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Inspire and Excite by The Magician

The NRL season is finally here and what a way to get everyone pumped by having Dave Donaghy, CEO of the Brisbane Broncos as the special guest at the first Early Thoughts Lunch for 2023.

If the insights Dave provided were anything to go by, the Broncos are in for a great season. Inspire and excite on and off the field was the key message from Dave.

There has been significant player turnover at the Broncos in the last couple of years and there is great confidence the squad are well-placed to do well.



The Broncos have +13.5 points against the Panthers in their opening game and after the pep talk from the CEO I think we are all on.

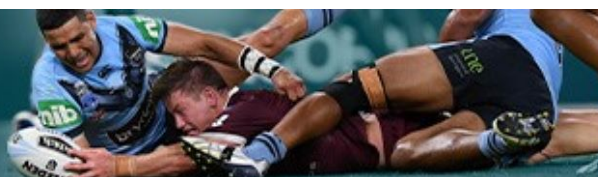
Many of the big names from the Early Thoughts Crew were in attendance with The Great Man, Mr Fivestar highlighting the huge events coming to Suncorp Stadium this year. He is so excited for the Women's World Cup and can't wait to get his tickets for France v Brazil. Corporate suite of course!!

Alan Graham, Suncorp Stadium and Denise Brown, Outback Queensland both highlighted the importance of local events and the need for corporate, community and the sporting sector to work collaboratively together to enhance the visitor experience. Graham Quirk and Ben Mannion agreed the racing industry has an important role to play in leveraging our major events.

Then there was Early Thoughts Number 1 commentator, Peter Psaltis who left the Early Thoughts lunch to attend the Wide World of Sports NRL launch. When you are at the top of your game it is just one function after another.

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Feature Race Previews

Australian Guineas

The Australian Guineas is a Group 1 set weights race for 3 year olds over 1600m at Flemington.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Hitotsu SP SP \$8	1 st Victoria Derby \$4
2021	Lunar Fox SP \$301	12 th CS Hayes Stakes \$151
2020	Alligator Blood SP \$2.40F	1 st CS Hayes Stakes \$1.80F
2019	Mystic Journey SP \$4F	1 st Thomas Lyons Stakes Hobart \$1.55F
2018	Grunt SP \$5.50F	1 st CS Hayes Stakes \$7
2017	Hey Doc SP \$3.40F	1 st CS Hayes Stakes \$3.70F
2016	Palentino SP \$10	2 nd CS Hayes Stakes \$3.25F
2015	Wandjina SP \$8	1 st CS Hayes Stakes \$7.50

The CS Hayes Stakes is the key form race.

In fact if you just backed the winner of the CS Hayes Stakes in the Australian Guineas in recent years you would be well in front. The winner of the CS Hayes this year was Elliptical.

Randwick Guineas

The Randwick Guineas is a Group 1 set weights race for 3 year olds over 1600m at Randwick.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Converge SP SP \$6.50	3 rd Hobartville \$7
2021	Lion's Roar SP \$26	5 th Hobartville \$21
2020	Shadow Hero SP \$6	5 th Hobartville \$14
2019	The Autumn Sun SP \$1.80	1 st Hobartville \$1.55
2018	Kementari SP \$2.35	1 st Hobartville \$3.20
2017	Inference SP \$9.50	5 th Hobartville \$6.50
2016	Le Romain SP \$4.60	1 st Southern Cross \$4.20
2015	Hallowed Crown SP \$2.90	1 st Hobartville \$5.50

The Hobartville is clearly the best form reference. Winners and, uniquely, those that run 5th in the Hobartville are the ones you want to be on.

This year Osipenko won the Hobartville and Aft Cabin ran 5th.

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Peter Psaltis From the Dressing Shed

Best for Round 1

Manly H2H v Bulldogs

Souths H2H v Sharks

Titans H2H v Tigers

2023 Predictions!

Well, here we go. Another season awaits.

Here are my predictions for the NRL in 2023.

Top 8

South Sydney

Penrith

Storm

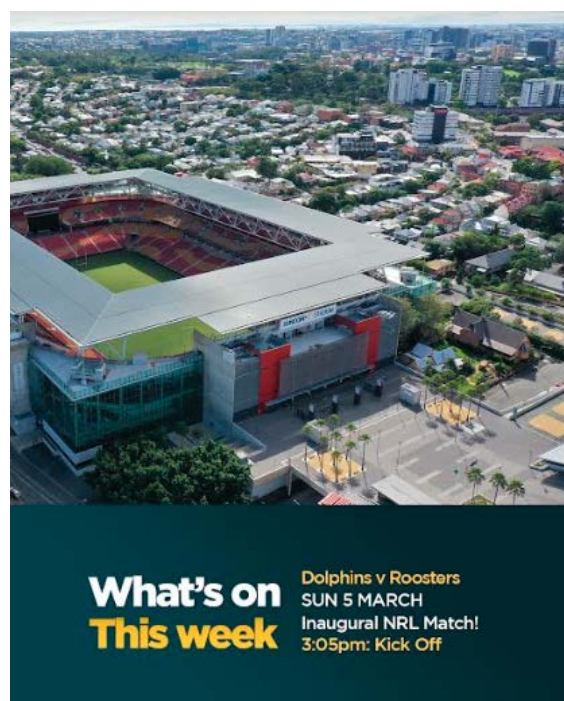
Cronulla

Roosters

Broncos

North Queensland

Eels



Premiers - South Sydney. To me there's no clear favourite. Nothing will surprise me this year. But Souths have a settled squad and haven't been far off the last couple of seasons.

Dally M - Latrell Mitchell

Biggest Improvers - Titans - they will be in the fight for the top 8 most of the season. If Kieran Foran stays fit then they could easily make the finals.

Rookie of the Year - Alofiana Khan-Pereira. He's a great finisher. Another player I want to mention is Keano Kini, another youngster on the Gold Coast who could be anything. He's been elevated to the top 30 at the club.

Dolphins - I think the newest team in the NRL will surprise many. I have them finishing around 10th. If they have a good run with injuries they will have a good inaugural season.

Enjoy the upcoming season. In my opinion it's going to be one of the closest comps we've ever seen. I really don't see a clear favourite.

Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Little Brose
Philonize
Alligator Blood
Anamoe
Corniche

Winno
The Magician, Super Man, Single Selections
The Shadow, 2-Bet Strategy
The Striker
2-Bet Strategy

Weekend Selections

Super Rugby – Last week 4/6

Week 2 selections:

- Crusaders
- Hurricanes
- Chiefs
- Waratahs
- Blues
- Reds

The Magician's Single Selections

Eagle Farm
R4 Mishani Royale

Murray Bridge
R4 Tacito

2-Bet Strategy

Randwick
R4 Torrens, Sacramento
R8 Aft Cabin, Osipenko

Murray Bridge
R5 Elite Icon, Treporti



Check the updated selections posted on the website on Saturday morning



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

- Flemington R8 Gentleman Roy
- Randwick R6 Giga Kick
- Eagle Farm R6 Namazu
- Murray Bridge R4 Tacito
- Ascot R4 Man Crush



Super Man's Place All Up

- Murray Bridge R2 Lacrima
- Randwick R7 Artorius
- Ascot R5 Ex Sport Man



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Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Race</u> Randwick Guineas Randwick	Australian Guineas Flemington	<u>Best Bet</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Aft Cabin	Elliptical	Eagle Farm R4 Mishani Royale Murray Bridge R4 Tacito	Flemington R8 Hezashocka
Gerard Daffy	Matcha Latte	Attrition		
The GM <i>Finding Feature Race winners is his life</i>	Aft Cabin	Jacquinet	Eagle Farm R6 Namazu	Randwick R10 Barossa Rosa
Punters Pal <i>Racing's Radar</i>		Jacquinet	Ascot R2 Prawns Eleven	Murray Bridge R7 Rich Gina
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>		Jacquinet	Eagle Farm R6 Namazu Ascot R4 Man Crush	Randwick R7 Artorius
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	Aft Cabin	Amenable	Randwick R10 Sky Command	Flemington R8 Hazashocka
The Shadow <i>Light in the Darkness</i>	Mazoice	Jacquinet	Dalby R4 Hard Landing (owner's tip)	Flemington R8 Pounding
Winno's Winners		Attrition	Eagle Farm R3 Tavi Time R9 Lovely Esteem	Eagle Farm R2 Jacenza R6 Mohican Heights
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 5 Winners Winno 3 Winners The Magician The GM 2 Winners Punters Pal Super Man		<u>Best Bet</u> 7 Winners Winno 6 Winners Super Man 4 Winners Punters Pal The Magician	<u>Value</u> 5 Winners The Magician 2 Winners The GM The Shadow 1 Winner Super Man Winno



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