

Dear Cup Week, I love you and it all started in 1988.

I was having lunch watching the midday show on television and they had a psychic on and they were a little sceptical about him. They asked him a few questions, one being who is going to win the Melbourne Cup. He said that the letters E and R kept coming to him, so I wrote them down and stuck them on the fridge.

When cup time came around Dad told me that the winner of the McKinnon Stakes race would make it into the Cup. So I checked the field and there was a horse called Empire Rose running. I backed it at odds of 80-1 and had a massive \$1 each way (Why didn't I have more!) and Dad was telling me that I was wasting my money.

She didn't have a great start but came home like a bullet to beat Vo Rogue.

Both Dad and I backed her in the Melbourne Cup at 5-1 and we both had a good day. I've followed Melbourne Cup Week ever since.

Now that Dad has gone to the big race track in the sky, I can still hear him asking, have you got any more tips.

Thanks for the good times Cup Week.

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