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Smith almost spoils Aussie party

SYDNEY — Captain courageous Graeme Smith brought a dead rubber dramatically to life late yesterday at the SCG, defying the pain of an inflamed right elbow and a broken left finger to come within 10 balls of denying Australia one of Test cricket's greatest consolation victories.

The South African captain and man-of-the-series arrived for the final day of the third Test at the SCG without any kit, not intending to bat at all after a Mitchell Johnson delivery broke his little finger in the first innings.

But as the South African tail hung on for grim life, and the ninth second innings wicket fell with 8.2 overs remaining, Smith made his way to the wicket to a standing ovation.

Wincing in pain, and surrounded at times by eight close-in fieldsmen, he lasted for 17 deliveries before his Sydney nemesis Johnson clean bowled him in the second last over to deliver Australia victory by 103 runs, although South Africa won the series 2-1.

Smith's courage was reminiscent of, if not quite as dramatic as, Rick McCosker's bandaged appearance at the MCG in the centenary Test of 1977, when he batted with his broken jaw wired in a match Australia won by 45 runs.

The dramatic end to one of modern cricket's toughest series sets the stage for a keenly anticipated return bout starting in Johannesburg on February 26.

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Jubilant owners Darren and Lydia Kenny lead their Devonport Cup winning galloper Pindari Prince, with jockey Brendan Ward in the saddle, back to scale after yesterday's win. Picture: PETER LORD

Prince pulls off Cup upset

By TERRY MORRIS

HOBBY trainer Darren Kenny and his family were the toast of Tasmanian racing yesterday after the shock win of Pindari Prince in the \$120,000 Total Care Devonport Cup, at Spreyton.

The 10-year-old outsider, thought to be the oldest winner in the 90-year history of the Devonport Cup, had Kenny, his

wife Lydia and their four young children floating on air as they were swamped with well wishers.

Pindari Prince (\$30) led home Longford Cup winner Dream Pedlar (\$13) to win by a head with Victorian visitor Macau Causeway (\$5.80) in third place.

The race wasn't without its controversy with top jockey Craig Newitt suspended at a

subsequent steward's inquiry after causing interference on favourite Saval Prince in the home straight, Regal Chivas was barred after suffering a bleeding attack and former Sydney galloper Bundoran Breeze was a late scratching at the barrier when he was found to be lame.

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