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## Spring Punting Memories

We all know that in life sometimes you just need to take an educated punt, even if you don't have all the answers. This is my memory of the 2015 Cox Plate.

### **2015 Cox Plate**

So there I was minding my own business at my desk when The GM comes over.

“Someone has just pulled out and I have flights, accommodation and marquee tickets to the Cox Plate, but I need to know now if you can come.”



Without a moment's hesitation I said 'Yes!'

When I got home later that evening I told my wife what was going on and copped the annoying questions.

“Who are you going with?”      Answer “Don't know?”

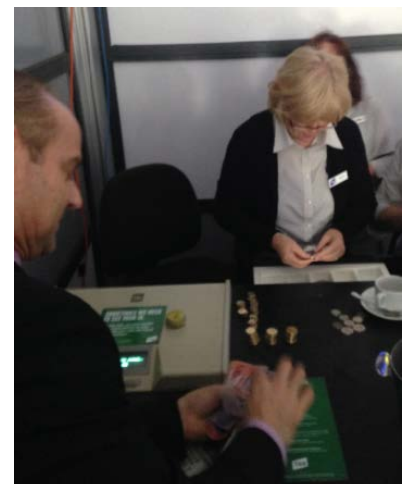
“Who is paying?”                      Answer “Don't know?”

With the inquisition out of the way I headed to Brisbane Airport the following day. There are those times in life where you have to pinch yourself to make sure you are not dreaming.

What happened over that weekend is still slightly a blur, but from what I can remember it was pretty spectacular with my new found friends from all over Australia and a wonderful host where nothing was too much trouble.

Highlights included:

- Dinner at a Chinese restaurant at Crown on the Friday night (Hugh Jackman just happened to be on the next table);
- Accommodation.... hmmm ... think penthouse suite;
- Filling a champagne bucket with change from winning group bets and then cashing in after the last;
- Leaving The Valley and jumping straight into a limo at the gates;
- The GM going all in at the roulette table in the early hours on Sunday and spinning up a massive collect.



**Oh ... and Winx won the Cox Plate!**

## Feature Races - Golden Rose Preview

The Golden Rose is a Group 1 Set Weights race for 3 years old at Rosehill. It has been a Group 1 race since 2009.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Jacquinot \$6.50	1 <sup>st</sup> McNeil \$5.50
2021	In The Congo \$7.50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Run to the Rose
2020	Ole Kirk SP \$7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Run to the Rose
2019	Bivouac SP \$2.50F	1 <sup>st</sup> Run to the Rose
2018	The Autumn Sun \$4.40	3 <sup>rd</sup> Stan Fox Stakes
2017	Trapeze Artist SP \$41	4 <sup>th</sup> Stan Fox Stakes
2016	Astern SP \$3.20	1 <sup>st</sup> Run to the Rose
2015	Exosphere SP \$3.10	1 <sup>st</sup> Run to the Rose

The Run to the Rose has been the key form reference in recent years. Horses that ran well in Brisbane during the carnival can run well in the Golden Rose. King Colorado won the JJ Atkins as a \$41 to \$14 firmer. Not disgraced first up running in the Group 1 Winx Stakes.

## Underwood Stakes

The Underwood Stakes is Group 1 WFA race over 1800m at Caulfield

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Alligator Blood \$8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Makybe Diva \$5
2021	Zaaki \$1.18	1 <sup>st</sup> Tramway \$2.30
2020	Russian Camelot \$1.55	2 <sup>nd</sup> Makybe Diva \$4.60
2019	Black Heart Bart \$101	11 <sup>th</sup> Rupert Clarke \$51
2018	Homesman \$5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feehan \$15

Black Heart Bart at \$101 was a bit of an anomaly, but normally stick to those priced at the top of the market who finished first or second at their most recent start. Alligator Blood is following the winning form pattern finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Makybe Diva last week.



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# Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Mr Brightside  
Hard To Say  
Magnificent Andy  
Kibou  
Derry Grove  
Amelia's Jewel  
GWS

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



Congratulations to Steve O'Dea and Matt Hoysted winners of the 2023 Wayne Wilson Medal awarded at the Queensland Division of the Australian Trainers Awards held at the Brisbane Airport Conference Centre.

Photo Credit: Winno



All eyes on Brisbane this Saturday with Broncos v Warriors at Early Thoughts Partner - Suncorp Stadium and Lions v Blues at the Gabba.

## Football Picks

- Panthers 1-12
- Broncos

### AFL

- Collingwood v GSW under 167+5 pts
- Lions v Blues Tri either team 24 or less



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

Caulfield R2 First Immortal; R6 Amenable  
Rosehill R6 Espiona; R9 Chorlton Lane  
Toowoomba R1 Steady Ready; R6 Planned Encounter  
Morph Pks R4 Whatsanamegeorge; R6 Chicago Storm  
Belmont R3 Big Player; R9 Red Fifty Three



# Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Races</u> Golden Rose Rosehill	<u>Underwood Stakes</u> Caulfield	<u>Best Bets</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	King Colorado	Alligator Blood	Caulfield R7 Steparty Rosehill R7 Waterford	Morph Pks R9 Governor Rosehill R8 King Colorado
Winno's Winners	Cylinder	Tuvalu	Toowoomba R2 Mishani Fire R4 Kir Royale	Toowoomba R3 Motomiss R9 Jimmy's Dream
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	Militarize	Tuvalu	Caulfield R6 Amenable Rosehill R9 Chorlton Lane	Rosehill R7 Cepheus R8 Miltarize
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Cylinder	Without a Fight	Caulfield R2 First Immortal Rosehill R6 Espiona	Rosehill R10 Tristate Caulfield R6 Corner Pocket
Punters Pal	Cylinder	Alligator Blood	Toowoomba R1 Steady Ready Belmont R9 Red Fifty Three	Caulfield R10 Viviane Belmont R4 Mystery Moment
The Striker <i>Always on the Ball</i>	Militarize	Soulcombe		
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 16 Winners The GM Super Man Winno 13 Winners Gerard Daffy 12 Winners The Magician 11 Winners Punters Pal		<u>Best Bet</u> 27 Winners Super Man 24 Winners The GM 23 Winners The Magician Winno Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 9 Winners The GM 8 Winners Super Man 6 Winners Winno 5 Winners The Magician

## Super Man's Place All Up

Caulfield R7 Veight  
 Rosehill R5 Verona  
 Toowoomba R6 Planned Encount



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