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Feature Race Previews

Winx Stakes

The Winx Stakes is a Group 1 race held under WFA conditions over 1400m at Randwick.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Anamoe \$2.50	First Up (9 th Queen Elizabeth)
2021	Mo'unga \$11	First Up (10 th Queen Elizabeth)
2020	Verry Elleegant \$7.50	First Up (2 nd Queen Elizabeth)
2019	Samadoubt SP \$31	First Up (5 th Sky High)
2018	Winx SP \$1.24	First Up (Won Queen Elizabeth)
2017	Winx SP \$1.10	First Up (Won Queen Elizabeth)
2016	Winx SP \$1.24	First Up. Won Doncaster
2015	Royal Descent SP \$5.50	First Up. 3 rd Queen Elizabeth.



Winx won this race three times. Tried and tested Group 1 stars win this race. Horses that ran in the Queen Elizabeth in the autumn can be a good guide. Horses out of this year's Queen Elizabeth are Mo'unga and Montefilia. Think It Over is resuming after winning the Queen Elizabeth in 2022! Mo'unga can be a bridesmaid, but does come to hand quickly and can give this a shake at odds.

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P.B. Lawrence Stakes

The PB Lawrence Stakes is a Group 2 race held under WFA conditions over 1400m at Caulfield.

Winners of this race include Tobin Bronze, Mahogany, and Apache Cat.

Last 6 winners and lead-up race.

2022	Mr Brightside \$4	First Up (1 st Doncaster \$20)
2021	Sierra Sue \$8	1 st Mildura Cup \$3.20
2020	Savatiano \$5	First Up. (6 th Sangster \$7.50)
2019	Mystic Journey \$2.15	First Up. (1 st All Star Mile \$3.60)
2018	Showtime \$6	5 th Missile Stakes \$10
2017	Hartnell \$2.80	First Up. SP (2 nd Queen Elizabeth \$18)

Based on recent history, winners of this race are likely to be first up at \$10 or less. Mr Brightside is the class horse here and deserved favourite to go back-to-back.

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Q&A with Racing Queensland CEO

This week in an Early Thoughts Exclusive we caught up with Racing Queensland CEO, Jason Scott.



You joined Racing Queensland during Carnival time. How has the last few months been?

Carnival time was the perfect time to commence as it allowed me the opportunity to meet many people in the one place and allow me a 360 degree of where all parts of the industry believed RQ was under performing. I have met a lot of amazing people. After being in the US for three years it has allowed me the opportunity to become reacquainted with many old friends, ex-colleagues, meet new people and even reminded me of why I never had time for certain people.

What is the greatest opportunity for racing in Queensland?

The greatest opportunity is taking advantage of the better climate, better time zone and the inherent love of racing in the bush that has provided so many champion horses, greyhounds, jockeys, drivers and trainers over the journey. We do have a skills shortage particularly in the equine codes, but we are uniquely placed to sort that out over the next few years.

Racing is so important to many Queensland communities? How is Racing Queensland supporting regional and country racing?

The fact that we have 124 race clubs in Queensland is the proof that RQ has been 100% committed to racing outside of SEQ. Non-TAB meetings are the life blood of many Queensland towns and we will continue to support with everything from prizemoney, infrastructure and of course keeping the tracks at a level that are very safe for participants.

Tell us a little about your background?

Born in Sydney, spent the first 10 years of my career investing people's superannuation. Had a midlife crisis earlier than most and removed myself from the finance world and went to work for the biggest punting syndicate in the world where I spent eight years. I moved to Queensland in 2004.

I left there in 2012 when we had about 350 staff and were betting on average thirty meetings a day globally. I moved to a start-up called bookmaker.com.au (a couple of Early Thoughts regulars were investors) that was sold to Ladbrokes UK within 18 months. I continued on as Trading Director until I was appointed CEO in 2017. Late 2019 Entain asked me to move to the USA to help establish their US business and my next role was at RQ.

Which football team do you support?

Hawthorn, Arizona Cardinals, Aspley Hornets, Redcliffe in that order.

Do you have a favourite racing memory?

I am not a huge fan of Moonee Valley as a racetrack, but my two favourite racing memories were of the Cox Plate. "Kingston Town can't win" still raises the hair on the back of my neck.

I was fortunate enough to present the connections of Winx with their third and fourth Cox Plate which was a huge thrill.

Are you a straight out, each way or an exotic punter?

Never each way! I am partial to backing two, sometimes more in a race. The only exotics I play are quadrellas.

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Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Tiz Invincible
See You In Heaven
Vodka Martini
Duchess of Gossip
Phanta
Jewel Bay

Gerard Daffy, The GM
2-Bet Strategy
Best Around Australia, Punters Pal
Punters Pal, Best Around Australia
Super Man, Best Around Australia
Best Around Australia



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Early Thoughts Crew Selections



NRL

- Dolphins +8.5
- Titans v Panthers under 44.5 points
- Bulldogs +9.5

AFL

- Brisbane
- GWS
- Adelaide v Sydney Tri Bet 24.5

Single Bet Strategy

Randwick R10 Time To Boogie



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

Randwick R7 Parisal; R10 Time to Boogie
Caulfield R6 Detonator Jack; R10 Berkeley Square
Doomben R3 Acres Away; R6 Bubba's Bay
Belmont R1 Ginnivan; R5 Starry Heights
Morph Pks R5 Run Like Hell; R9 Headphones

Super Man's Place All Up

Doomben R1 Miss Tambo
Randwick R8 Fangirl
Caulfield R6 Detonator Jack





Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Races</u> Winx Stakes Randwick	PB Lawrence Caulfield	<u>Best Bets</u>	<u>Beat Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Mo'unga	Mr Brightside	Randwick R10 Time To Boogie Belmont R1 Ginnivan	Doomben R6 Bubba's Bay Randwick R8 Mo'unga
Winno's Winners	Hinged	Tuvalu	Doomben R6 Bubba's Bay R7 All That Pizzazz	Doomben R3 Datinka R9 Our Magnus
The GM Loves the Punt	Fangirl	Mr Brightside	Doomben R3 Acres Away Randwick R7 Parisal	Doomben R4 Heleva Deel Caulfield R10 Berkeley Square
Punters Pal	Zaaki	Mr Brightside	Belmont R9 Red Fifty Three Caulfield R3 Va Via	Caulfield R6 Thunder Beauty Belmont R3 Red Dwarf
Super Man Beating the market	Fangirl	Mr Brightside	Morph Pks R5 Run Like Hell Belmont R5 Starry Heights	Randwick R9 Zardozi Caulfield R6 Detonator Jack
The Striker Always kicking goals	Golden Mile	Tuvalu		
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 14 Winners Winno 12 Winners Super Man The GM 11 Winners The Magician Gerard Daffy		<u>Best Bet</u> 22 Winners The Magician Super Man 20 Winners The GM Winno 16 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 8 Winners The GM Super Man 5 Winners The Magician Winno



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