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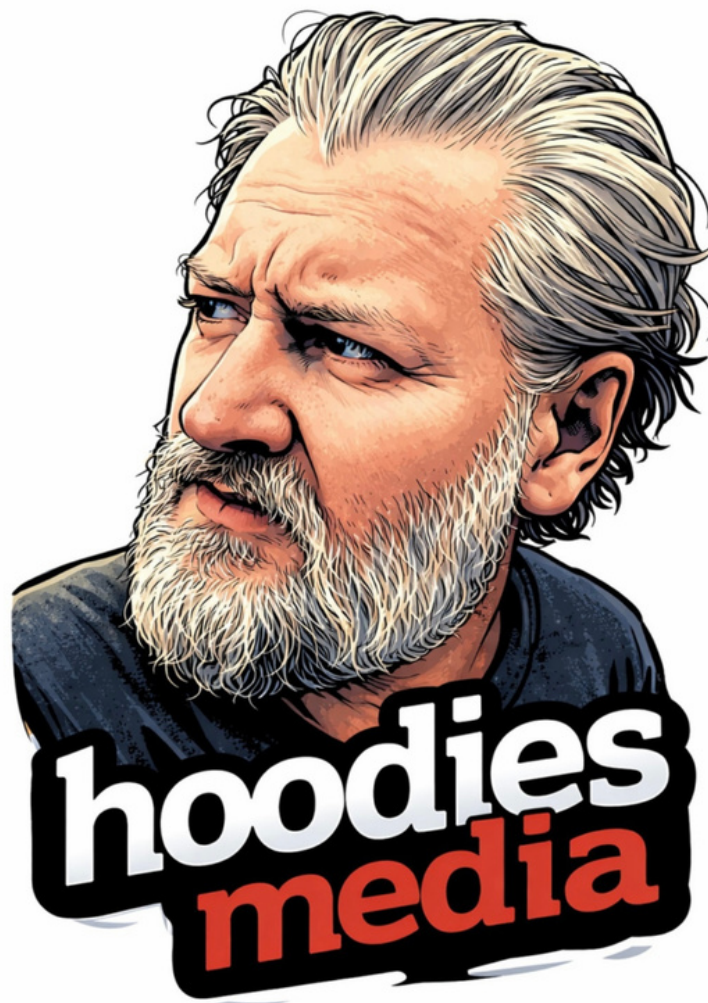
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EDITORIAL

We are running late this morning after I came down with a bout of the deadly man flu, so we write today under death defying circumstances!

At the third stroke it will be...beep beep beep! Isn't technology fun until it's not? The massive Telstra outage across the country has reminded us how vulnerable we are to failures in our communication networks. It seemed that the whole country was impacted by the loss of comms thanks to, what it seems was a poorly managed data centre. Australia is about to welcome a lot more data centres so here's hoping the brand new ones are a bit more rebound than the Telstra ones?

Hey hey! Guess what?! Melbourne is the third most liveable city in the world according to the Economist! You know that well known magazine about economics and finance, that is all about liveable cities. Apparently they've said how great Melbourne is! And while Jacinta Allan is posting Melbourne's success across her socials she's turned off all the comments! A far cry from the days of Dictator Dan who loved the comments, especially those from the I stand with dans and the work experience kids!

Prince Harry is pissed! His final deformation case, this one against the Daily Mail in England who he's accused of bugging his phones etc has lost his case. The case unquestionably showed that UK so called journalists did do things that weren't morally correct to get a good story but weren't illegal. The judge in the case went through each of Harry's issues with journalists and found none of them to be of illegal conduct. Harry left court a very unhappy and angry man but headed off to promote his upcoming Invictus games. The Daily Mail of course put out a video saying it had been vindicated in its reporting but regardless of legality the means by which many UK tabloids get stories leaves a lot to be desired.

Jacinta Allan is set to meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is in Melbourne for a few days from tomorrow. Allan is no doubt keen to firm ties with India given the number of Indian voters already here, but if Allan had any sense she'd be genuinely working with Modi to fast track genuinely qualified migrant workers to help fill roles most needed here in Victoria. Will she do that? Probably not, instead she'll probably agree to allow more engineers and computer techs who end up in hospitality for visas.

And finally the on again off again Iran US conflict looks set to explode again because, well Trump is a donkey! Not only has Trump blown peace in the Middle East and in the war between Ukraine and Russia he's now also slotted Spain? In another incoherent rant Trump has said Spain aren't very nice and that the US is bringing in Tariffs against them immediately. We can only hope the world survive the next few years before Trump causes World War III!

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PLEASE HOLD CALLER

Please hold caller...so not only are we being pushed into a world of automation and technology the world that controls it failed. Yesterday, Telstra, the biggest telco in the country crashed because of poorly maintained data centres. Now the failure of the network is one thing but the other is we are being pushed into being more online and we're not managing the maintenance on the infrastructure properly!? Come onnnnn.

Federal communications minister, everyone's favourite piss taking politician even though this Telstra outage warranted her coming back from holidays to deal with, the CEO of Telstra? She's on holidays overseas. So when the shit hits the fan for the biggest telco in the country, when it faces its biggest outage in its history the CEO isn't doing everything she can to get back to the desk to sort it out? Ok cool, I'd be looking for a new job if I was Vicki Brady.

Back to the Telstra blackout though. This is a publicly listed company, this ain't the government stuffing things up here and this ain't Telecom, Telstra has share holders, it has a board and it now faces compensation payments from thousands of businesses were left high and dry by the outage. Leaving aside the financial aspect of the outage the fact that Telstra is the default for comms in the country and handles via a different part of their network the 000 calls Telstra are in a world of pain.

Even today it appears that there are still issues with 000, even though the moronic Sarah Henderson says she hasn't again called 000 to see if it's working and the V Line trains are still out. I remember running businesses reliant on Telstra for EFTPOS and when the wifi went out you'd panic, but this is the whole system, how much money has been lost?! How many lives put in jeopardy and how many people inconvenienced?!

Some people will say this who outage is an overreaction, the media, the government and Telstra itself will move on from it quickly but we really should pay attention here. Our lives are online now. We are reliant on communication networks and when the biggest one in the country fails questions need to be answered. Already today the Telstra outage has slipped from the major headlines, which is different to when the Optus outage happened, why?

Telstra need to be dragged over the coals, their CEO needs to return from holiday and a major enquiry set up to find out what happened and how it must be he happen again, but OMG Modi is in town, that's something to shift attention, for now.

ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER ANONYMOUS TRIAL

Hey hey! I'm a well known person with a pot full of money and some bimbo thinks I raped her? Pfft as if, call the lawyer and get my name suppressed as this whole thing plays out. Oh and make sure the barrister makes a point of suggesting she asked for it and that she's a liar.

Welcome to sexual assault justice in Victoria. Sadly, as my lawyer father said to be years ago, the law is an ass and he was right. He did love the intricacies of law but he didn't like it when it could be manipulated by people who had no right to any kind of sympathy.

In the UK yesterday the whole sorry saga of Prince Harry having his personal life spread across the tabloids blew up in his face. A Judge not unfamiliar with Harry's plight said there was nothing illegal about how the journalists (so called) got their stories. Were they degenerate scum bags who'd sell their mum's pearls for a story? Yes indeed but nothing illegal.

There have indeed been cases when a person claims rape, assault or something else when there has been no basis in truth, but while those cases are appalling a woman who claims rape is a person who has supposedly been violated in a way barely comprehensible to anyone else. They have had to deal with the assault, deal with the fall out, make herself safe, tell someone what happened and then make a statement to police. The alleged perpetrator? Well they pick up the phone to the lawyer and say sort that oh and make her look like a deranged nutbag on the way through.

Apparently we're all about protecting the rights of women, but we allow men dressed up as women to invade female only spaces. Apparently we're wanting women to get equal pay and rights in the workplace, but if you're accused of rape you get to remain anonymous and you get to slander your accuser. Hands up who knows who wrote those laws and made those suggestions? Men.

QUARTER FINAL TIME

Was Egypt robbed? Are FIFA corrupt? Are Argentina being handed the World Cup? Who knows but what a group of Quarter Finals we have now!

France v Morocco
Belgium v Spain

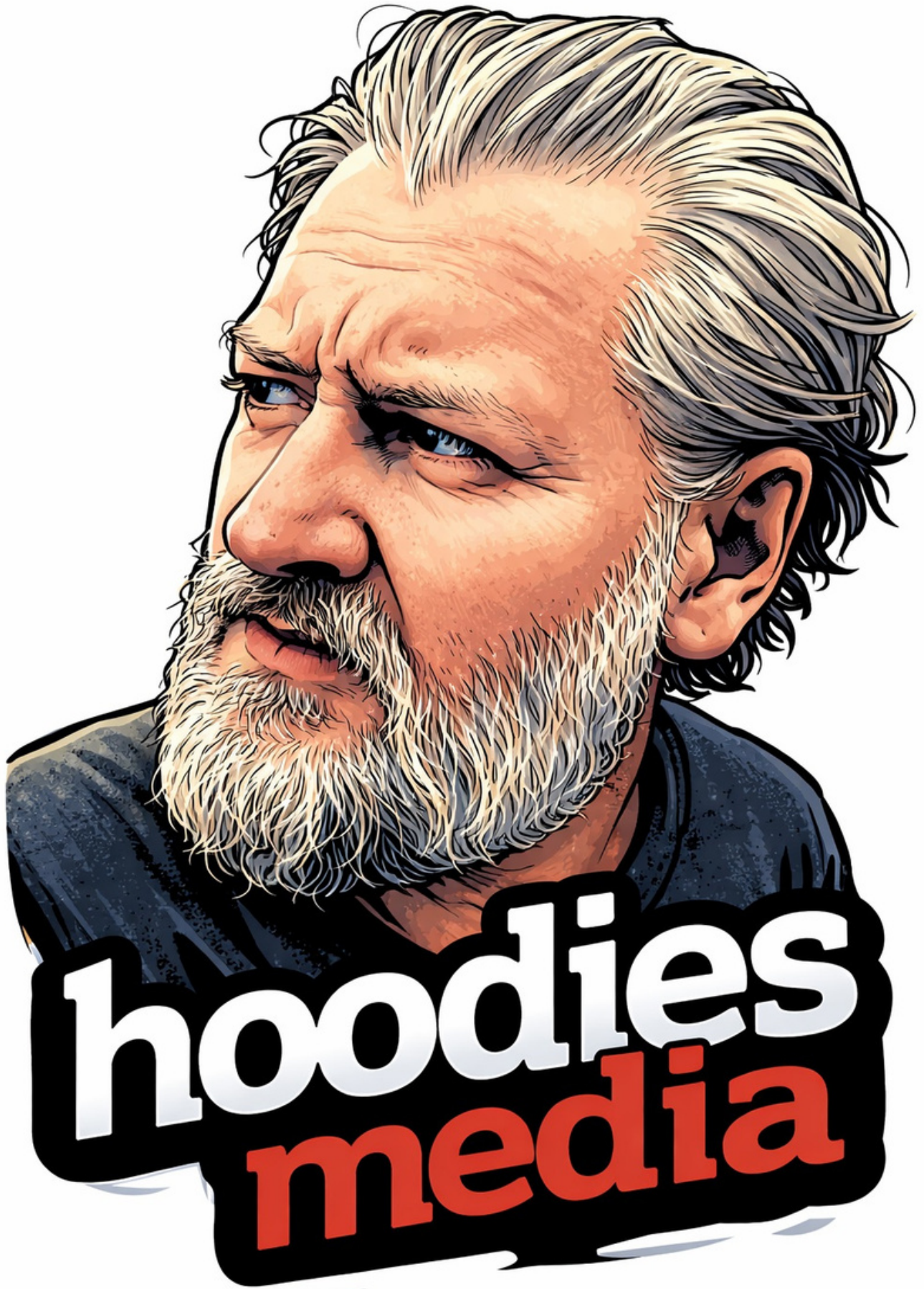
England v Norway
Argentina v Switzerland

The history of football says the big four get through, France, Spain, England and Argentina but nothing is as it seems today so maybe Morocco knock off France? Belgium beat Spain, the Vikings beat the poms and Messi goes out against the Swiss? I can't actually see all of that happening but I bet it's not the big four in the semis.

I do think France play Spain in the first semi but it's the bottom part of the draw I think things go differently to the script. The way in which Norway has gone about their campaign suggests they could knock out the English especially with Haaland on the team, but can Switzerland, a massive underdog knock out Argentina? I think this is where the upset is, I think the Swiss end Messi's international career and England play France in the final.

I was in England for the 2002 World Cup and you can't explain what it means to the English. Football is everything and right now more than ever a World Cup win for England would be something that could redefine the country.

Sport has that special kind of magic that can unite countries and people in the face of extraordinary circumstances and right now out of all the teams left England need it more than all of them. It's coming home.



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