

Dear Cup Week,

I love you because in 2001 whilst living on the Gold Coast, I had been following Ethereal throughout her races in Queensland and after she won the Qld Oaks I just knew she would win the Melbourne Cup. I ventured down to Melbourne for the week and on the Sunday night went to a Calcutta whereby after having had too much champagne, "bought" Ethereal for \$700 at 5/1. On the Monday morning I was shopping with a girlfriend and whilst visiting a very expensive shoe shop, found the most magical pair of shoes. (Only other woman will understand this) As I currently didn't have the budget for the pair of shoes, I asked the sales assistant to please put the shoes aside for me and I will come back on Wednesday morning to pay for the shoes after "my horse" wins the Melbourne Cup. Needless to say that on Wednesday morning, (with my wallet bursting) I darted back into the city to the very expensive shoe shop and paid for those magical shoes. I still have them and still wear them to the races to this day. Thanks Ethereal and Scotty Seamer.

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