

LAME DUCK BEATS LUCKY DUCK???

The 10th anniversary of our AFL and NRL tipping competitions was almost commemorated by Stephen Woods (Panther Trust) taking out both comps!!! Unfortunately for him he was pipped at the post in the AFL by one of our regulars, Joaquim Smith (Tokio Marine).

Under the misnamed monikers of Lame Duck (NRL) and Lucky Duck (AFL) Stephen Woods finished first in the NRL and second in the AFL with J-Man (Joaquim Smith) topping the AFL comp at the end of the regular season.

Both Stephen and Joaquim took out our 10th anniversary celebratory first prize of \$1,000!



PRIZE WINNERS

AFL			NRL		
	TIPSTER	PRIZE		TIPSTER	PRIZE
1st	J-Man (Joaquim Smith)	\$1000	1st	Lame Duck (Stephen Woods)	\$1000
2nd	Lucky Duck (Stephen Woods)	\$300	2nd	Bigfooty (Leigh Kobus)	\$300
3rd	Arie van den Berg	\$100	3rd	Retired Greyhound (Jason Coleman)	\$100
4th	Chris Kennedy	Donation of 2 goats	5th	Tipene (Stephen Jeffery)	Donation of 2 goats

It was a tight affair – with only 3 points the difference between first place (\$1,000) and fourth place (Billy and Nanny) in the NRL comp, and a 4 point gap in the AFL.

TOP 10 TIPSTERS

AFL			NRL		
	TIPSTER	TIPS (margin)		TIPSTER	TIPS (margin)
1st	J-Man	135 (555)	1st	Lame duck	133 (287)
2nd	Lucky duck	135 (736)	2nd	Bigfooty	132 (288)
3rd	Arie van den Berg	131 (679)	3rd	Retired Greyhound	131 (296)
4th	Chris Kennedy	131 (707)	4th	Tipene	130 (282)
5th	Peter Harris	131 (723)	5th	John Barden	130 (286)
6th	Brett	130 (604)	6th	Wayne	128 (288)
7th	VietGod	130 (613)	7th	Taylor Fry Destroyer	127 (269)
8th	Retired Greyhound	130 (703)	8th	rugby_guru	127 (297)
9th	Damon de Nooyer	130 (722)	8th	peru	127 (297)
10th	Ronnyroosterboy	130 (745)	10th	Storming Home	127 (307)

HOW TAYLOR FRY STACKED UP

Our NRL models – although much better than the average – had a fairly ordinary year, finishing between the top 13%-36% of tipsters in the wider www.footytips.com.au competition. The AFL models fared better finishing between the top 14%-18% of tipsters.

WHAT'S THE CHANCE OF WINNING A FOOTY TIPPING COMP?

Based on our analysis of the data over the last 10 years, a general rule of thumb for improving your chances of winning is:

Follow the bookies favourites for the season in all but 5 or so close matches (i.e. close to 50/50), and correctly tip the underdog in these 5 matches. In other words, beat the bookies by at least 5 over the season.

Even if you can tip these matches correctly what does this mean for your overall chances of winning the comp? Say, with hindsight, that a margin of 5 tips (above the bookies) is needed to win a competition. If your probability of correctly tipping the underdog in these games is only 50% then you have around a 1 in 32 chance of winning the competition. If your strategy has a 70% chance of picking these close games (noting that professional gamblers are very interested in strategies that produce a 60% success rate for 50/50 matches) then your chance of winning the competition improves to around 1 in 6*.

* assuming one's tipping against others with a 50% chance of success tipping these close underdog matches with a comp size of 30 to 35 – this is somewhat artificial but in reality people's tipping strategy will boil down to something similar on average



For a given number of tips required above tipping bookies favourites, the following table shows the “chance of winning a footy comp” for a given likelihood of successfully tipping these close underdog games.

Chance of winning a footy tipping comp

Chance of tipping match correctly	CORRECT TIPS				Net number of correct underdog tips needed to win a comp
	5	6	7	8	
50%	1/32	1/64	1/128	1/256	the larger a comp the more correct tips needed << If your strategy has a 50% chance of tipping these close underdog matches correctly and if 8 successful tips against the bookies are needed to win the comp the chance is 1 in 256 but if the strategy has a 70% success rate then the chance of winning the comp improves to around 1 in 17. <<
55%	1/20	1/36	1/66	1/119	
60%	1/13	1/21	1/36	1/60	
65%	1/9	1/13	1/20	1/31	
70%	1/6	1/8	1/12	1/17	



If it takes 5 successful tips against the bookies favourites to win a comp and the chance of tipping each of the 5 matches correctly is 70% then the chance of winning the comp is around 1 in 6.

A possible conclusion from the table above - **it's hard to win a tipping comp!** Even if your tipping strategy has a massive 70% per match success rate for tipping the underdog in these close matches your chance of winning a moderate sized comp is only around 1 in 6* – see bottom left in table above. Another way to look at this is that if your strategy has a 70% per match success rate you are over 5 times more likely to win the comp than any other tipster (with a 50% chance) although the more people in the comp the less likely you are to win it.

AFL WEEKLY WINNER
NRL WEEKLY WINNER

1 Lucky duck

2 jmcinc

3 e=mc2

4 MT Giant

5 Peter Harris, Retired Greyhound

6 AMac

7 Ronnyroosterboy

8 J-man

9 J-man

10 Lucky duck

11 Woods1958

12 Debs

13 MT Giant

14 extension

15 Lucky duck

16 Ronnyroosterboy

17 Bombsaway

18 Diesel

19 Brett

20 Chet F

21 STL GM

22 No Chance

23 Brett

1 Tappo, scott - Tokio, Bigfooty

2 Dane Kobus

3 Bigfooty

4 Will Gardner

5 STL GM

6 Drumsticks

7 Herewego

8 e=mc2

9 Hewstonian

10 Chris Kennedy

11 Bigfooty

12 old codger

13 Lame duck

14 e=mc2

15 bronze wing

16 cheesey

17 agarwas, scott - Tokio, e=mc2

18 e=mc2

19 Peru

20 cheesey

21 disc0stu, e=mc2

22 platinum, blueboy9

23 Chris Kennedy

24 Sonny-Bill Bulldog

25 Taylor Fry Dominator

26 Andrew McKee



WEEKLY WINNERS

Our weekly winners each receive a well-deserved bottle of bubbly, but special congratulations go to **e=mc2** (aka **Ming Chan, CGU**) for being the weekly winner six(!) times. Please drink responsibly, Ming!

If you're one of our lucky winners, you can collect your prize from our Sydney or Melbourne office.

Note: For some rounds there were multiple weekly winners who correctly tipped the same number of games and margin.

WHAT ABOUT 2018

A revamp has been flagged so watch this space!

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