

GREATEST CUP NEVER RUN

WHO IS THE GREATEST WINNER OF THE MELBOURNE CUP?

All will be revealed when the Greatest Cup Never Run, a field of the greatest winners, will be simulated at Flemington on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday, November 2, and broadcast on Channel 7.

Closer to the Cup, fans will have the chance to win a share of \$150,000. Keep reading your *Herald Sun* for details of how to enter the Boag's Draught Greatest Cup Never Run.



MELBOURNE CUP (3200M), FLEMINGTON



<p>1 PHAR LAP TRAINER: Harry Telford JOCKEY: Jim Pike BARRIER: 21 WEIGHT: 60kg 1930 Equine freak. Won with 62.5kg. Only odds-on winner</p>	<p>2 CARBINE TRAINER: Walter Hickenbotham JOCKEY: Bob Ramage BARRIER: 16 WEIGHT: 59kg 1890 19th century champ who carried 65.5kg, a weight-carrying record</p>	<p>3 MAKYBE DIVA TRAINERS: David Hall ('03), Lee Freedman JOCKEY: Glen Boss BARRIER: 14 WEIGHT: 58kg 2003-04-05 Only Cup threepeat winner. That says it all</p>	<p>4 PETER PAN TRAINER: Frank McGrath JOCKEY: Darby Munro BARRIER: 13 WEIGHT: 58kg 1932, '34 Dual winner in the Phar Lap era</p>
<p>5 GALILEE TRAINER: Bart Cummings JOCKEY: John Miller BARRIER: 1 WEIGHT: 57.5kg 1966 Won Toorak Hcp, Caulfield-Melb Cup and Fisher Plate in '66</p>	<p>6 POSEIDON TRAINER: Ike Earnshaw JOCKEY: Tom Clayton BARRIER: 3 WEIGHT: 57.5kg 1906 Won Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, VRC and AJC Derby as a 3YO</p>	<p>7 RISING FAST TRAINER: Ivan Tucker JOCKEY: Jack Purtell BARRIER: 11 WEIGHT: 57kg 1954 Dual Caulfield Cup winner who lumped 59.5 to win Cup</p>	<p>8 RAIN LOVER TRAINER: Mick Robins JOCKEY: Jim Johnson BARRIER: 7 WEIGHT: 56kg 1968-69 Eight-length winner then carried 60.5kg to win</p>
<p>9 COMIC COURT TRAINER: Jim Cummings JOCKEY: Pat Glennon BARRIER: 24 WEIGHT: 55.5kg 1950 Trained by Bart's dad, just one of five original topweights to win Cup</p>	<p>10 GRAND FLANEUR TRAINER: Tom Brown JOCKEY: Tom Hales BARRIER: 4 WEIGHT: 55.5kg 1880 Only Cup winner never to be beaten. Won nine from nine</p>	<p>11 MIGHT AND POWER TRAINER: Jack Denham JOCKEY: Jim Cassidy BARRIER: 12 WEIGHT: 55kg 1997 Defied 3.5kg penalty from Caulfield Cup win to win the big one</p>	<p>12 ARCHER TRAINER: Etienne De Mestre JOCKEY: Johnny Cutts BARRIER: 22 WEIGHT: 54kg 1861-62 Started it all. Won first by 6 lengths and the second by 8</p>
<p>13 VINTAGE CROP TRAINER: Dermot Weld JOCKEY: Michael Kinane BARRIER: 10 WEIGHT: 54kg 1993 First European-trained winner and introduced Weld to Cup folklore</p>	<p>14 DELTA TRAINER: Maurice McCarten JOCKEY: N. Sellwood BARRIER: 9 WEIGHT: 53.5kg 1951 Won 11 of his 14 starts as a 5YO including '51 Cup with 59.5kg</p>	<p>15 MALUA TRAINER: Isaac Foulsham JOCKEY: Alick Robertson BARRIER: 17 WEIGHT: 53.5kg 1884 Carried 61kg to win after winning Oakleigh Plate/Newmarket Hcp</p>	<p>16 NIGHTMARCH TRAINER: Alex McAulay JOCKEY: Roy Reed BARRIER: 5 WEIGHT: 53.5kg 1929 First horse to win Cox Plate/Melbourne Cup double</p>
<p>17 POITREL TRAINER: Harry Robinson JOCKEY: Ken Bracken BARRIER: 20 WEIGHT: 53.5kg 1920 Tough Sydney stayer who won with 63kg</p>	<p>18 SAINTLY TRAINER: Bart Cummings JOCKEY: D Beadman BARRIER: 2 WEIGHT: 53kg 1996 One of only five to win Cox Plate/Cup double in same year</p>	<p>19 THE BARB TRAINER: John Tait JOCKEY: William Davis BARRIER: 18 WEIGHT: 53kg 1866 Won as 3YO and given highest ever handicap, 73kg, as a 6YO</p>	<p>20 DALRAY TRAINER: Clarrie McCarthy JOCKEY: Bill Williamson BARRIER: 19 WEIGHT: 52.5kg 1952 New Zealand champ. Only Phar Lap carried more weight as 4YO</p>
<p>21 HALL MARK TRAINER: Jack Holt JOCKEY: Jack O'Sullivan BARRIER: 23 WEIGHT: 52.5kg 1933 Another champ from the Phar Lap era. Won as 3YO</p>	<p>22 LIGHT FINGERS TRAINER: Bart Cummings JOCKEY: Roy Higgins BARRIER: 15 WEIGHT: 52.5kg 1965 Introduced Bart Cummings to the great race he would make his own</p>	<p>23 DORIEMUS TRAINER: Lee Freedman JOCKEY: Damien Oliver BARRIER: 6 WEIGHT: 52kg 1995 Caulfield/Melb Cup double then second to Might And Power in '97</p>	<p>24 THINK BIG TRAINER: Bart Cummings JOCKEY: Harry White BARRIER: 8 WEIGHT: 52kg 1974-75 Another of Bart's Cup winners. Dual winner, latter with 58.5kg</p>

Phar Lap copping heaviest weight is only certainty

BRUCE McAvaney didn't break out with his signature "special", but he was positively salivating as he contemplated the Greatest Cup Never Run.

McAvaney, launching *The Story Of The Melbourne Cup, Australia's Greatest Race* yesterday, which includes the Greatest Cup Never Run, described it as the definitive collection of Melbourne Cup winners over its 149-year history.

Asked for a phantom final furlong of the Greatest Cup Never Run,

Adrian Dunn

McAvaney's stirring call saw Rising Fast and Makybe Diva thundering at Carbine and Phar Lap in a four-way drive to the post. "Oh, it's too close to call... maybe Big Red."

Just who wins the Greatest Cup Never Run, a field of 24 assembled by Racing Victoria chief handicapper Greg Carpenter, will be played out in a simulated race broadcast by Channel 7 on Melbourne Cup Day.

Each horse is partnered by its Cup-winning jockey, although Roy Higgins joked he was giving early

notice that he would ride Light Fingers 1kg over her allotted 52kg.

A panel of 22 — a mix of officials, handicappers, stewards and journalists — have submitted their views, which will be translated into the running of the Greatest Cup Never Run.

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Carpenter described as "his

greatest challenge" the assignment of choosing the field. He prefaced his explanation with apologies to connections of Let's Elope and Even Stevens, who just failed to gain a "start". Not only did Carpenter select the field, but he also handicapped it, using a weight spread of a 52kg minimum to a 60kg maximum, a weight not surprisingly reserved for Phar Lap.

"In all honesty it was extraordinarily challenging. It took months of research to give every winner due credit," Carpenter said. "For me, finding the top 10 was much easier

than finding the last couple. This exercise is not about denigrating those that did not get into the field."

Carpenter explained that he factored the mares' allowance, 2.5kg, into the weight before allocating Makybe Diva equal-third topweight with Peter Pan to allow any suggestion that Makybe Diva was better, in his view, than Phar Lap. He said the three-year-old winners — The Barb, Grand Flaneur, Poseidon, Peter Pan and Hall Mark — were handicapped as mature-aged horses.

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