



28 September 2023

The Big Dance

Well we have come to that one day in September for the AFL and 1st October big one for the NRL.

And if you haven't heard it is the first time that the two Brisbane teams ... the Broncos and Lions.. have contested a Grand Final in the same year.

While both teams have respectively made Suncorp Stadium and The Gabba a stronghold this year they will have to break out the suitcases for the first time in more than a month. Yes, both of these teams are off to the airport and there will be plenty of excitement as they battle out on who gets the window seat.

There is no sugar coating it, the MCG has been a horror ground for the Lions. In fact, they have only won one match from their last 15 at the venue.

The good news though is that the Lions have won their last six against the Magpies so perhaps it doesn't matter where they play.

For the Broncos, who have hardly left Queensland all year, they have won 16 of their 34 games at Accor.

However, against Penrith the Broncos have only beaten them once in the last six matches.



So get the jobs done early, stock the fridge and go hard with the snacks as this will be a weekend to remember.

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Epsom Handicap Preview

The Epsom Handicap is a \$1.5 million Group 1 over 1600m at Randwick.

Recent winners and lead-up race.

2022	Ellsberg 56kg SP \$16	3 rd Shannon 1500m
	Top Ranked 56.5kg SP \$4.60	1 st Bill Ritchie 1400m
2021	Private Eye 52.5kg SP \$11	4 th Bill Ritchie 1400m
2020	Probabeel 52.5kg SP \$6.50	1 st Bill Ritchie 1400m
2019	Kolding 50.5kg SP \$5.50F	5 th Tramway Stakes 1400m
2018	Hartnell 57kg SP \$20	4 th Dato' Tan Chin Nam Stakes 1600m
2017	Happy Clapper 57kg SP \$2.40	2 nd Colgate Optic White Stakes 1600m
2016	Hauraki 57kg SP \$6.50	2 nd Colgate Optic White Stakes 1600m
2015	Winx 57kg SP \$3.10	1 st Theo Marks Stakes 1300m

Worth noting Chris Waller has won the Epsom four times in the last ten years. Horses at the top of the market have a good record in recent years. Hope In Your Heart is a class horse with a great record track and trip. Will get back and need the whole Randwick straight to come over the top.

Melbourne Cup Day



Mates Cave

Join us in the famous ET Mates Cave!!
Tuesday, 7th November 2023
11.30am – 5.00pm
Brisbane Airport Conference Centre
\$140 per person
Includes a sensational 5 ½ hour food and beverage package
Hosted by The Magician with cameo appearances from the Brazilian Beauty, The Crusher and Mr. Fivestar.
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The GM, The Striker
The Magician, Punters Pal
Super Man, Best Around Australia
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Grand Final Picks

AFL Grand Final
Tri Bet either team 24 or less

NRL Grand Final - Broncos



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

Randwick R3 Scampi; R7 Think About It
Eagle Farm R5 Naval Trader; R6 Kokonotsu
Morningson R1 Pride of Sullivan; R5 Aravene
Morph Pks R2 Episodic; R6 Sixteen Reasons
Belmont R3 Ripcord; R4 Pleasure Cruise

Super Man's Place All Up

Randwick R5 Café Millenium
Eagle Farm R3 Instagood
Randwick R8 Kovalica

Super Value
Randwick R9 Ho Ho Khan
Randwick R10 Knight's Choice



Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Races</u> Epsom Randwick	<u>Best Bets</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Hope in Your Heart	Eagle Farm R7 Beast Mode R9 Zarastro	The Valley (Fri) R8 Shesallshenanigans R3 Sky Horse
Gerard Daffy <i>The Patron Saint</i>	Olentia	AFL Brisbane Lions	
Winno's Winners	Olentia	Eagle Farm R3 Addriel R5 Naval Trader R8 Shibli	Eagle Farm R4 Maurice's Medad R7 Flaming Conquest
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	The Inevitable From 8 and 10	Randwick R5 Tom Kitten R7 Think About It	Eagle Farm R7 Immoral Randwick R10 Recommendation
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Kovalica	Randwick R7 Think About It Belmont R3 Ripcord	Randwick R5 Café Millenium Eagle Farm R3 Instagood
Punters Pal	Pounding	Morph Pks R4 Surprise Coming Randwick R7 Think About It	Randwick R6 Kimochi Belmont R8 Rokanori
The Striker <i>Always on the Ball</i>	The Inevitable	Mornington R7 Born A King R8 Lady Di Di	Randwick R4 Political Debate
The Shadow	Kovalica	Randwick R9 Just Fine	Randwick R3 Bodyguard
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 17 Winners The GM 16 Winners Super Man Winno 13 Winners Gerard Daffy The Magician 12 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Best Bet</u> 29 Winners Super Man 24 Winners The GM The Magician 23 Winners Winno Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 11 Winners The GM 9 Winners Super Man 6 Winners Winno 5 Winners The Magician



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