

World Spoofering The Calls



Introduction

Over the years, it has been tradition to assign 'calls' to the numbers players are calling, to provide some colour to the game. Some of these calls are specific to the names of well known spoofers, whilst others vary around alternatives to numbers or having a meaning or significant event

that aligns to the specific number.

The following is a list of the 'calls' as well as some explanation as to how they came about.



Traditional Calls

1. Joe Tupai
2. Endacott
3. Flowers
4. Skins
5. General Belgrano, Wahene, Rainbow Warrior, Sea Tractor (in fact anything that sank!)
6. Haughton
7. Mission from Heaven, Pall Bearer
8. Harry Tate
9. German Virgin, Steffi Graf
10. Kiwi
11. Legs, African Parrot
12. Imperial
13. Bakers
14. Panties, drawers Quatorze
15. Film Festival
16. Neil Sadaka
21. The Rule
22. The Bishop, Tutu
27. Nelson Mandela



Calls Explained

1. Joe Tupai ~
2. The Endacott or Absent Friends (After Mr Bill Endacott)
3. Flowers or Always Available (after the beautiful Ms Leslie-Ann Flowers who mostly was) or The Trevi (after the famous Fountain also containing three coins)
4. Jewish Hospital - they tend to be full of fore (four) skins or just Skins.
5. General Belgrano, Titanic, Rainbow Warrior (or in Tasmania The Illawarra) - all of which sank ergo cinq which in French is five.
6. Sux - derivation obvious to any who have come into contact with living proof that Queenslanders can swim (ie) Kiwis.
7. Jimmy Bond - an obvious association with the famous spy
8. The Harry Tait - after the notorious player who never seemed to dip in his pocket (ie) Harry never pays or The Duchess of York - after the well known Flying Budgie who gave birth at eight minutes past eight in the eighth month of '88.
9. The German Virgin as this is what one will hear her saying most of the time in mixed company.
10. The Kiwi Tin - after the New Zealand tin cent coin much loved for the playing of the game.



11. Legs or The Tina Turner - after the famous Bingo call of Legs Eleven and who has a better set than the much admired rock and roll grandmother. (Sometimes also the Betty Grable)
12. The Imperial - for the Imperial Dozen
13. The Baker's - after the famous and now almost extinct (except in Tasmania) Bakers Dozen.
14. Panties - in the Old Dart panties are drawers which rhymes with quatorze which is French for fourteen.
15. The Film Festival - held at Cannes which rhymes with quinze again French for fifteen.



Noteworthy Call Variations

1. The Loudon Clear—calling zero in a school of four or less. Used by Tasmanian legend John Loudon to great effect.
2. The Haughton Six - called only in a school of three when holding three. The coins are usually displayed to verify the fact that indeed three are being held. The total amongst the other competitors is therefore deemed by the caller to be three. Gentlemen do not usually hold three and call anything else but the Haughton. This call was named after the infamous Stuart Haughton who was known to use the call with uncanny accuracy and bravado.
3. Unspecified Six - again in a school of three calling six when holding less than three coins. In all other schools a call of six will suffice.
4. Mission from Heaven - rhyming slang for seven or Neves - which those clever people will notice is seven backwards (generally used in America where they usually are in regard to spoofing)
5. The Criminal Eight -calling eight holding none in a school of four or more. Made famous by renowned spoofer Adrian Coomber (The Crim) who was known to use the call with great success.



6. Full House - a call which assumes all players are holding the maximum of three coins each.
7. Cawood Pass - called in the belief that the winning call has already gone. (eg) if the previous calls have been '4', '6' and '5' and one is of the belief that any of these calls could be the winning one, then one could call the "Cawood Pass". An incorrect Cawood results in the fine of one round of drinks for all participating in that school at the time of the call. The other players who may have got out of the school already are not eligible for a free drink. The nature and effect of the Cawood call means that it is usually only used by the brave-hearted or the drunk or as the only way of avoiding an impossible call.
8. Spoof - signifies that one believes that the total of all coins being held to be zero. (Refer to impossible calls, this call cannot be made when holding any coins at all).
9. The Waller Nine - called only when holding three in a school of Four. As with the Haughton Six, the coins are usually displayed. Regularly used by Mr Ian Waller to great effect, usually as an opening call.
10. The Criminal Eight - used only in a school of four or more when holding no coins and declaring the total to be eight. Instituted by notorious Tasmanian Spoofer Mr Adrian (Criminal) Coomber who just wanted his name on a call for posterity.



Gentlemen ...
When the Hands Are Out

