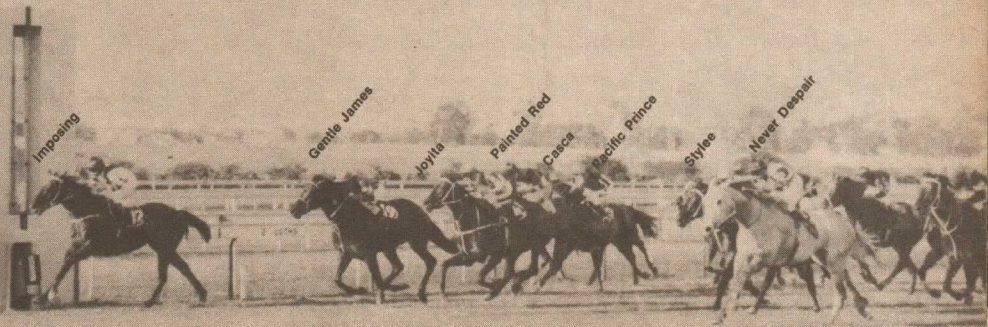


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Tommy Smith had not enjoyed success in the Stradbroke Handicap since Kilsbery was successful in 1962, defeating the outstanding racehorses Samson and Fine And Dandy.

In spite of his lack of joy in recent years, Smith had a strong hand this year with Imposing and Joyita who had done everything asked of them in their campaigns leading up to the big sprint. Both had worked attractively prior to the race, and both ran up to expectations.

Peter Cook gained a fortunate late ride on Imposing after being in two minds about accepting the mount, and Tommy Smith virtually talking the leading lightweight into taking the ride; it was with mixed fortunes because Cook was decidedly ill after the race and unable to attend the presentation.

Second placegetter Gentle James ran on well without threatening a great deal of danger, and Joyita was held up for a run in the straight. Still, all honours of the race were with Imposing who took full advantage of his ability to take up a good early position.

ABOVE: IMPOSING (P. Cook) scores a clear-cut win in the QTC Stradbroke Handicap at Eagle Farm. BELOW: Two "imposing" characters, Mr Malcolm Fraser, Prime Minister of Australia, offers a congratulatory pat.



STRADBROKE HANDICAP — 1400 Metres

No	Horse	Jockey	Br	Wt	Fin	Pr
1	Leonolis	P. Cuddihy	20	57	16	14
2	Blockbuster	R. Thompson	11	56.5	9	12
3	Quiet Snort	A. Williams	16	56	11	25
4	Joyita	M. Johnston	13	54	3	5
5	Stylee	R. Quinton	17	53.5	5	13-2
6	Nearest	L. Harris	3	53	17	33
7	Christole	L. Diltman	14	52.5	10	16
8	Vain's Image	D. Messingham	21	52.5	20	125
9	Bunkers	M. Pelling	5	52	18	40
10	Pacific Prince	G. Hall	2	52	6	8
11	Cool Minstrel	G. Killen	4	51.5	15	14
12	Imposing	P. Cook	9	51.5	1	13-2
13	Famoso Gris	Scratched	6	51	—	—
14	Pacific	G. Palmer	22	50.5	9	25
15	Casca	G. Cook	18	50	12	25
16	Never Despair	R. Quinn	19	50	4	20
17	Caledonian Planet	R. Heffernan	7	49.5	19	66
18	Sovereign Secret	I. Wernowski	10	49.5	13	150
19	Gentle James	A. Marney	8	49	2	8
20	Painted Red	W. Harris	15	47.5	14	20
21	Cafe	M. Aspinall	1	49	7	14
22	Vain's Best	Scratched	12	49	—	—

MARGINS: 3/4 length, long head.

TIME: 1:22.5.

TRAINER: T. J. Smith.