

MAJOR RACE RESULTS

AUSTRALIA

Gr.1 NEWMARKET HANDICAP, Flemington, 1200m, 3yo+, 1st A\$600,000, 2nd A\$180,000, 3rd A\$90,000

1. **TAKEOVER TARGET** (Aus), 6g- 57kgs,
Celtic Swing – Shady Stream (Archregent)
 2nd dam Merry Shade (Spectacular Spy)
 3rd dam Parasol (Sostenuto)
 O: J & B Janiak, B: Meringo Stud Farm, T: Joe Janiak
 A\$1,250 2003 William Inglis & Son July Winter Sale

2. **SNITZEL** (Aus), 3c- 53,
Redoute's Choice – Snippets' Lass (Snippets)
 O: D W & Mrs C D Flower & Arrowfield Snitzel Synd,
 B: F Naude, T: Gerald Ryan
 A\$260,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale

3. **STRATUM** (Aus), 3c- 51.5,
Redoute's Choice – Bourgeois (Luskin Star)
 O: T W & Mrs D, J W & Ms H A Wallace,
 P M & Mrs C A Perry, Teeley Assets Limited
 & Widden Stud Pty Ltd, B: Reavill No 4 Partnership,
 T: Paul Perry
 A\$320,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale

Also ran: Glamour Puss and Nips, Proprietor, Calveen, Raid The Royals, Rewaaya, Undue, Miss Andretti, Paratroopers, Titanic Jack, El Man Goss.

Distances: ½l, hd

Is **Takeover Target** one of the ultimate bargain buys in turf history? Surely the answer is yes as owner/trainer Joe Janiak and his wife have now recouped A\$1,866,100 for their A\$1,250 outlay. For the anoraks that is 1,492 times their stake, a phenomenal amount for a horse, whose former owners considered him too far gone to persist with. His career stats now stand at eleven wins from eighteen starts, including three Gr.1 wins, after he blazed down the Flemington straight in the Newmarket Handicap.

For the first, but not the only time that afternoon, the older horse, admittedly not ready for a pension as a six-year-old, upstaged the young pretenders, when he challenged late to grab the recent Oakleigh Plate winner **Snitzel** and score by a half length. In a return to form, last season's Golden Slipper winner **Stratum** was a head back in third. That his three Gr.1 wins have all been down the Flemington straight course gives Joe Janiak confidence his charge would be competitive at Royal Ascot, should he take the gelding north.

By the Prix du Jockey Club winner **Celtic Swing**, yesterday's winner is out of **Shady Stream**, an unraced daughter of **Archregent**. Her dam **Merry Shade** won the Listed Widden Stakes for juvenile fillies and further back can be found the useful Listed winners **Mudgee Grey** and **Damigos**, but nothing that would indicate the talent Takeover Target has.

Gr.1 DARLEY AUSTRALIAN CUP, Flemington, 2000m, 3yo+, 1st A\$600,000, 2nd A\$180,000, 3rd A\$90,000

1. **ROMAN ARCH** (Aus), 7g- 58kgs,
Archway – Celestial Option (Clear Choice)
 2nd dam Star Treasure (Kaoru Star)
 3rd dam So Belle (Sobig)
 O: P Shulman, K & Mrs C Bamford, J Fraser, D Clough,
 Mrs L McKenna, P Zeccola, Madds 5 Syndicate
 & R Aujard, B: Mr J Playfoot, T: Robbie Laing

2. **CANDY VALE** (Aus), 4f- 55.5,
Bubble Gum Fellow – Borracha (Whiskey Road)
 O: J Sweeney, Express Finish Synd., F Zahra,
 Dr M H Rose, P McCullagh, M McColl, J Fitzpatrick,
 Mrs S Grasso, K O'Donnell & J Merriman,
 B: Dr M H Rose, T: Pat Carey

3. **OUR SMOKING JOE** (Aus), 5g- 58,
Encosta De Lago – Dalzing (Blazing Sword)
 O: J & Mrs A Lanteri, B: Mitchell Towson Investments
 & C J & Mrs A Murfet, T: Lee Freedman

Also ran: Vroom Vroom (Arg), Lad Of The Manor (NZ), Ulysses, Railings, Demerger, Vanquished, Justa Tad (NZ), Confectioner, On A Jeune.

Distances: hd, shd
 The Robbie Laing trained **Roman Arch** turned back the clock somewhat yesterday and belied some disappointing form, to take the Gr.1 Australian Cup at odds of 50/1. On a day filled with close finishes, the seven-year-old gelding got up in a four way photo to take the Cup by head from the filly **Candy Vale**, with **Our Smoking Joe** a short head away in third and a similar margin to the Argentinean horse **Vroom Vroom** in fourth.

To be fair to Roman Arch, this campaign he has yet to have had conditions to suit and he has won the Gr.1 Toorak Handicap in the past. Not that anyone could honestly say his best days were behind him, as just last November he took the Gr.2 Sandown Classic over 2400 metres, showing just what a versatile character he is. Still his 50/1 win continues a list of big price winners in this race, which includes the second biggest "boilover" in Australian racing history, **Dandy Andy's** 125/1 defeat of **Bonecrusher** and **Waverley Star** in 1987.

Vroom Vroom led into the straight and, with 100 metres to go, he still had a three quarters of a length advantage over Our Smoking Joe, who was giving chase, with Roman Arch and Candy Vale winding up wider out. Vroom Vroom still looked the likely winner with 50 metres to go, but in the dying strides the three pursuers all lunged on the line, and it was Roman Arch who fared best.

This was a seventeenth career victory for Roman Arch, who is one of a string of Gr.1 winners by **Archway**. Despite being considered a little unfashionable, Archway was able to sire **Tails Of Triomphe**, **She's Archie**, **Grand Archway** and **Rose Archway**, all of whom saluted in the top grade. His dam, the **Clear Choice** mare **Celestial Option**, won six times up to a mile and at stud had a perfect five from five record of winners to runners. The family is not flooded with black-type performers but consistently churned out winners in all parts of Australia.

Gr.1 AUSTRALIAN GUINEAS, Flemington, 1600m, 3yo, 1st A\$450,000, 2nd A\$135,000, 3rd A\$67,500

1. **APACHE CAT** (Aus), 3g- 55.5kgs,
Lion Cavern – Tennessee Blaze (Whiskey Road)
 2nd dam Centasia (Century)
 3rd dam Deep Fantasy (Deep Diver)
 O: P F Radford, Ms R N Lawrie, G E & Ms S T Riddell
 & Mrs M B & K J Lofthouse,
 B: P F Radford & Ms R Lawrie, T: Greg Eurell

2. **DARCI BRAHMA** (NZ), 3c- 55.5,
Danehill – Grand Echezeaux (Zabeel)

O: Te Akau Stud Breeding Syndicate,
B: P J & P M Vela Ltd, T: Mark Walker
NZ\$1,100,000 2004 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier
Yearling Sale

3. **THIN AND CRISPY** (Aus), 3g- 55.5,
Brief Truce – Vitessa (Success Express)
O: A R, R A, E J & K M Hawes, B: K D Kirk,
T: Peter Moody
A\$15,000 2004 Magic Millions Gold Coast Premier
Yearling Sale

Also ran: Spielmeister, God's Own, Zigotto, Langarza,
Red Dazzler, Colonel Parker.

Distances: 1l, 1¼

The provincial trained gelding **Apache Cat** came into yesterday's Australian Guineas well behind **God's Own** and **Darci Brahma** in the "reputation stakes", but when the race was over, it was he who had established himself as a top quality miler. Ridden aggressively by Noel Callow, the son of **Lion Cavern** repelled a challenge from Darci Brahma to score by a length. **Thin And Crispy** finished off the race strongly for third with **God's Own** struggling in fifth.

Into the straight Apache Cat had the lead but Darci Brahma, the New Zealand visitor, loomed large alongside 250 metres out. But Apache Cat appeared to almost relish the fight, finding another gear when eyeballed by the son of **Danehill**. Callow drove Apache Cat to the line and there wasn't anything Michael Walker and Darci Brahma could do. God's Own, the short priced favourite, was beaten a long way out.

Apache Cat is the best runner by Lion Cavern to be conceived in the Southern Hemisphere, although he has some way to go to match the deeds of **Crimplene**. He is out of the **Whiskey Road** mare **Tennessee Blaze**, who won four times and has five winning foals to her credit. As seemed to be the case throughout the day, this family, whilst producing a hatful of winners, is lacking in black-type performers.

Gr.1 CHIPPING NORTON STAKES, Warwick Farm, 1600m, 3yo+, 1st A\$162,500, 2nd A\$50,000, 3rd A\$22,500

1. **DESERT WAR** (Aus), 5g- 58kgs,
Desert King – High Heels (Canny Lad)
2nd dam Silken Step (Tolomeo)
3rd dam Bosk (Damascus)
O: Gooree Pastoral Company Syndicate,
B: Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd, T: Gai Waterhouse
2. **EREMEIN** (Aus), 4g- 58,
Timber Country – Marrego (Marscay)
O: G B & Mrs A B White, B: Bhima Pty Ltd,
T: Allan Denham
3. **IKE'S DREAM** (Aus), 5f- 55.5,
King Of Kings – Mrs. Kahn (Vain)
O: N L & Mrs P V Carroll, N & Mrs J R Honan,
G N Johnston & Miss K Robinson,
B: Bowness Stud & Mrs H M North, T: John Hawkes
Passed in A\$42,500 Reserve \$50,000 2002 William
Inglis & Son Classic Yearling Sale

Also ran: Spirit Of Tara, Shania Dane, Wild Iris, Lachlan
River, Court's In Session, Meridian Star.

Distances: shd, 1¼

The Gai Waterhouse-trained **Desert War** has quickly gained a reputation as a tremendous miler and

yesterday he took his record to five wins from eight starts over the specialist trip, when he took the Gr.1 Chipping Norton Stakes at Warwick Farm. Well supported, the five-year-old defeated last season's AJC Australian Derby winner **Eremein** by a short head, with **Ike's Dream** a length and a quarter away third.

Jockey Larry Cassidy had Desert War just behind the pacemaking favourite **Court's In Session** until turning into the short Warwick Farm straight. Court's In Session capitulated shortly afterwards and Desert War took over. The challengers lined up behind him, but only **Eremein** made any significant ground, driving hard over the last 50 metres. But Desert War had done enough work early and held an advantage at the line.

Desert War had won back to back renewals of Randwick's big spring mile, the Epsom Handicap, before making it a third Gr.1 yesterday. His dam **High Heels** won twice in Sydney up to 1550 metres and is a daughter of **Canny Lad**, the Golden Slipper winner and successful sire. High Heels is a half-sister to the Listed winner **Actress** and further back in the family is the American Gr.3 winner **Broto**, the dual Peruvian Gr.1 winner **Janfranco** and **Pay Back Time**, who was third in the Gr.1 South Australian Derby. Desert War is another top performer by **Desert King**, sire of course of **Makybe Diva**.

Gr.2 SURROUND STAKES, Warwick Farm, 1400m, 3yof, 1st A\$84,500, 2nd A\$26,000, 3rd A\$11,700

1. **REGAL CHEER** (Aus), 3f- 55.5kgs,
Arena – Regal Chamber (Archregent)
O: G F W & Mrs G I Stack, B: Suntar Holdings Pty Ltd,
T: Joseph Pride
A\$85,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale
2. **MNEMOSYNE** (Aus), 3f- 55.5,
Encosta De Lago – My Juliet (Canny Lad)
O: Woodlands Stud Syndicate, B: R Quinton, C Lee,
D Lamond & W Jolly, T: John Hawkes
A\$400,000 2004 William Inglis & Son Australian Easter
Yearling Sale
3. **STAR MYSTIC** (Aus), 3f- 55.5,
Flying Spur – Grilse (Rahy)
O: R J & Mrs C J Curro, B: Gainsborough Stud
Australia Pty Ltd & Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd,
T: Gai Waterhouse
A\$150,000 2004 William Inglis & Son Australian Easter
Yearling Sale

Also ran: Eskaw, Anapine, Frazzle Dazzle, At Ease,
Paulini, Fabiarna, Street Smart, Beauty Watch, Scission,
Gawne.

Distances: 1¼, ¾

Gr.3 THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS STAKES, Flemington, 1200m, 2yof, 1st A\$90,000, 2nd A\$27,000, 3rd A\$13,500

1. **NEDIYM'S GLOW** (Aus), 2f- 57.5kgs,
General Nediym – Palace Glow (Palace Music)
O: Contract Racing Pty Ltd & N S & G C Psaltis,
B: Contract Racing Pty Ltd, T: Mathew Ellerton
2. **SATIN ROBES** (Aus), 2f- 55,
Ne Coupez Pas – Spine Tingler (Keltrice)
O: E A Buttler, R W Hall, J R Hall, Full Stop Racing
Synd, M Lawson, Mrs C Lawson & Mrs M E Buttler,