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2023 Golden Slipper Preview

As we do every year it is time to delve into the stats book to come up with the main contenders for the Golden Slipper.

The Golden Slipper is a \$5 million Group 1 1200m race for two-year-olds held at Rosehill.

As I have emphasised in previous years, it is important to really hone in on the horses with one word names.

Last year, this simple strategy won again with Fireburn winning the Slipper

In fact, ten of the last twelve winners have had one word names.

However, we try to be a bit more sophisticated here at Early Thoughts (not much, just a bit!) so I have dusted off my tried and tested system of picking the Golden Slipper winner.

Firstly, a Slipper contender must have equalled or bettered the following race times when coming first or second in a race:

1100m – 64.30 seconds

1200m – 70 seconds

Not surprisingly, last start performance is crucial. First check if the contender has run in the last 21 days. Ignore runners that were beaten by 4 lengths or more in a Group 1 or 3 lengths or more in a Group 2 at their last start.

Similarly, if the contender was beaten at Group 3 or Listed level at their last start ... put a line through them.

Stick with those runners that have finished 1st or 2nd in one of their last two starts.

Your selection has to have won a Group or Listed race at 1100m or more and won a race that had more than 10 starters – that always knocks a few out.

Qualifiers this year are Little Brose, Barber, Don Corleone, Red Resistance, Learning To Fly, Platinum Jubilee, Exploring and Lazzago.

Sticking with Learning To Fly who just continues to win. The Millennium performance was massive. Gun draw should provide a great run for your money.

Only problem is Learning To Fly has three words in its name. Clearly will have to take it with all the one word name runners in the exotics.

Q&A with Elia Hill

Elia Hill is a good friend of Early Thoughts and has just left Tennis Queensland after 14 years. We caught up with her before she hung up her tennis racquet



Tell us about your roles at Tennis Queensland?

I held many roles at Tennis Queensland – from Tennis Development Officer, Head of Government Relations, Head of Strategy to Acting CEO.

How many people are regularly playing tennis in Queensland?

We see more than 70,000 players register to play our game a year, but we have many more thousands play our game through unstructured play and flexible types of membership or they simply just book a court.

I understand there are some 1400 tennis courts in Queensland, where are you seeing the growth?

Everywhere in Queensland – we don't have enough coaches or courts to keep up with the demand!

How has Ash Barty's success impacted the sport?

Yes, unbelievably. She is a legend not only of tennis and for young girls in tennis, but also for her sportsmanship.

Do you have a favourite tennis player?

Steffi Graf

Do you have a good racing story?

Tough one..... I have lots of wonderful memories, but my best story would be my first race event in Hong Kong. I was living there as a tennis coach and attended one of the mid-week Happy Valley race meetings. Let's just say it was not a dress up affair as we have here in Queensland!



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Winners in Early Thoughts last week

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In Secret
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The Magician, Punters Pal, Super Man, Winno
Punters Pal
The Magician, 2-Bet Strategy
Punters Pal
Super Man
Winno
Single Selection

Weekend Selections

NRL Selections


- Dolphins v Knights under 40.5 points
- Dragons +11.5
- Bulldogs v Tigers under 41.5 points

Super Rugby

Massive upset last week with the Crusaders getting rolled by the Fijian Drua.

The Pye Man's Super Rugby Multi

- Hurricanes
- Chiefs
- Brumbies
- Reds



**What's on
This week**

Saturday 18 March
Broncos v Dragons
Kickoff 6.35pm

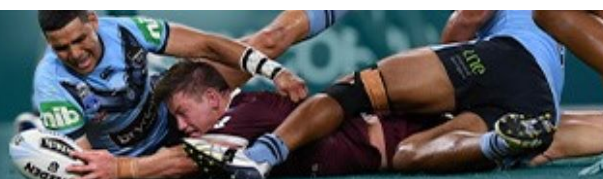
Sunday 19 March
Reds v Drua
Kickoff 3.00pm

AFL Selections

- North Melbourne v West Coast under 173.5 points
- Geelong
- Melbourne

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Rosehill

R2 High Emocean, Sir Lucan

R6 Gold Trip, Mo'unga

R8 Cylinder, Learning To Fly

The Valley

R6 In The Boat, Lady of Honour

R9 Amenable, Bank Maur

Doomben

R7 Mishani Royale, Trifling



Check the updated selections posted on the Early Thoughts website on Saturday morning

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

- Morph Pks R5 Plus Fours
- Doomben R6 Isotope
- Ascot R8 Baby Paris
- The Valley R3 Summerbeel
- Rosehill R7 Anamoe



Super Man's Place All Up

- Rosehill R2 Sir Lucan
- Rosehill R5 Dashing Legend
- Doomben R7 Trifling



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Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Race</u>	<u>Best Bet</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
	Golden Slipper Rosehill		
The Magician @earlythoughts	Learning To Fly	The Valley R9 Amenable Doomben R7 Mishani Royale	Rosehill R7 Golden Mile The Valley R6 Lady of Honour
Gerard Daffy The Patron Saint	King's Gambit	Gold Coast Double Titans and Suns	
The GM <i>Finding Feature Race winners is his life</i>	Cylinder	Doomben R2 Navajo Peak	Doomben R7 Rupert's House
Punters Pal <i>Racing's Radar</i>	King's Gambit	Ascot R8 Baby Paris	Rosehill R9 Eduardo
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Cylinder (Platinum Jubilee ew)	The Valley R3 Summerbeel	Rosehill R5 Dashing Legend
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	King's Gambit	The Valley R9 Amenable	Doomben R8 She'sgottheboom
Winno's Winners	Learning To Fly	Doomben R2 Navajo Peak R7 Rupert's House	Doomben R4 Eye Pea Oh R6 Willinga Beast
The Pye Man	Don Corleone	Rosehill R6 Mo'unga	Doomben R6 Majestic Shot
The Brazilian Beauty	Steel City	The Valley R7 Alligator Blood	Rosehill R2 Timour
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 6 Winners Winno 4 Winners The Magician Punters Pal 3 Winners The GM Super Man	<u>Best Bet</u> 7 Winners Winno The Magician Super Man 5 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 5 Winners The Magician 2 Winners The GM The Shadow Super Man Winno



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