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Derby Day

At this corresponding time last year I made the point that racing at Flemington always seems to throw up long priced winners. Well it happened again last Saturday at Flemington with Vongole winning at \$51. The 7 year old was beaten by 9.1 lengths at its last start and previously had only won up to BM 70 grade. It was a BM 90 grade last week, but stormed home to win from 11th at the 400m to win like a champion.

The carnival crosses the road this week to Eagle Farm and the running of the Queensland Derby, one of oldest feature races on the calendar. It was actually first run in 1868 in Gayndah.

Previous Derby winners include Tulloch, Kingston Town, Strawberry Road, Rough Habit and Freemason. A horse called Lawn Mower also won in 1921.

Shocking ran second in the Queensland Derby in 2009 before going on to win the Melbourne Cup later that year and I still remember being right in the middle of the bookies ring in 1997 when Yippyio beat Marble Halls.



Pinarello winning the 2022 Queensland Derby Credit: Darren Winningham

The Queensland Derby is a Group 1 race for 3yo over 2400m

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Pinarello SP \$6.50	1 st Pukekohe Group 2 SP \$2.80
2021	Kukeracha SP \$11	2 nd Rough Habit \$5.50
2020	Not run	
2019	Mr Quickie SP \$2.80F	3 rd SA Derby SP \$2.50F
2018	Dark Dream SP \$4.20F	3 rd Grand Prix SP \$1.75F
2017	Ruthven SP \$3.50F	2 nd SA Derby SP \$4
2016	Eagle Way SP \$7	2 nd Grand Prix SP \$15
2015	Magicool SP \$14	1 st Flemington Handicap SP \$9

Concentrate on those runners which finished in the placings last start. Kovalica ran a slashing race in the Doomben Cup and with McDonald on board will be hard to beat. Placegetters from the SA Derby can run well so worth including Promises Kept and Aberfeldie Boy in exotics.



Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Huetor	Gerard Daffy, Super Man, The Striker
Brigantine	The GM, Winno, Best Around Australia
Golden Boom	The GM, The Shadow
Sass Machine	Punters Pal
Fear The Wind	Punters Pal
Frumos	Winno
Vast Art	Single Selections
Silent Surrente	2-Bet Strategy
Let'sbefrankbaby	2-Bet Strategy
Foxy Frida	Best Around Australia
Rediener	Best Around Australia



State Of Origin

Game 1 of State of Origin heads to the Adelaide Oval. Queensland has a terrible record first up when the game is outside of Brisbane and Sydney. Most have forgotten that game played up at Townsville.

Normally the lock bet for Game 1 is the unders in the total. Not as confident this time as both backlines are stacked with try scoring options.

Queensland has picked a few players out of position and The Hammer's and Holmes' defence will certainly be tested by NSW.

Perhaps the better bets are the 1-12 Tri bet and Addo-Carr anytime tryscorer.

THE EARLY THOUGHTS STRATEGY

Single Selections
10 units per selection

Single Selections
Eagle Farm
R5 Yellow Brick
R7 Kovalica

Sandown
R1 Herecomesthestar
R6 Katsu

Belmont
R8 Bustler
R9 Rokanori

2-Bet Strategy

Eagle Farm
R3 Serpentine, Dune Forty Five

Belmont
R1 Hanchi, Ima Wild Girl

****no bets on heavy tracks**

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



Project Kai



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

Belmont R2 Supersession; R6 Catalpa
Doomben R5 Yellow Brick
Sandown R6 Katsu; R9 Gunstock
Randwick R6 Naval College
Murray Bridge R1 Getable; R6 Outback Action

Super Man's Place All Up

Murray Bridge R4 Eaglelou
Eagle Farm R6 Solidify
Belmont R7 Ihts Closing Inn



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Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Race</u> Qld Derby Eagle Farm	<u>Best Bet</u>	<u>Beat Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Kovalica	Eagle Farm R5 Yellow Brick R7 Kovalica	Sandown R1 Herecomesthestar
Gerard Daffy <i>The Patron Saint</i>	Kovalica	AFL Port Adelaide to beat Richmond	
Winno's Winners Tipping NSW by 4	Promises Kept	Eagle Farm R4 Luncies R5 Hawaii Five Oh	Eagle Farm R2 Sur La Mer R8 King of Sparta
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	Kovalica	Eagle Farm R5 Yellow Brick Belmont R2 Supersession	Randwick R6 Naval College Belmont R4 Mahaleo
Punters Pal	Kovalica	Eagle Farm R5 Yellow Brick Belmont R2 Supersession	Eagle Farm R6 Solidify Randwick R4 Plundering
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Fame	Eagle Farm R5 Yellow Brick Belmont R6 Catalpa	Eagle Farm R6 Solidify
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	Kovalica	Randwick R4 Plundering	Eagle Farm R8 King of Sparta
The Shadow	Kovalica	Eagle Farm R5 Yellow Brick	Eagle Farm R8 Vilana
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 10 Winners Winno 7 Winners Punters Pal The Magician The GM Super Man Gerard Daffy	<u>Best Bet</u> 14 Winners The Magician Winno 12 Winners Super Man 10 Winners The GM 9 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 5 Winners The Magician Winno 4 Winners Super Man 3 Winners The GM

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