

Spoofer Classics

The Popes
Acceptance to
Papamoa Spoofer
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Dear Mr. Ross

THE 1988 PAPAMOA SPOOFING CHAMPIONSHIP

This letter is to inform you of my acceptance of your invitation to attend the above championship and please find enclosed a cheque from the Social Welfare department for the amount of \$120; You may be curious as to why this cheque has been drawn on the "Gangs Travel Fund", but the explanation is quite simple and if other out of town spoofers wish to avail themselves of this funding source, this is how you do it. Take the clothes that have been maturing in the compost heap for six months, throw them on in any haphazard configuration, and then go to the Social Welfare Department and say: "Hey, goin home to Te Puke, eh. He mate, Joe Tupai, gettin married eh. Give me some fuckin money eh."

At this point you have to get really aggressive because they will try and rip you off by giving you \$40 for a bus fare, All you need to do is say: "Hey, stick that up your fuckin arse. I'm in a fuckin hurry eh, I'm gonna fuckin fly up, eh." Now if you want to you can cover all your weekend expenses by saying: • Hey, I'm goin to the fuckin pub to wait for the fuckin plane to go, eh. Give me some more fuckin money to buy some piss eh. Hey, that's not fuckin enough eh, gotta shout the fuckin boys, eh." If the plane is not due to go for a couple of days you should get enough for a trip around the world.

I would recommend though that other spoofers not abuse this privilege as the fund is limited to \$500,000 in any one year so you can see the boys are on a pretty tight budget. Therefore it would be wrong to deny some gang members of their right of freedom of travel, or free travel. The best way is to take the money and then threaten to smash up the plane; that will ensure a free ride up in a police car, absolute door to door service and they'll stop at any pub on the way for you.

I note in your invitation that the championship, for the first time in history, is to be held on a Thursday and that you feel that a Thursday may not be the best day of the week to hold a spoofing championship. If you're going to get shitfaced who gives a fuck what day of the week it is. Anyway, Stan Clare decreed the day and what can you expect from

someone who openly acknowledges that he was raised as one of the three stooges. Shit, I hope you don't let him give that speech about him and his idiot brothers again.

Actually, I understand Stan is to become quite famous soon. Apparently his mother has written a book called "My Brainless Clares" and the film rights have been sold already. There's a bit of a problem though, they can't find anyone ugly enough to play Stan. Even the Elephant Man failed the screen test. They're looking for someone with the IQ of a brick and whose face has been battered with the same brick. If they can't find anyone they might just use the brick.

I must say I applaud your choice of Bethlehem as the venue for the spoofing championship. Certainly it will be a great occasion for me, returning to my father's birthplace; I expect my spoofing to be inspired, if not divine. I hope recent controversies surrounding the Catholic Church do not detract from the historical significance of the spoofing venue. It is not important, for example that the 'shroud of Turin' was a fake. Us guys at the top always knew that. In fact the Shroud was found at Jerusalem, not on the banks of the Jordan, but on the banks of the Wanganui. I can reveal that it was James K Baxters beach towel, and if you ever saw the dirty little shit, he never took a bath, you will understand why he left the outline of the body on it. You should realise that the Catholic faith is based on things that aren't true, that's why Catholics have such strong faith. They believe anything no matter stupid it is. Christ, you don't think us episcopal heads believe that Mary was a virgin. Jesus, she had a kid, theres no way known to man that you could be a virgin after that sort of carry on. She was also a solo mum living in a defacto relationship. Ask yourself. As a spoofer I would be more concerned if they proved the virgin wasn't a german.

Now after reading the invitation list all I can say is how easy it's going to be. Because the spoofing is being held at Bethlehem, don't worry about seeding me straight through to the final, I'll win hands down anyway. Please don't think that is at all arrogant, I have come to this conclusion after careful analysis of the other so-called contestants and I'm sorry to say they don't stand a chance. If you don't believe, me look at the form:

Kershaw

A bit like having Russ Thomas playing for the All Blacks. Obviously will be out of condition and won't last the distance. Doubt if he'll even make the repercharge.

Brooks	I was once told by an Irish spoofer that a spoofer should be like an athlete and not indulge in sex for at least three weeks after a championship. As two days later Brooksy is looking at having "Close Encounters of the Furred Kind", then he's blown his chances.
Schwass	Believe he had a nervous breakdown after "The Great Regent Disaster of 88" and has still not recovered. Rumour has it that he's still at a health camp.
Gilmer	Very fit spoofer with good form but has "bulked" up recently. Strong suspicion around that he's on anabolic steroids. Expect organisers to follow him to the toilet to check his urine. Certainty to be sent home in disgrace.
Poynton	Represents the Irish Potato Growers Federation of Bahrain. Work his chances out.
Streeting	If he's an Australian spoofer then likely to be beaten up by Oscar. If he wears a white dinner jacket then he's dead.
Ross	Anyone who says there'll be no more than 36 spoofers after sending out an invitation list of 37 hasn't got the mental calculation abilities to hold his own in the cut and thrust of competitive spoofing. Also a bit like Lane Penn selecting himself for the All Blacks. Form not good enough to be there on merit.
Clare	Sneaked through last year. So ugly other spoofers couldn't bear to look at him. Requirement to wear a mask this year counts him out.
Rumney	Not English but a Scottish spoofer. Too mean to hold any coins, easy to pick. Other spoofers shouldn't be distracted by his kilt. The drips on the floor will give the answer.

Sargent	Expected to get the same treatment as 'The Spoofer' .. scratched
"Beam me up" Scotty McKenzie	Difficulty with his coordinates. Mind and body in different galaxies. Gets disoriented when travelling. Outside chance if there's a grass blight.
Cameron	Whoever termed the nickname "Bruce the Goose" had this guy in mind. First yuppie hayseed but cracks under pressure. Won't be there at the finish.
Wealleans	Shortest spoofer in the world. Attends a lot of championships but unfortunately spoofing seems to be a bit. Over his head.
Kirk P	Very serious spoofer but quest for the perfect woman consumes his attention.
Kirk D	Not very serious spoofer and quest for any woman consumes his attention.
Gillon, Doherty, Vinstanley, Verran & Bartlett	Yet to win maiden class and no current form. Will stay in the middle of the pack. All have nice spoofing coins.
Mexted	Retired from serious spoofing in '83' after world Championship win. Shares an interest in space travel with Scotty McKenzie.
Voss	Poor traveller, suffers from homesickness. Good chance he'll return before championship starts
Perry	No form in training to recommend him. In fact no training to recommend him. Slim chance.
Brooks J	Has of late confined himself to local competition. Rare international appearance. Lacks hard match play at this level of competition. Loves rapping in parlours.

Collins	History on his side. God also. Stone Cold Certainty!
Gallagher	Finds it difficult to concentrate on the calls and his own conversation at the same time. Gives up in favour of his own conversation.
Verry	First outing in international competition. Wife believed to have nice tits. Also loves rapping in parlours.
Archer	Like Cameron, nearly relegated to 2nd division spoofing. Could lack ability at this level. Good sponsor.
Archer G	Would like to be a regular Paparinoa spoofer. Unraced for some time but has good breeding. Outside chance if he brings some coins.
Meehan	National Bank Manager, Karori. Professional. Rare spoofer with the ability to be in at the finish.
Reid	One of the few spoofers to have a call named after him. "The Richard Reid Eight". The call always gets you out. If he gets the date and time right could be in with a chance at the recharge.
Haden	Late developer at rugby, could be a late developer at spoofing. Really only makes up the numbers. Poor after-dinner speaker, particularly after port. Loves tradition.
Wilson	Banned from rugby for playing without a license. Status in spoofing yet to be determined. Very vain, wrote a book about himself but gave half the proceeds to a charitable cause. Moderately funny after dinner speaker, but sure to come motherless last in the spoofing if not banned by the ISB.

Stevens

From Jakarta, after fleeing Fiji during the coup. No heart when the going gets tough. No chance.

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Obviously no form and will be balloted out.

Mr Ross, I rest my case.

I know you are looking forward to clenching your fist in my company, so until then.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pope', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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