



SHARK BITES WITH SHARSE

Before we get into the serious stuff and see how the run down looks like in infoware's footie tipping comp; let's review "the past week that was in NRL".

Not just because the sharks are running second; this year's final series throws more questions than answers. Panthers deserve to be favourites, but they are not unbeatable.



What is it about prime ministers and their favourite footy side. First Scomo and the Sharks, now Albo pops up and outs himself as a devout Rabbitohs supporter. So devoted that last week Damian Cook was outed late Friday with Covid and stood down for the 7 day isolation. Albo was not having that. He got a national cabinet meeting together and reduced covid to 5 day isolation period except for workers in high risk settings with vulnerable people; so Cook could play this week. Cook said playing hooker against the roosters was a high risk setting and all Rooster players are vulnerable people so opted for another night on the couch – despite Albo's efforts,

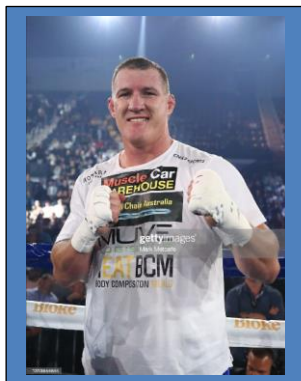


Selwyn Cobbo asks to stand down for 1 game due to fatigue. For those who refuse to watch Broncs or QLD SOO winning games; Cobbo is a TEENAGER in his debut season who plays with electric energy in every game he has played except for SOO 3 where he was knocked out cold in the opening minutes. Whether mental or physical fatigue or a bit of both it **is between player and coach (and if extended period club). End of story. No one else's business.**

But the experts and past greats erupted in saying how soft the players are these days. (Got to be kidding). Fatty Vautin, the mouth from the south could not believe it '**He's a winger - they just fall over the line to score tries then go back and comb their hair**'. **He is so wrong on 2 counts:**

First upwardly mobile wingers use hair brushes these days not combs.

Second Paul Green was buried this week after sadly losing his life by suicide. While all the experts and past greats were genuinely shocked and reflective at Paul's passing, do they not see there is a strange contradiction in their attitude towards Selwyn Cobbo wanting time off as fatigued? Shame on them.



State of Origin : There has been major momentum shifts since SOO. Rabbitohs and Roosters have gone from hot/cold and at times mediocre form before the State of Origin – now both sides (6th & 7th) are genuine contenders. Broncos, Sea Eagles (maybe more their own enforced pride round) and to a lesser extent the previously finals invincible Storm have been spinning on flat tyres since the SOO. Strange effects on some teams the SOO -for some it is fuel; others it is poison,

Unless you are 3 games in front on the last round then it is ok to rest ALL players and run on your B grade side. That is ok, no ridicule (the comments seem to be they deserve the week off) and no one is saying Penrith players are soft – only Broncos wingers (I think my point is made)? With the collisions and some arbitrary rules of the officialdom they have made the ‘safe’ decision in resting all the players. Most weeks in each club someone is now ‘severely’ concussed and has to sit out some time; another can be injured and with the number of boofheads in the Panthers another could be suspended so that would be 3 down for next week. So, no side if has the minor premiership (read home ground advantage week 1 of finals all wrapped up) would take unnecessary risks to have maybe 3 players missing. For panther supporters’ sake, hopefully they are not doing some low risk bonding such as horse riding (and they fall off)!

Allianz stadium: Last round but first game at the new Allianz stadium in Sydney’s East. By all reports it is an impressive venue. Hard to keep everyone happy though. Media types say the size is wrong with capacity of 40,000. According to them Roosters have generally small home crowds (< 10,000) so the ground will be like a ghost town, mainly empty without atmosphere during the long season comp. But it is not big enough for State of Origins. [An avenged Rooster supporter texted in quickly and said the reason they have small home crowds is they are all staying home and saving their money for grand final tickets!! Good comeback even if not true.](#)

Could not let “the week that was” go without some sort of direct reference to the Sharks. Past enforcer Paul Gallen is retiring from the pugil sport after 15 Sep (until he needs more dosh or is bored);but the last showdown is 2 fights on the one night – against Hodges and Hannant. He is blowing up saying he will walk away as does not know the format (number of rounds; break in between or one after another). The rumours going around include that to give the other 2 blokes a chance he will either have to fight blind folded or have 1 arm tied behind his back – or maybe they both fight him at once is a game of tag team wrestling – but no one wants to tell him yet.



Broncos

9		Broncos	23	28	13
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What difference one win makes. Round 19 broncos running 4th with a winning culture and all were praising Kevvie. 5 games (4 losses) later including 2 large floggings the last 2 games and it seems the general opinion is they 'could/should have' made the final 8 and this would be a big improvement over the last 2 seasons. One win out of eight and the dogs are baying again.

Infoware's Footy Tipping – DVANHO hard to catch??

Well played DVANHO catching then overtaking DAVEWK in the last few rounds. With one round to go it's going to be hard (but certainly not impossible) to catch the standing leader being 3 points in front. A bit tough for DAVEWK sitting up top for 17 rounds but 'c'est la vie baby'. The competition is far from over though with round 25 bringing:

1st playing 3rd
 4th playing 5th
 6th playing 7th
 9th playing 10th
 11th playing 12th
 14th playing 15th

Some games have even odds so it will be an interesting finish. And of course, don't forget the wild card – a **draw** tip - worth 15 points. There has not been 1 draw this season so good luck with that.

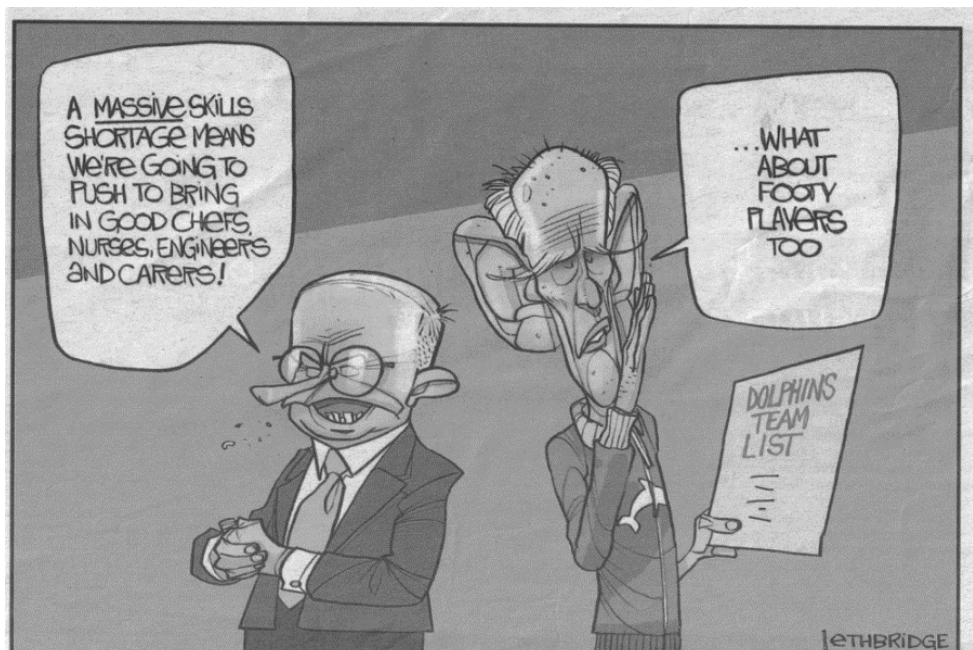
Tipster Standings

As at Round No:

Pos	Tipster	Points	Avg %	24	23	22	Paid-Up
1	DVANHO	140	5.83 75.00%	7	7	5	Y
2	DAVEWK	137	5.71 73.91%	6	6	5	Y
	WEBB27	137	5.71 73.91% *	9	7	5	Y
4	CHANGA	134	5.58 72.28%	7	7	6	Y
	SKIBUM	134	5.58 72.28%	6	7	6	Y



GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE





- JACKPOT UPDATE -


Awarded to the stand-alone tipster who scores the most points in a round.

Congratulations to the below tipsters who have achieved this.

JACKPOTS:		
Tipster	Round	Prize
VALLEYS	1	\$10
BARCYMAGIC	8	\$70
SANDCRAB	19	\$110
WESTTIGERS	20	\$10
TIME	22	\$20
WEBB27	24	\$20

Well done WEBB27 for the jackpot and 8 from 8 tips last week. SANDCRAB, round 19 was good to you.

Top 8

Pos	Team	Played	Points
1	 Panthers	23	42
2 ▲	 Sharks	23	36
3 ▼	 Cowboys	23	34
4	 Storm	23	32
5	 Eels	23	32
6	 Roosters	23	30
7	 Rabbitohs	23	30
8 ▲	 Raiders	23	28



Whiskeys Corner

The Panthers have again cemented the top spot and the 'Sharkies', who would have thought!! 😏 . Great pickup with Nicho Hynes.

It's become an exciting finish with teams jumping in and out of the 8 with late form from some and the opposite from others – which brings me to my next paragraph.

The Broncos!! WTF, as my daughter would say.

They were playing great footy and looking very promising for a top 4 spot, now need to beat St George on Saturday and still may not make the top 8!! And the now famous *Kevvie spray* after last week's 6:53 loss to the Eels hitting the headlines following reported complaints from 2 of the Bronco players. I wonder if those 2 players will be mysteriously missing from the line up this week?? Mixed reactions from past and present players with some saying that this form of coaching is 'old fashioned' but most saying 'suck it up'. Things could be worse guys with Cooper Cronk quoting below – even the sandwich lady isn't safe in Melbourne!!

"I was with Craig Bellamy for years and even if you just missed a tackle you'd cop a bake and it was fair and reasonable," he said.



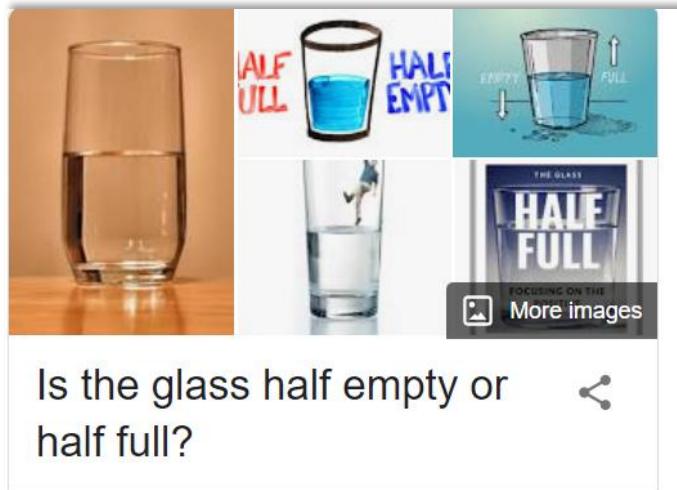
The Cowboys

Great to see you doing so well guys sitting in 3rd spot. Good luck beating the Panthers this week with Nathan Cleary completing his final weeks punishment. Slightly concerning to see that you have struggled to beat most of the top sides.

The Titans

No comment again!!





Is the glass half empty or half full?

The Sharks have had a “glass half full season” while the Dogs have had a “glass half empty” season. Each side has played each other once plus 8 more games. Sharks had the best ‘rub of the green’. Their 8 extra games only included one other top 8 side – Storm – and that was during a SOO period. Spare a thought for the dogs – 7 out of 8 extra games were against top 8 sides so definitely got the rough end of the draw.

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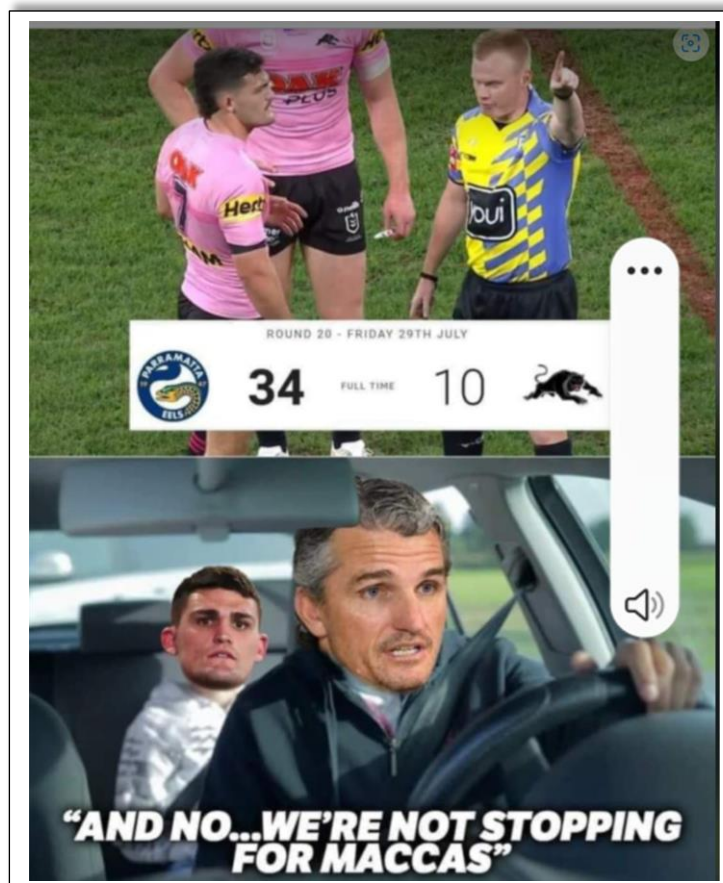
Team: Cronulla Sharks Year: 2022

Rnd	At	Played	Result	Score	Margin	Pos
24	Home	Canterbury Bulldogs	WON	16 - 0	16	2
23	Away	Manly Sea Eagles	WON	40 - 6	34	3
22	Away	Wests Tigers	WON	36 - 12	24	3
21	Home	StGeorge-Illawarra Dragons	WON	24 - 18	6	3
20	Home	Souths Rabbitohs	WON	21 - 20	1	3
19	Away	Penrith Panthers	LOST	10 - 20	10	3
18	Away	North Qld Cowboys	WON	26 - 12	14	3
17	Home	Melbourne Storm	WON	28 - 6	22	4
16	Away	Canterbury Bulldogs	WON	18 - 6	12	4
15	Home	Gold Coast Titans	WON	18 - 10	8	4
14	Away	NZ Warriors	WON	38 - 16	22	5
13		BYE				7
12	Home	Sydney Roosters	LOST	16 - 36	20	7
11	Away	Gold Coast Titans	WON	25 - 18	7	4
10	Home	Canberra Raiders	LOST	10 - 30	20	5
9	Home	NZ Warriors	WON	29 - 10	19	4
8	Away	Brisbane Broncos	LOST	7 - 16	9	4
7	Home	Manly Sea Eagles	WON	34 - 22	12	4
6	Away	Melbourne Storm	LOST	18 - 34	16	3
5	Home	Wests Tigers	WON	30 - 4	26	2
4	Home	Newcastle Knights	WON	18 - 0	18	4
3	Away	StGeorge-Illawarra Dragons	WON	36 - 12	24	3
2	Home	Parramatta Eels	WON	18 - 16	2	10



What is the significance in the number of snips following? 1 snip for each game the sharks won. I got 'mouse fatigue' to find that many snips!

Round 2 Defeated Eels





Round 3 Defeated Dragons



Round 4 Defeated Knights





Round 5 Defeated Tigers

When you tell a joke so funny,
HR wants to hear it.

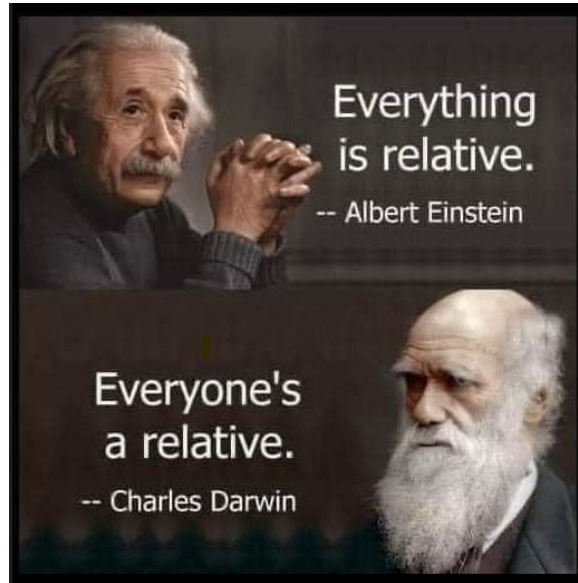


Round 7 Defeated Sea Eagles

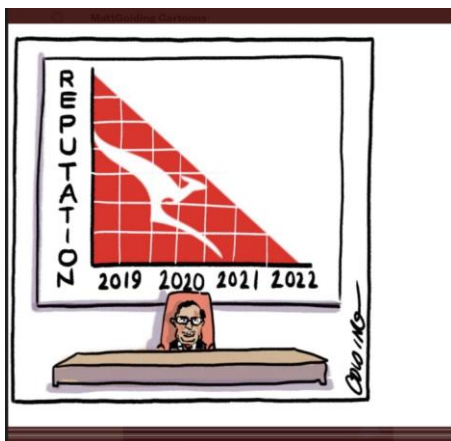
**How to write “I changed a lightbulb” on your resume:
“Single-handedly managed the successful upgrade and deployment of a new environmental illumination system with zero cost overruns and no safety incidents.”**



Round 9 Defeated Warriors



Round 11 Defeated Titans

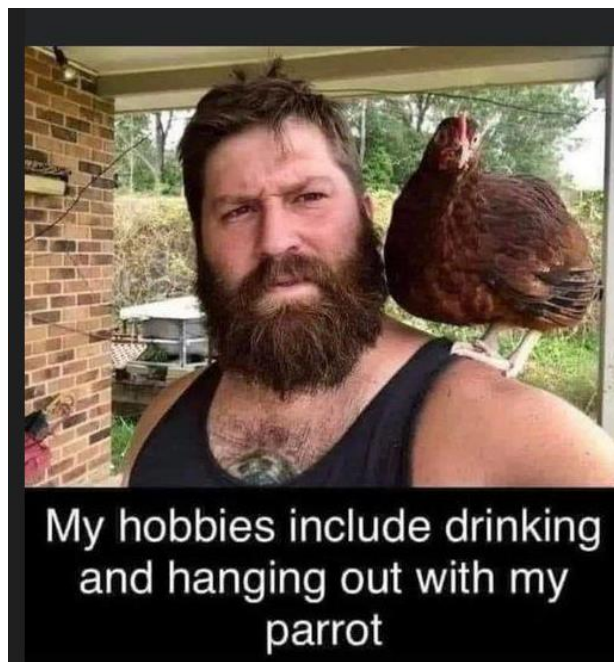




Round 14 Defeated Warriors



Round 15 Defeated Titans





Round 16 Defeated Bulldogs

finally found the square root!





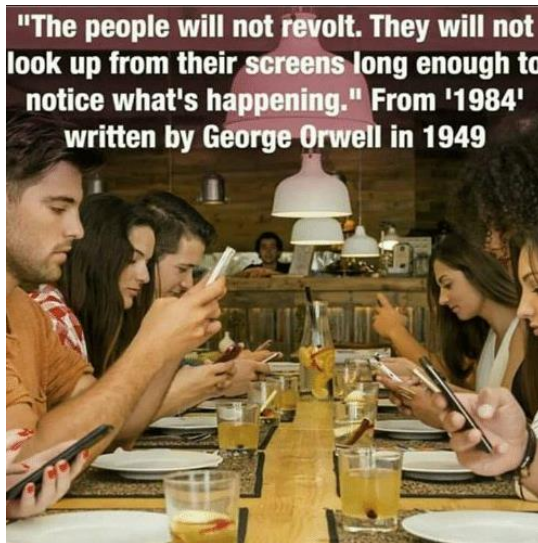
Round 17 Defeated Storm

Everything in this picture is now in your pocket.



Round 18 Defeated Cowboys

"The people will not revolt. They will not look up from their screens long enough to notice what's happening." From '1984' written by George Orwell in 1949

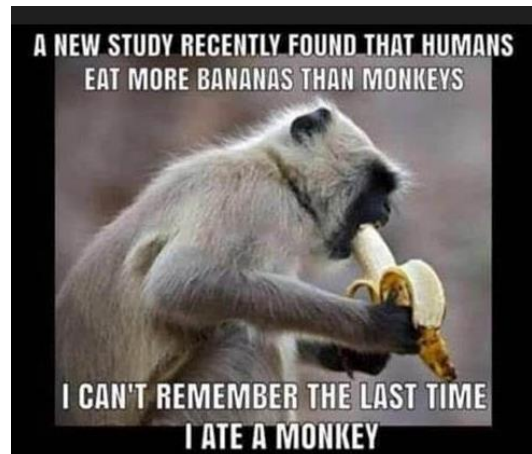




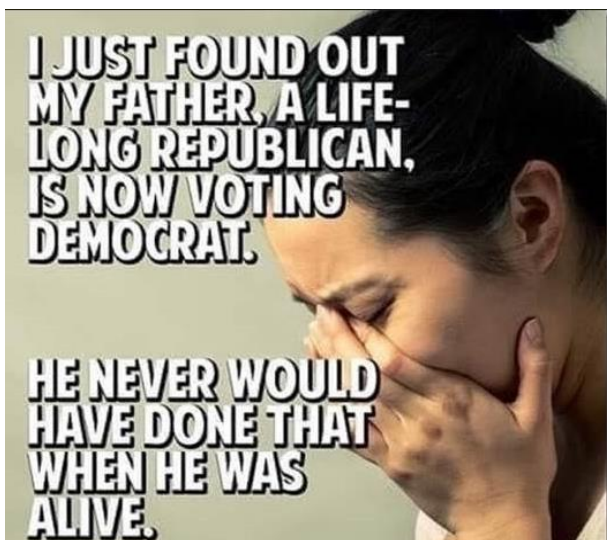
Round 20 Defeated Rabbitohs



Round 21 Defeated Dragons



Round 22 Defeated Tigers





Round 23 Defeated Sea Eagles

Punography

I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Than it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How do you make holy water? Boil the hell out of it!

What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

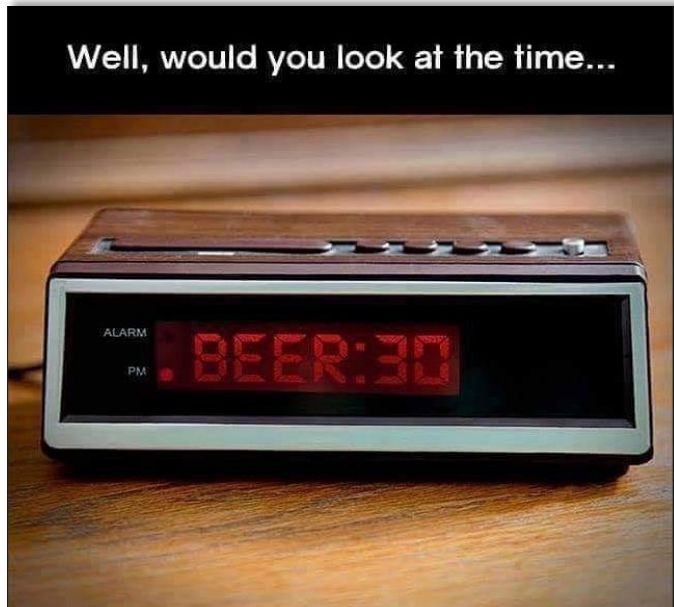
Broken pencils are pointless.

Round 24 Defeated Bulldogs



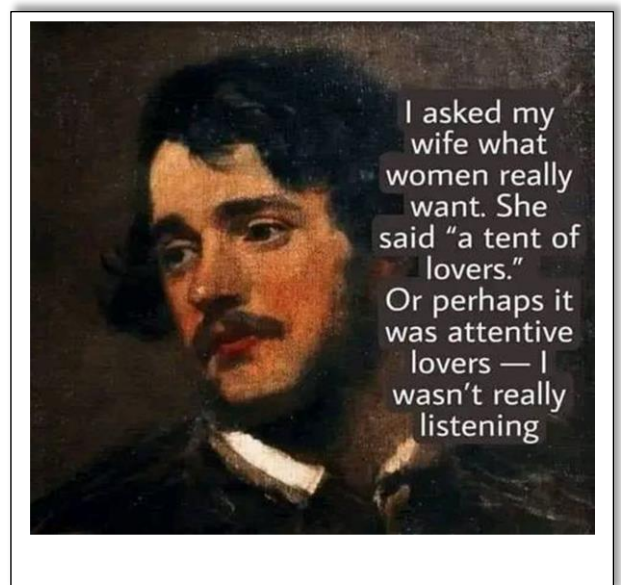


Round 25 (hopefully) Defeated Knights



First Week of Finals – Second Qualifier – Defeat Cowboys (really hopeful)

Third Week – Defeat Whoever Turns up!!

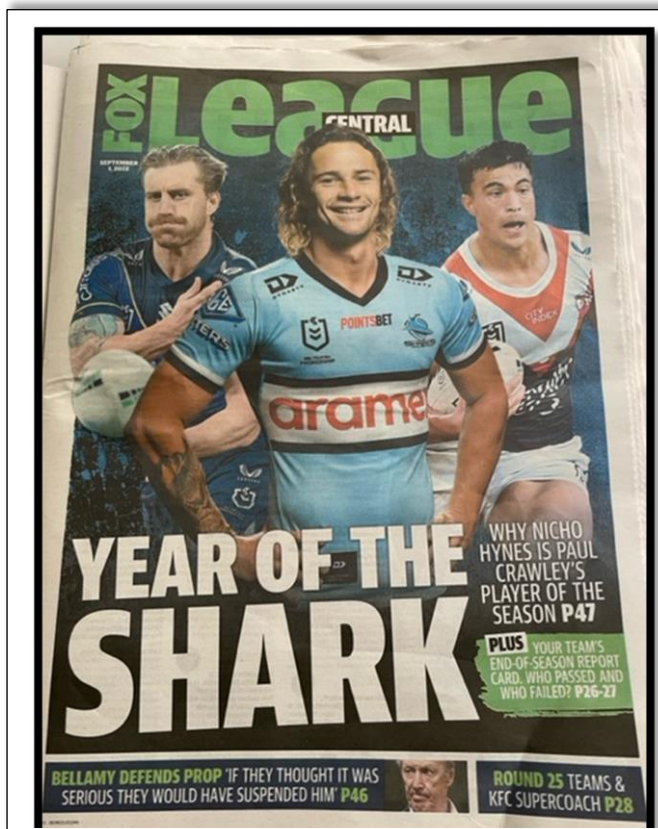




The Big One – Sharks vs Roosters

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HAVE STARTED
ASKING HUMANS
TO PROVE THAT
THEY AREN'T A ROBOT.

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WHY HYNES PICK OF YEAR

Paul Crawley hands the Cronulla halfback the No.7 jump ahead of Dragons star Ben Hunt in his NRL team of the season

HALFBACK NICHOLAS HYNES
 Boy of the year as well as player of the year. Astonishing to think at the start of the season many questioned if the former Storm utility would even make it as an NRL halfback after previously switching between fullback and five-eighths. Honourable mentions to Ben Hunt, Mitchell Moses, Chad Townsend and Nathan Cleary, whose spear tackle suspension cost him any hope of winning the Dally M Medal.

FULLBACK JAMES TEDESCO
 Tough fullback out of the ever-reliable Dylan Edwards, who has been phenomenal for the Panthers. But there is no way you can go past Teddy. Special mention to Latrell Mitchell, who would be in the conversation if he hadn't miss a huge chunk of the season, while Scott Drinkwater has really come of age this year.

CENTRES JOEY MANU & VALENTINE HOLMES
 Manu hasn't solely played in the centres but he is still the standout, while Holmes has found his home and earned his spot ahead of Justin Olam, Jesse Ransen and Stephen Crichton.

FIVE-EIGHTH CAMERON MUNSTER
 Has played fullback in recent weeks out of necessity but if the Storm is going to make any real noise in the upcoming final it needs Munster playing at No.6. A clear winner here despite a tremendous field, including Tom Dearden, Dylan Brown, Cody Walker, Jarome Luai and the rejuvenated Matt Moylan and Luke Keary.

HOOVER HARRY GRANT
 The best dummy half in the business bar none. Tag teamed with Ben Hunt for Queensland during the State of Origin series and was fantastic off the bench. But week in, week out Grant is in a league of his own in the No.9 jumper, although Perrett's crafty Api Koronias has also had a fantastic season.

BACKROWERS VILLIAME KIKAU & SHAUN LANE
 Kikau has taken his game to another level while Lane has been a tower of strength in a Parramatta team that has struggled for consistency. Lane just gets the nod ahead of Cowboys sensation Jeremiah Nanai.

PAUL CRAWLEY'S TEAM OF THE YEAR P47

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Cronulla (above) and Chad Townsend's (left) North Queensland Cowboys are this year's surprise packets

losses, -110 points diff.
Pre-season prediction: 8th
Last season's finish: 11th
 That's now four straight seasons the Dragons have missed the finals, and dramas between coach Anthony Griffin and some players is a huge red flag this could get ugly in coming months. There has been plenty of legitimate questions about the players Griffin recruited, while the fact Cameron Ciraldo was just a credit to all concerned. If they go on and win the title you would have to place them right up with the very best teams of any era.

WARRIORS **D-**

Mid season grade: D
Currently: 14th, 6 wins, 17 losses



I Apologise to anyone who did not like this been so shark centric but it was last century (1999) since the sharks finished this high in the premiership so a 'little bit excited'.

Congratulations to all the winners – big and small.

For the rest of us, I hope you stay healthy and recharge your batteries and look forward to seeing you again in the 2023 tipping comp.

Sharse

