

SHARK BITES WITH SHARSE

Start of season 2022 - Infoware Footy Tipping newsletter

Welcome to all our regular tipsters and a special welcome to the new tipsters for 2022. With 63 tipsters competing this year it will be a healthy prize for the winner(s).

What an unusual, distracting, and distressing off-season we have had. If we ever needed the footy season to restart, this is the year. Just when we thought we had this COVID thing covered after last year's comp, in comes a new variant Omnicom before Christmas to continue to disrupt our lives. All the daily news was Covid Covid Covid! A variance to the variant was Djokovic who was in then out of Aussie Open because he did not have the jab so got sent home. Then aged care facilities both for workers and patients seem to share the headlines. And now we are unwilling onlookers in the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Throw in the passing of Rob Marsh and Shane Warne as a further disruption to many people's thoughts.

Lady Sharse, Baby Sharse (not to be confused with tipster Baby Shark) and I got Covid and were out of play for all of January. It drained the energy and left a 'brain fog' for most of the time. Anyone who tells you it is no worse than the bad flu is kidding. Then when it could not get any worse, there was severe flooding in SE Qld and Northern Rivers and further along the coast The 1 in 100-year flood event – after the 1 in a 50-year flood a few years before. Shaetyhar and Unicorn are temporarily homeless as 4 feet of water passed through their home in Casino – having lived there for 40+ years and never looked like flooding before. To show how the human mind thinks of the important stuff when under stress – Shaetyhar's first question was 'how will I get my tips on now"!! So yes, we all need the distraction of the 2022 NRL footie season.

It is already onto round three and it is great to see most clubs in the bottom 8 last season dishing up some solid performances and wins this early this year. Especially good to see wooden spooners from the last two years have been more than competitive. The seven players added to the DOGS are a certainly much stronger outfit, similarly, the Broncos have found some starch in defence. The Sea Eagles and the Tigers are off to a slow start, but two rounds mean nothing in the big picture.



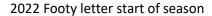
With the Sharks, it could be a big season. Rarely do they win any more than one game in the first four – last time they won two of the first four, they won the grand final. But that is what we all hope for at the beginning of each season wanting our side to do well.

Our Jackpot has already been won by **VALLEYS** with a stand-alone 7 correct tips in round 1. The first rounds are always hard, and the Titans were a very close second, so close to 8/8 and that extra precious point Valleys.

The standings are a bit congested below – as the gateway is sometimes.

Tipster Standings					
As at Round No: 2 🕶					
Pos Tipster	Points Avg	%	2	1	Paid-U
1 DVANHO	13 6.50	81.25%	7	6	Υ
VALLEYS	13 6.50	81.25%	6	* 7	Y
3 CHANGA	12 6.00	75.00%	7	5	Υ
DAVEWK	12 6.00	75.00%	6	6	Υ
LEZARB		75.00%	•	_	Y
TIME	12 6.00	75.00%	7	5	Y
7 ANT584		68.75%	_		Υ
BULLDOGS	11 5.50	68.75%	6	5	Υ
BUNNIES	11 5.50	68.75%	6	5	Υ
CARTER88	11 5.50	68.75%	6	5	Y
DAVID C	11 5.50	68.75%	5	6	Υ
INKY	11 5.50	68.75%	6	5	Υ
POORMAN	11 5.50	68.75%	7	4	Y
SKIBUM	11 5.50	68.75%	6	5	Y
WEEKS	11 5.50	68.75%	6	5	Y
16 ACADEMY	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Υ
ANGELS	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Υ
DENO	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Y
GREG J	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Υ
HOMETEAMS	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	N
LALA	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Υ
MALEN	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Y
RAY	10 5.00	62.50%	7	3	Y
ROBERTJP	10 5.00	62.50%	7	3	Υ
SUZIEQ	10 5.00	62.50%	5	5	Υ
TURTLE	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Υ
WEBB27	10 5.00	62.50%	6	4	Υ

A reminder to newbies that there is a \$10 weekly jackpot up for grabs if you are the highest-scoring tipster on your own (you do NOT have to get them all correct). The jackpot win is denoted by and "" next to your points.





Following is commentary from Whisky – who sadly is at home with Covid – but still able to get the tips in and watch the games.

Congratulations to the **BRONCOS!!**. I hope all you long-suffering supporters and Kevy have a good year. I hear Kevy has put his son, Billy on the bench this week. Quiet moments at the dinner table in the Walters household I expect.

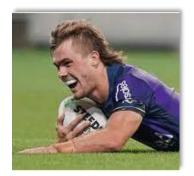


Most teams were struck down with injuries in the first round with Melbourne Storm copping the worst of it with Brandon Smith out for a few weeks and skipper Christian Welch and George Jennings out with season-ending injuries. Bellamy has his job cut out for him this season with many team changes. I look forward to many box tantrums and perhaps some more flying sandwiches. How he doesn't pop an artery is beyond me!!

Sport is sport and I'd like to congratulate Aussie *Cameron Smith* (Number 2) for winning the Players Championship in Florida to collect a cool \$5 mill. In his speech, he refers to the **MIGHTY MAROONS** spirit when coming from behind as his inspiration, to which all of the American listeners were none the wiser.

More to the point, the first prize for his mullet, which many NRL player's envy.









2022 New rule changes



Penalties will be awarded instead of set restarts (six again) for ruck or 10m infringements inside the 40m zone of the team in possession. This will provide an additional deterrence to defending teams who are willing to concede set restarts to gain a tactical advantage. It will also provide more opportunities for teams receiving the penalty to attack from a better field position.



Team List Announcements – To complement the addition of the 18th player rule introduced last season, team announcements on Tuesday will proportionately increase from 21 to 22 players.



Free Interchange – A free interchange will only be granted in instances of foul play where the offending player is sin-binned or sent off. A free interchange will no longer apply when players are placed on report.



Injury Stoppages – Except for head injuries, only a referee, touch judge or The Bunker will be permitted to stop play for an injury. Trainers will retain the ability to stop play where a head injury has occurred. Medical trainers will continue to have unlimited access to the field at any time to treat an injured player.

A big 'well done is sent to the ground managers at Suncorp Stadium. 2 weeks after the flood and the Broncos played on Friday night; Reds on Saturday night – not one negative comment in either game – it was pitch-perfect. Not sure how they do it. [Unicorn says they should get the Suncorp guys to move up the road to Eagle Farm to improve the horse racing track surface after 5 years of failing].





Best of tipping luck and health to everyone

Until next time - around State of Origin time.

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As usual a plethora of bits and pieces following from the off season that have nothing to do with Footy.

Contribution's welcome.







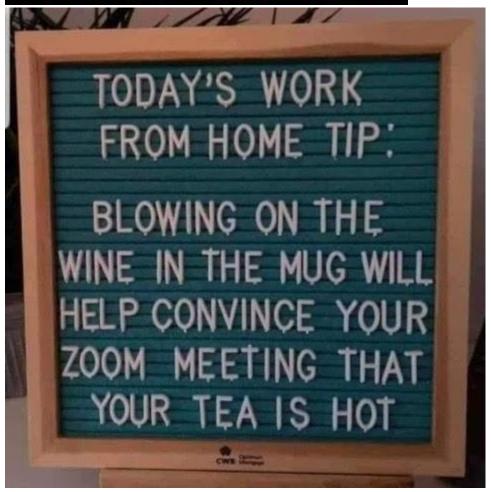


My doctor told me to cut my alcohol consumption. This way, I can honestly tell him I tried.





Whoever snuck the s in "fast food" was a clever little bastard.



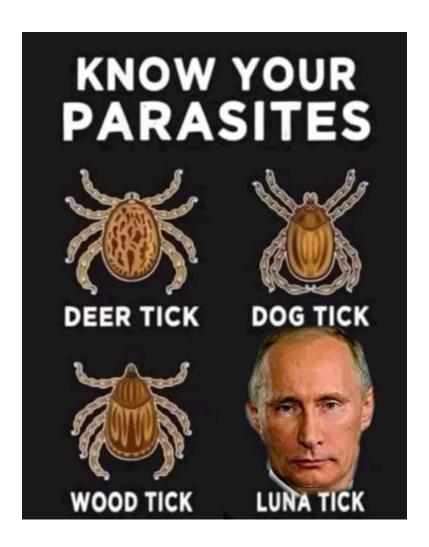




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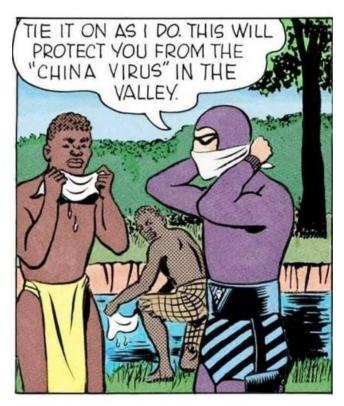








2022 Footy letter start of season See, the Phantom knew...

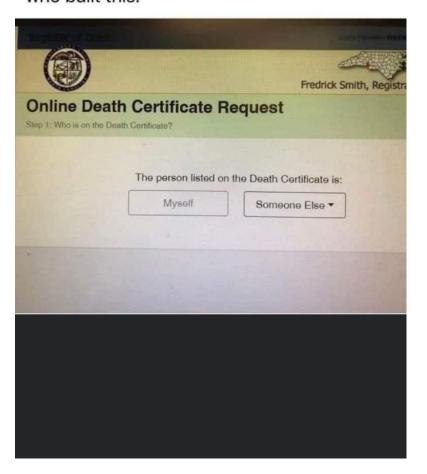


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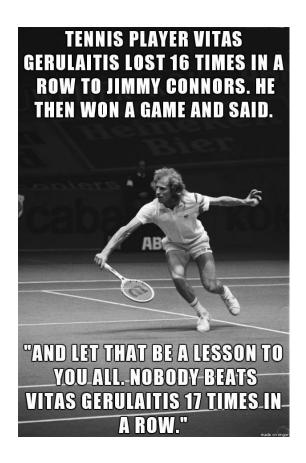
If you ever think you're not great at tech or web design, customer journey mapping, etc, you're probably still better than the person who built this.





















When you hear a girl he never met got £12,000,000 but you only got 3 for your divorce settlement

Royal mint release a new #PrinceAndrew commemorative 50 pence piece





Have you ever noticed that a woman's "be ready in 5 minutes" and a man's "be home in 5 minutes" are exactly the same?

The Theory of Intelligence

I don't think I've ever heard the concept explained any better than this .



'Well you see, Norm, it's like this . . . A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo; and when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.'