

# SHARK BITES WITH SHARSE

## Season 2023- Round 3 and running - Infoware Footy Tipping newsletter

Welcome to all our regular tipsters and a special welcome to the new tipsters for 2023. Some have decided to go incognito and rebrand to a new tipster name – I hope that works for you.

Already 3 rounds are gone and who would have thought before the season started that the only sides to win 3 out of 3 so far are the broncos and the newborn Dolphins.

#### Who would have thought? TIME – that's who!!

**Time** has flown the lids to already be 3 points in front – picking Broncos/Dolphins in all 3 rounds plus a bonus point for getting them all correct in round 1. Some may **say time is really flying** given almost 3 months of the year has already gone. A high bar has been set for the rest of us to follow.

Following is Alfie (when does he ever get off as being the highest paid nrl water boy to put in his infoware tips?) and suzieQ (a consistently well-performed tipster) on 16.

On 15 is I think the most life-experienced tipster in our comp. I am not allowed to divulge a lady's age, but I am reliably told it is between 90 and 100. Maybe next year we will add an age spread to the table to see if there is any peak age performance. 90-100 is in the front in that criteria atm.

But a swallow does not make a summer (ask any beer drinker that!). There is a long, long way to go yet. The great thing is there are unexpected teams at the top of the comp rather than 'the usuals' and only 2 sides to yet win a game – but Eels and Tigers supporters just must think they are one game closer to their first win.



Pos	Tipster	<b>Points</b>
1	TIME	19
2	ALFIE	16
	SUZIEQ	16
4	HOMETEAMS	15
	VALLEYS	15
6	ANT584	14
	ASH66	14
	DVANHO	14
	LILLY	14
	TOFTY	14
	TURTLE	14





This 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 an '\*' next to your points.

Sadly, for the TIME she collected in week 1- deserved more for the tips to get round 1 correct on her own.





#### 2023 New rule changes

The NRL will limit the use of the bunker, In the 2023 season while making it easier for the team to trigger the 18th-man substitute due to failed HIAs.

The ARL Commission on Thursday announced that, while it had decided not to introduce any new rules for this season, it had formalised tweaks to the interpretation of a number of current laws

They include changes to the bunker, grounding the football, concussion protocols, captain's challenges, and off-side roles of the scrum.

The changes, which the NRL said were "designed to enhance the existing laws and interpretations which have led to a further, more free-flowing, and unpredictable game, come after a review of last season and consultation with the RIPA and clubs.

"These changes will improve three elements of the game-player safety, the game presentation for fans and off-side compliance," NRL football boss Graham Annerley said.

Of most interest is the bunker, which has come under criticism in recent seasons. The new interpretation is **Grounding the ball:** Tries will now be awarded if the ball rotates from the hand to the wrist or forearms provided there is so obvious separation between the ball and the hand or arm.

**18**<sup>th</sup>-player rule: The number of failed head injury assessments will be reduced from three to two triggering the activation of the 18<sup>th</sup> player.

**Bunker intervention:** The bunker may only intervene in acts of foul play that it deems to be reportable. The change will ensure fewer needless stoppages.

**Captain's Challenge:** A challenge may be initiated after the referee blows his whistle to stop play, rather than only after a decision resulting in a structured restart. Decisions that cannot be challenged will continue to include forward passes, roll balls, discretionary penalties including 10m offside, ruck infringement relating to the play-the-ball speed, tackled into touch after held call and dissent. A challenge can be made following the final play in each half provided the referee has not already called half or full-time.

**Offside at scrums:** A full penalty will be awarded (rather than a set restart), for offside scrum infringements by the defensive team anywhere on the field. The non-infringing team will retain the option of repacking the scrum or taking the awarded penalty.

**The 10m rule:** Active defenders must have both feet in line and behind the referee when setting the 10m defensive line. Referees will have the option of awarding a full penalty for multiple 10m breaches without requiring the mandatory use of the sin bin. Referees can still use the sin bin if they consider breaches to be deliberate.

**Completed tackles:** Referees will issue a single call of "held/release" when a tackle is complete, rather than the separation calls of "held" and "release", *The change will address* unnecessary slowing of the play-the-ball and improve game continuity.



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Best of tipping luck and health to everyone

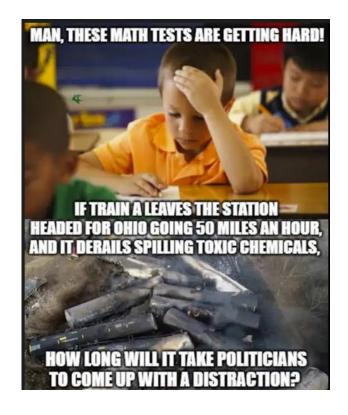
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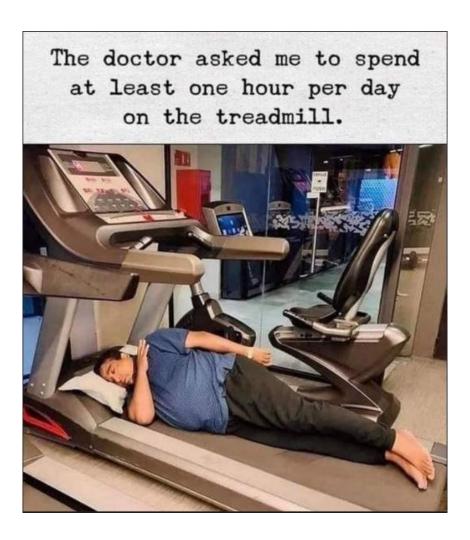
Some jokes to lighten your day in this serious world

I tried to re-marry my ex-wife.
But she figured out I was only after my money.



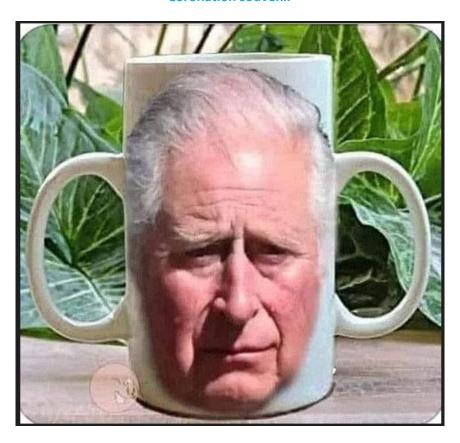


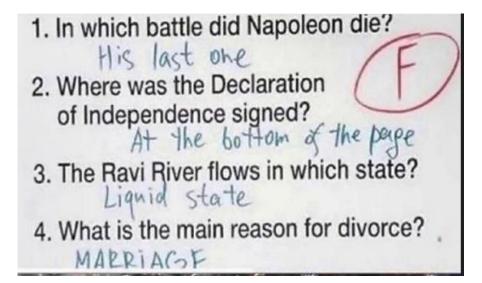






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### My thoughts exactly







