

Memories



IT'S November 1985 and the big news of the day is the \$130,000 NSW studmasters Dick and Rick Anderson paid for Victorian superstar **Tangairn**.

Tangairn (Tangaloo-Delbairn Babe) had already mated 180 bitches at a fee of \$400 in Victoria for his owner David Fitzgerald who had bought him for \$700 as a pup before earning \$75,000 in stakes.

The brilliant black had won 20 and been placed in 10 of his 36 starts, 18 of those wins on metropolitan tracks. He won the 1984 Australian Cup and set track records at Angle Park and Cranbourne and had gone within .01 of the Sandown record.

He would stand for \$500 in NSW. His half sister **Nikki Bairn** (Chief Dingaan-Delbairn Babe) overcame her hoodoo at Olympic Park when winning the Sprint Title at that track. Raced by Nola Hogan and trained by her husband Paul, Nikki Bairn started 9-4 favourite because of her rails draw when beating Broken Cup and Dedication in the final.

It was her 16th win from 32 starts and took her stakes to \$17,000.

Despite her aversion to Olympic Park before the Sprint Title victory, Nikki Bairn had been bred to be a star at the

inner Melbourne city track. Her dam had once held the distance record at OP.

Chief Dingaan's younger full sister **Zimbabwe**, the prolific winner-producer, was mated to Royal Rumpus. She had already produced Chief Babwe, Trevenson and What A Scandal.

Tamsin Joy (Dunmain Scholar-Tamsin Casandra) a litter sister to 1979 Australian Cup winner Boundless, was mated to Electro Eagle. Tamsin Casandra was out of a sister to champion Wonoka. At the Gabba, the Coca-Cola Cup was won by the brilliant **Super Max**. Starting favourite after some huge bets, Super Max downed Sharyn's Vogue and Remlap Supreme.

The Queensland Derby went to the Peter and Lynne Ivanovic trained **Kismet Range**.

Opal Eve made up for her loss the previous year when winning the NSW Country Championship at Wentworth Park. She downed Thunderer and Get Behind Me.

The winner was raced by Don Sinderberry and trained at Cessnock by Wendy Brown and was rising four when victorious.

Get Behind Me, winner of 27 races on

10 different tracks, was retired to stud after his third.

In WA, Taj Rossi (Waverly Supreme*-Collis Queen) landed the Young Stars at Cannington for South Australian trainer Gary Mellor. Mellor had won the race the previous year with Thundering Two.

Ironically, like Thundering Two, Taj Rossi had won the SA Derby prior to heading west.

Taj Rossi, named after the champion racehorse, was bought just before the SA derby by Mellor and kennel client Steve Graetz for \$6000.

He downed Bowetzel's Time and Wet Dough in the Young Stars final when starting 7-4 on favourite.

Launceston-trained The Scrooge scored in the Gold Cup at Hobart. The race was run from 1969, when first taken out by start galloper Summer Idol, and restricted to Tasmanian trained dogs. **The Scrooge** downed Bandits World and Dynamic Choice for trainer Keith Gillie. The son of Getaway King-Waffle Again was the Devonport record holder.