



Entertainment



Actors keep latest release in the race

THE STORY of the little guy triumphing against adversity is a story loved by all.

The story of the 2002 Melbourne Cup is something straight out of the Hollywood play book but remarkably it is all true.

Damien Oliver's stunning win on Media Puzzle was one of the great Australian sporting moments and it was something made for the silver screen.

Director Simon Wincer, known for *Free Willy* and *Phar Lap*, has taken this tale and brought it to life.

Depending on your perspective, Wincer's films can be either cheesy or heart-felt, and *The Cup* is no different. What makes the film work are the fine performances from some of the country's best actors. Stephen Curry has gone from digging a hole in *The Castle* to doing justice to the champion jockey here.



AT THE MOVIES

WITH CLAYTON BENNETT
Movie *The Cup* [PG]

Rating 3 out of 5 reels

He is flanked by some big local names such as the late Bill Hunter, the surprisingly good Shaun Micallef (primarily known for is comedy, here playing serious) and Daniel McPherson.

Foreign actor Brendan Gleeson shines too in a lead role.

The ending to this film is already known, it's not a spoiler to mention it in the same way nobody watched *Titanic* expecting the ship to make it to New York City.

That is not important however, with the audience still engaged in the story and urging Oliver to win despite knowing he will.

It is more about how he does it than if he does.

The Cup is a satisfying piece of local cinema that

adequately tells an entertaining part of our sporting history. With lesser actors it may have descended into straight-to-DVD melodrama, but the talent here keeps this horse running to the finish line.



Stephen Curry (as Damien Oliver) in a scene from film *The Cup*

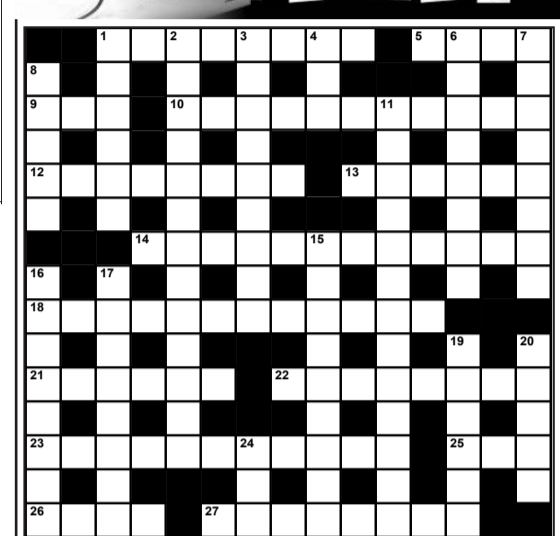


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- ACROSS**
- Drought-resistant desert plant (8)
 - Bushman's bundle (4)
 - Skyhooks guitarist ... Symons (3)
 - Explorer who was the first European to see The Olgas (6,5)
 - Peter Berner's TV quiz, 'The ... Factor' (8)
 - Old river flowing through Blackall and joining Cooper Creek (6)
 - 'Enough Rope' and 'Elders' host (6,6)
 - 70's 'muscle car', re-made from 2001 to 2005 (6,6)
 - Benedictine monastery north of Perth, New ... (6)
 - Penrith NRL club (8)
 - Sherbet singer, Daryl ... (11)
 - Latrobe Valley town (3)
 - Gunsynd's nickname, the Goodwindi ... (4)
 - One of The Doug Anthony Allstars, Tim ... (8)
- DOWN**
- ... Spring Observatory near Coonabarabran (6)
 - Husband of Bec Cartwright and father of Mia and Cruz (7,6)
- 3.** Go quickly, 'shoot through like a ...' (5,4)
4. Ethnic broadcaster (1,1,1)
6. Perth NBL team (8)
7. WA river, reaching the sea at Carnarvon (8)
8. 1972 Miss World, Belinda ..., once married to John Singleton (5)
11. Sydney department stores bought by Myer in 1983 (5,8)
15. NSW town between Bourke and Tibooburra (9)
16. 1974 and 1975 Melbourne Cup winner (5,3)
17. Canberra's annual flower festival (8)
19. Governor-General 1977-82, Sir ... Cowen (6)
20. Tram union leader jailed in 1969, Clarrie ... (5)
24. Namoi cotton town, ... Waa (3)
- Last Weeks Solution**
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