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Festival Time in Brisbane

September is Festival Time in Brisbane. I note one show during Brisbane Festival, The Party, is targeted at “all social climbers, rich kids, gate crashers and hangers-on” Pretty much sums up the Early Thoughts Crew!!

No doubt **The Pye Man** will be back by popular demand. What he did on stage a couple of years ago with a candle and a table tennis ball even had **The Brazilian Beauty** blushing. I know for a fact the cabaret act of **Gerard Daffy** and **Peter Psaltis** can only be described as ‘raunchy, but classy’.

It is also odds on **The Great Man, Mr Fivestar** will star at the after party and have all the ladies yelling for more when he struts down the bar to the cheers of the crowd.

September also means football finals and the Brisbane teams, the Broncos and Lions both have clear pathways to making the Grand Final. The Broncos enter week one of the finals having to play their nemesis the Melbourne Storm.

To me it is a must win game as if they lose they will most likely have to beat the Panthers just to make it to the Grand Final. The Warriors at \$12 to win the Grand Final look to be a sneaky back to lay proposition, particular with a guaranteed final at home.

In the AFL, it looks a three-way go between Brisbane, Collingwood and Melbourne. It won't be easy though for the Lions who are making a habit of losing in the prelim. A massive game for the Lions this weekend who will want a good win against the Power.

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Spring Punting Memories

It seems our recent tale regarding Taufan's Melody has led to a wave of fond memories. Super Man was quick to chime in with another punting story from this race.

Caulfield Cup, 1998

I was at the Cooly Hotel on a Punter's Club breakup on Caulfield Cup day 1998.

There I was with a group of mates putting together trifectas/first fours and looking for value runners - a casual punter Cameron yells out Taufan's Melody @ 80-1!

International runner, vet inspection prior, no lead-up form or prizemoney qualification ... we all rolled our eyes.

Anyway we thought best to keep him happy and threw it into the exotics. Barriers crash back and it jumps to the front, controls the speed, 400m around the Caulfield bend is hassled by 100-1 shot Lisa's Game (who was also in our exotics for one of the guy's wife's name).

100m from the post still thereabouts (both of them) with favourite Tie the Knot closing fast plus many others, and lots of interference and horses getting hustled everywhere.

Past the post there's disbelief and a WTF moment between our Punter's Club Group that we have the trifecta + first-4. Must be a protest!

20mins later the hearing/protests are dismissed - ALL places stand. The roar from our table was thunderous.

Let's just say it was a very happy table that kicked-on until the wee hours of Sunday morning!

Friends, sport, laughter and beverages cannot be beaten.



Feature Race - Feehan Stakes

The Feehan Stakes is a Group 2 race held under WFA conditions over 1600m at The Valley.

Last 6 winners and lead-up race.

2022	Mr Brightside \$1.65	1 st PB Lawrence \$4
2021	Superstorm \$6	4 th PB Lawrence \$8
2020	Humidor SP \$19	First up
2019	Homesman SP \$5	First up for 46 weeks after running 2 nd in Caulfield Cup in 2018
2018	Magic Consol SP \$19	1 st Winter Championship Stakes.
2017	Bonneval SP \$5 Fav	First Up. 1 st ATC Oaks
2016	Awesome Rock SP \$31	10 th PB Lawrence
2015	The Cleaner SP \$5.50	2 nd PB Lawrence

Form references have been all over the place in recent years. Can be a tricky race to assess that can throw up a long shot. Play carefully. Going with Pounding coming off a good first up effort in the PB Lawrence. Good record this track and distance and can win second up.

Winners in Early Thoughts last week

Tipped by

Mr Brightside
Starry Heights
Pericles
Benedetta
Kir Royale
Heleva Deel
Minto's D'oro
Rheinberg
Asfoora

The GM, Super Man, The Striker, Gerard Daffy
Super Man, Punters Pal, Best Around Australia
The Magician
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Early Thoughts Crew Selections



NRL

- Broncos v Storm Tri bet either team 8.5
- Raiders +12.5

AFL

- Carlton 1-24
- Lions -14.5



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

The Valley R3 Magnaspin; R10 Hennessy Lad
Rosehill R2 Take The Kitty; R8 Cylinder
Doomben R2 Nikau Spur; R6 Deep Respect
Morph R2 Alpine Flyer; R4 The Nephew
Belmont R3 Sisu Warrior; R8 Costazita

Super Man's Place All Up

The Valley R4 Savannah Cloud
The Valley R6 Right To Party
Rosehill R5 Marquess





Early Thoughts Crew Selections

	<u>Feature Races</u> Feehan Stakes The Valley	Theo Marks Stakes Rosehill	<u>Best Bets</u>	<u>Best Value</u>
The Magician @earlythoughts	Pounding	Nugget	Belmont R4 Auspicious Rosehill R6 Zapateo	Doomben R9 Orbisyn The Valley R6 Inhibitions
Gerard Daffy <i>The Patron Saint</i>	Francesco Guardi	Nugget	AFL GWS -5.5	
Winno's Winners	Pinstriped	Waterford	Doomben R7 Tidal Creek R8 Immoral R9 Situation Room	Doomben R3 Ancient Egypt R5 Mobstar
The GM <i>Loves the Punt</i>	Tuvalu	Madame Pommery	Rosehill R2 Take The Kitty R8 Cylinder	Doomben R3 Dark Harmony R9 Orbisyn
Super Man <i>Beating the market</i>	Globe	The Inevitable	Belmont R3 Sisu Warrior R8 Costazita	The Valley R6 Right To Party R8 Rothfire
Punters Pal	Attrition	Kovalica	Rosehill R8 Cylinder Belmont R3 Sisu Warrior	The Valley R6 Inhibitions Rosehill R10 Airman
The Shadow <i>Available for selfies during Carnival of Flowers</i>	Globe	Argentia	Rosehill R4 Gracilistyla	The Valley R8 Rothfire
2023 Tipping Leaders	<u>Feature Race</u> 15 Winners The GM Super Man 14 Winners Winno 12 Winners The Magician Gerard Daffy 11 Winners Punters Pal		<u>Best Bet</u> 25 Winners Super Man 23 Winners The GM The Magician 21 Winners Winno 20 Winners Punters Pal	<u>Value</u> 8 Winners The GM Super Man 6 Winners Winno 5 Winners The Magician



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