



14 September 2023

## Makybe Diva Stakes

The Makybe Diva Stakes is a Group 1 race held at WFA conditions over 1600m at Flemington.

It was previously known as the Craiglee Stakes.



Past winners include Comic Court, Light Fingers, Tobin Bronze, Family of Man, Dulcify, Jeune, Sky Heights, Northerly, Shocking and Fawkner.

Fun fact though is that even though the race is now named after Makybe Diva, she actually never won or even ran in the race. In the lead up to the 2003 Melbourne Cup, Makybe Diva came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Turnbull and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Caulfield Cup

In 2004, Makybe Diva went 4<sup>th</sup> in the Memsie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feehan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Turnbull and won the Caulfield Cup before winning the Melbourne Cup.

Finally, in 2005, her campaign went 1<sup>st</sup> Memsie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feehan, 1<sup>st</sup> Turnbull, 1<sup>st</sup> Cox Plate and then, of course, a third win the Melbourne Cup.

Recent winners and lead-up race for the Makybe Diva Stakes.

2023	I'm Thunderstruck SP \$2.60	2 <sup>nd</sup> Memsie
2021	Incentivise SP \$3.90	First run after a let up and training change to Moody
2020	Fierce Impact SP \$4	First up
2019	Gatting SP \$101	5 <sup>th</sup> Listed race at Belmont
2018	Grunt SP \$12	8 <sup>th</sup> Memsie
2017	Humidor SP \$17	8 <sup>th</sup> Memsie
2016	Palentino SP \$9	5 <sup>th</sup> Memsie
2015	Fawkner SP \$4.75	First up

Typical Flemington Group 1 where recent winners have ranged from \$2.60 to \$101. Consider those top class horses which are first up and or those which can quickly improve second up. Will go with Alligator Blood who has an exceptional record at Flemington.

# Spring Punting Memories

As the Makybe Diva Stakes is the Feature Race this week, The GM has provided a spring punting memory about the great mare's third Melbourne Cup win.

## Melbourne Cup, 2005

*One of my greatest memories was going to Melbourne in 2005 for the Melbourne Cup.*

*I was super confident that Makybe Diva was going to make it three in a row, and I saw odds around \$4.20 with Bookies before the race.*

*I had \$170 left and put \$50 on her to win, keeping \$120 spare because I had promised myself I was going to box 6 horses for the trifecta for \$120.*

*I was under pressure and threw all form out the window and asked the other five people I was with to give me a number each. They picked 4,7,8,10,16.*

*I added 1 and quickly boxed it. Boom! Not only did she win her third Melbourne Cup in a row, but 1,16,8 was the trifecta paying \$4951.70.*

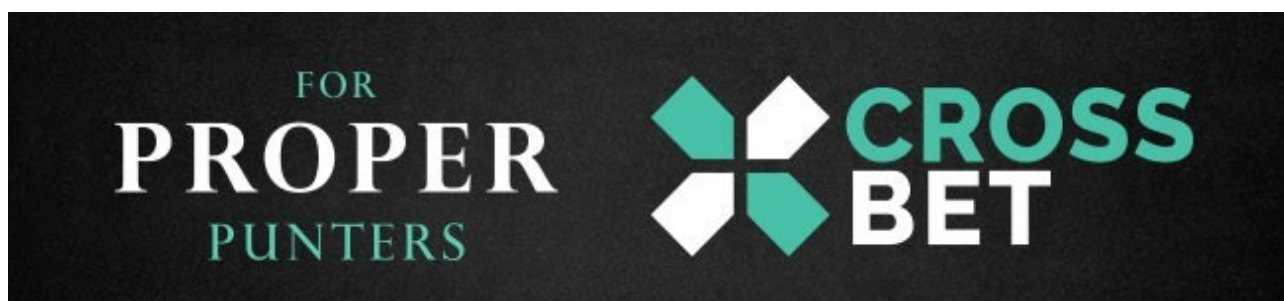
*Needless to say I shouted everyone that evening and we had just the best Melbourne Cup day.*

## Winners in Early Thoughts last week

### Tipped by

Pinstriped  
Cylinder  
Sisu Warrior  
Situation Room  
Tidal Creek  
Nikau Spur  
Deep Respect  
AFL: GWS -5.5

Winno  
The GM, Punters Pal, Best Around Australia  
Super Man, Punters Pal  
Winno  
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Best Around Australia  
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Gerard Daffy



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# Early Thoughts Crew Selections



## NRL

- Roosters +10.5
- Knights

## AFL

- Demons -6.5
- Port Adelaide



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

Flemington R2 Shaiyhar; R4 King's Gambit  
Randwick R7 Fangirl; R10 Kibou  
Eagle Farm R2 Chernak; R8 Hard to Say  
Morph R2 Episodic; R7 Bulls on Parade  
Belmont R3 Villeins; R11 Magnificent Andy

## Super Man's Place All Up

Randwick R4 Gringotts  
Belmont R6 Brave Venture  
Eagle Farm R7 Borrelli



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# Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Races</u> Makybe Diva Stakes Flemington	<u>Best Bets</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Alligator Blood	Flemington R5 Legacies Randwick R8 In Secret	Flemington R9 Najem Suhail Randwick R6 Tropical Squall
Gerard Daffy <i>The Patron Saint</i>	Mr Brightside	AFL GSW to beat Port Adelaide	
Winno's Winners	Mr Brightside	Eagle Farm R5 Holstein R9 Star of Chaos	Eagle Farm R3 Very Intoxicating R7 Venturer
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	Mr Brightside	Eagle Farm R2 Chernack R9 Viminele	Flemington R1 Cause for Concen Randwick R2 Derry Grove
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Mr Brightside	Belmont R11 Magnificent Andy Eagle Farm R8 Hard to Say	Eagle Farm R7 Borrelli Flemington R8 Wrote to Arataki
Punters Pal <i>Received a Highly Commended at the Carnival of Flowers</i>	Princess Grace	Flemington R8 Amelia's Jewel Randwick R8 In Secret	Flemington R2 Interpretation R4 Kandinsky Abstract
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 15 Winners The GM Super Man Winno 12 Winners The Magician Gerard Daffy 11 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Best Bet</u> 26 Winners Super Man 24 Winners The GM 23 Winners The Magician Winno 22 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 8 Winners The GM Super Man 6 Winners Winno 5 Winners The Magician



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