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## Wallabies Dished up in France

There have been plenty of World Cups and World Championships already held in 2023 and from this weekend it is Rugby's time in the spotlight.

The Wallabies come into the World Cup being held in France with possibly the most unassuming preparation in history. In fact their last test win was in Scotland on 30<sup>th</sup> October last year when they won by a point.

But the canny Eddie Jones is known for creating low expectations and over achieving. Eddie Jones was part of the Springboks set up when they won in 2007 and has taken both Australia and England to the World Cup final.

The Wallabies have won the World Cup twice, been runners-up twice and three times have been knocked out in the quarter-final stage including at the last World Cup in 2019.

The Wallabies are in a pool with Wales, Fiji, Georgia and Portugal. The first game this weekend is against Georgia. CrossBet has Georgia at \$501 to win the tournament so the Aussies should have them covered ... you would think! The Wallabies have also never lost to Fiji (who beat England last weekend) or Georgia at a World Cup.

Wales is a different story. The Wallabies have played the plucky Welsh seven times at World Cups for five wins and two losses. In fact, Wales beat the Wallabies during the pool games in 2019. Depending on results the Wallabies could even play England in a quarter. However, we don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves and just take one game at a time

Who knows ... if the Wallabies come fourth they may even get a statue.

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# Spring Punting Memories

Thanks for all the wonderful feedback about our new series "Spring Punting Memories". Everyone likes a good punting story!

This week, one of Early Thoughts' finest, David 'The Big Fish' Salmon has chimed in with an absolute cracker.

Do you have a Spring Racing Punting Story to share? Send it to [info@earlythoughts.com.au](mailto:info@earlythoughts.com.au)

## **Manikato Stakes, 2018**

*Being lucky enough to be part of the crew watching Winx win her record-breaking fourth Cox Plate is something I'll cherish forever, however an unlikely event at Moonee Valley the night before definitely qualifies as a 'different' Spring memory.*



*The great Peter Tighe was invited by the club to a special dinner at the track on Manikato Stakes night. However, Pete's wife Patty had a conflicting event, and was a late scratching.*

*After asking several hundred friends if they were available to fill the vacant seat, he was finally forced to settle on the one bloke always available for a flash dinner.*

*However, Pete wasn't aware that the club had also organised an invite for one of Winx's greatest fans ... Gina Rinehart. And the expectation had been that she would be able to sit next to Patty.*

*We were already seated and enjoying a chilled champagne, when Australia's richest person took her seat. Next to me.*

*There was mild panic from the minders, who began talking into their sleeves ordering security checks for the man with the entrée stain on his coat jacket.*

*Gina (by then we were on first name basis) was unfussed by the confusion, and was delightfully pleasant. So much so, that I thought I should include her in the table quaddie we were organising (a tradition close to the heart of all Early Thoughts supporters).*

*I also gently reminded her that it was cash-only, and that I hoped she'd be good for the fifty.*

*That was too much for the now sweating minders, who gave me an icy glare, and ushered Ms Rinehart to a safer table.*

*Pete was very understanding, as always. Although I'm not sure we ever told Patty.*

*We never got that fifty, and the quaddie lost anyway, so I was happy to let the matter rest. And it was all forgotten 24 hours later, when we celebrated the true star of Moonee Valley's biggest day.*

# Feature Race - Memsie Stakes

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

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Snapdancer SP \$7.50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tatts Tiara
2021	Behemoth SP\$3.20	1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Stakes
2020	Behemoth SP \$3.80	1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Stakes
2019	Scales of Justice SP \$3.70	2 <sup>nd</sup> Spring Stakes.
2018	Humidor SP \$21	8 <sup>th</sup> PB Lawrence.
2017	Vega Magic SP \$2.25F	1 <sup>st</sup> Regal Roller Stakes.
2016	Black Heart Bart \$2.00F	First Up from coming 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Stradbroke.
2015	Boban \$5.50F	First Up from coming 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Stradbroke.

The Memsie is a target race for high class horses. Mr Brightside, I Wish I Win and Alligator Blood are clearly the top three raters in the race. Will tip I Wish I Win. Luke Nolan has ridden I Wish I Win six times for three wins and two other placings and is in for a massive spring.



## Winners in Early Thoughts last week

### Tipped by

Vodka Martini  
Marquess  
Wineglass Bay  
Red Fifty Three  
Howgoodareyou  
Inhibitions  
Insulation  
AFL Best St Kilda +26.5

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

# Early Thoughts Crew Selections



## NRL

- Cowboys +10.5
- Knights
- Sharks



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

Randwick R3 Dancing Alone; R9 Olentia  
Caulfield R2 Rheinberg; R8 Asfoora  
Eagle Farm R5 Miss Coota; R7 All That Pizzazz  
Morph R1 Huggle Time; R3 He's Our Bonneval  
Belmont R4 Villeins; R6 Starry Heights

## Super Man's Place All Up

Eagle Farm R4 Chernak  
Randwick R5 Military Mission  
Randwick R10 Time To Boogie





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	<u>Feature Races</u> Memsie Stakes Caulfield	<u>Best Bets</u>	<u>Beat Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	I Wish I Win	Randwick R9 Pericles Caulfield R3 Beour Bay	Caulfield R5 Legacies R7 Papillon Club
Gerard Daffy <i>The Patron Saint</i>	Mr Brightside	NRL Warriors +4.5	
Wino's Winners	I Wish I Win	Eagle Farm R2 Kir Royale R3 Heleva Deel R9 Our Magnus	Eagle Farm R5 Minto's D'oro R7 Mass Destruction
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	Mr Brightside	Eagle Farm R5 Miss Coota Randwick R9 Olentia	Eagle Farm R7 All That Pizazz Randwick R4 Logan Street Lion
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Mr Brightside	Eagle Farm R5 Miss Coota Belmont R6 Starry Heights	Randwick R10 Time To Boogie Randwick R6 Zardozi
Punters Pal	Alligator Blood	Belmont R4 Villeins R6 Starry Heights	Caulfield R5 Legacies R8 Sigh
The Striker <i>Always kicking goals</i>	Mr Brightside	Caulfield R10 Kalino	Caulfield R5 Make A Call
The Shadow <i>The Garden City's Finest</i>	Alligator Blood	Caulfield R7 Benedetta	Caulfield R6 Makram
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 14 Winners Wino Super Man The GM 12 Winners The Magician 11 Winners Gerard Daffy Punters Pal	<u>Best Bet</u> 24 Winners Super Man 23 Winners The GM 22 Winners The Magician 20 Winners Wino 19 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 8 Winners The GM Super Man 5 Winners The Magician Wino





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