

# THE GREATEST CUP

Tuesday, Channel 7 (about 1.30pm)

Flemington, Group 1 Handicap (3200m)

PHAR Lap, Makybe Diva, Carbine, Peter Pan, Rising Fast – some of racing's biggest names will be in action at Flemington on Melbourne Cup day.

Well, on television at least.

The field of 24 runners, taken from the *Story of the Melbourne Cup*, which was written to celebrate its 150th year, has been handicapped by Racing Victoria chief handicapper Greg Carpenter. Flemington racegoers can watch on screens throughout the course as Channel 7 presents the Greatest Cup Never Run in an animated virtual Cup telecast at about 1.30pm, between races five and six.

Renowned sportscaster Bruce McAvaney will be in his element calling the "Race Of Champions". McAvaney gave guests a hypothetical call at

Tuesday's Breakfast with the Stars, stopping at the 300m.

A panel of 24 racing administrators and journalists has voted on the outcome and the result will be mirrored in McAvaney's call.

TAB Sportsbet's phantom market has Phar Lap the \$5 favourite, despite carrying top weight of 60kg and drawing barrier 21.

Makybe Diva is the \$6.50 second favourite, weighted right up to her best with 58kg, her winning weight in 2005.

It is a dream clash between the most iconic horse in our history and the

modern-day champion who achieved the unthinkable, a hat-trick of Melbourne Cups in 2003-05.

Rising Fast, unlucky not to achieve the "double-double" – the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups in successive years – is \$8.50.

As for how the race will be run, expect 1997 winner Might And Power to be one of the early leaders, with 1968-69 winner Rain Lover handy.

Not surprisingly, Bart Cummings has four runners – Galilee, Light Fingers, Think Big and Saintly.

Tim Habel

See the runners in the virtual mounting yard with silks and key statistics  
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## 1 PHAR LAP

Harry Telford

51 starts  
37 wins

The greatest horse in Australian racing. Finished 3rd in the 1929 Melb Cup when 1/1 fav. Won 1930 Cup as 8/11 fav; the only horse in the race's history to start in the red. Ran 8th in 1931 with 68kg.

## 2 CARBINE

Walter Hickenbotham

43 starts  
33 wins

Missed a place only once in his career. Won the 1890 Melb Cup with 67.5kg, the heaviest weight carried by a winner. Twice won the Sydney Cup.

## 3 MAKYBE DIVA

David Hall, Lee Freedman

36 starts  
15 wins

The only horse in history to win three times (2003, '04, '05) and the only mare to win the great race more than once. Took on – and beat – the best from all over the world. Carried 58kg – a record for a mare – in 2005.

## 4 PETER PAN

Frank McGrath

39 starts  
23 wins

Started three times in the Melb Cup for two victories, as a 3YO in 1932 and 1934 with 61.5kg. Was 15th in 1935 with 68kg. Might have been the first to win it three times if not for injury in 1933.

	BARRIER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	WEIGHT	ODDS
1	Phar Lap	21	Harry Telford	J Pike	60kg \$5
2	Carbine	16	Walter Hickenbotham	B Ramage	59kg \$11
3	Makybe Diva	14	Lee Freedman	G Boss	58kg \$6.50
4	Peter Pan	13	Frank McGrath	D Munro	58kg \$11
5	Galilee	1	Bart Cummings	J Miller	57.5kg \$13
6	Poseidon	3	Ike Earnshaw	T Clayton	57.5kg \$26
7	Rising Fast	11	Ivan Tucker	J Purtell	57kg \$8.50
8	Rain Lover	7	Mick Robins	J Johnson	56kg \$21
9	Comic Court	24	Jim Cummings	P Glennon	55.5kg \$34
10	Grand Flaneur	4	Tom Brown	T Hales	55.5kg \$26
11	Might And Power	12	Jack Denham	J Cassidy	55kg \$17
12	Archer	22	Etienne De Mestre	J Cutts	54kg \$101
13	Vintage Crop	10	Dermot Weld	M Kinane	54kg \$67
14	Delta	9	Maurice McCarten	N Sellwood	53.5kg \$41
15	Malua	17	Isaac Foulsham	A Robertson	53.5kg \$101
16	Nightmarch	5	Alex McAulay	R Reed	53.5kg \$34
17	Poitrel	20	Harry Robinson	K Bracken	53.5kg \$26
18	Saintly	2	Bart Cummings	D Beadman	53kg \$26
19	The Barb	18	John Tait	W Davis	53kg \$41
20	Dalray	19	Clarrie McCarthy	B Williamson	52.5kg \$21
21	Hall Mark	23	Jack Holt	J O'Sullivan	52.5kg \$51
22	Light Fingers	15	Bart Cummings	R Higgins	52.5kg \$21
23	Doriemus	6	Lee Freedman	D Oliver	52kg \$51
24	Think Big	8	Bart Cummings	H White	52kg \$101

## 5 GALILEE

Bart Cummings

36 starts  
18 wins

Bolted in with 56kg in the 1966 Melb Cup, easily defeating stablemate Light Fingers. Added the 1967 Sydney Cup, triumphing by 6len. Finished 8th in the 1968 Melb Cup with 61kg.

## 6 POSEIDON

Ike Earnshaw

33 starts  
19 wins

One of the most brilliant 3YOs in racing history, winning the 1906 AJC and VRC Derbys before landing the Caul and Melb Cups. Won the Caul Cup again in 1907 before finishing 8th with 65kg at Flemington.

## 7 RISING FAST

Ivan Tucker

68 starts  
24 wins

Utterly dominant in the spring of 1954 with wins in the Caul Cup, Cox Plate and Melb Cup with 59kg. In 1955, he won the Caul Cup and was 2nd in the Melb Cup with 63.5kg. Was 5th in the 1956 Melb Cup with 64.5kg.

## 8 RAIN LOVER

Mick Robins

46 starts  
17 wins

Started in the Melb Cup twice and won it twice, in 1968 and 1969. Won by 8len with 52kg in 1968 and by a head with 60.5kg in 1969. Also won the Adel Cup.

## 9 COMIC COURT

Jim Cummings

54 starts  
28 wins

Empire Rose and Comic Court are the only horses to have won the Melb Cup after being beaten in it twice. Trained by Bart Cummings's father Jim, Comic Court won with 59.5kg at 25/1.

## 10 GRAND FLANEUR

Tom Brown

9 starts  
9 wins

The only horse in Melb Cup history to win the race and retire unbeaten. His nine wins included the VRC and AJC Derbys and the 1880 Melb Cup with 42.5kg. Won from 1000m-4800m.

## 11 MIGHT AND POWER

Jack Denham

33 starts  
15 wins

Powerful front-runner who won the 1997 Caul Cup by 7len. Carried 56kg in downing Doriemus in the Melb Cup as 7/2 fav. Other major wins included the Cox Plate.

## 12 ARCHER

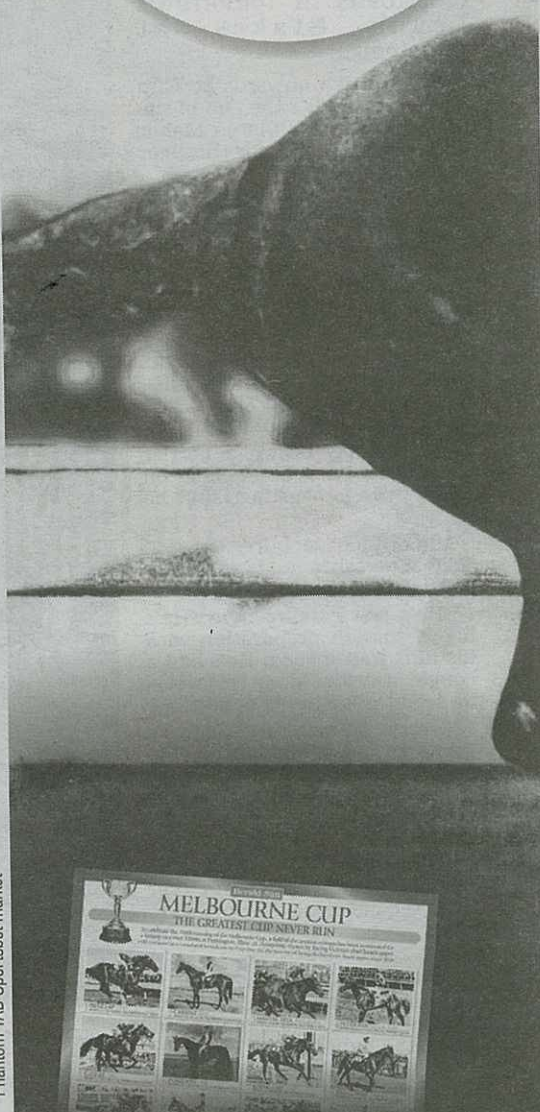
Etienne de Mestre

17 starts  
12 wins

Won the first Melb Cup in 1860 by 6len with 64kg. He repeated the feat in 1861, winning by 8len with 65kg. Beat Mormon both times, the only time in Cup history the same horses have quinnlaed the race.



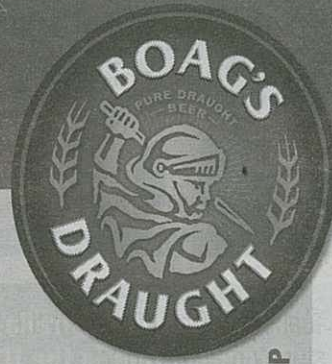
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PHAR LAP

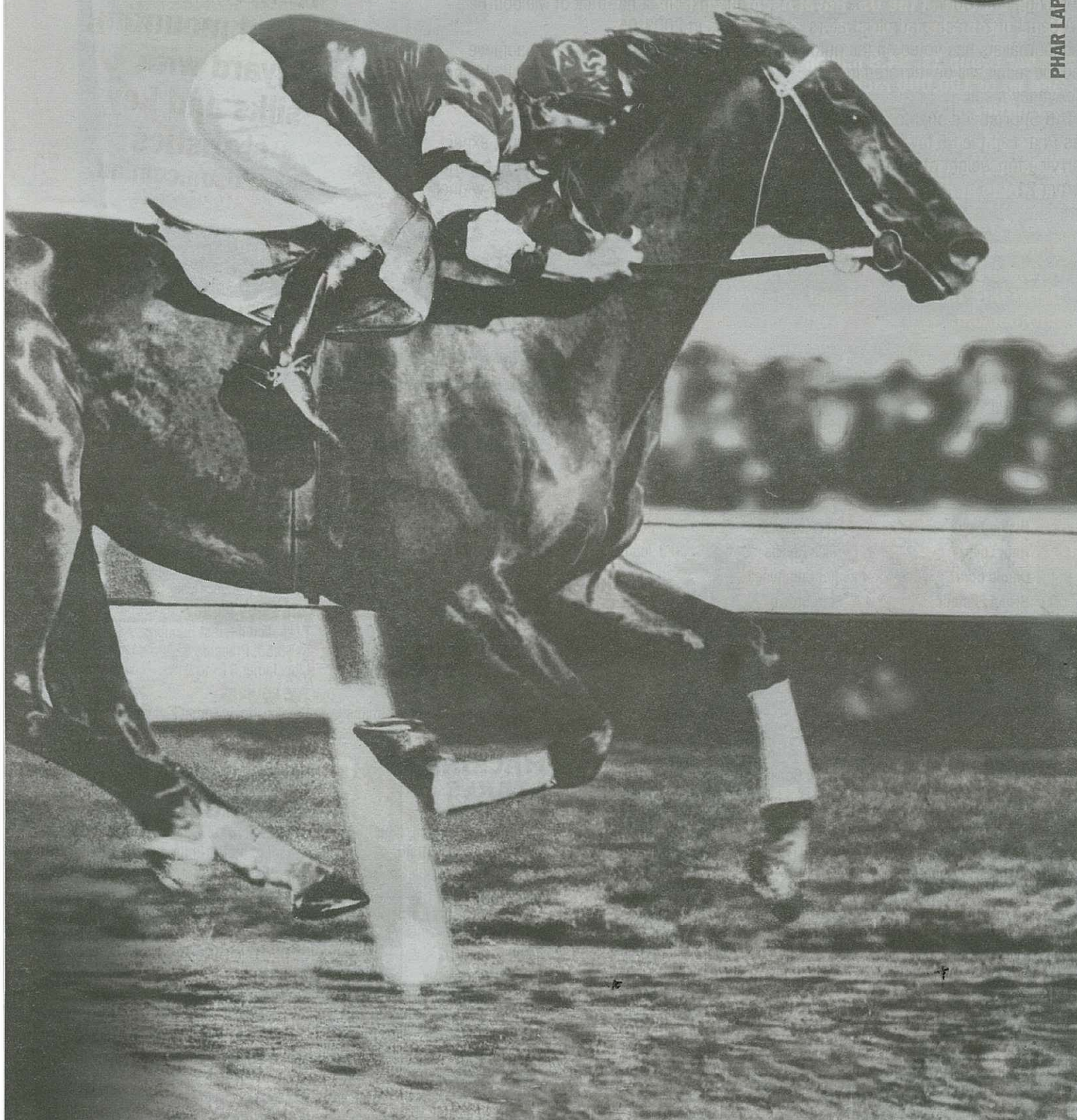
**20 DALRAY** 27 starts  
*Clarrie McCarthy* 14 wins  
 Only Phar Lap has carried more weight and won as a 4YO. Dalray shouldered 60kg in 1952. A brilliant 3YO, Dalray was retired to stud only three starts after landing the Melb Cup.

**21 HALL MARK** 52 starts  
*Jack Holt* 18 wins  
 A super 2YO, Hall Mark was even better at three, winning the AJC and VRC Derbys and the 1933 Melb Cup with 48kg. He contested two more Cups, finishing sixth in 1934 and 13th in 1935.



**22 LIGHT FINGERS** 33 starts  
*Bart Cummings* 15 wins  
 Won the VRC and AJC Oaks. Set a weight-carrying record for a mare with 52.5kg when she won the Cup in 1965. A gallant 2nd in 1966 behind stablemate Galilee.

**23 DORIEMUS** 44 starts  
*Lee Freedman* 9 wins  
 Contested four Cups, winning in 1995, 6th in 1996, 2nd in 1997 and 19th in 1998 at his final start. Narrowly beaten in a desperately close finish by Might And Power in 1997.



**13 VINTAGE CROP** 26 starts  
*Dermot Weld* 16 wins  
 The first European-trained horse to win the Melb Cup, the Irish stayer carried 55.5kg effortlessly in 1993. Was 7th to Jeune with 60kg in 1994 and was 3rd to Doriemus with 59kg in 1995.

**16 NIGHTMARCH** 64 starts  
*Alex McAulay* 22 wins  
 Beat Phar Lap by 3len in the 1929 Cup with 58kg, becoming the first horse to complete the Cox Plate-Cup double. Superior handicapper who won the NZ, Canterbury, Trentham and Awapuni Cups and Epsom Hcp.

**19 THE BARB** 23 starts  
*John Tait* 16 wins  
 No horse has been asked to carry more weight in the Melb Cup than when he ran unplaced with 73kg in 1869. Carried 43kg to victory as a 3YO in 1866. Won two Sydney Cups and the AJC Derby.

**24 THINK BIG** 61 starts  
*Bart Cummings* 9 wins  
 Along with Archer, Peter Pan, Rain Lover and Makybe Diva, Think Big is among an elite to win two Melb Cups or more. Carried 53kg in 1974, beating Leilani, and 58.5kg in 1975.

**14 DELTA** 41 starts  
*Maurice McCarten* 22 wins  
 Won the 1951 Cup with 59kg after compiling a magnificent streak, crowned by 11 wins in 14 starts. Also won a Cox Plate, VRC Derby and St Leger.

**17 POITREL** 37 starts  
*Harry Robinson* 17 wins  
 Lumped 63kg to victory in 1920, conceding 19kg to placegetters Erasmus and Queen Comedy. Poitrel did not race in Victoria again, dominating once more in NSW.

**15 MALUA** 47 starts  
*Isaac Foulsham* 12 wins  
 Incredibly versatile galloper with wins in the Oakleigh Plate and Newmarket Hcp and the Grand National Hurdle. In 1884, won the Melb Cup with 61kg, seven months after landing the Oakleigh-Newmarket sprint double.

**18 SAINTLY** 23 starts  
*Bart Cummings* 10 wins  
 One of only five horses to win the Cox Plate-Melb Cup double, with Nightmarch, Makybe Diva, Phar Lap and Rising Fast. Carried 55.5kg in 1996. Thought to be Bart's all-time favourite. Enough said.

**SELECTIONS**

<b>ADRIAN DUNN</b> 1. PHAR LAP 2. Makybe Diva 3. Carbine	<b>MATT STEWART</b> 1. RISING FAST 2. Makybe Diva 3. Saintly	<b>MICHAEL MANLEY</b> 1. PHAR LAP 2. Makybe Diva 3. Rising Fast
<b>TIM HABEL</b> 1. PHAR LAP 2. Makybe Diva 3. Saintly	<b>ADAM HAMILTON</b> 1. MAKYBE DIVA 2. Phar Lap 3. Rising Fast	<b>NICK QUINN</b> 1. MAKYBE DIVA 2. Phar Lap 3. Saintly

**TIPSTERS' POLL**

Makybe Diva	14	Saintly	3
Phar Lap	13	Carbine	1
Rising Fast	5		

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