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Children the real winners on Cup day

SCIENCE did not pay off for **Tim Ginever** on Cup day. But logic did for former Australian basketball star **Rachael Sporn**. Rachael, who helped MC the Little Heroes Foundation Melbourne Cup Lunch, put her money behind Cup winner American because "she ran well on Saturday". Former Port Adelaide Magpies captain Tim put his money behind Manighar - who was No. 13 in the race - at stops a nation - using the formula at it coincided with his birthday. "It's all science," he says. "I was born on the 13th." There was one punter who remained anonymous after putting \$1000 on Master O'Reilly, which was going at 200 to 1. Had it won, he would

have been \$100,000 richer. For Little Heroes founding member **Chris McDermott** it was a good day even if he didn't back a winner - because once again, the event which raises funds for a new MRI machine at the Women's and Children's Hospital, was a sell-out.

"It's the biggest event outside of the Slowdown," Chris says.

While Rachael did have some time to celebrate her win, the busy mum-of-two has been giving up her weekends for another good cause - her daughter's burgeoning basketball career.

Teja, 8, is taking after her mum on the court. "Weekends I'm back in stadiums," she says.

Chris says we can expect to see a lot more of cycling champ **Anna Meares** and Thunderbird **Natalie von Bertouch**, who have teamed up with the charity for future events.



Tim Ginever, Rachael Sporn and Chris McDermott.