Super Stayers, before the big finals of those races on March 4.

The meeting on February 18 will also play host to preliminaries for the Australian Cup, where the winners will earn their spot in next weekend's Australian Cup heats.

Box draws have been finalised for all three Group 1 races this weekend with Anthony Azzopardi's champion greyhound Zambora Brockie heading in as the favourite for the \$145,000 Group 1 Temlee after drawing box two.

The Australian Cup Carnival is one of the world's biggest greyhound spectacles, with more than \$1.2 million to be won over the famous three-week period (Feb 18, 25 and March 4). The Carnival incorporates five Group 1 events headed by the \$550,000 Group 1 Australian Cup, as well as the Super Stayers, Temlee, Rookie Rebel and Zoom Top, plus the Group 3 Vic Breeders for maidens, worth \$25,000 to the winner.

The Zoom Top, Rookie Rebel and Temlee make up the first three legs of this Saturday night's TAB Quaddie, which includes a \$50,000 jackpot.

Admission into all three nights of the Australian Cup Carnival is free, and includes a host of complementary entertainment for kids, while adult patrons will each receive an entry form into the draw to win a Mercedes A 180.

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