

TOO TOUGH TO LOSE

The Story of Laurie Morgan

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST EQUESTRIAN OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST

Discipline, killer instinct, focus, humble, absorption, sacrificing everything to succeed [and] win. An incredible force. Surely the greatest competitive Australian horseman. Unique friend, gentleman, mentor especially [to] me.

—Sinclair Hill OA, OBE

LAURIE MORGAN, dual Olympic gold medallist, heavyweight boxing champion, rower, Australian Rules footballer, racehorse breeder and trainer, international polo player and victorious equestrian, was an extraordinary man who fought his way to the top.

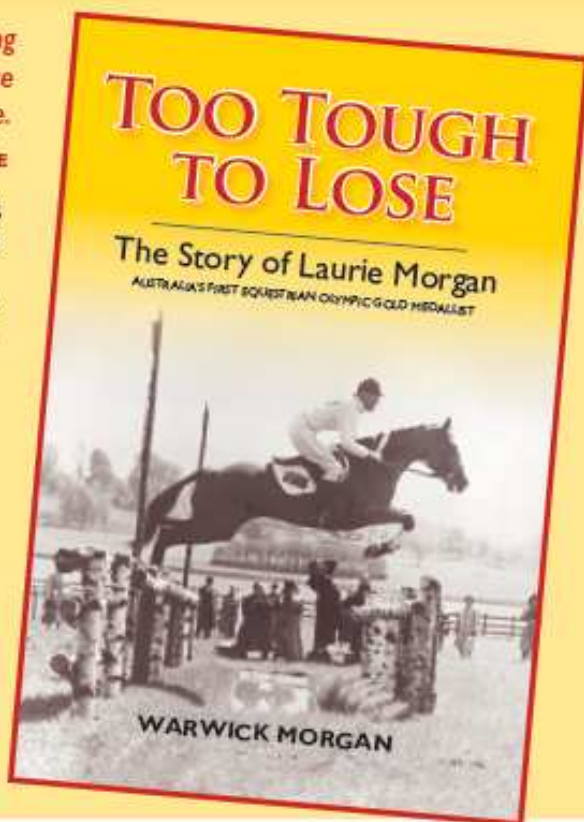
At a time when Australian equestrians were unheard of, Laurie went to England and won against the world's best riders. Due to his determination the Australian equestrian team performed brilliantly at the 1960 Rome Olympics: winning two gold medals and a silver.

Laurie's boyhood ambition was to train and ride his own horse in the English Grand National, which he did at the culmination of a triumphant steeplechasing career.

Next Laurie took on the challenge of an Australian outback cattle station turning his property, Balbirini, into a commercial cattle station.

This biography of one of Australia's greatest all-round sportsmen is written by his son, Warwick, himself an accomplished horseman, who tells his father's story and of his life with this remarkable man.

Lavishly illustrated with 120 photos, many from the Morgan family collection and including tributes from eminent horse people, this book should be read not only for an insight into the story of Laurie Morgan but also for a view of an Australia that is fast vanishing.



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