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## Stradbroke Steer

As the years go by great punting stories often get embellished.

I am pretty sure I was tipped the winner of the 2003 Stradbroke in September 2002.

I was working with The Whisperer and her cousin was a trainer. He apparently had a horse that went ok.

Private Steer won its maiden on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2002 by 10.3 lengths at Kembla Grange.

John O'Shea was raised in Mareeba and every Queenslanders wants to win the State's biggest race – The Stradbroke.

Private Steer would go on to win the Reginald Allen and ran 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Group 1 Flight Stakes in that spring. By that stage The Whisperer had it a dead set certainty to win the Stradbroke.

A plan was hatched for the autumn of 2003

1<sup>st</sup> Randwick PJ Bell 1200m – Listed

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It was time to head to Brisbane.

2<sup>nd</sup> Doomben 10,000

By the time the Stradbroke rolled around it was a \$3.40 favourite.

The Stradbroke was a mighty field that year ... Falvelon had won the Doomben 10,000 (twice), the Hong Kong Sprint (twice) and placed in numerous Group 1's; Bel Esprit had won the Doomben 10,000, the Blue Diamond and placed in the Newmarket and TJ Smith; Crawl had won the 2001 Stradbroke and Scenic Peak had won the Emirates in Melbourne Cup week.

And then you had Private Steer winning a Maiden less than 12 months previously.

Ridden by Glen Boss, what is remarkable is that Private Steer got into the Stradbroke with 48kg. It won by 2.3 lengths. Private Steer would go on to win the Concorde, Apollo Stakes, the Doncaster and All Aged Stakes.

All up 20 starts for 12 wins and \$3.4 million in prize money, but it is that Stradbroke steer that I will always remember.

## The Stradbroke Handicap is a \$3m Group 1 race over 1400m at Eagle Farm.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Alligator Blood 55kg SP \$11	2 <sup>nd</sup> BRC Sprint \$18
2021	Tofane 54.5kg SP \$12	2 <sup>nd</sup> BRC Sprint \$10
2020	Tyzone 52.5kg SP \$14	5 <sup>th</sup> Victory Stakes, Eagle Farm \$16
2019	Trekking 54kg SP \$7F	3 <sup>rd</sup> Kingsford-Smith Cup, Eagle Farm \$5.50F
2018	Santa Ana Lane 55.5kg SP \$14	1 <sup>st</sup> Goodwood, Morph \$26
2017	Impending 52.5kg SP \$20	4 <sup>th</sup> Kingsford-Smith Cup, Eagle Farm \$14
2016	Under the Louvre 54.5kg SP \$11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Goodwood, Morph \$6.50
2015	Srikandi 53kg SP \$12	6 <sup>th</sup> Doomben 10,000 \$6F

The Stradbroke Handicap has been a horror for favourite punters in recent years. Runners between \$11 and \$20 have been the go.



## Winners in Early Thoughts last week

### Tipped by

Amokura	Gerard Daffy, Super Man
Grebeni	Super Man, Best Around Australia
Party For One	The GM, 2-Bet Strategy
Azula	The Magician, 2-Bet Strategy
King Magnus	The GM
Foxy Frida	The GM
Fear The Wind	Punters Pal, Super Man, Best Around Australia
Ultimate Command	Super Man
Al Aabir	Single Bet
GC Suns	Gerard Daffy
Munhamek	2-Bet Strategy
Prince of Boom	2-Bet Strategy



## NRL

Raiders

Dolphins +9.5

Broncos v Knights over 43.5 total points

Eels

## ARL

Western Bulldogs v Port Adelaide Tri Bet 1-39

Richmond +14.5

Carlton v Essendon Tri Bet 1-39

# THE EARLY THOUGHTS STRATEGY

**Single Selections**  
10 units per selection

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Eagle Farm  
R3 Antino  
R4 Al Aabir  
R7 Cifrado

**Randwick**  
R1 Ozzmosis  
R8 Conscript

**Belmont**  
R1 Hanchi  
R4 Supersession  
R7 Startrade

**2-Bet Strategy**  
Eagle Farm  
R8 Think About It, Hawaii Five Oh

**Randwick**  
R4 Iowna Merc, Plundering  
R10 Yoshino, Crafty Eagle

**Sandown**  
R9 Normandy Bridge, Daytona Bay\*

**\*\*no bets on heavy tracks**



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



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

Belmont R1 Hanchi; R8 Category Three  
Eagle Farm R2 Yellow Brick; R3 Antino  
Morph Parks R6 Another Ponzi  
Randwick R1 Ozzmosis; R4 Kibou  
Sandown R7 Golden Path

## Super Man's Place All Up

Belmont R3 I Love Your Smile  
Sandown R6 Mutamanni  
Morph Pks R8 Rialtor



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# Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Race</u> Stradbroke Hcp Eagle Farm	JJ Atkins	<u>Best Bet</u>	<u>Beat Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Hawaii Five Oh	Cifrado	Eagle Farm R3 Antino Sandown R9 Daytona Bay	Randwick R8 Conscript R10 Phearson
Gerard Daffy <i>The Patron Saint</i>	Converge	Miracle of Love	AFL Carlton to beat Essendon	
Winno's Winners	Converge	Make A Call	Eagle Farm R1 Queen of Dragons R9 Opal Ridge	Eagle Farm R5 Vespertine R6 Duais
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	Think About It	Azula		
Punters Pal	Think About It	Azula	Belmont R4 Supersession	Belmont R3 I Love Your Smile
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Think About It ew Ruthless Dame	Congregation	Eagle Farm R3 Antino Belmont R8 Category Three	Sandown R9 Cherry Tortoni Morph Pks R4 Jaguary
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	Aft Cabin	Azula ew Make A Call	Eagle Farm R6 Huetor	Eagle Farm R4 Selino
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 10 Winners Winno 9 Winners Gerard Daffy 8 Winners Punters Pal The Magician The GM Super Man		<u>Best Bet</u> 15 Winners Winno The Magician Super Man Super Man 12 Winners The GM 10 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 5 Winners The Magician Winno The GM Super Man

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