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There is Always Hope by The Magician

Joan Rivers once said "I don't exercise. If God had wanted me to bend over, he would have put diamonds on the floor'.

It is Blue Diamond day this Saturday. The blue diamond is extremely rare and the most famous is probably the Hope Diamond which has 45.52 carats. The Hope Diamond is valued at up to \$350 million. Which coincidentally is about the same about The GM turns over in a typical Saturday afternoon.

The Hope Diamond is said to be cursed and brings bad luck to whoever and wherever it is stored. So much for hope.

When it comes to the Blue Diamond Stakes we are not banking on hope, but concise form analysis.

The Blue Diamond Stakes is a Group 1 event for 2 year olds over 1200m at Sandown.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Daumier SP \$20	3 rd Blue Diamond Prelude \$8
2021	Artorius SP \$13	1 st Sandown 1300m \$3.40
2020	Tagaloa SP \$26	4 th Blue Diamond Prelude \$12
2019	Lyre SP \$7.50	1 st Blue Diamond Prelude \$26
2018	Written By SP \$5.50F	1 st Blue Diamond Prelude \$6
2017	Catchy SP \$4.80	1 st Blue Diamond Prelude \$2.45F
2016	Extreme Choice SP \$2.75F	1 st Chairman's Stakes \$1.40F
2015	Pride of Dubai SP \$6	2 nd Blue Diamond Prelude \$4.75

The Blue Diamond preludes are usually the best guide. In the colts and geldings prelude, Barber won from Little Brose and Corniche. Brave Halo was an unlucky fourth. In the fillies division, Exploring won from Party For Two and Extreme Threat.

Think the colts and geldings were stronger so will stick with the unbeaten Barber.

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Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Coolangatta	Winno
King Frankel	2-Bet strategy
Annavisto	Super Man
The Bopper	Super Man, The GM
Soviet Spy	Super Man
Elliptical	The Magician, The Shadow
D'Jumbuck	The GM
Saskatoon	Punters Pal
Head of State	Winno
Kopangi	Winno

Weekend Selections

Super Rugby – Long Range Tipping

The Super Rugby gets underway this week with plenty of grudge matches including Crusaders v Chiefs and Waratahs v Brumbies in week 1.

The Crusaders have been dominant in recent seasons. Prior to COVID, the last Australian team to win were the Waratahs back in 2014.

The Crusaders are probably a touch short so perhaps something on the Blues and Chiefs to win the title. The Reds at \$17 could well be a back to lay proposition though they do have some injury concerns.

Week 1 selections: Crusaders, Brumbies, Moana Pasifka, Blues, Hurricanes, Force

The Magician's Single Selection

Morphettville
R6 Philonize

2-Bet Strategy

Rosehill
R3 Shinzo, Corniche

Sandown
R8 I'm Thunderstruck, Alligator Blood



**Check the updated selections posted on the website on
Saturday morning**

Super Man's and The GM's Best Around Australia

- Randwick R6 Skirt The Law
- Doomben R6 Buying Time
- Ascot R7 Admiration Express
- Sandown R1 Right You Are; R9 Asfoora
- Morph R6 Philonize; R8 The Map

Project Kai



Super Man's Place All Up

- Sandown R5 Ausbred Rising Sun
- Sandown R8 Alligator Blood
- Randwick R9 Quantico



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Streaka is one of Winno's best at Doomben Photo Credit: Winno



Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Race</u> Blue Diamond Sandown	<u>Best Bet</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Barber	Morph R2 Philonize Randwick R3 Shinzo	Randwick R7 Zougotcha
The GM <i>Finding Feature Race winners is his life</i>	Steel City	Doomben R6 Buying Time Randwick R6 Skirt The Law	Sandown R5 Mr Maestro R9 Asfoora
Punters Pal <i>Racing's Radar</i>	Barber	Ascot R3 Burnya To Survive	Sandown R9 King of Sparta
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Steel City	Morph R2 Philonize	Sandown R5 Ausbred Rising Sun
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	Barber	Randwick R8 Anamoe	Randwick R6 Summer Loving
The Shadow <i>Light in the Darkness</i>	Barber	Sandown R8 Alligator Blood	Sandown R1 High Emocean
Winno's Winners	Little Brose	Doomben R2 Namakwa R7 Streaka	Doomben R5 Clyde R8 Sea Palling
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 4 Winners Winno 3 Winners The Magician The GM 2 Winners Punters Pal Super Man 1 Winner Gerard Daffy The Pye Man The Striker The Shadow	<u>Best Bet</u> 7 Winners Winno 5 Winners Super Man 4 Winners Punters Pal 3 Winners The Magician The GM 2 Winners Gerard Daffy The GM 1 Winner The Brazilian Beauty The Striker	<u>Value</u> 5 Winners The Magician 2 Winners The GM The Shadow 1 Winner Super Man Winno



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