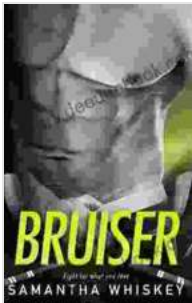


Bruiser, the Seattle Sharks Mascot that Stole Our Hearts



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Amidst the electrifying atmosphere of Seattle's Climate Pledge Arena, where the roar of the crowd reverberates through the stands, there's one figure that consistently elicits cheers and laughter: Bruiser, the beloved mascot of the Seattle Sharks hockey team. This playful sea creature, with his infectious spirit and endearing antics, has captured the hearts of fans, both young and old, becoming an integral part of the city's sports landscape.

But the story of Bruiser begins long before the dazzling lights of the arena. In 1991, as the Seattle Sharks prepared to embark on their inaugural NHL season, they knew they needed a mascot that would embody the team's spirit and connect with the community. After careful consideration, they

settled on a great white shark, a formidable predator that prowled the waters of the Pacific Ocean just off the coast of Seattle.

With the mascot's species decided, the next step was to bring it to life. Enter Dave Ogrean, a talented puppeteer and performer who had previously worked with the San Jose Sharks mascot, S.J. Sharkie. Ogrean was tasked with creating a character that was both intimidating and lovable, a perfect representation of the Seattle Sharks. After countless hours of brainstorming and experimentation, Bruiser was born.

From the moment Bruiser made his debut on opening night of the 1991-92 season, he became an instant sensation. His playful antics, his infectious enthusiasm, and his unwavering support for the team quickly won over the hearts of Seattle fans. Bruiser could be seen skating around the ice, interacting with fans, leading cheers, and even participating in on-ice games. His ability to connect with people of all ages, from young children to seasoned hockey enthusiasts, was truly remarkable.

Over the years, Bruiser has become more than just a mascot; he has evolved into an iconic symbol of Seattle sports. His popularity extends far beyond the confines of Climate Pledge Arena, as Bruiser makes regular appearances at community events, charity functions, and even corporate gatherings. He has become an ambassador for the city of Seattle, spreading joy and excitement wherever he goes.

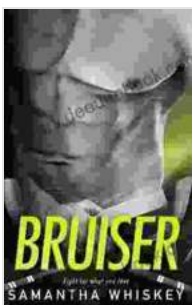
But what makes Bruiser so special? It's not just his impressive physical presence or his entertaining antics. It's the genuine warmth and kindness that radiates from him. Bruiser is always ready to give high-fives, pose for pictures, and make children smile. He understands the power of a simple

gesture, and he uses his platform to make a positive impact on the community.

In recognition of his contributions to the Seattle sports scene, Bruiser was inducted into the Mascot Hall of Fame in 2006. This prestigious honor is reserved for the most beloved and iconic mascots in sports history, and it is a testament to the enduring legacy that Bruiser has built over the years.

As the Seattle Sharks continue to make their mark on the NHL, Bruiser remains a constant source of support and inspiration. His infectious enthusiasm and unwavering dedication to the team have helped to create a passionate and loyal fan base that fills Climate Pledge Arena night after night. Whether the Sharks are victorious or facing adversity, Bruiser is always there to lift the spirits of the crowd and remind everyone that it's all about having fun.

In the vast world of sports mascots, Bruiser stands tall as a true icon. He is a symbol of Seattle's vibrant sports culture, a beacon of joy for fans of all ages, and an inspiration to all who believe in the power of a smile. Bruiser, the beloved Seattle Sharks mascot, will forever hold a special place in the hearts of the Emerald City.



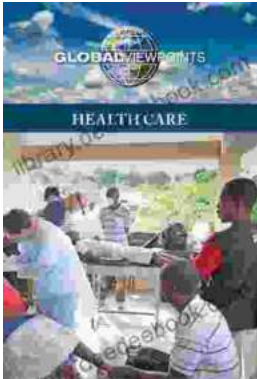
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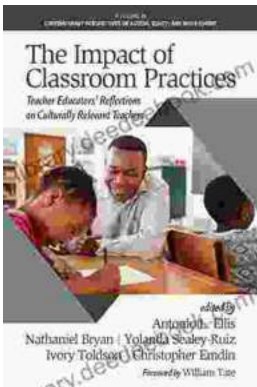
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