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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to our fourth edition of this entirely independent Rugby League yearbook, celebrating both the game of Rugby League in unparalleled details for the NRL and Super League competitions. None of this yearbook happens without the exemplary work of our volunteer contributors, of which there are many, all of whom I am indebted to every year.

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Thank you to Steven Russo for the cover artwork. Make sure you check out all of his great work via his instagram page at @nrlouvre

I hope you enjoy this yearbook, made by the fans, for the fans!

ANDREW FERGUSON

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Through four years of producing this free, awesome, completely independent yearbook, it's been fantastic to collaborate with the team at Rugby League Project to ensure we're bringing clear, accurate and wide-ranging information on everything happening in rugby league each year.

Of course none of this is possible without the excellent work of our ever-growing band of contributors, from RLP - Andrew and Shawn and their literal decades of research and data work, to all our LeagueUnlimited writers (of which Andrew is one) who commit week-to-week to ensure we cover the greatest game of all in the rich detail it deserves.

There's some great little features in the pages to come along with a wealth of information to absorb from the year that was. We hope you enjoy every page.

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

ANDREW FERGUSON

In 2023, the NRL welcomed its first new team in 15 years, with the addition of the Dolphins expanding the NRL to 17 teams for the first time since 1999.

Over the course of the first grade premiership since 1908, 34 teams have joined the fray, with varying degrees of success in their inaugural seasons.

So then, what better time to look at the first season of every club since the competition's inception some 115 years ago?

Note: teams highlighted in light blue are current NRL clubs.

TEAM	DEBUT	COMPETITION	PL	W	D	L	B	F	A	PTS	PD	WIN %	SEASON RESULT
South Sydney Rabbitohs	1908	NSWRFL	9	8	0	1	1	194	53	18	141	88.89%	(equal 1st) Premiers
Sydney Roosters (Eastern Suburbs)	1908	NSWRFL	9	8	0	1	1	183	90	18	93	88.89%	(equal 1st) Runners-Up
Glebe Dirty Reds	1908	NSWRFL	9	7	0	2	1	106	63	16	43	77.78%	(3rd) Semi-Finalist
Melbourne Storm	1998	NRL	24	17	1	6	0	546	372	35	174	70.83%	(3rd) Preliminary Final
North Sydney Bears	1908	NSWRFL	9	6	0	3	1	155	66	14	89	66.67%	(4th) Semi-Finalist
Brisbane Broncos	1988	NSWRL	22	14	0	8	0	474	368	28	106	63.64%	7th of 16 teams
St George-Illawarra Dragons	1999	NRL	24	15	0	9	2	588	416	34	172	62.50%	(6th) Runners-Up
Warriors (Auckland)	1995	ARL	22	13	0	9	0	544	493	24*	51	59.09%	10th of 20 teams
Perth Reds (Western Reds)	1995	ARL	22	11	0	11	0	361	549	22	-188	50.00%	11th of 20 teams
Newcastle Rebels	1908	NSWRFL	9	4	0	5	1	151	116	10	35	44.44%	5th of 9 teams
Wests Tigers	2000	NRL	26	11	2	13	0	519	642	24	-123	42.31%	10th of 14 teams
Gold Coast Titans	2007	NRL	24	10	0	14	1	409	559	22	-150	41.67%	12th of 16 teams
Hunter Mariners	1997	Super League	18	7	0	11	0	350	363	14	-13	38.89%	6th of 10 teams
Dolphins	2023	NRL	24	9	0	15	3	520	631	24	-111	37.50%	13th of 17 teams
Annandale	1910	NSWRFL	14	5	1	8	0	145	200	11	-55	35.71%	6th of 8 teams
Northern Eagles	2000	NRL	26	9	0	17	0	476	628	18	-152	34.62%	12th of 14 teams
Balmain Tigers	1908	NSWRFL	9	3	1	5	1	86	113	9	-27	33.33%	6th of 9 teams
Adelaide Rams	1997	Super League	18	6	1	11	0	303	402	13	-99	33.33%	9th of 10 teams
South Queensland Crushers	1995	ARL	22	6	1	15	0	303	502	13	-199	27.27%	16th of 20 teams
St George Dragons	1921	NSWRFL	8	2	0	6	1	87	124	6	-37	25.00%	7th of 9 teams
Illawarra Steelers	1982	NSWRFL	26	6	0	20	0	344	572	12	-228	23.08%	13th of 14 teams
Penrith Panthers	1967	NSWRFL	22	5	2	15	0	203	352	12	-149	22.73%	11th of 12 teams
Newcastle Knights	1988	NSWRL	22	5	1	16	0	270	460	11	-190	22.73%	14th of 16 teams
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	1947	NSWRFL	18	4	0	14	0	242	364	8	-122	22.22%	9th of 10 teams
Gold Coast Chargers (Giants, Seagulls)	1988	NSWRL	22	4	2	16	0	238	484	10	-246	18.18%	15th of 16 teams
Parramatta Eels	1947	NSWRFL	18	3	0	15	0	230	424	6	-194	16.67%	(10th) Wooden Spoon
Canberra Raiders	1982	NSWRFL	26	4	0	22	0	269	862	8	-593	15.38%	(14th) Wooden Spoon
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	1967	NSWRFL	22	3	1	18	0	208	486	7	-278	13.64%	(12th) Wooden Spoon
Cumberland	1908	NSWRFL	8	1	0	7	1	38	191	4	-153	12.50%	(9th) Wooden Spoon
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	1935	NSWRFL	16	2	0	14	2	150	660	8	-510	12.50%	8th of 9 teams
Newtown Jets	1908	NSWRFL	9	1	1	7	1	70	148	5	-78	11.11%	7th of 9 teams
Western Suburbs Magpies	1908	NSWRFL	9	1	0	8	1	47	190	4	-143	11.11%	8th of 9 teams
North Queensland Cowboys	1995	ARL	22	2	0	20	0	269	660	4	-391	9.09%	(20th) Wooden Spoon
University	1920	NSWRFL	13	1	0	12	2	101	498	6	-397	7.69%	8th of 9 teams

*Warriors were deducted 2 pts for breaching the replacement rule, which cost them an 8th place finish and a place in the finals.

BOOK REVIEW: SPIRIT OF THE RED V

Arguably the greatest recollection of one teams entire history is Geoff Armstrong's "Spirit of the Red V".

So thorough and meticulous is he that the entire history is split across 2 books, providing great insight to many key games, incidents on and off the field, details about the vast array of great players to have played for the famous St George Dragons, how the club came to enter the competition in 1921 and how it very nearly was one of the original clubs in 1908.

The book isn't just focused on that St George side though. Armstrong has continued his meticulous research to also detail how the club fared during the Super League war, which ultimately led it into forming a joint venture with the Illawarra Steelers. He then details every season by the newly formed St George-Illawarra side. No club has ever had such an impressively comprehensive retelling of their entire history produced such as this.

The book is also full of glorious images, detailed statistics and most of all, magnificent memories. The Spirit of the Red V details the first 100 years of the St George club and their evolution into St George-Illawarra.

You can buy either book separately, or as a complete set. Personally, I cannot see why you'd only want half because these are brilliant books. You can purchase them online via Stoke Hill Press at: https://www.stokehillpress.com/store/p35/Spirit_of_the_Red_V_%E2%80%94_both_volumes%2C_with_slipcase.html



BOOK REVIEW: THE MAHER CUP

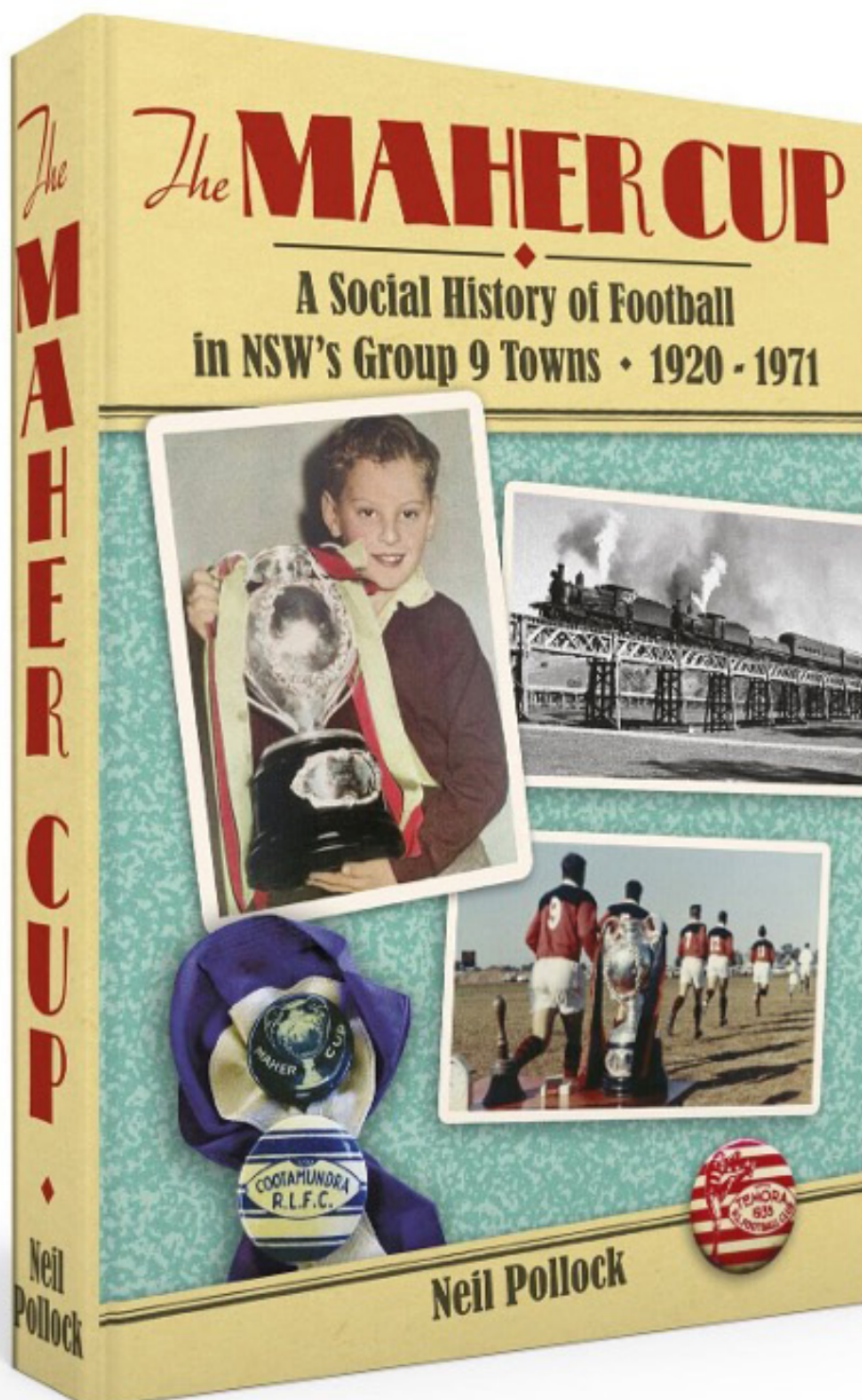
One of the most notorious Rugby League contests in Australia which ran for 50 years, from the 1920's until the 1970's was the Maher Cup, played in the Southern rural areas of New South Wales. It saw some of the more brutal, physical, impressive, scintillating and amazing contests in the games history. The contest itself had an aura that caught the attention of many players in Sydney and beyond. Players who saw the Maher Cup as the ultimate battle for them to test themselves in.

Neil Pollock recently has published an amazing book on this cup, which has required many many years of research to compile, but what he has compiled is simply amazing. The Cup

structure was unique, in that every time a game was played in the Maher Cup, it would be to determine who becomes the new holder of the cup. This 'sudden-death' feel for every game is what built this epic battle for every game.

But as Pollock reveals in the book, its not all just about the football. This is also about country life at the time and how sometimes, the two can intermingle. The early 1950's saw some truly amazing scenes, like flooded venues, a try being disallowed because a player was knocked out as he was about to score and didn't ground the ball, a house fire which local nun's had to extinguish because the fire-fighters were all watching the game.

This book is as wild a ride as the games themselves were. It's a brilliant piece of work and one which everyone needs to know about. You can purchase the book online via Neil Pollocks website dedicated to the Maher Cup: https://mahercup.com.au/store/?fbclid=IwAR3vv7TG5XwMwXKao_A6DN3IDtUntL_tYWX6kU62B7Txg1aEBOSN02fFOso



THE BIRTHPLACE OF AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE

ANDREW FERGUSON

It was on Thursday 8 August 1907 that a meeting of Rugby Union players and others interested in the professional Rugby movement was held at Bateman's Crystal Hotel. It was reported that approximately 50 players, 5 of whom were club captains, representing 8 clubs, to form the New South Wales Rugby League and to also compile a squad of players to play against the New Zealand professional Rugby side who were currently en route to England. This was the day that Rugby League in Australia was formed, and Bateman's Crystal Hotel was the place of birth.

But little else is ever mentioned about this historic venue.

The façade, which is all that remains of the building today, was constructed in 1902 and is heritage listed, but the hotel itself was built almost a century beforehand and was first known as The Manchester Arms hotel.

At the beginning of 1830, it was advertised that Joseph Raphael had purchased the hotel. Raphael was a colourful character to say the very least. When he was in his early 20's, Raphael was one of four men tried at the Old Bailey (the central court in central London), for highway robbery. Raphael was found guilty and sentenced to death, but had his sentence commuted to transportation.

In 1803, he departed England via the ship HMS Calcutta, on its final journey to Australia as a prisoner transport vessel, arriving in Sullivan Bay, near where Sorrento now lies in Victoria. A lack of fresh water and reliable timber for which to build with, saw the settlement abandoned and all settlers and convicts were relocated to Risdon Cove (North of Hobart) in Van Diemen's Land in 1804. This was to be the first British settlement in Tasmania. Lieutenant Colonel David Collins, who led the colony, decided shortly after arriving at Risdon Cove that the site would be unsuitable and so he relocated his party across the Derwent River to Sullivan's Cove. This was the site of a clash between the Colonials and the Aboriginal people on May 3, 1804.

As for Raphael, he was a troublesome convict, constantly being punished for insubordination and for attempted escapes. In 1807 he was captured trying to escape Van Diemen's Land and was subsequently transported to Newcastle where he earned a conditional pardon and immediately moved to Sydney where he opened a shop in Pitt Street. It was to be his first of many businesses in Sydney, but his purchase of the Manchester Arms was his biggest. However, just 6 months later he was insolvent.

Raphael began turning his life around, yet still led a colourful life. He once helped lure a thief to his place by acting interested in buying the stolen goods. He organised for them to meet at his house later that day to make the transaction, then Raphael went and got a police officer to wait at his residence to make the arrest.

Raphael later adopted an orphaned boy. He also donated money towards the construction of the York Street Synagogue. He died in 1853 as one of the last surviving colonials.

After the Manchester Arms hotel went through a number of new owners after Raphael, it was taken over by Andrew Lysaght in 1883, who served as Mayor of North Illawarra and was also a sitting member of the New South Wales legislative assembly, as a member of the Protectionist party.

In 1885, Sarah Hawkins died at the hotel after being given a bed for the night to help her recover from being drunk. Her clothes caught fire and while Lysaght's wife Mary did all she could to extinguish the flames and save Hawkins, she passed away at hospital the following morning.



In 1887, Lysaght returned to Fairy Meadow and the Manchester Arms was purchased by Neil Matterson, who changed the name of the hotel to the Aquatic Rendezvous. In 1890, James King took over and renamed the hotel to Crystal Hotel. Then in 1892, John Bateman became the owner and set about making the venue a marquee hotel in the heart of Sydney. In 1895, his wife gave birth to their second child Ivy, but tragically, 9 months later their first-born child, son Cyril, fell into the bathtub that was filling with boiling water and he succumbed to his burns at the age of 3.

In 1901, the JS Abrahams chemist at 434 George St was demolished to make way for an extension of the Crystal Hotel.

It took 2 years for the works to be completed, as it incorporated upgrades both internally and externally.

In February 1902, John Bateman and his friend James Denmeade (who was the then secretary of the Rosehill Racing Club) were out boating when they saw a young man, Arthur Conlon, fall out of a boat nearby. Denmeade dived in and swam to assist, but he was unable to do so as Conlon was panicking and struggling too much. Bateman dived in with a lifebuoy to try and help both men, but by the time he arrived, Conlon and Denmeade were both exhausted. Conlon drowned despite Bateman's efforts. Bateman then managed to save Denmeade who was also close to drowning.

On August 8, 1903, the revamped Crystal Hotel was advertised as such:

"The new dining hall and private dining rooms which have just been opened at Bateman's Crystal Hotel are amongst the most magnificent in Sydney or Australia; In fact, their beauty is such that they compare favourably with any of those in Paris, or, indeed, in any part of the world."

In the summer of 1907, the Crystal Hotel was the venue chosen for the suspended members of the New South Wales cricket team to meet and discuss their situation. One of those suspended players happened to be Australian Test batsman Victor Trumper, who would be present just a few months later, when disgruntled members of the Metropolitan Rugby Union congregated at the same Hotel.

A series of meetings between a small number of Rugby players, politician Henry Hoyle and entrepreneur James Giltinan took place in relative secrecy at Victor Trumper's Sports store. But then on August 8, 1907, the Bateman's Crystal Hotel saw the formation of the New South Wales Rugby League. Trumper was appointed as the game's first Treasurer.

As for John Bateman, he was an avid lover of all sports, predominantly horse racing, boxing, cricket, sculling, yachting and greyhound racing. In 1905 he was appointed as Treasurer of the NSW National Coursing Association. He would become a co-owner of several successful greyhounds with Greg Keighery.



Bateman remained the owner of the Crystal Hotel up until April 1919. In 1927 its name was modified slightly to Hotel Crystal and then in 1938 it became the Tatler Hotel.

It was around this time that Bateman became ill and after a further 2 years of suffering, he eventually succumbed, passing away in his Mona Vale home.

The hotel had cold rooms installed in 1950 and then in 1981, new owners Tooth & Co (makers of KB Lager, which also happened to the name of one of Bateman's greyhounds), spent 3 years renovating the interiors, converting the ground floor into retail space which sold menswear.

In 1993, Grace Bros purchased the site and converted the interiors into office space for their neighbouring retail site. The façade was heritage listed in the early 2000's and is all that remains of this historically important venue to the game of Rugby League.



ROUND 1

MELBOURNE 16 PARRAMATTA 12

A try by Harry Grant in the first period of Golden Point has secured victory for the Melbourne Storm over a tenacious Parramatta Eels by 16-12 in the first match of the 2023 Telstra Premiership.

Parramatta put its first points on the board this season in the fifth minute of play after Mitch Moses was fouled illegally by Eli Katoa. Moses promptly added a penalty goal to give the Eels the early 2-0 advantage. The rest of the opening twenty was both sides bombing good chances. Parramatta went closest to scoring when Maika Sivo thought he had yet another try at CommBank Stadium. But

it was denied when Ash Klein found the last pass to be forward. Melbourne would suffer a major blow when Cameron Munster went off with a compound dislocation to his wedding ring finger and would depart midway through the first half but would return after half-time.

Parramatta would cross for the first try with eight minutes remaining in the first half where they capitalised on a Melbourne error. Clint Gutherson summed it up and drew in the suspect Melbourne left edge to find Will Penisini to cross for try 1 of 2023. Moses hooked the kick to keep the margin at six. The Storm had plenty of try-scoring chances but kept failing at the final moment and was facing an uphill battle, but they were only down 6-0 at the change of

ends.

Melbourne started the better of the two sides in the second forty minutes. Off the back of back-to-back penalties. The Storm struck back six minutes in the half. Off Harry Grant, it was a clever pass from Josh King and Nick Meaney crossed for the Storm's first try of 2023. The scores were level for just twelve minutes.

Following a crushing tackle from Maika Sivo on Jahrome Hughes, it was a clever short ball from new buy Josh Hodgson to Junior Paulo who runs the best part of 20 metres to score Parramatta's second. Moses converted to keep the margin at a converted try. More problems developed for the Storm when Xavier Coates left the ground with a

shoulder injury. The margin was reduced shortly after when Isaac Lumelume was crushed by big Nelson Asofa-Solomona. Off the ensuing scrum, it was Munster magic to find Young Tonumaipea out wide, Meaney's kick from touch was successful and it was 12-12. What can only be described as a chaotic final fifteen minutes took place with both sides bombing opportunities to take the first victory of 2023 which saw us head to Golden Point.

Both sides had opportunities but a spillage inside Parramatta's half gave Melbourne a golden opportunity. Instead of shooting for the victory, Harry Grant ran out of acting half to give Melbourne a Round 1 victory and keep their impressive opening round streak alive. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WARRIORS 20 NEWCASTLE 12

Sheer grit and determination in defence has handed the New Zealand Warriors a 20-12 win to open their account in season 2023 in front of a Wellington home crowd.

The game started in the worst way possible for the home side, with an error from Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad in the first minute allowing Newcastle the first attacking set of the game. Lachlan Fitzgibbon crossed for the first points for the Knights just a few tackles later, and the Hastings conversion took the score to 6-0.

The momentum swung back and forth over the next 20 or so minutes, with both teams receiving significant amounts of penalties and six agains.

However both teams' defence were up to the challenge, so it wasn't until the 27th minute that the scorekeeper was needed again. A strong run for Mitchell Barnett against his old club put the Newcastle defence in scrambles, and some good hands on the right edge gave the Warriors their first points of 2023 through Edward Kosi. Lachlan Miller's restart then went out on the full, gifting the Warriors another attacking set off the back of their try. It was only a few minutes before Bunty Afoa made Newcastle pay, going straight through some tired forwards to give New Zealand the lead for the first time. Johnson's successful conversion took the scoreline to 10-6, which it would remain into the half-time break.

Newcastle sprinted out of the blocks to start the second half, and they converted on some poor

Warriors discipline to cross over on their left edge through Hymel Hunt. Jackson Hastings showed that he has brought his kicking boots over from the Tigers, giving his side a two point lead after nailing the sideline conversion in very windy conditions. The Knights kept the pressure on, but it would be the Warriors who would cross the stripe next. Very much against the run of play, Brayden Wiliame made a great run and found his fullback backing up on the inside. The Nicoll-Klokstad try was failed to be converted by Shaun Johnson, leaving the Warriors with a two point lead at 14-12 in the 54th minute. Suddenly, the tide turned. The Warriors went very close to scoring twice more in the next few minutes, but the Knights were consistently giving away penalties and six against whilst defending their own line. Ultimately, Phoenix Crossland was sent to the sin bin, but despite this the Warriors couldn't turn their ten minutes of line

attack into any points. Kalyn Ponga looked to have scored for Newcastle in the 68th minute, but Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad managed to hold him up with a great try-saving tackle. Just a few minutes later, the independent doctor ruled that Ponga had to leave the field for a HIA, much to his frustration. Newcastle would have a few more repeat sets on the line, but some frantic defence from the Warriors somehow kept them out.

Wayde Egan closed the game out in the 75th minute with a great display of eyes up footy, scooting straight out of dummy half and over the line. With the scoreline at 20-12, the Knights needed some magic to steal the points, but instead they dished up a few more handling errors to close out the match.

LACHLAN MCINTYRE

BRISBANE 13 PENRITH 12

Brisbane Broncos have produced the first upset of the 2023 NRL season with a 13-12 win over reigning premiers Penrith Panthers tonight in Penrith.

It was a rearguard display from the Broncos, who tackled their way to the points tonight. Halfback Adam Reynold weaved some magic with the late field goal which led them to a first win in the west in 15 years.

From the opening whistle, both sides ripped into each

other in some slippery conditions in Sydney's west. Both kicking games were key to the contest with two key exponents in Adam Reynolds and Nathan Cleary. Panthers buoyed by a bumper crowd were the first to find the stripe. Stephen Crichton started the move in his own half before it linked up down the right before the centre strode away from the defense to make it 6-0. The Broncos were bright in their work early and probed the line well. They responded with a four-pointer themselves through their strike centre. Herbie Farnworth sliced through from an Reynolds pass to level the game up at six. Quickly, it was double delight for the visitors. Ezra Mam weaved past

the Panthers, toed it ahead for himself before he was shouldered away. Farnworth showed his speed and beat the Panthers defense to the ball to make it 12-6.

On a slick surface, kicking games were key. Cleary piloted a kick which rebounded right from the upright and fell into the lap of Liam Martin. The representative backrower was unable to ground the ball on a frustrated night for the premiers. Near misses and communication errors were the Panthers downfall tonight. Their usual slick attack was stunted and it wasn't until interchange hooker Soni Luke came on which gave them a spark late in the contest.

Panthers piled on the pressure with dropouts galore in the second half. Broncos remained stout and held their line well and made some superb last ditch tackles to deny the Panthers any points with a baying crowd behind them. Reynolds pushed the advantage to seven in the 69th minute. He forced the Panthers defense to play at the ball to get six more then cool as a cucumber slotted the field goal to make it 13-6 in the wet. Luke gave the hosts a brief thought of a comeback. He scooted from dummy half to reduce the margin to one but the premiers left it too late and were unable to will themselves to a win against a spirited Broncos side. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 31 CANTERBURY 6

Manly-Warringah have picked up their first opening-round win since 2013, comfortably accounting for an error-prone Canterbury side 31-6 at Brookvale on Saturday.

A packed house - 17,217 fans - at 4 Pines Park were treated to a messy opening 15 minutes before Tom Trbojevic pounced on a DCE grubber to start the scoring for the afternoon.

Despite a sloppy opening quarter of the contest, Canterbury managed to turn the tables, scoring a try with a bit of luck for Reed Mahoney, snapping up his own grubber kick off the post to ground it and level scores. The turning point for the contest arguably came at the 35 minute mark, when Manly looked likely to score, but a Bunker review resulted in a sin-bin for Kyle Flanagan for a professional foul which came in for plenty of criticism from commentators

and fans alike. Manly took full advantage of the additional player on the park, Reuben Garrick breaking the deadlock just a minute later, allowing Manly a 12-6 half time lead. Cherry-Evans scoring three minutes after halftime denied any hopes the Bulldogs had of a solid start to the second forty.

By the time Flanagan returned, the rot had set in. Matt Burton was having a shocking afternoon with the boot and handling errors were common for a

range of players. Around the hour mark, the captain had a double for Manly and a 24-6 lead just about had the game won for the hosts. The Sea Eagles were comfortable enough to take Tom Trbojevic after this point (although he would return to the field later). Eight minutes from the end of play Cherry-Evans added to his personal scoresheet with a field goal, before plucking an intercept off a lazy Bulldogs attacking string on fulltime to deliver the final scoreline of 31-6. **TIM COSTELLO**

NORTH QLD 19 CANBERRA 18

A 76th-minute field goal has saved the Cowboys on a night where Canberra nearly came back and won at Queensland County Bank Stadium; North Queensland 19-18 winners in the first round.

The home team absolutely dominated early proceedings, and although they didn't have it all their way at first. After several false dawns (including a missed penalty goal from Holmes in the 11th minute), the Cowboys finally crossed out wide through Murray Taulagi after 15 minutes and for the rest of

the half, the Raiders found themselves on the back foot. Scott Drinkwater backed up the Taulagi try just two or three minutes later; and with Holmes' conversion the momentum was well and truly with the home team. At the 24 minute mark, on the back of mounting pressure it was a Val Holmes penalty goal which pushed the lead to 12 points. A second try for Drinkwater six minutes from halftime saw the lead extend further and further dented the Raiders' hopes of getting into the contest, but only minutes later an error from the Cowboys, compounded by a six-again call saw the Raiders push deep into North Queensland

territory for the first time since the early minutes. On the back of that possession, Emre Guler stumbled over some pretty feeble defence and in the shadows of halftime, a glimmer of hope was restored for the Green Machine.

The second half was a mirror of the first - Canberra dominated possession and field position, but couldn't crack the Cowboys' line until the 53rd minute when Tom Starling collected a rebound from his own grubber and dodged defenders to narrow the margin to six. Five minutes later scores were level after a

poorly received bomb ended up in Jack Wighton's arms near the Cowboys line, the Canberra five-eighth sprinting a short distance to score in the corner. The next 15 minutes were a war of attrition, the Raiders largely with the upper hand, but with five minutes remaining, Chad Townsend found himself in front of the Canberra posts and potted a one-pointer to sneak the home team ahead.

Try as they might, the Raiders were unable to level proceedings in the minutes remaining, or pull ahead, and the Cowboys hung on for victory. **TIM COSTELLO**

SOUTH SYDNEY 27 CRONULLA 18

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have started the 2023 season in strong style with a 27-18 victory over the Cronulla Sharks at Shark Park.

The clash started in one of the worst possible situations for the Rabbitohs, with their big man Tevita Tatola ruled out of the match from the very first tackle of the game after showing Category 1 concussion symptoms after a head clash.

Ronaldo Mulitalo learnt a hard lesson at the ten-minute mark to never think anything - especially a try - is a certainty. The Sharks winger was put into space as he charged towards the line before slowing down with a smile on his face thinking it was a fait accompli, only for Lachlan Illias to knock the ball out

in a desperate tackle. After saving the try down the other end, Illias was able to open the scoring when he looked dummy the ball out to the right, but elected to go himself - bouncing out of a tackle and getting his way to the line to score. The Sharks were able to level the scores through some bizarre work when Will Kennedy got himself into space and put a kick through, which he grubbered again before Braydon Trindall had to soccer through a couple of times himself to score and convert. It wasn't just the Sharks who bombed tries though, Izaac Thompson lost the ball short of the line when he got into space, and then Keaon Koloamatangi lost the ball chasing through an Illias kick. It was second time lucky for the Rabbitohs big man Koloamatangi though, when he put the Sharks defence in two minds and he went through to score. Cronulla were able to level

the scores on the stroke of halftime and get their confidence levels up as they looked to shift the ball left before going right to put Sione Katoa over in the corner.

If the Sharks got a confidence boost from the try at halftime, then whatever happened during the break must've brought the confidence down, because they looked like a team devoid of any confidence. Errors killed any momentum that they took into the half, and even though it took Souths time to capitalise - capitalise they did. The Bunnies finally took advantage just shy of the 50-minute mark when Illias put Campbell Graham through for his first effort of the night. Errors continued to hamper any efforts that were made by the Sharks to wrestle the momentum back, and a Latrell Mitchell penalty goal pushed the

score out to 20-12 after Briton Nikora was penalised for a late tackle on Cam Murray. More errors and ill-discipline hampered the hosts after Braden Hamlin-Uele was put on report for a high shot and then from the ensuing set, Graham was put through by Illias in a carbon copy of his first try. Things went from bad to worse for Cronulla after the try was awarded, with Wade Graham sent for 10 minutes by referee Todd Smith for what was deemed a high shot earlier in the set by the Bunker.

Cronulla did get a late try when Teig Wilton chased through a Matt Moylan kick, and was able to close the gap to just 8 points but errors again scuttled the momentum. A late Mitchell field goal put the icing on the cake for Souths. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

DOLPHINS 28 SYDNEY 18

The Dolphins have made a statement in their premiership debut after stunning the Sydney Roosters 28-18 at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Defying pre-season expectations to go toe-to-toe with their more heavily favoured opponents during the first half, Wayne Bennett's men romped to victory after halftime to the delight of 32,177 supporters in attendance.

Withstanding an early scare which saw Tesi Niu denied a try due to a forward pass, the Roosters

opened the scoring through Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii (11th minute), who managed to narrowly ground the ball despite interference from Brenko Lee. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (16th minute) wrote his way into the record books to score the first try for the league's 17th club; the former North Queensland speedster supported an incisive run from Jeremy Marshall-King to touch down underneath the black dot. The Roosters took advantage of an error from the ensuing kick-off with makeshift centre Drew Hutchison (19th minute) finishing off a skilful piece of footwork and passing from James Tedesco. Refusing to wilt in the face of their opposition, the Dolphins, inspired by several damaging hits from inaugural signing Felise

Kaufusi, struck a blow late in the half with Mark Nicholls (36th minute) crashing over from close range to send both teams to the sheds locked at 12-12.

Dominating possession with multiple line drop outs early in the second half, Connelly Lemuelu (46th minute) demonstrated his transition from the backline into the forwards with a powerful run to give the Dolphins the lead for the first time. Striking a major blow after debutant playmaker Isaiya Katoa opted to run the ball close to the try line, a right side shift allowed Jamayne Isaako (50th minute) to establish a double-digit lead. The Roosters endured further misery with the bunker ruling Daniel Tupou

lost the ball over the try line; a subsequent error from Matt Lodge saw Katoa and Tabuai-Fidow combine from a scrum to send Isaako (56th minute) over for his second try of the afternoon. Trailing 28-12 midway through the final quarter, Luke Keary produced an impressive break and kick, which allowed Tupou (67th minute) to atone for his earlier blunder and move within five tries of the club's all-time try-scoring record. Capping a dream debut for the league's newest club, inaugural signing Felise Kaufusi was awarded the Arthur Beetson Medal, in recognition of the rugby league immortal's ties to both Sydney and Redcliffe. **ROB CROSBY**

GOLD COAST 22 WESTS TIGERS 10

Gold Coast Titans have opened their 2023 season with a win, beating a new-look but ultimately disappointing Wests Tigers 22-10 at Leichhardt.

The locals rolled down the field courtesy of a penalty and promptly forced a dropout. Tanah Boyd kicked it out on the full in attempting to go short, and the Tigers didn't turn down the 2 points on offer to get out to an early lead. It was immediately clear that the Tigers game-plan would be to throw the ball around and use the full width of the field. It was an effective strategy to get them down the field, but once they got there they simply didn't have the polish necessary to turn their opportunities into tries. The Titans didn't

have much possession, but were able to score a long range try that put a stop to the Tigers momentum. Tanah Boyd put David Fifita into a hole, the big second rower linking up with Phillip Sami in support, who scored the try. With the Tigers' new expansive style came an increase in handling errors, and the Titans were able to make them pay in the 23rd minute. David Nofaaluma dropped it while making a run out of his own end, gifting the Gold Coast prime field position. AJ Brimson put an early grubber in, which Sami won the race to, and despite having a much lesser share of possession the Titans had a 10-point lead. The home crowd was growing increasingly frustrated with the lack of points scored by the Tigers, who went into the sheds with just 2 points to their name

despite an influx of field position. The feelings were compounded when the Titans went upfield courtesy of a penalty to start the second half and Daine Laurie was caught ball watching on the attacking kick. Sam McIntyre, the former Tiger, picked the ball up and scored, making it 18-2 to the visitors. The Tigers finally broke through a few minutes later, with Doueihi accelerating through half a gap and putting the ball down for a try, making it a two score game.

There's no doubt that the Tigers were on top for much of the match, but a combination of great goal line defence from the Titans and momentum killing mistakes from Wests meant that the scoreline was what it was. In the 65th minute, the Titans dropped

it out on the full once again, and another Tigers try followed. Doueihi was heavily involved, getting the try assist to Daine Laurie. Doueihi couldn't convert, meaning the deficit remained beyond a converted try. The crowd was energised, but it didn't last long, as AJ Brimson cut right through the defensive line off a scrum play 3 minutes later, scoring the try and shushing the Leichhardt faithful in the process. Tanah Boyd missed the conversion, leaving a faint bit of hope for the Tigers to mount an unlikely comeback. They weren't without their chances in the final minutes, but the Titans defence kept on turning the Tigers attack away, and 22-10 was where the scoreline remained as the full time siren sounded.

ADAM HUXTABLE

ROUND 1 RESULTS

MELBOURNE 16 (H. Grant, N. Meaney, Y. Tonumaipea tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 12** (J. Paulo, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 2nd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 6-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,301.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Lumelume; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Paulo (C), Cartwright, Doorey, Hopgood. Int: Momoisea, Murchie, Greig.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Tonumaipea, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Wishart, MacDonald, Grant, Garlick.

WARRIORS 20 (B. Afoa, W. Egan, E. Kosi, C. Nicoll-Klokstad tries; S. Johnson 2 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (L. Fitzgibbon, H. Hunt tries; J. Hastings 2 goals) **AT SKY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 10-6. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 16,676.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Kosi, Williame, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Afoa, Curran, Ale.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Hunt, Tuala, Best, Young, Ponga (C), Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Saifiti, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Mann. Int: Crossland, Elliott, Hetherington, Thompson.

BRISBANE 13 (H. Farnworth 2 tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals; A. Reynolds field goal) **DEFEATED PENRITH 12** (S. Crichton, S. Luke tries; N. Cleary 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6. Penalties: Brisbane 5-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 17,125.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o, Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo. Int: Luke, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

BRISBANE: Cobbo, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Arthars; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Palasia, Flegler, Taupau.

MANLY 31 (D. Cherry-Evans 3, R. Garrick, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 5 goals; D. Cherry-Evans field goal) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 6** (R. Mahoney try; M. Burton goal) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-6. Penalties: Manly 9-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,278.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Johns, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Keppie, Weekes, Trbojevic, Bullemor.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Kikau, Faitala-Mariner, Brown. Int: Tanner, Waddell, Pele, Preston.

NORTH QLD 19 (S. Drinkwater 2, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 3 goals; C. Townsend field goal) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 18** (E. Guler, T. Starling, J. Wighton tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM/**

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: North QLD 18-6. Penalties: North QLD 6-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 19,855.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Hess, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Neame, Taunoa-Brown, Tamou.

CANBERRA: Kris, Cotric, Timoko, Smith-Shields, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Saulo, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Harawira-Naera. Int: Starling, Mariota, Horsburgh, Guler.

SOUTHS 27 (C. Graham 2, L. Ilias, K. Koloamatangi tries; L. Mitchell 5 goals; L. Mitchell field goal) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 18** (S. Katoa, B. Trindall, T. Wilton tries; B. Trindall 3 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,757.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Graham, Kaufusi, Williams.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Moale, Koloamatangi, Chee-Kam, Murray (C). Int: Burgess, Arrow, Taaffe, Mitchell.

DOLPHINS 28 (J. Isaako 2, C. Lemuel, M. Nicholls, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 18** (D. Hutchison, J. Sua'ali'i, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 3 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Dolphins 7-2. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 32,177.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Wallace, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Gilbert. Int: Nicholls, Stone, Donoghoe, Lemuel.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Hutchison, Paulo; Keary, Walker; Collins, Smith, Lodge, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Whyte, May, Turpin, Baker.

GOLD COAST 22 (P. Sami 2, A. Brimson, S. McIntyre tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 10** (A. Doueihi, D. Laurie tries; A. Doueihi goal) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL.**

Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 12-2. Penalties: Wests Tigers 9-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 14,667.

WESTS TIGERS: Laurie, Nofaluma, Naden, Talau, Staines; Doueihi, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Blore, Twal. Int: Korisau (C), Ofahengaue, Pole, Kepaoa.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Schoupp, Sami, Fifita; Foran, Boyd; Jolliffe, Verrills, Fa'asumaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Clark, Fotuika, McIntyre.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	MANLY	1	1	0	0	0	25	2
2	GOLD COAST	1	1	0	0	0	12	2
3	DOLPHINS	1	1	0	0	0	10	2
4	SOUTHS	1	1	0	0	0	9	2
5	WARRIORS	1	1	0	0	0	8	2
6	MELBOURNE	1	1	0	0	0	4	2
7	BRISBANE	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
8	NORTH QLD	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
9	ST GEO ILLA	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
10	PENRITH	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0
11	CANBERRA	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0
12	PARRAMATTA	1	0	0	1	0	-4	0
13	NEWCASTLE	1	0	0	1	0	-8	0
14	CRONULLA	1	0	0	1	0	-9	0
15	SYDNEY	1	0	0	1	0	-10	0
16	WESTS TIGERS	1	0	0	1	0	-12	0
17	CANTERBURY	1	0	0	1	0	-25	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Eliesa Katoa (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Adam Elliott (Newcastle) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Jordan Rapana (Canberra) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: 3 matches
 Kyle Feldt (North Queensland) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
 Briton Nikora (Cronulla) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000
 Braden Hamlin-Uele (Cronulla) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800
 Wade Graham (Cronulla) Grade 1 Reckless HT: 4 matches
 Egan Butcher (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

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3 POINTS

Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins), AJ Brimson (Titans), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Nick Meaney (Storm)

ROUND 2

PENRITH 16 SOUTH SYDNEY 10

The Penrith Panthers have resumed normal transmission with a narrow 16-10 victory over the South Sydney Rabbitohs to kick off Round 2 of the NRL season.

Penrith got off to a hot start, limiting South Sydney in the opening sets of the contest. Their defensive effort was rewarded in the first five minutes of play. It was a great kick from Nathan Cleary which was batted back by Izack Tago, and juggled by Moses Leota who got it onto James Fisher-Harris who flicked it out the back to Mitch Kenny who found Stephen Crichton who dived in the corner. Cleary's

conversion was unsuccessful, and Penrith had an early 4-0 lead. Souths had opportunities but were outmuscled by Penrith's superior defence with Latrell Mitchell taken on the last and Tom Burgess losing the ball shy of the line. The Panthers were dealt a blow when Mitch Kenny was wobbly following a collision and was replaced by the independent doctor but would return to the action. Souths were struggling to hang on after sustained Penrith pressure. It was a great pass from Isiah Yeo to find Luke Garner to crash over to score, but the Bunker spoiled the party and Mitchell's defensive efforts were rewarded. But they wouldn't be denied right on the bell as Garner went to offload, and it looked like the ball was lost. Jarome Luai played to the whistle and kicked ahead.

Izack Tago won the race to the ball to score. Crichton converted to lead 10-0 at the break, but it was a sour lead with Cleary limping off at the break but would return in the second half.

Penrith began the second half the same way they attacked the first. A short kick-off backfired on Latrell and the Panthers shot two converted tries clear with a 12-0 lead. Five minutes later, a lovely pass from Cleary which found Crichton who got the 2 v 1 overlap and Brian To'o scored, with Cleary missing the kick to extend the margin to 16. Souths wouldn't die wondering. Michael Chee Kam did well to get the pass away to Latrell before getting it onto Cody Walker before finding Alex Johnston to score to reduce the

margin back to 12. Mitchell's impressive streak of 26 straight conversions came to an end with the miss from the right of the sideline. It appeared Souths were going to fall away but the ball spilt out the back, Cook found Walker who got it onto Johnston who found Mitchell before finding Isiah Tass who kicked ahead and won the race to the football. Mitchell converted for a 16-10 score and set up a grandstand finish. Souths fell agonisingly short on the final play. Penrith clear the cobwebs following an opening round horror show, while Souths are set to regroup ahead of a grudge match against the Roosters. The game is on a sour note for Panthers fans, with one of their own ejected following a racial slur directed at Latrell Mitchell. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

CRONULLA 30 PARRAMATTA 26

The Parramatta Eels are zero from two to start their 2023 NRL campaign, going down 30-26 to Cronulla in front of their home fans on Friday evening.

It was Parramatta who shot out of the blocks, opening the scoring in just the 4th minute. A J'maine Hopgood offload set the 4-pointer up for his prop Reagan Campbell-Gillard, and Mitch Moses slotted the conversion in his 200th NRL appearance to take the score to 6-0. In just the next set, another Hopgood offload set up an overlap on the left edge for Maika Sivo to extend his side's lead early on. But Cronulla worked hard to turn the momentum back in their favour, and it paid off when Briton Nikora crossed the stripe in the 16th minute. Stand-in halfback Braydon Trindall popped Nikora the short ball close to the line, and just like that it was 10-6. A few minutes later, an

error from Bailey Simonsson handed Cronulla another attacking set, which fullback William Kennedy took full advantage of, scoring his first of the night. After the chaotic opening 20, both teams went back into their shell a little. It was an error from try-scorer Kennedy that allowed the Eels onto the attack, and eventually it was Moses who crossed for the try in the 34th minute. His conversion attempt from the sideline missed, giving his team a 14-12 lead a few minutes out from the break. But the Sharkies weren't content with heading into the sheds just yet. Some brilliant eyes up footy from Matt Moylan in the 37th minute set up William Kennedy for his second try of the night, and the Trindall conversion gave Cronulla an 18-14 lead at the half-time siren.

It was all Parramatta to start the second half, with a handful of six agains helping them downfield in the opening minutes. They took full advantage in the

44th minute through an impressive display of force by their winger Maika Sivo, who rolled his way over the top of Sione Katoa. Moses kicked his toughest conversion attempt of the night to give the Eels the lead back. The next ten minutes was all Parramatta, with Cronulla consistently inviting them back on the attack. Maika Sivo went heartbreakingly close to his second try of the night, but the Sharks goal line defence held up well to a thorough Parra examination. Their hard work in defence paid off when Ronaldo Mulitalo plucked a pass out of the air in the 56th minute. The chase was on, but Mitch Moses was up to the task, reeling Mulitalo in over an 80 metre sprint. But the Eels didn't scramble hard enough to get back onside, and Will Kennedy strolled over on the next play to complete his first career hat-trick in the NRL. The subsequent conversion gave Cronulla a 24-20 lead with 20 minutes on the clock. Just two minutes later, Mulitalo proved that rugby league is very much

a game of momentum, taking a stunning AFL catch off a Moylan kick to extend his side's lead. Trindall kept his impressive goalkicking performance going, nailing the conversion from the sideline to bring the Parramatta deficit into double digits. It would take the Eels to the 73rd minute to trouble the scorekeeper again, with another wonderful display of footy from J'maine Hopgood opening up the Cronulla defence for his halfback, Mitch Moses, to take full advantage of. Quickly converting his own try, the gap was brought down to four points with just six minutes remaining. Parramatta gave it their all in the final minutes, but the Sharks managed to hold onto their narrow lead until the final siren. The Eels will face Manly at Brookvale on Thursday night - still trying to get their first win on the board. Cronulla will travel to the nation's capital to face Ricky's Raiders in a Sunday evening clash. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

BRISBANE 28 NORTH QLD 16

Brisbane has remained undefeated in 2023, following a sensational 28-16 win over the Cowboys at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

North Queensland opened scoring following back-to-back penalties early in the match. It was 2022 Rookie of the Year, Jeremiah Nanai who touched down, running a superb line off a deft pass from halfback Chad Townsend. Valentine Holmes converted and it was 6-0 after as many minutes. The Cowboys then extended their lead after 20 minutes, when back-to-back penalties saw Holmes with a gift penalty goal to

extend the visitors lead to 8-0. After a mountain of possession, the Broncos finally looked to have scored their first try, however Reece Walsh was ruled to have obstructed the Cowboys defenders in the lead up. The Broncos didn't have to wait too long however, when Adam Reynolds put a neat kick behind the line for Kurt Capewell to score and open the home side's account. Reynolds converted and it was 8-6 nearing halftime. New Broncos recruit Marty Taupau was then penalised for a hip drop tackle right in front of the posts. Holmes then added a second penalty goal to extend the lead to 10-6. Brisbane however hit back on the stroke of halftime, when Walsh put his winger Corey Oates away down the left-hand side.

The Queensland winger then kicked ahead for a flying Ezra Mam who scored an electric try to give the home side a share of the lead at the break.

Following the dramatic sequence of Drinkwater being sent to the Sin Bin and Oates leaving the field with a broken jaw, Walsh then came up with a classy kick for Kotoni Staggs to score to put his side in front. With the Cowboys a man down, Brisbane hit the accelerator with Ezra Mam scoring his second try after that man Walsh and Jesse Arthurs (on as 18th man) combined for the Broncos number six to race away to score and all of the sudden it was the home side leading 20-10. With ten minutes remaining Adam

Reynolds took an easy two points to extend the lead to twelve, when Cowboys hooker Reece Robson was penalised for being accidentally offside following an offload from Patrick Carrigan which touched a Cowboys hand. North Queensland then threatened a boilover, when Chad Townsend produced a marvelous grubber behind the line and the usual suspect in Jeremiah Nanai scored his second try, for the Cowboys to trail by six with minutes remaining. Brisbane then brought their home fans to their feet, when centre Herbie Farnworth made a bust and he found Man of the Match Reece Walsh, who scored under the posts to ice the game for the home side. **SAM BOURKE**

SYDNEY 20 WARRIORS 12

Sydney Roosters picked up their first points of the 2023 season after a 20-12 win over New Zealand Warriors in front of 16,267 fans at Sydney Football Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Roosters showed in flashes the form of the side which was tipped for big things this season. Sam Walker led the side around well with a four-pointer and a few try assists in a solid win for the tri colours. It was a hot afternoon in Sydney, and the action was fast from the start. Roosters looked to rebound

after their shock loss against the Dolphins while the Warriors aimed to continue their strong start to the season. The Roosters were the first side to find the scoreboard. It was a simple exchange of passes on the right before Jaxson Paulo dived over the corner and Sam Walker converted to make it 6-0. A quick series of whistles gave the Roosters the chance to extend their lead to eight. Walker again stepped up, he piloted through the goal for an 8-0 lead as the teams headed for the drinks break. Warriors settled into the game and got some field position. They strung a lovely sequence of passes together of their own, with

Shaun Johnson sending over Wayne Egan to make it 8-6.

The second half started with a few errors from both sides but once it got going, the Roosters struck again. This time, Joey Manu was the architect and Paulo collected a double. Roosters found their rhythm and started to cut open the Warriors defense. James Tedesco almost strode away from a Walker bust but spilled it. Minutes later, Luke Keary sent Joseph Suaalii through and he send Walker across for the 18-6 lead. The visitors weren't ready to have the sun

set on their chase for two points. Marata Niukore sliced through then found forward partner Addin Fonua-Blake to get them back within six. Once the Warriors were back within six, they had some chances to level up. Dylan Walker kicked one dead and spilled the ball in good field position alongside a grave error of not getting to the play the ball for the Warriors. Roosters finished off the game with another two points. An escort penalty from a possible try-scoring position saw Walker step up, he made it 20-12 and get the Roosters their first win of the 2023 season. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CANTERBURY 26 MELBOURNE 12

The Canterbury Bulldogs have left many stunned as they have gone down to Melbourne and done what most teams can't do and win, as they ran out 26-12 winners over the Storm after leading 26-0 at one stage.

The Storm had the field position early but it quickly shifted to the Bulldogs and it was their fan-favourite rookie Jacob Preston who got over the line first and despite a live decision of No Try from referee Chris Butler, the bunker was quick to award the try. Melbourne were looking to put the pressure on the Bulldogs but couldn't and the momentum shifted off a poor Harry Grant kick that went dead and gave the Bulldogs a 7 tackle set. The Storm looked lost

in attack and it was a poor few minutes for Young Tonumaiepa who handed over the ball on last tackle without an attacking yelp before being sin binned for taking out Jake Averillo who didn't have the ball in an attacking raid. The Bulldogs then took advantage with two quick tries first coming through Jacob Kiraz who scored in the corner after the Dogs were able to exploit the numbers whilst Josh Addo-Carr added the third when again Canterbury were able to exploit the extra man. This time it was going from side to side with mesmerising passing that left Melbourne shocked as the Fox pulled off a trademark dive for the corner.

On the stroke of half time, the Bulldogs had a Viliame Kikau try called back when a kick through from Matt

Burton was knocked on by Josh Addo-Carr in the lead up. Despite that overturn, the Bulldogs still had an unexpected 16-0 lead at the break.

If Craig Bellamy wasn't happy about the first half, he was going to be furious about the start to the second half when Jacob Kiraz picked up his second try of the night when the Melbourne defence looked so brittle as Reed Mahoney fooled them by looking left before going right and finding Kiraz. The final Bulldogs try was even worse when Jake Averillo just had a wide open gap to go through from dummy half and the Bulldogs lead 26-0. At that point it looked a mere formality but the Storm aren't ones to give up and they didn't when Nelson Asofa-Solomona crossed from close range to give hope. The Bulldogs seemed

to go back into their shells and some ill-discipline gave the Storm a big chance of getting back into the game.

The Bulldogs looked to be struggling with the momentum shift as Jahrome Hughes was able to get over as the Storm threw the ball around finding cracks in the Bulldogs defence. Neither side was then able to get on the board though the Storm were trying to get on the board but couldn't and the 26-12 scoreline stood for the last 20 minutes of the contest. The victory doesn't come without a potential cost for the Bulldogs with Viliame Kikau sin binned and placed on report for a blatant trip and could catch the ire of the Match Review Committee.

JOSH ROBERTSON

DOLPHINS 20 CANBERRA 14

The "Redcliffe" Dolphins have done something that nobody thought they would and something that history tells you is nearly impossible by winning their opening two matches of their debut season but they did just that with a 20-14 win over Canberra.

In very wet conditions, the Dolphins struggled to adjust early and the Raiders were able to take advantage of the errors from the home side when Jack Wighton was able to slide through after the home side's defence failed to number up under pressure. The pressure that was on the Red and Gold tonight was mounting and the Raiders took advantage

again when the Dolphins defence struggled again to number up and Nick Cotric was able to get over in the wet conditions. Things looked to be going even worse for the Dolphins when Jeremy Marshall-King was sin-binned for a hip drop tackle though they managed to turn momentum their way despite a Raiders penalty goal when they finally got over just shy of half-time when Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow scored after a Sean O'Sullivan grubber kick couldn't be cleaned up by Seb Kris.

Canberra had all the momentum for the opening 20 minutes of the second half with all the attacking position and possession but it was a penalty to

the home side that changed things and helped the Dolphins upfield. There was some controversy over the Dolphins next try when Tom Gilbert got over and despite looking to hold the shirt of Matt Timoko whilst trying to get the ball, common sense was used as Timoko was never looking to play at the ball whilst Gilbert was trying to get to the ball. A penalty and conversation starting sin bin against Hudson Young for what referee Todd Smith had deemed a professional foul after the Canberra second rower never got to marker and was ruled to have deliberately stopped the try. The ensuing penalty goal put the Dolphins in front 14-12. If the Young sin bin sparked discussion, a very contentious decision

from Todd Smith again to deem that Sean O'Sullivan had made late high contact when it looked as if the penalty was milked by the Canberra player. The Raiders levelled the scores at 14 all with both sides down to 12.

An error at the back from Canberra gave the Redcliffe side a big opportunity and it was down to Isaiya Katoa to step up and he did as he ran to the line drawing in the defence for the Hammer to seal the win with his try. The victory for the Dolphins sets them in high esteem as just the third team to win their first two games as an expansion side since 1910 and the first since the Storm. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE 14 WESTS TIGERS 12

A gallant performance against the odds has seen the Newcastle Knights open their 2023 account following a 14-12 victory over the Wests Tigers at Leichhardt Oval.

Losing Kalyn Ponga and Jayden Brailey to early concussions, Tyson Frizell with a lower leg injury, along with Jacob Saifiti being sent from the field for a high tackle, the Knights found a way to hold on to the delight of a small contingent of the 13,214 supporters in attendance at Leichhardt Oval. Withstanding the loss of Ponga after 90 seconds and a wealth of

early pressure on their defensive line, the Knights made the most of their first attacking opportunity with replacement playmaker Tyson Gamble and Dane Gagai shifting the ball right to send Dominic Young (10th minute) over for first points. Going further ahead despite losing Brailey minutes later, the Knights refused to wilt and were rewarded with Gamble firing a brilliant pass to send Lachlan Fitzgibbon (16th minute) over for a try in his 100th game for the club. The Tigers appeared to score through Asu Kepaoa midway through the half only for the bunker to rule an obstruction, while fan favourite Alex Twal was cruelly denied his maiden try in first grade due to desperate defence from Tyson Frizell.

The Knights were forced to play the final ten minutes of the first half a man down after Young tackled Brent Naden off the ball; the Tigers were finally able to capitalise with Kepaoa (34th minute) sending the home side to the sheds trailing 10-6.

Losing Frizell to a lower leg injury shortly after halftime, the Knights withstood pressure on their goal line after a 40/20 from Luke Brooks and grew in confidence following a superb tackle from Leo Thompson which forced a turnover. Striking a crucial blow on the hour mark after sustained pressure on their opponents line, the Knights replicated the right side shift of their first try to send Young (61st minute)

over for his second try. Reduced to 12 men for the final 15 minutes after Jacob Saifiti was sent off for a high tackle on Jake Simpkin, the Tigers opted not to kick a penalty goal which would have narrowed the margin to a converted try. The Tigers set up a grandstand finish with Stefano Utoikamanu (79th minute) crashing over despite doubts over a double movement, however the Knights would not be denied with Brooks unable to execute a two-point field goal on the final play of the game. In addition to posting consecutive wins at Leichhardt Oval for the first time in a quarter of a century, the Knights retained the Allan McMahon Shield with the 14-12 victory.

ROB CROSBY

ST GEO ILLA 32 GOLD COAST 18

The St. George Illawarra Dragons have emphatically defeated the Gold Coast Titans to begin their season with a 32-18 victory at Kogarah this evening.

The 14-point triumph for the predicted wooden spooners has surprised many pundits and fans as they clicked into gear after the opening 30 minutes of the game.

The travelling Titans opened with two tries to Alofiana Khan-Pereira and Sam Verrills in the first 20

minutes and looked set to continue on and win their second game of the season. However, this wasn't to be as the Dragons started to use the ball well and put their mark on the game. The turning point came when Isaac Liu illegally stripped a Dragons player in the tackle which gave the Dragons the penalty and a free march up the field. They scored their first just after and didn't take their foot of the gas.

That first try was scored by Jacob Liddle in his club debut and Mikaele Ravalawa grabbed one just before the half time break to give the Dragons the lead. It was an exciting finish to a fairly interesting half of

football and it looked set to continue like that in the second half. The Dragons had other ideas.

The home side, playing in their first game of the season kicked off the second half as they left the first with a try to Tyrell Sloan early on thanks to some great halfback play from World Cup winner Ben Hunt. The momentum was all with the Dragons and the Titans' ill-discipline continued to keep them out of the game. The Dragons extended their lead with two penalty goals, keeping the scoreboard ticking over as they enjoyed the majority of the possession. In the first 20 minutes of the second half, the home side had

75 per cent of the ball compared to the 25 per cent for the Titans, and the Dragons made them pay. Blake Lawrie got on the board in the 66th and the game was effectively done.

Tino Fa'asuamaleaui grabbed a consolation try for the Titans in the 70th minute but it was too little too late as the Titans head back home to the Gold Coast suffering their first loss of the season as the Dragons celebrate a great start to their 2023 campaign.

LACHY MACCORQUODALE

ROUND 2 RESULTS

PENRITH 16 (S. Crichton, I. Tago, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary, S. Crichton goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 10** (A. Johnston, I. Tass tries; L. Mitchell goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 9th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-0. Penalties: Penrith 7-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 16,906.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo. Int: Luke, Eisenhuth, Leniu, Salmon.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Moale, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Chee-Kam, Murray (C). Int: Suluka-Fifita, Taaffe, Cartwright, Mitchell.

CRONULLA 30 (W. Kennedy 3, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; B. Trindall 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 26** (M. Moses 2, M. Sivo 2, R. Campbell-Gillard tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-14. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 16,663.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Paulo (C), Cartwright, Doorey, Hopgood. Int: Momoisea, Murchie, Greig, Makatoa.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Hunt, Kaufusi.

BRISBANE 28 (E. Mam 2, K. Capewell, K. Staggs, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 16** (J. Nanai 2 tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 43,162.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Palasia, Flegler, Taupau, Arthars.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Hess, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Neame, Taunoa-Brown, Tamou, Elliot.

SYDNEY 20 (J. Paulo 2, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 12** (W. Egan, A. Fonua-Blake tries; S. Johnson 2 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 8-6. Penalties: Sydney 8-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 16,267.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Paulo; Keary, Walker; Collins, Smith, Baker, Butcher, Butcher, Whyte. Int: Turpin, Hutchison, May, Thomas.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Kosi, Wiliame, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Afoa, Curran, Ale.

DOLPHINS 20 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, T. Gilbert tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 14** (N. Cotric, J. Wighton tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) **AT KAYO STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Penalties: Dolphins 8-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 10,023.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Wallace, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Gilbert. Int: Lemuelu, Nicholls, Teague, Donoghoe.

CANBERRA: Kris, Cotric, Timoko, Smith-Shields, Hopoate; Wighton, Fogarty; Saulo, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C). Harawira-Naera. Int: Starling, Mariota, Horsburgh, Guler.

CANTERBURY 26 (J. Kiraz 2, J. Addo-Carr, J. Averillo, J. Preston tries; M. Burton 3 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 12** (N. Asofa-Solomona, J. Hughes tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-0. Penalties: Canterbury 8-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 17,248.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Tonumaiepa, Anderson; Wishart, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Garlick, MacDonald, Grant, Bradley.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Kikau, Faitala-Mariner, Preston. Int: Brown, Waddell, Pele, Okunbor.

NEWCASTLE 14 (D. Young 2, L. Fitzgibbon tries; J. Hastings goal) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (A. Kepaoa, S. Utoikamanu tries; A. Doueihi 2 goals) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL.**

Date: Sun, 12th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 10-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 13,214.

WESTS TIGERS: Laurie, Nofoaluma, Naden, Talau, Staines; Doueihi, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Korosau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Kepaoa, Ofahengaue. Int: Simpkin, Seyfarth, Twal, Tumeth.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Hunt, Gagai, Best, Young; Ponga (C), Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Johns. Int: Saifiti, Crossland, Hetherington, Gamble.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 32 (B. Hunt, B. Lawrie, J. Liddle, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 6 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 18** (T. Fa'asumaleaui, A. Khan-Pereira, S. Verrills tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 12th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 16-12. Penalties: St George Illawarra 8-7. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 8,538.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Bird. Int: Liddle, Musgrove, Couchman, Kerr.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Schoupp, Sami, Fifita; Foran, Boyd; Clark, Verrills, Fa'asumaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Fotuauka, McIntyre, Randall.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 2

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	MANLY	1	1	0	0	1	25	4
2	DOLPHINS	2	2	0	0	0	16	4
3	ST GEO ILLA	1	1	0	0	1	14	4
4	BRISBANE	2	2	0	0	0	13	4
5	PENRITH	2	1	0	1	0	5	2
6	SOUTHS	2	1	0	1	0	3	2
7	WARRIORS	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
8	SYDNEY	2	1	0	1	0	-2	2
9	GOLD COAST	2	1	0	1	0	-2	2
10	CRONULLA	2	1	0	1	0	-5	2
11	NEWCASTLE	2	1	0	1	0	-6	2
12	MELBOURNE	2	1	0	1	0	-10	2
13	CANTERBURY	2	1	0	1	0	-11	2
14	NORTH QLD	2	1	0	1	0	-11	2
15	CANBERRA	2	0	0	2	0	-7	0
16	PARRAMATTA	2	0	0	2	0	-8	0
17	WESTS TIGERS	2	0	0	2	0	-14	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Maika Sivo (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Peta Hiku (North Qld) Grade 2 Crusher Tackle: 2 matches

Scott Drinkwater (North Qld) Grade 3 Shoulder Charge: 3 matches

Joseph Suaalii (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches

Tom Gilbert (Dolphins) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Viliame Kikau (Canterbury) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (tripping): \$3000

Jacob Saifiti (Newcastle) Grade 3 Reckless High Tackle: 5 matches

Jackson Hastings (Newcastle) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1800

Isaiah Papali'i (Wests Tigers) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

4 POINTS

Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), J'maine Hopgood (Eels)

3 POINTS

Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Sam Walker (Roosters), Reece Walsh (Broncos), Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins), AJ Brimson (Titans), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Nick Meaney (Storm), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Tyson Gamble (Knights), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs)

ROUND 3

MANLY 34 PARRAMATTA 30

Manly have opened their season being undefeated after three rounds for the first time since 2007, despite a determined Eels side that engaged in a flurry of point scoring in the final ten minutes of the game - finishing 34-30 winners at Brookvale.

With 10 minutes remaining in the game, Manly held a narrow 22-16 lead in what had been, up to that point, a reasonably strong performance from both outfits defensively. But then a switch flicked and everything went haywire. Josh Schuster placed a shallow bomb towards the Eels posts and found Haumole Olakau'atu who caught the ball cleanly before falling over the line for a try. Reuben Garrick converted and Manly lead 28-16 with 8 minutes remaining.

Maika Sivo capped a nice left side movement with a try in the corner which Mitch Moses failed to convert. The Eels trailed by 8 with 6 minutes remaining. Parramatta refused to go away, employing some second phase play in the middle of the field, and after 3 offloads, the ball finally made it to Josh Hodgson, who dummied, shaped to kick and then dashed through a yawning gap to race 40 metres to score. Moses converted to reduce Manly's lead to 2 points with 3 minutes remaining. From the restart, J'maine Hopgood tried to continue the second phase play, but his pushed offload was intercepted by Olakau'atu who ran 25 metres to score. Garrick added the extras and extended Manly's lead to 34-26 with just under 3 minutes remaining. From the ensuing set, Parramatta marched downfield and on their last tackle, sent Sivo

in for his second try in the space of just four minutes. Moses again failed to convert. Manly then settled down with 90 seconds on the clock and held on for a tight 4 point victory.

Earlier in the match, Manly got off to a great start with an 8th minute try to Garrick to bulldoze his way through Clint Gutherson. Garrick converted his try and then kicked a penalty goal 11 minutes later. Tom Trbojevic playing like his older brother, stormed onto a short ball from the dummy half after a strong Schuster run on the previous tackle, and barged his way over to score a strong try. Garrick again converted. Five minutes before halftime, Gutherson got his side on the board when he swept around the back on the left side, threw several dummies before slicing through the edge defence to score a good solo try. Moses converted. Parramatta scored

again less than 3 minutes later when Matt Doorey barged onto a crash ball and smashed his way over the line. Moses was unable to add the extras. At halftime, Manly's 14-0 lead had been whittled down to 14-10. Parramatta continued where they left off when play resumed when Gutherson shrugged out of a tackle and then ran through the vacant space in front of him to score another good solo try. Moses converted from in front to give the Eels a 16-14 lead after 45 minutes. Manly hit back two quickfire tries in 4 minutes, first to Tom Trbojevic who pounced on a crafty little chip by Schuster and then by Brad Parker who dived on a loose ball in the Parramatta in-goal to score a well-deserved try in his 100th NRL game. Garrick failed to convert both tries..

ANDREW FERGUSON

DOLPHINS 36 NEWCASTLE 20

The Dolphins continue their strong start to life in the NRL with a 36-20 win over the Newcastle Knights on Friday night at Hunter Stadium.

There will be phins up all across Redcliffe tonight, as the Dolphins made it three from three in their debut season after a Tesi Nui hat-trick inspired them to two points over a gallant Newcastle Knights side in the Hunter.

Coming off their big wins in Queensland, this was the Dolphins first expedition away from their pod. It got off to a fantastic start when they stripped the numbers on the left which left easy passage for Niu

to cross for 6-0. Knights were coming off their own inspirational win against the Tigers in Leichhardt and struck back. It came from the boot with the halves linking up. Jackson Hastings found a free roaming Tyson Gamble to touch down. Dolphins took back their advantage in style with a pair of scores. Interchange hooker Kodi Nikorima spotted a small gap in the defense to scoot over then it was another slick play to Niu which made it 16-6. Newcastle hadn't lost their home opener since 2014 and showed some resilience late in the first half. Lachlan Miller sliced through the gap, linked up with Lachlan Fitzgibbon who turned it back to the fullback to get the hosts within four.

Coming out of the break, Knights felt just fine and took the lead! Smart thinking from Bradman Best after he caught the ball in goal, he gave it to the speedster Miller who raced away make it 18-16. Like they have in the first fortnight, Dolphins dug deep and scored in bunches again. Tabuai-Fidow strode away from the defense from a lovely Connolley Lemuelu ball which was tapped right into the fullbacks path. Next, it was Niu completing his hat-trick with a simple finish. It came from an error from Dom Young which saw the Dolphins go short side and the former Bronco dived over to put them ahead by eight points. There was some life left in the Knights especially after Felise Kaufusi was sin binned for a late shot on Hastings. Miller took the

complementary two points which brought it back to a single score the difference and a grandstand finish. Despite being reduced to twelve, the Dolphins extended their advantage. They once again found numbers on the right side which saw Jamayne Isaako provide a classic finish in the corner for 30-20. Isaako then added some icing on the cake for the Dolphins third win. It was a kick from Isaiya Katoa which found the winger in space and he celebrated a double in the dying stages with another inswinging conversion. For the Knights, they were just too error prone against a solid Dolphins side and couldn't take advantage of the extra man late in the contest. The visitors continue to enjoy their time in the top division with another two points. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SYDNEY 20 SOUTHS 18

The Sydney Roosters have defeated their bitter rivals South Sydney by 20-18 in front of a sell-out crowd at Allianz Stadium tonight.

Another chapter to the 'Book of Feuds' was added late in the game, when Roosters centre Joey Manu was sent to the Sin Bin for a reckless tackle. Following a heated melee from both sides, Rabbitohs backrower Michael Chee Kam also joined him for being third man in and looked to deliver a sneaky jab to the Roosters centre's eye.

It was the Bunnies who fired the first shot, when

explosive backrower Keaton Koloamatangi crashed over for the first try collecting a neat flat pass off Lachlan Ilias close to the line. Latrell Mitchell converted, and it was 6-0. He was billed as the big game player pre-match, and Latrell Mitchell proved it once again when the Kangaroos star threw a superb cut out ball for Alex Johnston to race away to score down the left edge. Mitchell missed the conversion, but the Rabbitohs had flown out of the blocks to lead 10-0 after less than fifteen minutes. South Sydney continued to dominate the tempo of the match in the first half, with Cody Walker's kicking game on point as he earned three repeat sets in quick succession. It wasn't until five minutes before halftime, when

Brandon Smith made a big statement for his new team from the bench. The nuggety hooker took a dart out of dummy half and sliced through to score and swing the momentum. Sam Walker missed the conversion, but the Roosters felt pretty good only being down by six points despite having limited possession. The Roosters then made it back-to-back tries, as Luke Keary placed a superb chip kick for a flying Daniel Tupou to score. Walker converted the try to make it 10 all nearing the break. In the last play of a frenetic first half, the Roosters were penalised in front of the posts, when Sam Walker was ruled offside. Mitchell took to gift two points on offer to give his side a 12-10 lead at halftime.

The match continued to see-saw in the second half until Roosters hit the lead, after Jaxson Paulo scoring a double to extend the Rabbitohs lead to 20-12 with twelve minutes left on the clock. Drama ensued late with both Manu and Chee-Kam sent to the Sin Bin late, before Souths winger Isaac Thompson caused a major boil over, when he scored a late try off a neat pass from Campbell Graham to give Souths a heartbeat. With seconds on the clock, Mitchell attempted an ambitious two point field goal, however unfortunately for South Sydney it fell short, and the Roosters held on for a deserved victory in front of their delirious fans. **SAM BOURKE**

GOLD COAST 38 MELBOURNE 34

Gold Coast Titans took the points 38-34 in an open game of football against the Melbourne Storm at Robina on Saturday afternoon.

It was a warm afternoon on the Gold Coast and the action matched the temperature in the first half. Both teams came with an intention of playing some footy which was wonderful to watch. The Titans, like they did last week in Kogarah, started fast. It was a break from their own end which involved Brian Kelly and AJ Brimson before youngster Alofiana Khan-Pereira dived over. The Storm hit back through the man making his debut for the club today. Five-eighth Jonah Pezet

with the show-and-go to race away for his first four-pointer in the NRL to make it 8-6. Straight from the drinks break, Titans made their lead six. Kieran Foran showed off his skillset with a cut-out pass which left Khan-Pereira one-on-one with a defender and left them clutching air and gave the winger a double. Foran went from the penthouse to the outhouse in one play, dropping the kick-off. It gave the Storm room for Nick Meany to roll over for a try and his conversion levelled things up at 12-all. Storm hit the lead for the first time right on the half hour mark. Interchange forward Tariq Sims, almost on his first touch, sliced through the defence and made it 18-12 to the visitors. You couldn't keep Meany out of the scoring today. Storm found their

rhythm and were finding holes in the Titans defense which isn't the most robust. He tackled himself from the line break then backed up well and nudged over for 24-12. Titans brought the deficit back to six just before the break. Brimson punched a kick low which allowed Kelly to wait for the bounce and score a vital four-pointer to set up the second half.

The hosts got the perfect start to the second half. A good hit from Tino Fa'asuamaleaui forced it free and Jo Vuna had a saloon passage to the line to level the game up again. It felt like *deja vu* as the Titans led again. Jahrome Hughes spilled the ball on the attack, it fell right into the lap of Aaron Schoupp who had no one in front of him for 30-24. Much like the first

half, Titans strode out to an eight point advantage after a late hit on Tanah Boyd. The halfback stepped up again, piloted through the conversion and made it 32-24. Defense was optional in the sun today. Storm refused to go away and marched down the field with a pair of penalties that led to Jahrome Hughes finding a gap close to the posts to make the margin four. AJ Brimson produced some magic to salt the game away for the Titans. He rose highest for a kick, flung it behind him and Schoupp was able to clean up and make it 38-34. There was some late drama when Xavier Coates got the Storm within four again. He was able to touch down a Harry Grant kick just inside the deadball line to give us a big finish. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

WARRIORS 26 NORTH QLD 12

The New Zealand Warriors have pulled off their first win in Townsville in five years with a very impressive 26-12 victory over a very poor and lacklustre North Queensland Cowboys outfit in Townsville.

One of the biggest tests for the Cowboys was the loss of three key players through suspension though things looked ok early for the North Queenslanders when replacement fullback Tomas Chester got on the board first. It came via some luck when Chad Townsend's kick ricocheted off the upright and couldn't be cleaned up by Wayde Egan and the Cowboys fullback got there first. The Warriors hit

back soon after when Wayde Egan was able to keep the ball and ball carrying arm off the ground to get over the line and score under the posts which gave Shaun Johnson an easy shot at goal. Tom Chester's influence on the game continued when he timed his run perfectly to tap the ball backwards to Reece Robson who was able to get over the line and score almost untouched. The Cowboys looked to gain an upper-hand on the contest but it was the Warriors who were able to hit back just shy of the half hour mark when Marcelo Montoya got space on the outside of the Cowboys defence to score in the corner. The Warriors then continued their dominance when it was Jazz Tévaga who got over through some

excellent work from Shaun Johnson to draw in the defence before finding Dylan Walker who had great timing on the pass to find Jazz Tévaga who scored. Shaun Johnson converted in front to give the Warriors a 16-12 lead which they took into the break.

The second half needed to see the Cowboys click for their fans but they couldn't as their first attacking set ended poorly as the Warriors were able to take advantage. It was the impact of Shaun Johnson again who was able to draw in defenders before he found Adam Pompey who pulled in the defence and found an offload out to Ed Kosi who scored. Shaun Johnson got his laughs over the crowd as he slotted

the conversion from out wide. The Warriors again exploited the edge defence of the Cowboys this time down the left when a short-side play found Marcelo Montoya with a hint of space and the superman dive saw him get down in the corner to extend the New Zealander's lead out to 14. Shaun Johnson couldn't replicate his heroics from the other side of the field and convert. Although they couldn't add to the scoreboard, the effort of the Warriors had to be admired with the professionalism of their play and they were able to deny the Cowboys at every opportunity including stopping Gehmaat Shibasaki who's poor day saw him go on report twice and lose the ball trying to score. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 40 ST GEO 18

Brisbane have scored 34 points to 2 in just over 40 minutes - 22 of those coming in the final nine minutes, to belt a Dragons side that struggled to keep up as the match wore on, 40-18 at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

The Broncos dominated possession in the opening 5 mins, but it was the Dragons who opened the scoring when they went to the shortside on the left where Zac Lomax received a pass where he was clearly outnumbered, but somehow drew two defenders before getting a pass to Mathew Feagai who got 1 on 1 with Jesse Arthurs where the Dragons winger won the battle, scoring in the corner. Lomax failed to convert. Brisbane very nearly equalised in the 10th minute when an Adam Reynolds kick downtown was allowed to bounce. Selwyn Cobbo flew down, tapped the ball over Tyrell Sloan, regathered and then

offloaded back inside to Mam who looked to score - but the Bunker disallowed the try due to the tap on. The Broncos finally got on the board in the 19th minute when a Reynolds grubber was regathered by Kotoni Staggs who spun out of the tackle and fell over the line to score. Reynolds converted from out wide. In the 27th minute the Dragons reclaimed the lead when they sent the ball right where the defence met Jayden Su'A as he received a pass, but he got a lovely ball out the back to Tyrell Sloan sweeping around and he sliced through the edge defence to score. Lomax converted from out wide. Lomax had an opportunity to further extend the lead in the 32nd minute but he failed to kick a penalty goal. Jayden Sullivan drifted to the left and then somehow stumbled through a feeble tackle effort before strolling in for a soft try in the 35th minute. Lomax added the extras to give his side a 10 point lead. Right on the stroke of halftime, Reynolds nailed a 2 point field goal to reduce the Dragons lead to 16-8

at halftime.

The Broncos started the second half with real intent. In the 44th minute, Cory Paix score a trademark rake try, diving over from dummy half. Reynolds converted and then 5 minutes later, he put in a cheeky grubber that popped up late for Staggs, who remarkably regathered and performs a mid-air somersault to get the ball down just inside the dead-ball line for a brilliant try. Reynolds failed to convert. A Lomax penalty goal in the 58th minute levelled the scores. In the 62nd minute, a powerful run and line break by Mikaele Ravalawa saw the Dragons get inside the Broncos half after 1 tackle. On the next play, Ben Hunt kicked down to the Broncos right corner where Lomax regathered but his hand touched the sideline inside the Broncos in-goal as he grounded the ball, denying him a try. With the game in the balance, it was the Broncos who scored next in the 71st minute when Reynolds shaped to kick but

then linked out wide on his right with Reece Walsh, who got outside his man before turning Cobbo back inside, who broke out of a tackle and raced over to score. Reynolds converted to give the Broncos a 24-18 lead with 7 minutes remaining. In the very next set the Broncos scored again when Patrick Carrigan got a glorious around-the-corner offload to the flying Walsh, who raced 30 metres to score out wide on the left. Reynolds conversion from out wide was poor. In the very next set the Broncos scored again when Payne Haas got a brilliant offload to Kurt Capewell who turns the ball inside to the unmarked Ezra Mam, who strolled over to score. Reynolds again converts. The scoring didn't end there. At the end of the very next set they scored again when Staggs gets outside his man, runs down the right wing before flinging a pass infield where Walsh cleans it up, steps inside the sole defender and dives over to score. Reynolds converted to give the Broncos an impressive victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CANTERBURY 26 WESTS TIGERS 22

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have recorded a rare victory at Belmore after accounting for the Wests Tigers 26-22 on Sunday afternoon.

Recording only their third victory from 11 appearances at their spiritual home ground in close to a decade, the Bulldogs were given an almighty fright during the closing stages after the Tigers conjured three tries in the space of six minutes to turn a one-sided affair into a nail-biting finish. Showing their intentions to move the ball around during the opening stages, a left-side shift

from the blue and whites saw Hayze Perham (5th minute) benefit from a brilliant display of power and footwork from Viliame Kikau, who offloaded to his fullback in support for first points. Growing in confidence in front of a hyper partisan crowd of 16,404 supporters, rookie centre Paul Alamoti intercepted a pass ten metres out from his goal line before linking with Josh Addo-Carr (14th minute) to take the side's advantage out to two converted tries. The Tigers were left to lament a missed opportunity after club debutant John Bateman failed to ground the ball over the line, however the disappointment was short-lived as Brent Naden (22nd minute) snatched an intercept before streaking 80 metres

to score underneath the posts. Replicating the partnership that yielded results earlier in the half, Alamoti and Addo-Carr (28th minute) combined for another long-range effort that saw The Foxx snare his second try of the day. A penalty goal from Kyle Flanagan on halftime saw the Bulldogs take a 20-6 lead at the change of ends.

Capitalising on a Tigers reshuffle midway through the second half, which saw former Canterbury playmaker Brandon Wakeham come on for his club debut, co-captain Matt Burton (54th minute) burst through the middle of the field to give the home side a 20-point lead. Conjuring a minor comeback with

Wakeham heavily involved in back-to-back tries, Luke Brooks (66th minute) crossed out wide before Fonua Pole (69th minute) scored his first try in the top grade. Adding a further try to send a chill down the spine of the Belmore faithful, Brooks broke through the Bulldogs defence with a dummy and found Charlie Staines (70th minute) in support to narrow the margin to four points. The Bulldogs were unable to ice the result despite near misses from Jake Averillo and Corey Waddell, however the Tigers late flurry proved too little too late as the blue and whites held on for a 26-22 victory. **ROB CROSBY**

CANBERRA 24 CRONULLA 20

The Canberra Raiders have notched up their first win of 2023, getting out to a hefty second half lead before surviving a late comeback attempt to beat the Cronulla Sharks 24 point to 20.

The home side were on the back foot from the beginning, losing hooker Danny Levi to a suspected broken jaw in the opening minutes, meaning Tom Starling would take on an increased role. The Raiders' problems compounded when the Sharks took full advantage of a Fogarty grubber that went dead. Ronaldo Mulitalo had half and inch and was able to get past James Schiller and set up his fullback Will Kennedy under the posts. The Raiders were able to use a Toby Rudolf error in his own half to their advantage, dominating field position with a

strong defensive set that allowed them to start in enemy territory. They were able to hit back, with Wighton throwing a great right to left cutout pass to Albert Hopoate, who finished well in the corner. Fogarty nailed the sideline conversion to tie things up at 6-apiece. Both teams then engaged in an arm wrestle, with Briton Nikora producing a huge hit to jar the ball loose from Fogarty and stop a Canberra attacking raid in its tracks. It wasn't long before the Raiders were back in the red zone, this time due to a penalty for high contact from McInnes. This time, they capitalised, with Corey Horsburgh crashing over the line courtesy of some great deceptive work from Tom Starling out of dummy half. The Sharks hit right back however, marching down the field with ease and putting Will Kennedy in prime position to grubber for Mulitalo, who grounded the ball in the corner. Trindall missed the conversion, meaning the

score remained 12-10 to the Raiders at the break.

Cronulla started the second half on the front foot, receiving a penalty on play number 1. The advantage was short lived though, they would soon give away an obstruction penalty while in possession. The Raiders would then receive another penalty and set restart, and they took full advantage, with Timoko receiving early ball and embarrassing Matt Moylan to cross for his first try of the season. Fogarty's conversion made it an 8-point ball game. The Sharks could not get out of their own way, making back to back mistakes while coming out of their own end. They would not be let off the hook, with the Raiders making a line break and using the momentum to put Corey Horsburgh over for his second of the night, and all of a sudden the lead was 14. To add insult to injury for the Sharks, Royce Hunt was sent to the sin

bin for throwing a punch in backplay. Cronulla were not going to lie down though. Off a penalty and set restart, they forced a mistake from James Schiller and promptly took advantage, shifting the ball right for Jesse Ramien to slice through and score. The Sharks ended up not conceding any points during Hunt's stint on the sidelines, and it looked like they were finishing the stronger of the two teams when Trindall threw a short ball to put Nikora over for a try. The score was 24-20 to the hosts with just over 6 minutes to go, a grandstand finish waiting in the wings. The Sharks would end up in a scenario where they had about one minute and twenty seconds to go 90 metres and score, but it wasn't to be, with Hudson Young cleaning up a last ditch grubber effort from Trindall, the Raiders holding on to win by 4. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 3 RESULTS

MANLY 34 (H. Olakau'atu 2, T. Trbojevic 2, R. Garrick, B. Parker tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 30** (C. Gutherson 2, M. Sivo 2, M. Doorey, J. Hodgson tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Thu, 16th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 14-10. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,363.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Weekes, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Keppie.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Paulo (C), Cartwright, Doorey, Hopgood. Int: Momoisea, Murchie, Greig, Makatoa.

DOLPHINS 36 (T. Niu 3, J. Isaako 2, K. Nikorima, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 20** (L. Miller 2, T. Gamble tries; J. Hastings 3, L. Miller goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 16-12. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 20,093.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Hunt, Gagai (C), Best, Young; Gamble, Hastings (C); Saifiti, Crossland, Hetherington, Jones, Fitzgibbon, Thompson. Int: Rivett, Croker, Lucas, Cant.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Donoghoe, Lemuelu, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Gilbert. Int: Nikorima, Nicholls, Stone, Teague.

SYDNEY 20 (J. Paulo 2, B. Smith, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 2 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 18** (A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi, I. Thompson tries; L. Mitchell 3 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 12-10. Penalties: Sydney 5-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 36,639.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Paulo; Keary, Walker, Baker, Turpin, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Hutchison, May.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Chee-Kam, Murray (C). Int: Burgess, Moale, Mitchell, Cartwright.

GOLD COAST 38 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, A. Schoupp 2, B. Kelly, J. Vuna tries; T. Boyd 7 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 34** (N. Meaney 2, X. Coates, J. Hughes, J. Pezet, T. Sims tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 24-18. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 14,483.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuika, Randall, Fa'asumaleau (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Clark, Vuna, Fa'asumaleau.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Pezet, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Wishart, MacDonald, Sims, Garlick.

WARRIORS 26 (M. Montoya 2, W. Egan, E. Kosi, J. Tevaga tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 12** (T. Chester, R. Robson tries; V. Holmes 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-12. Penalties: North QLD 7-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 17,818.

NORTH QLD: Chester, Feldt, Holmes, Shibasaki, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Cotter, Hess, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Neame, Taunoa-Brown, Luki.

WARRIORS: Tuaupiki, Kosi, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Barnett, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Sironen, Ale, Tevaga.

BRISBANE 40 (K. Staggs 2, R. Walsh 2, S. Cobbo, E. Mam, C. Paix tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals; A. Reynolds field goal (2pt)) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (M. Feagai, T. Sloan, J. Sullivan tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 6:35 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 16-8. Penalties: Brisbane 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 26,612.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Jensen, Paix, Palasia, Taupau.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Bird. Int: Liddle, Musgrove, Kerr, Molo.

CANTERBURY 26 (J. Addo-Carr 2, M. Burton, H. Perham tries; K. Flanagan 5 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 22** (L. Brooks, B. Naden, F. Pole, C. Staines tries; A. Doueihi 3 goals) **AT BELMORE SPORTS GROUND.**

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 20-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,404.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Kikau, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Waddell, Brown, Tanner.

WESTS TIGERS: Staines, Nofaluma, Naden, To'a, Tupou; Doueihi, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Kepaoa, Bateman, Pole. Int: Blore, Wakeham, Twal, Ofahengaue.

CANBERRA 24 (C. Horsburgh 2, A. Hopoate, M. Timoko tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 20** (W. Kennedy, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora, J. Ramien tries; B. Trindall 2 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-10. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 14,134.

CANBERRA: Kris, Schiller, Timoko, Smith-Shields, Hopoate; Wighton, Fogarty; Guler, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Harawira-Naera. Int: Saulo, Starling, Mooney, Horsburgh.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Hunt, Kaufusi, Williams.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 3

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	3	3	0	0	0	35	6
2	DOLPHINS	3	3	0	0	0	32	6
3	MANLY	2	2	0	0	1	29	6
4	WARRIORS	3	2	0	1	0	14	4
5	PENRITH	2	1	0	1	1	5	4
6	GOLD COAST	3	2	0	1	0	2	4
7	SYDNEY	3	2	0	1	0	0	4
8	CANTERBURY	3	2	0	1	0	-7	4
9	ST GEO ILLA	2	1	0	1	1	-8	4
10	SOUTHS	3	1	0	2	0	1	2
11	CANBERRA	3	1	0	2	0	-3	2
12	CRONULLA	3	1	0	2	0	-9	2
13	MELBOURNE	3	1	0	2	0	-14	2
14	NEWCASTLE	3	1	0	2	0	-22	2
15	NORTH QLD	3	1	0	2	0	-25	2
16	PARRAMATTA	3	0	0	3	0	-12	0
17	WESTS TIGERS	3	0	0	3	0	-18	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Mitch Moses (Parramatta) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$750

Maika Sivo (Parramatta) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1800

Taniela Paseka (Manly) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1000

Josh Aloiai (Manly) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1500

Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Parramatta) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000

Felise Kaufusi (Dolphins) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 4 matches

Dylan Lucas (Newcastle) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1500

Joey Manu (Sydney) Grade 2 Careless High Tackle: 1 match

Fletcher Baker (Sydney) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: not guilty

Michael Chee Kam (Souths) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1000

Cody Walker (Souths) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1000

David Fifita (Gold Coast) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Jahrome Hughes (Melbourne) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches

Justin Olam (Melbourne) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$750

Tino Fa'asuamaleau (Gold Coast) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500

Marata Niukore (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Jeremiah Nanai (North Qld) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Te Maire Martin (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750

Tom Starling (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

6 POINTS

AJ Brimson (Titans)

5 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

4 POINTS

Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), J' maine

Hopgood (Eels), Nick Meaney (Storm)

ROUND 4

PARRAMATTA 17 PENRITH 16

The 2022 NRL Grand Final rematch took place on Thursday night and produced a stunning contest that went into Golden Point before a Mitch Moses field goal handed the Eels a hard fought first victory for 2023.

The match began being fought predominantly through the middle and it wasn't until the 14th minute that the scoreboard attendant was required to do some work. Parramatta shifted the ball left to Dylan Brown who put in a grubber behind the Panthers line where Bryce Cartwright following through regathered and scored a clever try. Mitch Moses converted. Across the next 15 minutes, the Eels dominated both possession

and field position, but the Panthers defence were equal to the task, none moreso than fullback Dylan Edwards, who diffused a number of clever attacking kicks from Moses, as did fellow Panthers winger Sunia Turuva. After Izack Tago tapped one of Moses' grubbers dead, Nathan Cleary attempted a short drop out, but it didn't travel the minimum 10 metres. Mitch Moses then landed a penalty goal to give his side an 8-0 lead. A rare attacking set by the Panthers began on halfway when Isaah Yeo stepped back off his left foot, straightened his run and then broke through the Eels middle defence, offloaded to Scott Sorenson who then passed back inside to Edwards in support, who ran 30 metres to score under the posts. Cleary converted. This try spurred the Panthers attack and defence and the momentum started to finally swing

their way to end the half. A high tackle allowed Nathan Cleary to level the scores with a penalty goal right on halftime.

The second half started much the same like the first, with points being hard to come by as both sides struggled to get the upper hand, but it was the Panthers who were the stronger. But in the 58th minute Parramatta sent the ball right with players standing in tackles and getting passes away before debutant Brendan Hands got the ball in space and he raced 30 metres to score a good team try. Moses again converted. 7 minutes later, Moses Leota was penalised for a late challenge on Moses after he kicked and Moses kicked another penalty goal. The Panthers reduced the margin to just 2 points in the

72nd minute when Cleary, on the last tackle, dished a short ball to the lead runner Zac Hosking, who pushed through the line and scored under the posts. Cleary converted. With just 30 seconds left in the game Junior Paulo was sin binned for a high tackle, 40 metres from the Panthers line. Cleary kicked for touch and the Panthers started their set 10m inside the Eels half, with just 12 seconds left in the game. From the tap, the ball went to Cleary who landed an astonishing 45 metre, 2 point field goal to level the scores again as the half ends, sending the game into golden point. Inside the first minute of golden point, Mitch Kenny was penalised and sin binned for a high tackle and in the ensuing set, Parramatta went deep into the Panthers half where Moses calmly potted the match winning field goal. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MELBOURNE 24 WESTS TIGERS 12

Melbourne Storm returned to the winners circle tonight to defeat the Wests Tigers 24-12 at AAMI Park.

The return of star five-eighth Cameron Munster was key for the home team, who never trailed after going ahead from an early Nick Meaney penalty goal in the sixth minute. Will Warbrick opened the tryscoring for the evening near the quarter-mark of the game, taking advantage of a solid breakaway down the

Storm's right edge to open his NRL account after transferring from rugby over a year ago.

Jonah Pezet - stepping into the halves with Jahrome Hughes' suspension looming large - stepped up again after helping set up Warbrick's try, finding 50-gamer Eliesa Katoa in support who in turn supplied Nick Meaney the Storm's second four-pointer of the contest. Melbourne led 12-0 and were looking comfortable. The Tigers did manage to strike back at the 30-minute mark, John Bateman getting past several defenders before Isaiah Papali'i put Asu

Kepaoa over, and the Doueihi conversion narrowed the gap back to six points.

The Storm put the foot down though, and dashed the visitors' hopes not long after. Olam pounced on a bounce back from Xavier Coates who'd successfully contested a Munster high-ball. Munster got one of his own just before the break, fooling the defenders to cross himself and a 22-6 halftime lead ensued.

It was a quiet start to the second half, but eventually the Wests Tigers made hay while the sun shone at the

55th minute, Koroisau grubbering for himself and scoring, reducing the margin to ten points following Doueihi's conversion.

The only remaining score of the night came from Nick Meaney's boot, a penalty goal 14 minutes before the end of the contest and Melbourne then hung on for a 12-point victory, propelling them - for now - back into the top eight and leaving the Tigers as the only winless club in the 2023 premiership. **TIM COSTELLO**

BRISBANE 18 DOLPHINS 12

It was a win for big brother, as the Broncos defeated the Dolphins by 18-12 in a thrilling Battle of Brisbane derby in front of 51,047 fans at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

The city of Brisbane had been waiting for this moment for a long time and a vocal crowd welcomed both sides to the Cauldron. It was Broncos winger Jesse Arthurs who scored the first try, after he latched onto the end of a slick backline play involving Reece Walsh and Herbie Farnworth. Adam Reynolds missed from the touchline and it was 4-0 early lead to Brisbane.

Brisbane continued to dominate possession in the first half, but multiple handling errors cost them from extending their lead before halftime. The Dolphins also had their chances and went with in a whisker of evening up the game when winger Jamayne Isaako just couldn't get the ball grounded inside the corner post just before the break.

Brisbane struck first in the second half, when winger Selwyn Cobbo scored in the corner following a sublime cut-out ball from Reece Walsh. Reynolds again missed the conversion from out wide and Brisbane led 8-0. The Phins needed some luck and they received some off a bizarre error from Brisbane

winger Cobbo, who initially baulked at catching a kick on the last, with the Queensland winger then soccering the ball into touch like he was avoiding a corner. That was the chance the home side needed, when unlikely hero Jarrod Wallace scored off a crash ball close to the line, carrying three Broncos defenders over with him. Isaako converted to narrow the lead to 8-6 Cobbo then looked to have redeemed himself moments later, when he leapt over the tryline, only for Dolphins front rower Mark Nicholls managing to strip the ball at the last moment to save a certain try. Redcliffe then brought the sold-out crowd to their feet, when Anthony Milford put in a neat kick on the last for Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow

who came from the clouds to get the ball down and give his side the lead for the first time in the match. Broncos skipper Adam Reynolds then put Kurt Capewell into a huge gap and the backrower charged towards the corner to score a superb try and lock up the scores. Reynolds then nailed the conversion to give his side a 14-12 lead with ten minutes remaining. Kotoni Staggs then sealed victory for the Broncos when he picked up a kick in his own in goal and raced past four Dolphins defenders and go the length of the field to score a superb try and claim Suncorp Stadium as the Broncos and hand the Phins their first defeat.

SAM BOURKE

NORTH QLD 24 GOLD COAST 12

The North Queensland Cowboys have returned to the winners circle with a tough 24-12 victory over a brave Gold Coast Titans side in Townsville.

The Gold Coast opened the scoring early as David Fifita showed his class getting on the outside of the defence and drawing in the defence before getting a pass out to Alofiana Khan-Pereira to score out in the corner. The Titans extended their lead after Tanah Boyd added a penalty goal to push the lead out to 8-0. Disaster was striking for the Titans as they lost both

Kieran Foran and AJ Brimson to injuries within quick succession that put pressure on the Gold Coast. The Cowboys attack was putting consistent pressure on the Titans defence who were holding it out and the North Queenslanders were denied by the bunker twice. Just shy of the half time siren, Jeremiah Nanai got over after the pressure mounted on the Titans and some good work drew the defence in and put the Cowboys over.

Trailing by two points, the North Queenslanders had momentum and it was James Tamou turning back the

clock when he was able to get the defence in two minds as he changed the direction of the attack and he was able to stroll through. Val Holmes converted from close range and the Cowboys hit the lead. The pressure was then on the Cowboys defence but one play by Val Holmes took the ball out of the air and raced 100m away to score and extend the lead out to 24-12. David Fifita was causing issues for the Cowboys defence alongside Alofiana Khan-Pereira and the pair combined again when Fifita again drew defence in and found the Titans flyer to score in the corner. The Titans had gained momentum and it grew

when Jeremiah Nanai was sin binned for a dangerous throw tackle but the Gold Coast were never able to take full advantage despite the field position with some messy play. It was messy play that gave the Cowboys their final match deciding try when a loose offload bounced off Tom Chester's head then his foot causing chaos at the back for the Titans who couldn't clean up the ball and Chester was just able to get to the ball first for a try. The conversion pushed the lead out to 12 and it was unassailable late for the Gold Coast.

JOSH ROBERTSON

SOUTH SYDNEY 13 MANLY 12

A Lachlan Ilias field goal in golden point has secured a much needed victory on an emotional night for the South Sydney club, as they honoured iconic club legend John Sattler, who passed away during the week.

Souths opened the scoring in the 23rd minute in remarkable fashion when Cody Walker chased a kick that Tom Trbojevic followed and was allowing to roll dead, but just before it did, Walker got a finger on the ball just in time before the ball went dead and scored

an amazing try. Latrell Mitchell converted. Manly hit back just 2 minutes later when Daly Cherry-Evans put up a shallow cross-field kick which Haumole Olakau'atu caught brilliantly with one hand before falling over the line to score a great try. Reuben Garrick converted to level the scores. Manly looked to have added another good try just 2 minutes later, but only for the referee to controversially rule that one of the passes in the lead-up was forward. Things briefly got heated just 3 minutes before halftime, but everything was quickly settled and play resumed. Souths went on the attack in the final minute of the half before Cherry-Evans rushed up out of the line and

took a perfectly timed intercept on halfway and then raced all the way to score a good try. Garrick again converted. At halftime Manly lead 12-6.

Manly came out looking the better of the two sides but they were soon put on the backfoot when Cody Waler sliced through the defensive line on the left side and muscled his way over the line to score a strong solo try. Mitchell very narrowly missed the sideline conversion. Mitchell though kicked a penalty goal in the 66th minute to level the scores. From this pint on both sides were defensively brilliant, but their attack, outside of their forwards who were

tremendous, failed to produce repeat sets or points. In the 78th minute Latrell Mitchell had a shot at field goal but it was a poor strike and missed. Cherry-Evans then had a shot with 3 seconds remaining in the game but Damien Cook charged it down. Souths kicked off in golden point and on the third tackle, Josh Aloiai dropped a pass deep inside the Manly half. A poor pass to Mitchell on the third tackle meant he had to abort his field goal attempt. Two passes later, he was set for a shot, but the ball went to Lachlan Ilias who struck his kick sweetly and nailed the match winner in the 82nd minute.

ANDREW FERGUSON

WARRIORS 16 CANTERBURY 14

The New Zealand Warriors have fought back from multiple 8-point deficits to outlast the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, winning 16 points to 14 in a hard fought encounter in Auckland.

It was the dream start for the Bulldogs, who after seeing off the opening set from the Warriors were marched upfield courtesy of a penalty and didn't put the early attacking opportunity to waste, spreading the ball right to Averillo who did well to bump off a Warriors defender and flick it out to Kiraz, who went over the first try. The strong start continued for the visitors, getting another penalty in good attacking position that prompted the Warriors into wasting their challenge. They took the gift two points on offer and had an 8-0 lead after 8 minutes. From there it

was all the Warriors, who themselves got a flurry of penalties and set restarts to find themselves in good attacking position, but the Bulldogs did well to repel the initial attacking raids, and were on the verge of breaking the game open when Reed Mahoney kicked a superb 40/20. It wasn't to be though, with Edward Kosi taking a spectacular intercept that involved him tipping the ball up into the air and catching it. Their strong defensive pressure forced a forward pass from the Bulldogs, and they weren't to be denied this time. Shaun Johnson played nice and direct from the scrum win and sent a rampaging Viliami Vailea over the line to score. The score was 8-6, and both teams trading errors in the final 10 minutes of the first half meant it would remain that way at the break.

The tone was set for the second half quite early on, with Adam Pompey appearing to score a try on the Warriors first opportunity. The ball came out and he regathered it, and it was controversially deemed not to be a strip, a call which proved consequential on the very next play, with Addo-Carr getting on the outside of Kosi and going the length to make it an 8-point lead once again. The chaos continued, with Addo-Carr trying to avoid conceding a dropout by passing in his own in goal. It almost ended in disaster, but Jackson Ford dropped the ball, bombing a certain try. A few minutes later, the Warriors would finally get over, finding an overlap and sending Marcelo Montoya over in the corner. Johnson missed the kick, keeping it 14-10 to the Dogs. The Warriors defence was tested multiple times in the second half, but as has been the case so far in 2023 they held firm every time. They forced Reed Mahoney into a grubber that ended up

going dead, and would score off the resultant 7 tackle set, Shaun Johnson dummied his way over the line. The try also had a touch of controversy about it, with Addin Fonua-Blake appearing to deny Reed Mahoney a chance to make a play at Johnson. It was confirmed by the bunker though and the Warriors had their first lead of the match. The Bulldogs would get a penalty on their next possession and would launch an attacking raid on the Warriors, but once again they showed how much their defence has improved, turning Canterbury away for 12 straight plays. Time was running out for the Dogs, and it showed when Burton tried an early tackle kick in his own half that didn't come off. The Warriors would hold on for an impressive win from there, improving to 3-1 and keeping their spot in the top four.

ADAM HUXTABLE

NEWCASTLE 24 CANBERRA 14

The Newcastle Knights have produced a rapid fire start to the second half to beat the Canberra Raiders 24 points to 14 at McDonald Jones Stadium on Sunday.

Despite the final result, the game didn't start well for the Knights, making an error in the 3rd minute that gave Canberra a golden opportunity to strike first. They did exactly that, late inclusion Matt Frawley throwing a peach of a pass to Hudson Young, who touched down under the posts. The Knights were there to play though, and off the back of a set restart

they hit right back. They had an overlap on the right and were able to spread the ball to Greg Marzhev in plenty of space, the winger scoring a try in his club debut. Matt Frawley dropped the ball on the Raiders next possession, and another set restart for the Knights allowed them to get Bradman Best one on one with Matt Timoko, Best the one coming out on top and giving Newcastle their first lead of the day. The Raiders were quick to respond. Jayden Brailey made a terrible error out of dummy half and just as Josh Papalii was about to come on, Jack Wighton sliced right past Daniel Saifiti to give the Raiders the lead once more. Right on the stroke of half time, Matt

Frawley slotted a two point field goal to make it a 6 point buffer for the visitors at the break.

The Knights appeared to be the only team to come out to play in the second half, and it was made clear from the outset. The Raiders immediately gave away a penalty, and in their first set in good ball of the half Tyson Gamble threw a brilliant cutout pass to put Marzhev over for his second of the day. Miller converted, erasing the Raiders lead. Newcastle then went the length of the field in the set after points, Hetherington running onto an inside ball and breaking tackles while the Raiders defensive

line struggled to recover. Dane Gagai got some early ball and dived over in the corner, and just like that a Raiders 6 point lead had become a Knights 6 point lead in 8 minutes. The horror period continued for the Raiders, Jack Wighton heading to the sin bin for making late and high contact with Jackson Hastings after a kick. The Knights took immediate advantage, this time it was Tyson Frizell crashing over for a four pointer. That was all the scoring there was for the game, the Raiders having countless opportunities but finding no way through the brick wall that was the Newcastle defence. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

CRONULLA 40 ST GEO ILLA 8

Cronulla Sharks took bragging rights in the local derby with a 40-8 win over a disgraceful St George Illawarra Dragons side in front of 15,126 fans at Kogarah Oval on Sunday night.

Nicho Hynes stamped his return game with authority. The halfback had a hand in a majority of the Sharks seven tries and the reigning Dally M medalist helped turn around an inconsistent Sharks side and decimate their local rivals. A bumper crowd rolled up to Kogarah, as the two rivals locked horns. The start

was typically intense and both sides didn't give an inch. Sharks opened the scoring with Hynes sublime pass sending Ronaldo Mulitalo free then a kick inside for William Kennedy made it 6-0. Dragons showed some fight through their skipper. Ben Hunt with the dummy to beat his opposite number and get the Dragons on the board. The host took the lead soon after when Jaydn Su'A sliced through for an 8-6 lead. On the half-hour mark the Sharks retook their lead. A high kick was spilled back to the visitors then Jesse Ramien and Sione Katoa exchanged passes for the former to make it 12-8 at half-time.

Coming out the break, Sharks felt just fine. They piled on 28 points in a one-sided affair which gave them bragging rights over their rivals. It started in the first minute when Dragons knocked on and quick hands from the Sharks saw Mulitalo dive over. Hynes showed all the aspects of his game in the drubbing with a sublime short pass which sent Briton Nikora, who was playing his first game of the season, over right under the sticks as the vocal cords warmed up. Once again, the halfback was involved in the action. He kicked ahead, regathered and then sent it left for Mulitalo to make it a double. Next, Ramien got into the double act when he was the end of a long range

move to make it 32-8. Dragons were diabolical in the second half which saw them fumble and bumble the ball at every opportunity. They let their frustration get to them with five-eighth Jayden Sullivan put on report twice and the whistle given a heavy workout with infringements. The Sharks put the icing on the victory cake late in the contest. Hynes again had his hands all over the work and he sent the Sharks other winger Katoa over in the right corner to make it 38-8 then Siosifa Talakai punted over a late penalty goal to make it 40. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ROUND 4 RESULTS

PARRAMATTA 17 (B. Cartwright, B. Hands tries; M. Moses 4 goals; M. Moses field goal) **DEFEATED PENRITH 16** (D. Edwards, Z. Hosking tries; N. Cleary 3 goals; N. Cleary field goal (2pt)) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 23rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: Parramatta 7-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 16,342.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Paulo (C), Cartwright, Matterson, Hopgood. Int: Doorey, Hands, Greig, Makatoa.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Hosking, Yeo (C). Int: Luke, Sorensen, Leniu, Salmon.

MELBOURNE 24 (N. Meaney, C. Munster, J. Olam, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (A. Kepaoa, A. Koroisau tries; A. Doueihi 2 goals) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Fri, 24th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 22-6. Penalties: Melbourne 7-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 11,669.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Pezet; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Wishart, MacDonald, Sims, Garlick.

WESTS TIGERS: Doueihi, Staines, Naden, Kepaoa, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Laurie, Twal, Blore, Seyfarth.

BRISBANE 18 (J. Arthars, K. Capewell, S. Cobbo, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds goal) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 12** (H. Tabuai-Fidow, J. Wallace tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 24th March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 4-0. Penalties: Brisbane 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 51,047.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Milford, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Teague, Faamausili, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Nikorima, Wallace, Nicholls, Stone.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Palasia, Jensen, Taupau.

NORTH QLD 24 (T. Chester, V. Holmes, J. Nanai, J. Tamou tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 12** (A. Khan-Pereira 2 tries; T. Boyd 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 8-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 16,426.

NORTH QLD: Chester, Feldt, Holmes, Shibasaki, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Neame, Hess, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Luki, Taunoa-Brown, Tamou.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asuamaleau (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Vuna, Clark, Fa'asuamaleau.

SOUTHS 13 (C. Walker 2 tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals; L. Ilias field goal) **DEFEATED MANLY 12** (D. Cherry-Evans, H. Olakau'atu tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-6. Penalties: Manly 7-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 18,379.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Chee-Kam, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Suluka-Fifita, Moale, Cartwright, Lovett.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Lawton, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloia. Int: Weekes, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Keppie.

WARRIORS 16 (S. Johnson, M. Montoya, V. Vailea tries; S. Johnson 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 14** (J. Addo-Carr, J. Kiraz tries; M. Burton 3 goals) **AT MT SMART STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 8-6. Penalties: Warriors 5-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 18,595.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Kosi, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Sironen, Tevaga, Ale.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Kikau, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Okunbor, Waddell, Tanner, Brown.

NEWCASTLE 24 (G. Marzhew 2, B. Best, T. Frizell, D. Gagai tries; L. Miller 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 14** (J. Wighton, H. Young tries; C. Harawira-Naera 2 goals; M. Frawley field goal (2pt)) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-8. Penalties: Newcastle 4-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 15,106.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Hunt, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey (C), Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Mann. Int: Jones, Crossland, Hetherington, Croker.

CANBERRA: Kris, Schiller, Timoko, Smith-Shields, Hopoate; Wighton, Frawley; Guler, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Harawira-Naera. Int: Papalii, Woolford, Saulo, Horsburgh.

CRONULLA 40 (R. Mulitalo 2, J. Ramien 2, S. Katoa, W. Kennedy, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 5, S. Talakai goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 8** (B. Hunt, J. Su'A tries) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 12-8. Penalties: Cronulla 8-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 15,126.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Musgrove. Int: Bird, Liddle, Couchman, Kerr.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Hunt, Kaufusi, Williams.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 4

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	4	4	0	0	0	41	8
2	MANLY	3	2	0	1	1	28	6
3	DOLPHINS	4	3	0	1	0	26	6
4	WARRIORS	4	3	0	1	0	16	6
5	SYDNEY	3	2	0	1	1	0	6
6	CRONULLA	4	2	0	2	0	23	4
7	PENRITH	3	1	0	2	1	4	4
8	SOUTHS	4	2	0	2	0	2	4
9	MELBOURNE	4	2	0	2	0	-2	4
10	CANTERBURY	4	2	0	2	0	-9	4
11	GOLD COAST	4	2	0	2	0	-10	4
12	NEWCASTLE	4	2	0	2	0	-12	4
13	NORTH QLD	4	2	0	2	0	-13	4
14	ST GEO ILLA	3	1	0	2	1	-40	4
15	PARRAMATTA	4	1	0	3	0	-11	2
16	CANBERRA	4	1	0	3	0	-13	2
17	WESTS TIGERS	4	0	0	4	0	-30	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Eliesa Katoa (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Junior Paulo (Parramatta) Grade 2 Careless High Tackle: 2 matches
 Maika Sivo (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000
 Mitch Kenny (Penrith) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1800
 Jeremiah Nanai (North Qld) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: 2 matches
 Valentine Holmes (North Qld) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500
 Jed Cartwright (Souths) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750
 Jack Wighton (Canberra) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches
 Jack Wighton (Canberra) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1800
 Jayden Sullivan (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$1000
 Jayden Sullivan (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

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6 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Payne Haas (Broncos), AJ Brimson (Titans)

5 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

4 POINTS

Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Nick Meaney (Storm), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), J'maine Hopgood (Eels), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

ROUND 5

SYDNEY 28 PARRAMATTA 20

Despite losing James Tedesco to a concussion, the Sydney Roosters have cruised to a third straight victory, downing the Parramatta Eels 28-20 at Allianz Stadium.

It was a frantic start at Moore Park, and it was the Roosters who had all of the early running. Following a break from Lindsay Collins, Will Penisini was judged to be deliberately offside and sent for a stint in the sin bin. The Eels were nearly made to pay immediately when Luke Keary exposed the short right edge and finds Daniel Tupou who sprinted 25 metres before finding Joseph Suaalii before passing to Egan Butcher. However, the Bunker ruined celebrations when they

determined Luke Keary to obstruct Bailey Simonsson. Parramatta quickly got another penalty which allowed Mitch Moses to take a cheap penalty goal to give the Eels a 2-0 lead. However, it wasn't long before the Tri-Colours got their try. Joseph Suaalii broke through before finding James Tedesco. Off the ensuing play, Luke Keary linked up with Sam Walker who got a magical cut-out ball to Jaxson Paulo before flicking it onto Drew Hutchison to score the first try. Walker's conversion gave them a 6-2 lead. Parramatta hung on for dear life with several try-savers denying the Roosters points. The game changed 15 minutes before half-time when James Tedesco was concussed out of the game following a horror high shot from Simonsson. The winger somehow avoided being dismissed for the game but was also dispatched to the sin-bin. Daniel Tupou got another try closer to

Anthony Minichello's all-time record of 139 tries when he crossed six minutes later. Parramatta tried to rally back before the break but made the mistake of giving the Roosters a seven-tackle set before the break. Brandon Smith exposed the markers before finding Sam Walker who drew and passed to Luke Keary for his first of 2023 to give the Roosters a 16-2 half-time advantage.

Parramatta hit back straight after the break with a run of consecutive sets after half-time. They were able to cross when Penisini got a magic offload away to Clint Gutherson and the 14-point advantage was cut down to 8. However, the Eels discipline got away from them conceding 4 set restarts in the space of 4 minutes and eventually was made to pay. A lovely set play saw Suaalii combine with Jaxson

Paulo who continued his try-scoring run to extend the margin back to 12 points. After a sloppy period of play, the Roosters got beyond two converted tries when Walker added a penalty goal to extend the margin to 14. The match was sealed eight minutes from time when Tupou went on a mega kick return before linking up with Keary who got his second. Parramatta managed to grab two consolation tries when Gutherson and Maika Sivo but it was in vain as the Roosters were able to easily get the victory. The Roosters will most likely be missing Tedesco but will be pleased with the way Suaalii adapted at the back, however, Joey Manu returns and is likely to play in the 1 jumper. For the Eels, they again need to re-evaluate their defensive scheme, they've got 11 days to do it before the match with the Tigers on Easter Monday. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 53 CANBERRA 12

It has taken them a while to get going but the Penrith Panthers sounded a premiership warning on Friday, running over the top of the Canberra Raiders 53-12 at GIO Stadium.

There was drama early in Friday night's game as Penrith was placed under immediate pressure after Cleary had his first kick of the game charged down by Zac Woolford. It gifted Canberra a full set on Penrith's line and with a chance to set the tone early but, as would become a theme throughout the first half, the Raiders barely threatened in the red zone. It was actually off a scrum near halfway that Canberra had its first genuine try-scoring opportunity, with Seb Kris finding a hole after poor defence from Stephen Crichton. He then tried to find speedster Albert Hopoate in support but the winger put the ball down, with the Panthers surviving a close call. It proved a crucial missed opportunity as Cleary, unfazed by the charge down, went back to the boot minutes later

and this time his kick sat up perfectly for centre Tago. Tago then found winger Turuva in support for the opening try of the game, with Cleary then adding the extras to make it 6-0 after seven minutes. The execution wasn't always perfect for the defending premiers though and some physicality from Canberra saw the home side repel Penrith after multiple sets defending its own line. In fact, the Panthers' second try of the night came in unconventional fashion - going through 10 sets of hands before Turuva put in a grubber and pounced to push the lead out to 12-0. There was some adversity to come for Penrith though as repeated infringements saw Crichton binned after the centre was penalised for being offside off a scrum. Again, Canberra's attack inside Penrith's 20-metre zone left a lot to be desired but a smart kick from Woolford brought points as Elliott Whitehead dived on the ball to score. The Raiders almost made it two tries in a row as they went back to the left edge, with Hopoate burning the Panthers with his pace and kicking inside. Halfback Jamal Fogarty was chasing in support and had possession of the ball, only to lose

it in a desperate tackle from Tago. In the end despite threatening late the Raiders would head into halftime with just the one try while a late Cleary field goal pushed Penrith's lead out to 13-6.

The Panthers were gifted an immediate chance to extend that lead when Jordan Rapana was unable to defuse the kick-off. But as has been the case through the opening rounds of the season, Penrith was a shadow of its clinical former self as Tago dropped the ball. Tago would make up for it soon after though. A penalty saw the Panthers march up the field and then go back to the left edge, with Cleary putting Scott Sorensen through a hole as Tago backed up in support. It was a quick double for Tago as a series of sets inside Canberra's red zone eventually told, with the Raiders' right edge opening up with ease for the Panthers centre to surge through. Cleary missed his first conversion of the night, leaving the score at 23-6 after 50 minutes. Suddenly the floodgates opened as the Panthers went back-to-back, riding the momentum of a charging run from Brian To'o to

kick off the set after points. Raiders fullback Kris then bizarrely watched on as Lindsay Smith chased through to take possession and offload for Cleary to score. Canberra needed something fast and found it in the form of an uncharacteristic error from Panthers fullback Dylan Edwards, who failed to defuse a Hudson Young kick. Young himself was then on the spot to pick up the ball and score, giving the Raiders a glimmer of hope heading into the final 20 minutes. That hope quickly faded though when Rapana handed possession right back to Penrith off the restart and Edwards made up for his error as he put Zac Hosking over for a try. Tyrone Peachey then celebrated his Penrith return with a try in his first game for the club since 2018, embarrassing some meek Canberra defence in the 72nd minute. Some silky skills from Crichton and a storming run by Jaeman Salmon saw the Panthers score two more before fulltime as the visitors brought up the half-century in an emphatic win. **ANDREW JACKSON**

MELBOURNE 18 SOUTH SYDNEY 10

Melbourne's stingy defence was at its usual best as they beat Souths, who were sloppy far too often with ball in hand.

Souths had the lions share of prime field position and so often they had a larger volume of possession inside their oppositions 30 metres, yet could only muster 2 tries for the game. The Storm opened the scoring in the seventh minute when Jonah Pezet put up a kick before the two Souths backs collided mid-air, one of which was due to a collision with Cameron Munster.

Josh King swooped in, cleaned up the loose ball and dived over to score. Nick Meaney converted from out wide. The Rabbitohs immediately hit back when Cameron Murray got the ball at the line, got his way through the line and then offloaded to an unmarked Cody Walker who hit the pass at speed and raced away to score a good try. Latrell Mitchell converted. Harry Grant had a possible try denied by the bunker in the 16th minute, but five minutes later, the Storm would not be denied when William Warbrick got one-on-one with Alex Johnson and just ploughed through him to score in the right corner. Meaney added the extras from the sideline.

At halftime, the Storm lead 12-6.

Melbourne started the second half looking dead keen to score plenty of points, with Munster spearheading the attack. In the 44th minute, Xavier Coates was put into space down the left side, he got into the clear, and as he approached Mitchell, he kicked low infield where Munster got a perfect bounce, which he gathered and then raced away to score a great try. Meaney again added the extras. Reimis Smith went close to scoring in the 57th minute, but it was Souths who got on the board next when Mitchell help up a beautiful pass for Campbell Graham and the Bunnies

centre barged over between two edge defenders. Mitchell failed to convert from the sideline. The Bunker was then put to good use as it reviewed 3 possible tries to Souths and 1 to the Storm, all of which were rightly denied. Souths had a mountain of possession and play was largely confined to Melbourne's half, but Souths last tackle options all game were sloppy, poorly executed or just very slow and easily shut down. Melbourne's defence was unrelenting and kept Souths from scoring again and when the siren sounded, the Storm had won 18-10. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MANLY 32 NEWCASTLE 32

Manly and Newcastle have played out a tantalising 32-all draw in Mudgee this afternoon, after an absorbing Golden Point period produced no points.

Signs were ominous early in Mudgee, with the Sea Eagles shooting out to a 10-0 lead in as many minutes, Haumole Olakau'atu and Christian Tuipulotu catching the Newcastle defence short. The Knights eventually had some attacking footy and put it to good use, with Leo Thompson coming within touching distance of a try, which was then referred to the Bunker and saw Olakau'atu sin-binned for a professional foul, the

opening try scorer of the game having held Thompson back in the chase for the ball. With a one-man advantage, Newcastle turned on the flair with tries to Greg Marzhew and Jack Johns levelling things up at 10-all after 20 minutes. It looked like things had turned sour again for Newcastle not long after when Lachlan Fitzgibbon was given a 10-minute spell for high contact, but his teammates were having none of it, Dom Young scoring to put the visitors into the lead for the first time in the contest. The sides traded tries over the following ten minutes - Brad Parker taking advantage of space on the left to level things for Manly, then Young bagged his second of the afternoon at the 33-minute mark to reclaim the lead

for the Knights.

After points came at a breakneck speed in the first half, it was much slower going in the second half. Young picked up his hat-trick try, pushing the visiting side out to a 12-point lead approaching the hour mark. Manly weren't done though - three tries in the space of ten minutes saw them go from 12 points behind to four points ahead. Kelma Tuilagi taking advantage of some poor Newcastle right-side defence for the first of them, before Kaeo Weekes ducked through a gap in the middle to level things - then with ten to go, Reuben Garrick went over in the corner for a 32-28 lead. Manly looked confident to hold that lead

until Weekes conceded a penalty and from that set, just 2 minutes from the end of regulation time, Dom Young picked up his fourth try of the afternoon. With scores locked at 32-all after 80 minutes, golden point was next. For Manly it would be the second time in as many weeks, while Newcastle's long record in golden point games stood against them. The first five minutes saw - incredibly - no field goal attempts. Both teams opted for high kicks or, in the case of the final moment before changing ends, running it. Attempts came thick and fast in the following five minutes but neither side could pierce the posts or the line, sharing the spoils 32-all. **TIM COSTELLO**

ST GEO ILLA 38 DOLPHINS 12

The second half yips are gone for the St George Illawarra Dragons for at least this week, as they ran out 38-12 winners over an injury-hit Dolphins side in Wollongong.

An early penalty goal was what the Dolphins were hoping would add to the scores but from long distance, Jamayne Isaako had it waved away but it wasn't long before the Dolphins winger was on the board when he had no space to work with when he went for the line trying to get it down in the corner.

The Dragons hit back soon after when repeated sets began to mount and Jacob Liddle took advantage out of dummy half to get over from close range. The Red 'V' soon took the lead when big man Blake Lawrie had too much strength going to the line to beat the Dolphins defence to score. A strange decision to go for penalty goal just before half time for the visitors closed the scoreline to 12-8.

It was one-way traffic for the second half with the Red 'V' doing something that their opposition couldn't, take advantage of the howling southerly in the Gong.

The Dragons opened the scoring not long after the resumption of play when a bouncing ball proved all sorts of issues for Hamiso Taubai-Fidow at the back and Zac Lomax got to it first to score. The defence from the Dolphins was struggling and Ben Hunt strolled through a wide gap in the defence after the visitors were in two minds about what the Dragons were looking to do in attack and Hunt went straight through. More Hunt magic put Mikaele Ravalawa over for his first with a long pass out to the right before his second came through some silky hands with Ben Hunt and Jack Bird combining. The Dragons lead 32-6

at this stage. Despite having a player sin binned in between the two Ravalawa tries, the Dolphins turned on the style and flair when Jamayne Isaako was able to get on the outside of the Dragons defence and put on the afterburners before finding the Hammer who had too much speed to get himself over in the corner.

The Dragons finished the scoring with under 5 minutes to go when Tyrell Sloan was in open space after an offload and despite some tough and desperate defence Sloan was able to plant the ball down. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 46 WESTS TIGERS 12

Brisbane have very nearly racked up 50 against a Wests Tigers side that looks to be getting further away from improving every week.

The Broncos were impressive in their unrelenting attack all game, and even though they racked up 46 points, they let several opportunities go begging through either poor handling or pushed passes, meaning they've still got room for improvement, which is scary for the other 16 NRL sides. In the ninth minute the scoring began when the Broncos, despite some rushed and slightly panicky passing to flat footed players, eventually got the ball out to Jordan Riki, who stepped inside a defender and then

raced 15 metres to score a soft try. Adam Reynolds failed to convert the try. After going close twice, the Broncos finally added another try in the 16th minute when Ezra Mam grubbered on the left side for Kurt Capewell, who chased it down, regathered and scored. Reynolds converted the try. Arthurs almost scored himself 2 minutes later, but it was Payne Haas who got the next try, when he scooped up the ball from dummy half and barged over to score a strong try. Reynolds converted again. In the 30th minute, The Tigers were on the attack when a stray pass went behind their backs. Selwyn Cobbo pounced and picked up the ball before racing 87 metres to score. Reynolds converted to make it 22-0. Four minutes later the Broncos scored yet again when Reece Walsh

ran to the line then grubbered through for Riki to plant the rolling ball for his second try. Reynolds converted and at halftime lead by a commanding 28 points.

The Tigers finally got on the board 3 minutes into the second half when a Brandon Wakeham kick was taken nicely by Isaiah Papali'i, who then fell over the line to score. Adam Doueihi converted. Any chance of a second half comeback though was quickly snuffed out when Herbie Farnworth strolled through two stationary Tigers defenders on the left side to score a soft try. Reynolds conversion gave the Broncos a 34-6 lead. Reynolds very nearly created a try for Kotoni Staggs on the right side with a grubber behind

the line, but the centre couldn't control the ball and knocked it on. It would only take another minute before Staggs would get himself on the board when the Broncos shifted right, created an easy overlap and Staggs strolled in to score. Reynolds added the conversion to bring up 40 for the Broncos. Play from both sides started to lack discipline, with both sides pushing passes, losing the ball and giving away set restarts. In the 64th minute, Jake Simpkin dived over from dummy half to score. Doueihi converted. A penalty near full time for the Broncos near the Tigers line, allowed Reynolds to put in a grubber which Staggs regathered and scored. Reynolds converted just on fulltime to give the Broncos a commanding 46-12 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

WARRIORS 32 CRONULLA 30

Shaun Johnson has inspired the New Zealand Warriors to one of the club's greatest ever victories after rallying from a 20-point deficit to defeat the Cronulla Sharks 32-30 on Sunday afternoon.

In a match high on entertainment, but unlikely to be remembered fondly by defensive purists, Johnson nailed a late penalty goal to put the Warriors ahead for the first time before the side survived a final scare with Nicho Hynes missing a long-range penalty goal which would have sent the match into golden point. The win was the first time the Warriors prevailed at Cronulla since 2015 and only the sixth victory in 20 visits overall. Wasting little time in capitalising on a Warriors error on just the second tackle of the match,

Cronulla second-rower Teig Wilton (1st minute) found himself in the right place to open the scoring in his 50th game for the club. Going further in front in the following set following a break by Briton Nikora resulting in a six-again call, a superbly-executed left-side shift allowed Ronaldo Mulitalo (5th minute) to take the score out to 12-0. Making the most of an opportunity after Edward Kosi failed to latch onto an intercept, the Sharks produced a mirror image of their second try with Sione Katoa (14th minute) touching down in the right corner. Facing a 20-0 deficit after Nicho Hynes added a penalty goal midway through the half, the Warriors stemmed the one-way flow of points with stand-in captain Wayde Egan (21st minute) pouncing on a bouncing ball to score his fourth try in as many games this season. Will Kennedy (27th minute) claimed his sixth try in five

matches with a show-and-go close to the line, while former Cronulla playmaker Johnson kept the visitors in the contest with a well-placed pass to allow Marata Niukore (29th minute) to barge over for his first try in Warriors colours.

Forced to play the first ten minutes of the second half with 12 players after Niukore was sent to the sin bin for a hip drop tackle on halftime, Johnson (45th minute) was rewarded for effort on effort after forcing an error out of Mulitalo with a towering bomb and leading the chase to score. Gaining the ascendancy with Johnson and Ronald Volkman producing multiple repeat sets, Kosi (52nd minute) touched down to narrow the margin to two points. Having conceded three tries either side of half time, the Sharks regained a six-point advantage after

Mulitalo (55th minute) claimed his second after Hynes forced a repeat set through his kicking game. Setting up a grandstand finish with Josh Curran (67th minute) crashing over after getting his first involvement during the final quarter, a successful conversion from Johnson levelled the scores at 30-30. In an enthralling final ten minutes that saw Dale Finucane sent to the sin bin for a hip drop tackle, the Sharks opted to frantically run the ball on the final tackle which resulted in Curran being tackled off the ball. Johnson stepped up to nail the penalty goal but almost went from hero to villain after conceding an offside penalty from the ensuing short kick-off. Hynes ultimately was off target with his penalty attempt, leaving the bulk of the rain-soaked 10,878 fans to lament what could have been as the Warriors secured a 32-30 great escape. **ROB CROSBY**

CANTERBURY 15 NORTH QLD 14

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have come from the clouds to force golden point and 15-14 win against the North Queensland Cowboys, a Burton field goal in golden point all that stood between the two sides in 84 minutes of play.

The Bulldogs performance was made more impressive by the fact that injuries reared the ugly head during the game, starting in the third minute when Raymond Faitala-Mariner succumbed to an HIA which would rule him out for the remainder. The Cowboys would get on the board early, with Peta Hiku making a break to give the side momentum before Tom Dearden kicked into a backfield with no fullback, regathering the ball and touching down for the opening try. Things got worse for the Dogs when in the 15th minute Jayden Okunbor was sent to the sin bin for a hip drop tackle on Jason Taumalolo. The Cowboys opted to take the two points on offer, extending their lead to 8-points. Despite the one man disadvantage,

the Bulldogs were able to hit right back in the 20th minute. Matt Burton put in a beautiful grubber on the 5th tackle close to the line that rookie back-rower Jacob Preston won the race to. They would go the entire 10 minute period without conceding a try in an early moral victory. Unfortunately for Canterbury, the rollercoaster continued when a stray finger from Jacob Preston connected with Max King's eye, forcing the front rower off the field and Preston to get his finger taped in a double blow. Right on half time, Holmes attempted a two point field goal, but was well short, sending the sides to the sheds with the Cowboys leading 8-6.

The Bulldogs defence was on show in the early stages of the second half, turning the Cowboys away despite being faced with consecutive set restarts. The game was well and truly in the balance when Hayze Perham knocked on in the 59th minute, allowing the Cowboys another prime attacking opportunity. They didn't waste it, with Dearden putting Heilum Luki through

a gap and the back-rower then offloading for Tom Chester to score his 2nd career try. The conversion made it an 8-point game once again and the Dogs had a huge mountain to climb. They made progress toward doing so in the 68th minute, with Reed Mahoney throwing a great pass from dummy half to put Jacob Preston over for his second try of the night. Burton's conversion was missed, meaning the Bulldogs needed one more try to win the game. The Cowboys tried to extend the lead to 6 with a penalty goal two minutes later, but a rare miss from Valentine Holmes kept the score at 14-10. Burton's short side chip'n'chase on the Dogs next possession earned them a repeat set, but a pedestrian kick from Flanagan handed possession right back to the Cowboys. With three minutes to play, the Cowboys knocked on 5 metres out from their own line, giving the Bulldogs a prime opportunity to set up a grandstand finish. They would do exactly that; they shifted the ball to the left with 30 seconds to go and found an overlap courtesy of some quick hands from Paul Alamoti to Josh Addo-Carr, the latter

grounding the ball in the corner to give Burton a shot to win it from the sideline after the siren. Burton's kick wasn't convincing off the boot but looked to be coming back just enough before it made contact with the left hand upright, rebounding back towards the sideline and sending the game into golden point. Neither team managed to get themselves into good enough position to kick a field goal throughout the first 4 minute of golden point, and it looked as though another tie might be on the cards when Burton and Addo-Carr produced some magic. Burton kicked early in the tackle count from his own 30 for Addo-Carr, who took possession of the ball and chipped over the Cowboys fullback's head. He looked to be in for all money, but the ball bounced right back over his head and was dived on by Jacob Preston 25 metres out from the line and an inch away from the sideline. The clock was winding down and Burton was in position for the field goal, which he nailed from 30 metres out while on an angle, more than making up for his earlier missed conversion. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 5 RESULTS

SYDNEY 28 (L. Keary 2, D. Hutchison, J. Paulo, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 4 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 20** (C. Gutherson, B. Simonsson, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM**.
Date: Thu, 30th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 16-2. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,886.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Hutchison, Paulo; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Turpin, Whyte, Allan, Baker.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Blake, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Greig, Cartwright, Matterson, Hopgood. Int: Doorey, Hands, Murchie, Makatoa.

PENRITH 53 (I. Tago 2, S. Turuva 2, N. Cleary, S. Crichton, Z. Hosking, T. Peachey, J. Salmon tries; N. Cleary 8 goals; N. Cleary field goal) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 12** (E. Whitehead, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 2 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM**.

Date: Fri, 31st March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 13-6. Penalties: Penrith 6-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 15,334.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Timoko, Smith-Shields, Rapana; Frawley, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Harawira-Naera. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Horsburgh.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o, Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo (C). Int: Peachey, Smith, Leniu, Salmon.

MELBOURNE 18 (J. King, C. Munster, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 10** (C. Graham, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell goal) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**.

Date: Fri, 31st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 12-6. Penalties: Souths 6-5. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 11,239.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Suluka-Fifita, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Cartwright, Chee-Kam, Moale, Sele.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Pezet; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Garlick, MacDonald, Eisenhuth, Anderson.

MANLY 32 (R. Garrick, H. Olakau'atu, B. Parker, K. Tuilagi, C. Tuipulotu, K. Weekes tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) **DREW WITH NEWCASTLE 32** (D. Young 4, J. Johns, G. Marzhev tries; J. Hastings 2, L. Miller 2 goals) **AT GLEN WILLOW OVAL**.

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-16. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 9,024.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Tuipulotu, Parker, Harper, Garrick; Johns, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Weekes, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Keppie.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey (C), Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Johns. Int: Crossland, Hetherington, Croker, Jones.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 38 (M. Ravalawa 2, B. Hunt, B. Lawrie, J. Liddle, Z. Lomax, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 12** (J. Isaako, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM**.

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-8. Penalties: Dolphins 9-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 16,472.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amona, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Bird. Int: Mbye, Couchman, Kerr, De Belin.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Bostock; Katoa, Milford; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Ese'ese, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Wallace, Nicholls, Stone, Teague.

BRISBANE 46 (J. Riki 2, K. Staggs 2, K. Capewell, S. Cobbo, H. Farnworth, P. Haas tries; A. Reynolds 7 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (I. Papali'i, J. Simpkin tries; A. Doueihi 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM**.

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 6:35 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 28-0. Penalties: Brisbane 8-2. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 27,553.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Palasia, Jensen, Taupau.

WESTS TIGERS: Doueihi, Staines, To'a, Kepaoa, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Twal, Korosau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Matamua, Blore.

WARRIORS 32 (J. Curran, W. Egan, S. Johnson, E. Kosi, M. Niukore tries; S. Johnson 6 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 30** (R. Mulitalo 2, S. Katoa, W. Kennedy, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM**.

Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 26-12. Penalties: Cronulla 7-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 10,878.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Hunt, Williams.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Kosi, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Volkman, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan (C), Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Tevaga. Int: Walker, Sironen, Ale, Curran.

CANTERBURY 15 (J. Preston 2, J. Addo-Carr tries; M. Burton goal; M. Burton field goal) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 14** (T. Chester, T. Dearden tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**.

Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: North QLD 8-6. Penalties: North QLD 8-6. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 9,626.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Faitala-Mariner, Preston, Waddell. Int: Reynolds, Pele, Okunbor, Morrin.

NORTH QLD: Chester, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Elliot; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Dunn, Hess, Luki, Taumalolo (C). Int: Neame, Granville, Taunoa-Brown, Price.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 5

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	5	5	0	0	0	75	10
2	WARRIORS	5	4	0	1	0	18	8
3	SYDNEY	4	3	0	1	1	8	8
4	MANLY	4	2	1	1	1	28	7
5	PENRITH	4	2	0	2	1	45	6
6	MELBOURNE	5	3	0	2	0	6	6
7	DOLPHINS	5	3	0	2	0	0	6
8	CANTERBURY	5	3	0	2	0	-8	6
9	GOLD COAST	4	2	0	2	1	-10	6
10	ST GEO ILLA	4	2	0	2	1	-14	6
11	NEWCASTLE	5	2	1	2	0	-12	5
12	CRONULLA	5	2	0	3	0	21	4
13	SOUTHS	5	2	0	3	0	-6	4
14	NORTH QLD	5	2	0	3	0	-14	4
15	PARRAMATTA	5	1	0	4	0	-19	2
16	CANBERRA	5	1	0	4	0	-54	2
17	WESTS TIGERS	5	0	0	5	0	-64	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Bailey Simonsson (Parramatta) Grade 3 Careless HT: 2 matches
Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Newcastle) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
Herman Ese'ese (Dolphins) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
Mikaele Ravalawa (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
Jack de Belin (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
Fonua Pole (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1500
Junior Tupou (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500
Dale Finucane (Cronulla) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches
Marata Niukore (Warriors) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches
Jayden Okunbor (Canterbury) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

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9 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Payne Haas (Broncos)

6 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos), AJ Brimson (Titans), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos)

5 POINTS

Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Luke Keary (Roosters), Cameron Munster (Storm), Reece Walsh (Broncos), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Harry Grant (Storm)

ROUND 6

MELBOURNE 28 SYDNEY 8

The Melbourne Storm have defeated the Sydney Roosters 28-8 in an entertaining if error-plentiful match to open round six Easter footy action at AAMI Park this Thursday night.

In heavy rain, the game started much the way it would go for all eighty minutes. An error from Jaxson Paulo in just the second hit up of the game for the Roosters gifted Melbourne a dream early opportunity to take a crack at their opposition's line. The first ten minutes was dominated by Melbourne, but the Roosters defended admirably, and set after set the Storm found themselves held out yet again. The Roosters would be rewarded for their defensive efforts with the opening points of the

night in the 13th minute. Foraying into their attacking half for the first time in the match thanks to a penalty followed by a six again call, former Storm player Brandon Smith earned his side a repeat set. It was then great hands from Walker and Smith again which saw Jaxson Paulo cross untouched on the right edge for the Roosters. But it wouldn't be long until Melbourne struck back. This time it was Daniel Tupou who coughed it up while working it out of the Roosters' territory, and the Storm finally managed to take advantage of a scoring opportunity. Xavier Coates crossed in the 18th minute thanks to some quick hands, slick offloads, and skillful footwork in a brilliant team try. Meaney bounced the conversion in off the upright to level the scores at six apiece. The subsequent Roosters kick-off to restart play was not a simple matter at all. With no Melbourne player reaching it on the full, the ball bounced high and was looking destined to go dead in-goal. Jahrome

Hughes desperately attempted to keep it in, and in doing so intentionally knocked the ball forward and incurred a penalty against Melbourne. Sam Walker slotted the two points to give his side the lead back. The final ten minutes of the first half saw Melbourne begin to stamp their dominance on the clash. The 29th minute saw a Munster kick expertly taken by Nick Meaney over the tryline to give the Storm the lead back, before Meaney converted his own try to extend it. Cameron Munster crossed for one of his own just a few minutes before the break thanks to a midfield linebreak, and the conversion brought the half time score to 18-8 Melbourne's way.

Melbourne started the second half as they had ended the first - with points. Coates crossed to secure a double in the 45th minute, another try thanks to a Munster kick. Just five minutes later, Coates would make it a hat trick, nailing a tricky grounding off a Justin Olam

grubber. With the scoreline now reading 26-8, the game was very quickly slipping out of the Roosters grasp. Melbourne would continue to dominate field position and possession in the final half hour, but received little reward for it. A penalty goal in the 65th minute slotted by Cameron Munster (with Meaney off for a HIA, which he would go on to pass) were the final points of the 80 minutes. The final score of 28-8 is a well-deserved victory for a Melbourne side who should never be underestimated. Both teams face tough encounters next weekend, with Melbourne facing Manly and Sydney facing Cronulla both on Friday night. The Sydney Roosters will be eager to get that performance out of their systems, and the best way to do that is to ambush the Sharks in Cronulla. Melbourne meanwhile have snuck out to a three game winning streak, and they'll be confident of making it four against Manly. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

SOUTH SYDNEY 50 CANTERBURY 16

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have continued a run of dominance on Good Friday with a 50-16 victory over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs at Accor Stadium.

Latrell Mitchell was the star of the show in his 150th first grade appearance, scoring 26 points from a hat-trick and seven goals, as the Rabbitohs recorded their fifth consecutive Good Friday victory in front of a crowd of 35,211 supporters. The Bulldogs struck an early blow with Jake Averillo (3rd minute) racing the length of the field to score from a scrum, however the joy was short-lived with Josh Addo-Carr sustaining a serious ankle

injury forcing the speedster from the field less than ten minutes into the game. Having scored a hat-trick in the corresponding fixture last season, Damien Cook was denied after grounding the ball on the dead ball line; the Rabbitohs hooker atoned by sending Cameron Murray (17th minute) over next to the posts to lock up the scores at 6-all. A penalty goal from Mitchell pushed the visitors ahead before a devastating run of tries late in the half changed the momentum of the match in favour of the foundation club. The Rabbitohs relentlessly exposed Jackson Topine, filling in for Addo-Carr in the Bulldogs backline, with Izaak Thompson bursting down the right edge and finding Mitchell (32nd minute) in support, while in the very next set a near identical play involving

Campbell Graham and Cody Walker allowed Mitchell (34th minute) to grab a first half brace. Jacob Host (38th minute) completed the first half scoring by running into space created by Walker to send the Rabbitohs to the sheds up 26-6.

After being denied a try to Hayze Perham shortly after halftime due to an obstruction, the Bulldogs struck back with Matt Burton (55th minute) finishing off a lovely grubber from Reed Mahoney to narrow the deficit. Taking advantage of a one-man advantage after Jacob Preston was sent to the sin bin for a hip drop tackle which saw Thompson assisted from the field, Walker (63rd minute) got his name on the scoresheet with

a strong run close to the line. Mitchell (67th minute) collected his first hat-trick in red and green colours after a break from Jed Cartwright, while Graham (69th minute) took South Sydney past 40 points with a try in the following set. The Bulldogs collected a consolation four-pointer with Burton (73rd minute) racing the length of the field from a scrum; Graham (76th minute) collected his second running onto a superb cut-out pass from Mitchell. Mitchell completed the rout by throwing an audacious pass to give Graham (79th minute) his third try of the afternoon as the Rabbitohs ran out 50-16 victors. **ROB CROSBY**

DOLPHINS 32 NORTH QLD 22

The Dolphins have returned to form in Townsville, beating a woeful Cowboys side 32-22 on Friday night.

The Cowboys looked to have potentially figured things out in attack early on, with Brendan Elliot finding space on the end of an overlap on tackle 2, but he decided to put a kick in for some reason. It went dead, but the fact North Queensland were looking like they could score a try was a positive considering where they've been in recent weeks. Unfortunately, no such improvement was hinted at on the defensive side of the ball. Off a scrum win in the 9th minute, the Dolphins found space with ease, sending Jamayne Isaako over for the first try of the night. Dolphins were back in business 5 minutes later,

with rookie halfback Isaiya Katoa getting a try assist, doing so by kicking crossfield for Isaako, who made a great catch and even better putdown to extend the lead to 8. The Cowboys were handed a golden opportunity to hit back straight away as Mark Nicholls knocked on right after the kickoff. They took immediate advantage, with Edrick Lee making a poor defensive read and allowing Kyle Feldt to stroll right past him for a try. North Queensland were on the attack again soon after, but Dearden's kick went dead allowing Dolphins to get on the front foot. Again, the Cowboys showed how poor their defence is, allowing former player Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow to break tackles with ease as he became the first player in history to score a try in each of a teams first six games in the top grade, usurping Bill Bailey's record for the Newcastle Rebels in 1908. Things went from bad

to worse for the hosts, with Coen Hess sent to the bin for 10 minutes for a late hit on Katoa. It didn't take long for Dolphins to find an opening, with Jamayne Isaako running past some extremely passive defenders to make it a 14-point lead. Dolphins then rubbed salt into the wound, with another former Cowboy in Tom Gilbert strolling over the line under the posts in an extremely soft defensive effort, something that has been par for the course for the Cowboys this season. The Cowboys were able to peg things back somewhat right on half time, with Drinkwater throwing a looping cutout pass to send Feldt over for a double.

The second half was set up for the Cowboys to mount a comeback, with the Dolphins making several terrible errors coming out of their own end, and the home

side finally made them pay in the 52nd minute, when Dearden put Coen Hess over for a try. A comeback was well and truly on the cards when Val Holmes powered his way over the top of Brenko Lee to cut the deficit to 4, but a missed conversion meant another try would be necessary. It looked to be all in vein when Brendan Elliot was sent to the bin for taking Tabuai-Fidow out off the ball, but a rookie error from Katoa on the last gifted the Cowboys a 7 tackle set. It didn't last long for them though, with Edrick Lee picking off Scott Drinkwater, effectively ending the game. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow gave one last middle finger to his old club as he crossed untouched with 30 seconds to play, making the final score 32-22. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 44 MANLY 12

Penrith Panthers put on a first half show in their 44-12 win over Manly Sea Eagles in front of 20,312 on Saturday night at Penrith Stadium.

The Panthers piled on five tries in their first half display which saw them leading 32-0 at the break. Fullback Dylan Edwards was the headline act with his four tries in another stampeding performance from the premiers. From the opening whistle, Panthers were on form. The hosts almost scored in their first set but didn't have

to wait long for points. Edwards steamed onto a short pass and made it 6-0 for the packed house in Penrith. They weren't challenged much in defense in the first half but the Panthers stood tall. Sunia Turuva making a grasscutter tackle to deny the returning Jason Saab in firing back soon after. They rewarded that effort with doubling their advantage. Stephen Crichton snuck into dummy half and unfurled a fabulous pass into Brian To'o, who had the easiest passage to the line for the four-pointer. Next it was the Dylan Edwards show again. The fullback just stepped out of a flimsy tackle and touched down for his second before he completed the hat-trick

with a typical custodian effort which had them crowd in raptures. Scott Sorensen rounded out the first half rout with a try through the front door. The second rower charged onto a short ball and slammed it down to make it 32-0 for the Panthers going into the half-time sheds.

Things didn't start any better for the Sea Eagles in the second. Their first kick went out on the full then Ethan Bullemor couldn't resist stretching out for the try which was chalked off for double movement. Panthers made it six tries on the bounce, and four tries for the quiet achiever Dylan Edwards. Crichton swept it wide to

To'o who rampaged down the wing then found the fullback inside to make it 38-0. Sea Eagles did find some consolation twice, both from kicks. Saab touched down a Daly Cherry-Evans kick then late in the proceedings Tom Trbojevic cleaned up the ball from two Panthers colliding to make it 38-12. The last say went to the Panthers. Soni Luke spied Trbojevic up in the line, toed through and found Nathan Cleary to round off the scoring. Cleary for his part was perfect with the boot kicking eight goals which included a first half penalty goal. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CANBERRA 20 BRISBANE 14

The Canberra Raiders have picked up a rare win against the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium, courtesy of a very strong, determined and gritty performance up front, which frustrated the Broncos attack into making a lot of uncharacteristic errors.

The Raiders started strong and after 7 minutes, they were the first to score when they marched deep into the Broncos half after receiving a penalty. On the second tackle, they sent the ball wide on the right side where they have the extra man, which resulted in Sebastian Kris putting Jordan Rapana over for a try. Jarrod Croker converted from out wide. It took 8 minutes for the Broncos reply, which came from a scrum win deep inside

the Raiders half. The ball was immediately sent out to Selwyn Cobbo, who got squashed between two Raiders defenders in the corner, but he miraculously got the ball down for a try, despite the heavy contact. Adam Reynolds failed to convert from the sideline. The Raiders crossed again 10 minutes before halftime when Jordan Rapana jumped into dummy half, 10 metres from the Broncos line, he darted for the try line, burrowed down low and forced his way through the defenders to score a strong solo try. Croker converted again. A high shot on Josh Papali'i 90 seconds before halftime allowed Croker to extend the lead further when he kicked a penalty goal. At halftime the Raiders held a 14-4 lead.

The Broncos started the second half with far more energy in attack and defence and it bore fruit

immediately when Reynolds ran to the line on the last in the 42nd minute and 12 metres from the Raiders line. He grubbered behind the line then the ball bounced high, the two Raiders players got in each others way, leading to a fumble. Jordan Riki following through planted the loose ball for a try. Reynolds converted the try. The Raiders refused to yield though and after a strong surge through the middle, they score on the next play when Jamal Fogarty kicked to the left corner where Albert Hopoate leaped over the retreating Kotoni Staggs and he scored in the corner. Croker again converted from the sideline to give his side a 20-10 lead. The Broncos started to lift in attack and defence after the hour mark while the Raiders started to look tired. In the 71st minute Ezra Mam threw a flat cut-out pass to Jesse Arthars who dived to score in the corner. Reynolds failed to convert,

to reduce the margin to 6 with 7 minutes remaining. In the 77th minute a Reynolds bomb was taken cleanly by Rapana, who fell as he took the catch, but in doing so, his head collided with Martin Taupau's shin who was providing kick pressure. The collision caused Rapana to drop the ball, but even worse, it busted his head open and he immediately started bleeding quite profusely. Kurt Capewell picked up the loose ball and scored. The referee initially ruled a knock on, but after the bunker reviewed the incident, while Rapana was being attended to, Taupau was put on report and the Raiders were given a penalty, while Rapana was assisted from the field. The match ended with the Broncos continuing to push passes and play panicky football, but in the end, they couldn't score and the Raiders won 20-14. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST 20 ST GEO ILLA 18

The Gold Coast Titans have stolen victory from the jaws of defeat in an epic Easter Sunday clash where they scored an important 20-18 win over the St George Illawarra Dragons in an at times spiteful game.

It was a far from ideal start for both teams but in particular the Dragons who had Francis Molo sin binned for a high shot after just four minutes. Both sides were denied twice during the ten minute sin bin period with Alofiana Khan-Pereira denied twice once losing the ball over the line and then going into touch. The Dragons were denied twice by two forward passes after forcing an overlap. It was third time lucky for the Red 'V'

when Zac Lomax outleapt the Titans defence to chase through a Ben Hunt bomb, plucking it out of the hands of Jayden Campbell to score. Lomax converted his own try to give the Dragons a 6-0 lead. The Titans quickly hit back with Jayden Campbell creating something out of nothing when out of dummy half he found space before combining with Toby Sexton to draw in defends and take the ball back and score under the posts. A David Fifita error short of the line saw the Titans denied a third time before a midfield melee that saw punches thrown but somehow missed by the bunker. The ensuing penalty to the Titans saw Tanah Boyd add a penalty goal to give the Gold Coast an 8-6 lead. The Red 'V' levelled the scores just before half time when Aaron Schoupp was penalised for a high tackle.

It was a poor start to the second half for the Gold Coast with ill-discipline leading to the Dragons first try of the second half when Mikaele Ravalawa had to clean up a loose pass near the sideline before just charging at the line unstopably. The Titans then started to mount pressure off the back of two successive penalties but a Ben Hunt intercept that was cleared despite being offside killed the momentum. Thankfully for the Titans they were able to hit back again soon after when Phillip Sami continued his hard to stop form of the game when he was able to get over. It wouldn't be a day of NRL at the moment without an argument about the hip drop tackle coming up as it did again with Jayden Su'a penalised and placed on report for his lower leg contact. The Dragons continued to mount pressure having been stopped on

five occasions as the Titans also found the pressure built by a number of decisions from referee Peter Gough. A Dragons try to Ben Hunt looked to potentially seal the deal for the Dragons when he combined with Jack Bird to find space. The subsequent missed conversion from Zac Lomax was going to be crucial. Regathering the kick-off the Titans went up the other end and were mounting pressure on the Dragons who looked solid until a misread in defence from Ben Hunt saw a gap open up for Toby Sexton who scored. Tanah Boyd's conversion gave the Titans a 20-18 lead. The Dragons got one late chance from deep in their own end but a simple error from Ben Hunt consigned the Red 'V' to defeat. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE 34 WARRIORS 24

In an exciting NRL match at McDonald Jones Stadium on Sunday night, the Newcastle Knights claimed a well-deserved 34-24 victory over the Warriors.

The Knights started the game on the front foot, with Dominic Young crossing the line in just the 5th minute of the game. The Warriors hit back through Adam Pompey

in the 22nd minute, but the Knights responded quickly with tries to Greg Marzhev and Tyson Frizell in the 18th and 28th minute respectively. With Phoenix Crossland crossing for the Knights in the 36th minute, the halftime score was 22-6 in favour of the home side.

The Warriors came out firing in the second half, with Pompey scoring his second try of the game in the 49th minute. However, any hopes of a comeback were soon

extinguished when Kurt Mann scored for the Knights in the 64th minute, followed by a second try for Marzhev in the 69th minute. The Warriors fought on, with Edward Kosi and Jackson Ford crossing for tries in the 55th and 71st minute respectively, but it was too little too late as the Knights secured the 34-24 victory. Lachlan Miller was a standout for the Knights, kicking five out of six goals, while Shaun Johnson was perfect for the Warriors, kicking all four of his attempts.

The Knights will come away with a concern, Jayden Brailey leaving the field during the match with a leg injury, sadly to the same leg which saw him miss plenty of last season. It was a thrilling match played in front of a vocal crowd at McDonald Jones Stadium, and the Knights will be thrilled to have secured the win and continued their inspiring start to the 2023 campaign. **TIM COSTELLO**

PARRAMATTA 28 WESTS TIGERS 22

The Parramatta Eels have survived a brave comeback from the winless Wests Tigers to claim the chocolates on Easter Monday by 28-22 in front of a big crowd at Accor Stadium.

It was a match that both sides simply had to win. The Tigers needed to avoid starting the year 0-6 while the Eels were looking to rebound after a rough opening five weeks to the season which saw them net just one win. The Tigers dominated possession in the opening exchanges and generally had the better of play. However, their execution left a lot to be desired and was left to come up empty after numerous attacking raids. Parramatta only needed one chance and they were rewarded with the first try after going through a lot of goal-line defence. Mitch Moses angled back across

the ruck with a clever inside grubber kick, Dylan Brown was on the spot to offload it to Clint Gutherson and the Eels crossed first and got the early 6-0 cushion. Off the ensuing set, Parramatta marched down the field on the ensuing set and off the back of a six again, the Eels crossed for their second. It was another pin-point kick from Moses which was collected by Will Penisini and Parramatta had their second. Some possession swung back to the Tigers but their attack can only be described as diabolical, but some luck soon turned their way. Starford To'a pounced on a loose pass from Mitch Moses and ran 70 metres to cross for their first try and the gap was cut in half. Just when you thought the Tigers play was turning around. Their sequence in the red zone in the final portions of the second half has to be seen to be believed. After some enterprising and bizarre final plays, the Eels got the ball in attacking field position and were

duly rewarded for their patience. Moses put another grubber on the toe and Bryce Cartwright was jolly on the spot to give the Eels an 18-6 half-time lead.

After a weight of possession to start the second half. Moses threw a magic pass to Maika Sivo and To'a piggybacked Sivo into the in-goal and the big Fijian crossed first to add to the two-converted try cushion. Wests hit back four minutes later. Luke Brooks threw a great cut-out ball to Tupou who raced down the sideline before linking up with AJ Kepaoa and the Tigers get back into the contest. After the game has turned into a lull. Junior Tupou took matters into his own hands with a big break up the field. A quick switch of play involving Luke Brooks and Douiehi linked in John Bateman and Brent Naden crosses out in the right corner and with Douiehi's conversion. Wests were only trailing by 6 points with

the game in the balance. They were able to get to within two after clever ball playing from the Penrith duo of Apisai Koroisau and Charlie Staines who link up with Tupou to cross in the corner. The Tigers were coming to get them but an unfortunate error from Staines gave the Eels their chance and they struck while the iron was hot. Parramatta created second phase through Ryan Matternson and Gutherson and it's Sivo who collected his second of the day and Moses collected a goal off the upright to give the Eels a match-winning lead. Despite a late penalty goal from Brooks giving the Tigers hope. It was all in vain as Parramatta escaped to collect win two of the season. For the Eels, it's a big escape from a trap game that could've easily stumped them. For the Tigers, they are 0-6 heading into the bye. They also have potentially serious injuries to Naden (broken collarbone) and Douiehi (knee - potential ACL). **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ROUND 6 RESULTS

MELBOURNE 28 (X. Coates 3, N. Meaney, C. Munster tries; N. Meaney 3, C. Munster goals) defeated Sydney 8 (J. Paulo try; S. Walker 2 goals) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Thu, 6th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 18-8. Penalties: Melbourne 4-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 16,323.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Garlick, MacDonald, Eisenhuth, Sims.

SYDNEY: Manu, Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Hutchison, Paulo; Keary (C), Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Turpin, May, Allan, Baker.

SOUTHS 50 (C. Graham 3, L. Mitchell 3, J. Host, C. Murray, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 7 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 16** (M. Burton 2, J. Averillo tries; M. Burton 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Souths 26-6. Penalties: Souths 11-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 35,211.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Waddell, Preston, Edwards. Int: Reynolds, Morrin, Topine, Hughes.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Milne, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Cartwright, Suluka-Fifita, Moale, Sele.

DOLPHINS 32 (J. Isaako 3, H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, T. Gilbert tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 22** (K. Feldt 2, C. Hess, V. Holmes tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 26-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 22,811.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Elliot; Dearden, Townsend (C); Dunn, Robson, Cotter, Hess, Neame, Taumalolo (C). Int: Granville, Chester, Taunoa-Brown, Price.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Lee; Nikorima, Katoa; Nicholls (C), Marshall-King, Stone, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Ese'ese, Wallace, Donoghoe, Faamausili.

PENRITH 44 (D. Edwards 4, N. Cleary, S. Sorensen, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 8 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 12** (J. Saab, T. Trbojevic tries; D. Cherry-Evans 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 8th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 32-0. Penalties: Manly 11-9. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 20,312.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o, Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Leniu, Salmon.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Harper, Garrick; Weekes, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Lawton, Bullemor, Keppie, Johns.

CANBERRA 20 (J. Rapana 2, A. Hopoate tries; J. Croker 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 14** (J. Arthars, S. Cobbo, J. Riki tries; A. Reynolds goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 8th April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-4. Penalties: Canberra 6-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 31,962.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Palasia, Jensen, Taupau.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Schneider, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Saulo, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Harawira-Naera, Hola.

GOLD COAST 20 (J. Campbell, P. Sami, T. Sexton tries; T. Boyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (B. Hunt, Z. Lomax, M. Ravalawa tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 9th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-2. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 12,452.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Sexton, Boyd; Fotuaika, Randall, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Clark, Vuna, Fa'asuamaleaui, Leeming.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Bird. Int: Mbye, De Belin, Couchman, Kerr.

NEWCASTLE 34 (G. Marzhew 2, P. Crossland, T. Frizell, K. Mann, D. Young tries; L. Miller 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 24** (A. Pompey 2, J. Ford, E. Kosi tries; S. Johnson 4 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 9th April. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-6. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 18,007.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Crossland, Hastings, Saifiti, Brailey (C), Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Croker. Int: Johns, Mann, Hetherington, Jones.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Kosi, Vailea, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan (C), Afoa, Ford, Curran, Tevaga. Int: Sironen, Walker, Ale, Tuaupiki.

PARRAMATTA 28 (M. Sivo 2, B. Cartwright, C. Gutherson, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 22** (A. Kepaoa, B. Naden, S. To'a, J. Tupou tries; A. Doueihi 2, L. Brooks goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Mon, 10th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 18-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 28,611.

WESTS TIGERS: Staines, Kepaoa, Naden, To'a, Tupou; Doueihi, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Twal, Ofahengaue, Blore.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Dunster; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Greig, Lane, Cartwright, Matterson. Int: Hopgood, Hands, Murchie, Makatoa.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 6

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	6	5	0	1	0	69	10
2	PENRITH	5	3	0	2	1	77	8
3	MELBOURNE	6	4	0	2	0	26	8
4	DOLPHINS	6	4	0	2	0	10	8
5	WARRIORS	6	4	0	2	0	8	8
6	GOLD COAST	5	3	0	2	1	-8	8
7	SYDNEY	5	3	0	2	1	-12	8
8	NEWCASTLE	6	3	1	2	0	-2	7
9	MANLY	5	2	1	2	1	-4	7
10	SOUTHS	6	3	0	3	0	28	6
11	CRONULLA	5	2	0	3	1	21	6
12	ST GEO ILLA	5	2	0	3	1	-16	6
13	CANTERBURY	6	3	0	3	0	-42	6
14	PARRAMATTA	6	2	0	4	0	-13	4
15	NORTH QLD	6	2	0	4	0	-24	4
16	CANBERRA	6	2	0	4	0	-48	4
17	WESTS TIGERS	6	0	0	6	0	-70	0

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Victor Radley (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Coen Hess (North Qld) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Peta Hiku (North Qld) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$750

Brenko Lee (Dolphins) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1500

Mitch Kenny (Penrith) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

Francis Molo (St Geo Illa) Grade 2 Careless HT: 3 matches

Jaydn Su'A (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

10 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

9 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

8 POINTS

Cameron Munster (Storm), Ben Hunt (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins)

6 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels), AJ Brimson (Titans), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Nick Meaney (Storm), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)



ROUND 7

SOUTH SYDNEY 36 DOLPHINS 14

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have recorded an important 36-14 win in a game consisting very much of two halves, up against The Dolphins in front of 23,280 fans at Suncorp Stadium to open Round Seven.

The Dolphins started fast in front of their home fans, running in the first try of the night in just the 3rd minute. It was great work from Kodi Nikorima to set up the try, initially through the kick that forced a Taane Milne error, and then through the cut-out ball for Euan Aitken on the left edge in the following play. Jayayne Isaako nailed the conversion attempt from

the left sideline to give The Dolphins an early 6-0 lead. The next 15 minutes were dominated by The Dolphins, with the Rabbitohs barely seeing their opposition's half. But an accidental offside penalty conceded by the home side gave South Sydney their first attacking opportunity in the 22nd minute, and they certainly made use of it. Latrell Mitchell threw the pass that put Campbell Graham through a big defensive hole, and just like that the scores were level. The back end of the first half saw The Dolphins slot right back into their early control, and a 29th minute penalty goal saw this reflected on the scoreboard. Then, Jeremy Marshall-King decided to take matters into his own hand, selling a dummy from dummy half to slide over the line nearly untouched in the 35th minute off the back of some repeat sets. The successful conversion

saw the half-time scoreline read 14-6 to The Dolphins.

The Dolphins started the second half in very similar fashion to the first, winning a repeat set in just their first possession. This time though, they couldn't make use of the early field position. But the Rabbitohs certainly could - a barnstorming first set of the half saw them rush downfield and force a dropout through some bizarre play, before Campbell Graham found himself on the back end of a Lachlan Ilias chip kick in the 46th minute. Just a few minutes later, Cody Walker gave his side the lead back with one of the most bizarre tries of the season. It all started with an Alex Johnston run on the left edge, before his offload bounced off two Dolphins players and fell perfectly for Walker to ground in the in-goal. Mitchell's

conversion took the scorecard to 18-14 Bunnies way in the 51st minute. With the game now very much under South Sydney's control, a Dolphins sin bin only made everything worse for the home side. Kenny Bromwich hit Taane Milne very early while chasing through a kick, and found himself on the sidelines for ten minutes. Just a minute later, Isaiah Tass extended the lead for the away side, before Latrell Mitchell took the game out of reach with another 4-pointer in the 65th minute. Alex Johnston crossed for the final points of the night in the 68th minute to take the scoreline to 36-14. The Rabbitohs will be happy to record back-to-back wins, with the victory lifting them all the way up into third on the ladder for now.

LACHLAN MCINTYRE

CRONULLA 22 SYDNEY 12

Cronulla Sharks won a close encounter 22-12 over an ill-disciplined Sydney Roosters side on Friday night at Shark Park.

The Sharks won a spiteful clash which saw three sin bins and a lot of penalties in the contest. Halfback Nicho Hynes who re-signed last week, led the way for his side which got them a valuable two points. It was a tough and close opening to the contest between two sides aiming for higher aspirations. Sharks held much of the early territory but found it tough to find much room through the middle. The first points of the

night came from the tee. Nat Butcher was sin binned for the hip drop which has been the latest crackdown in the league. Nicho Hynes stepped up and kicked the Sharks ahead 2-0. Buoyed by that, Sharks also added the first four-pointer. Five-eighth Matt Moylan was on the spot to touch down after the earlier work from Hynes to make it an eight point difference. Roosters were ill disciplined to start, but they found their groove and their first whistle and got points. Luke Keary sent through a short pass to Egan Butcher who sliced through. Their second penalty also gave them the lead. Some smart work from Brandon Smith who spied the markers were slow to react, darted toward

the line and got it down right on the whitewash for a 12-8 lead. Sharks finished the half with a glut of opportunities on the Roosters line. The six again signal was almost worn out from use but the Roosters defence held firm and took a four-point lead into the break.

While they didn't convert before the break, Sharks were the first to score in the second half. Quick hands down the left wing sent Mulitalo away and the winger provided an airborne finish to level things up. The game developed into a slog between two sides unwilling to give an inch. It took some sublime play

on the right side between Hynes who sent Blayke Brayley away for the lead at 16-12. Roosters thought they might have edged again through Lindsay Collins. He took an NFL style hand off from Keary and tried to rustle to the line. He was judged to be short and Sharks repelled them. The lack of discipline from the visitors reared its head again late. Smith was binned for a high tackle then Victor Radley took his usual seat on the sideline for a flop which meant they finished with 11. Sharks did extend their lead late through one of their brighter performers. Briton Nikora sped onto a ball from the quick play-the-ball which gave us the final score of 22-12. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 18 MELBOURNE 8

Manly dominated field position in the second half to ensure they came away with two vital competition points against Melbourne in a grinding contest at 4 Pines Park.

Points were hard to come by and for Melbourne, so was momentum which allowed Manly to get into a groove and pile on the pressure to help them regain some solid form. Manly got on the board first in the 12th minute when a Daly Cherry-Evans chip back infield found Tom Trbojevic following through and he regathered before the ball went dead, grounding it for a cheeky but clever try. Cherry-Evans added the

extras from in front. Five minutes later, a Cameron Munster drop out failed to travel 10 metres and Cherry-Evans opted to kick a penalty goal, extending the Manly lead to 8-0. The Storm finally struck back in the 20th minute when William Warbrick got the ball in space 30 metres from the Manly line and he raced over in the corner to score. Munster failed to convert. Manly received back-to-back penalties in Melbourne's half and Cherry-Evans slotted another penalty goal in the 32nd minute. With 25 seconds left in the half, Ray Tuaimalo-Vaega was given 10 in the bin for a late shoulder charge on Munster. Jonah Pezet kicked a penalty goal and at halftime the Sea-Eagles were up 10-6.

Seven minutes into the second half, Aaron Woods claimed, and was even awarded a try after he grounded a grubber by Lachlan Croker into the Storm in-goal, but the bunker reviewed and found that Jahrome Hughes, while fumbling the ball, accidentally got downward pressure on it, just, denying the try. However, in the lead up to that play, Cherry-Evans was hit late in the back by Tui Kamikamica, earning him 10 in the sin-bin as well. Cherry-Evans had a shot at the penalty goal, but it struck the upright and bounced back into the field of play. Manly regathered but Trent Loiero's tackle was deemed to be a hip drop and Cherry-Evans kicked another penalty goal. An illegal tackle by Jake Trbojevic allowed Pezet to kick a penalty goal to get the margin back to 4 points. In

the 58th minute, the stop-start nature of the game due to the amount of ill-disciplined play resulted in referee Adam Gee issuing warnings to both sides. On the first tackle after play resumed, Justin Olam hit Cherry-Evans late and he was given ten minutes in the bin. The game started to get very sloppy from here on in from both sides, but Manly managed to capitalise, eventually, when a bomb by Cherry-Evans was spilled by Xavier Coates close to his own line. The ensuing set saw Taniela Paseka receive a crash ball and as he fell into the tackle, he popped up a great ball to Croker who dived over between two defenders to score a soft but good try. Cherry-Evans converted to give Manly an 18-8 victory. **ANDREW JACKSON**

WARRIORS 22 NORTH QLD 14

The New Zealand Warriors have showed how much they are a different team in 2023 with a 22-14 win over the North Queensland Cowboys despite a performance riddled with errors.

It was hardly a performance that either side could put up in their hall of fame as both sides were error ridden in windy conditions in Auckland. The Warriors opened the scoring first after just three minutes when Addin Fonua-Blake charged at the middle defenders of the Cowboys and fought his way to the

line. The Cowboys hit back after some ill-discipline from the home side continued to give the North Queenslanders a piggyback up the other end and they took advantage with Murray Taulagi scoring in the corner. Despite continued errors, the Warriors somehow weren't punished for their indiscretions with the ball when Ed Kosi scored in the corner after some good work and a nervous wait with the bunker checking a potential Dylan Walker knock on earlier in the play. The Cowboys had a try disallowed when Murray Taulagi went into touch but they were able to get on the board just shy of half time when Reuben Cotter strolled through after some poor defence

from Shaun Johnson opened up a gap. The conversion attempt from Val Holmes was buffeted more than a plane trying to land in high winds and dropped short meaning the Warriors somehow lead by 2.

If both teams wanted to put errors away in the second half then they probably needed to find a better cupboard because they were back in a big way. The Warriors couldn't keep a hold of the ball but it didn't seem to hurt them as the Cowboys directionless attack couldn't penetrate the Kiwi defence and the Warriors went up the other end to score when Josh Curran went over with ease. The North Queenslanders

were able to level the scores just shy of the hour mark when Scott Drinkwater created something out of nothing when the play looked directionless he saw Val Holmes with the potential of getting into space and put boot to ball and with a perfect bounce, Holmes got over to score. Luck was on the Warriors side for their next try when a ricochet favoured the Warriors and Shaun Johnson was able to put Dylan Walker over for a try. The Warriors got two chances to put the score beyond a converted try when Shaun Johnson got two shots at penalty goal, the first he missed but the second he kicked to put the score out to the match winning 22-14. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PENRITH 16 NEWCASTLE 15

An extra time field goal from Nathan Cleary has seen the Penrith Panthers extend a run of dominance over the Newcastle Knights with a 16-15 victory on Saturday evening.

Recording their sixth consecutive victory at McDonald Jones Stadium dating back to 2016, the Panthers struck victory in the 81st minute in an absorbing match played before a crowd of 26,084 supporters delighted by a heroic performance from the home side. Coming up against a Newcastle side that gained plenty of admirers, the class of the premiers shone through in a passionate - and at time fiery - encounter destined to be remembered as an

instant classic. In a closely matched opening which saw Cleary slot an early penalty goal, the Knights showed their intentions with Tyson Gamble (12th minute) taking on the line with a show-and-go to give the home side the ascendancy. Going further ahead after Dominic Young was cut down a metre out from the try line, Dane Gagai delivered a superb pass allowing Tyson Frizell (16th minute) to crash over from close range. The Knights were made to pay for ill discipline with Brian To'o (21st minute) finishing off a right-side shift after Gagai was penalised for dissent towards the referee while in possession of the ball. With first-choice hooker Jayden Brailey sidelined for the season after an ACL injury sustained last Sunday, replacement rake Phoenix Crossland (27th minute)

produced an individual piece of class to kick from dummy half and get to the ball first to put the Knights up 14-6. The Panthers were unable to capitalise on opportunities late in the half despite Cleary nailing a 40/20 and a successful challenge which overturned a sin bin against Spencer Leniu; Scott Sorenson appeared to score with seconds remaining before the break only for the bunker to rule the interchange forward lost control of the ball.

In an error-riddled start to the second half, which saw Lachlan Miller drop the kick-off and fail to send a line drop out the required distance, Cleary opted to narrow the deficit to 14-8 with a close-range penalty. Capitalising on an opportunity after Frizell

was penalised for accidentally pulling the hair of Jarome Luai, the visitors levelled the scores at 14-all with Jaeman Salmon (57th minute) celebrating his 50th NRL appearance with a four-pointer. The Knights missed an opportunity to regain the lead with Miller unable to nail a penalty goal, while Cleary was likewise off target with a field goal attempt at the other end of the field. In a thrilling finish which saw Tyson Gamble and Cleary exchange field goals to tie the game up at 15-all, Hastings and Cleary were unable to clinch the result with long-range attempts in regulation time. Electing to receive the kick-off in golden point, the Panthers needed only one set to seal the result via Cleary's game-clinching boot. **ROB CROSBY**

BRISBANE 43 GOLD COAST 26

The Brisbane Broncos have re-taken top spot of the NRL ladder with a second half blitz to take a 43-26 victory over a Gold Coast Titans side who dominated for long periods.

Taking advantage of early field position, the Titans opened the scoring first when Phillip Sami got up above the Broncos defence as a pinpoint kick from Tanah Boyd got the winger perfectly before he scored. The Titans had a second effort disallowed by the bunker after Brian Kelly was penalised for a strip after it was initially called a lost ball live. The knocked back effort hurt the Titans as Jordan Riki was able to go up the other end and keep his momentum to get

over the line and get the ball down. Soft defence hurt the Broncos as they only had eyes for David Fifita as the Titans used him as a decoy and executed a swift play to get Alofiana Khan-Pereira a try untouched in the corner. Jesse Arthars was denied his attempt at a try in the first half when he was driven into touch by some strong defence by the Gold Coast. The Titans then extended their lead to 8 points when Tanah Boyd slotted a penalty goal after some dumb play from Pat Carrigan on David Fifita. The Titans looked to have a commanding lead at the break but some luck for the Broncos turned momentum completely when an attacking kick from Jayden Campbell was charged down by Reece Walsh and the ball ended up with Herbie Farnworth as the Broncos went 90m upfield to close the gap to just four at half time.

It was a sloppy start to the second half for the Titans as their play started to go astray and it was off another deflected kick that the Broncos got up the other end of the field. It looked as if they wasted their attacking play but they hadn't as Reece Walsh stepped through the defence to score. An unsuccessful challenge off a lost ball hurt the Titans as they were under more pressure and the defenders as Jesse Arthars was able to score in the corner. The talking point of a game was referee Todd Smith's decision to bin Tino Fa'asuamaleaui for repeated infringements that looked very harsh. The Broncos then ran wild over the Titans with initially a penalty goal was kicked by Adam Reynolds before they added quick tries through Kurt Capewell and Reece Walsh to score. The Titans were down by 16 but never looked

like they lost hope as they continued to attack as Kruse Leeming got his first NRL try after the Titans looked to spread the ball down their left which they had success at all night. A loose ball was the Broncos friend yet again as Selwyn Cobbo swooped on a loose pass initially kicking it forward before picking it up and with his speed was never getting swapped. Adam Reynolds subsequently added a field goal to give a 43-20 lead. The Titans added a late try through Khan-Pereira which was off the back of the short kick-off being tapped by the Broncos into open space and picked up by the Titans. Tanah Boyd broke Rugby League nerd fans hearts when he converted to make the score 43-26 at full time. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CANBERRA 20 ST GEO ILLA 14

The Canberra Raiders have come out victorious against the St George Illawarra Dragons by 20 points to 14 on Sunday afternoon at GIO Stadium.

Neither side troubled the scorers for much of the second half - Tautau Moga finally getting the Dragons first points just a minute from the break.

To their credit, both teams displayed solid defence throughout but the attack was certainly lacking. Moga's try was unconverted for a 4-0 lead at the break for the visitors.

After the break, it was the Raiders who were first to get on the scoreboard with a try by Sebastian Kris in the 45th minute, followed by a successful conversion from Jarrod Croker. They added a penalty goal soon

after, before a sin bin for Nick Cotric delivered a try to Mathew Feagai, levelling scores in the 53rd minute. Canberra didn't back down though, and responded with tries from Matthew Timoko and Hudson Young in the 62nd and 72nd minutes respectively, both converted by Croker. Moga scored his second try for the Dragons in the 77th minute via an intercept, but it wasn't enough to secure the win.

The crowd of 13,817 was treated to an exciting and closely contested match, with both teams putting in a strong effort. However, it was the Raiders who were able to come out on top, with a final score of 20-14. The Raiders will be looking to build on this win - their third of the season - in the coming rounds, while the Dragons will be looking to bounce back from this loss on ANZAC Day when they face the Roosters. **TIM COSTELLO**

PARRAMATTA 30 CANTERBURY 4

In front of a packed 27,655 crowd at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta have put on a show for their home fans and recorded a 30-4 win over rivals Canterbury on Sunday afternoon.

Canterbury lost potent outside back Jacob Kiraz,

adding an already-mounting injury toll early on. It took until the quarter-mark of the match before the scoreboard began to tick, but once it did the Eels surged to a 16-0 lead before the 'Dogs put the brakes on their go-forward. It was pure carnage for Canterbury once Will Penisini broke through their line, and from the set after that try, the tryscorer provided an assist for Moses and suddenly the Eels

led 12-0. Maika Sivo's first try pushed the scoreline out to 16-0 and things were looking desperate until the visitors found a bit more defensive resolve.

The Bulldogs scored first after the break, Paul Alamoti getting the ball down in the 50th minute - but the Eels eventually put the game beyond doubt inside the final twenty, Reagan Campbell-Gillard crashing over. A late

try for Sivo - his second of the match - secured the victory in the final minutes.

The loss sees both sides with a 3-4 record after seven rounds - next week the Eels host Brisbane in Darwin while Canterbury are at home to Cronulla at Accor Stadium. **TIM COSTELLO**

ROUND 7 RESULTS

SOUTHS 36 (C. Graham 2, A. Johnston, L. Mitchell, I. Tass, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 6 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 14** (E. Aitken, J. Marshall-King tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 13th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 14-6. Penalties: Souths 8-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 23,280.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Jennings; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Stone, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Ese'ese, Collins, Nicholls, Donoghoe.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Sele, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Arrow, Cartwright, Suluka-Fifita, Moale.

CRONULLA 22 (B. Brailey, M. Moylan, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 12** (E. Butcher, B. Smith tries; S. Walker 2 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 12-8. Penalties: Cronulla 14-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 11,489.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Kaufusi, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Hunt, Graham, Williams, Hazelton.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Paulo; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Hutchison, Whyte, May, Lodge.

MANLY 18 (L. Croker, T. Trbojevic tries; D. Cherry-Evans 5 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 8** (W. Warbrick try; J. Pezet 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 10-6. Penalties: Manly 9-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,573.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Johns, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Weekes, Bullemor, Woods, Siple.

MELBOURNE: Munster, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Pezet, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Garlick, MacDonald, Eisenhuth, Sims.

WARRIORS 22 (J. Curran, A. Fonua-Blake, E. Kosi, D. Walker tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 14** (R. Cotter, V. Holmes, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes goal) **AT MT SMART STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 10-8. Penalties: Warriors 9-7. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 23,695.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Kosi, Montoya, Pompey, Watene-Zelezniak; Walker, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Tevaga, Ford, Curran, Harris (C). Int: Afoa, Sironen, Ale.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); Hess, Robson, Granville, Gosiewski, Nanai, Taumalolo (C). Int: Dunn, Cotter, Chester, Taunoa-Brown.

PENRITH 16 (J. Salmon, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 3 goals; N. Cleary 2 field goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 15** (P. Crossland, T. Frizell, T. Gamble tries; L. Miller goal; T. Gamble field goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-6. Penalties: Penrith 9-6. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 26,084.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell (C), Fitzgibbon, Croker. Int: Mann, Hetherington, Johns, Jones.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Martin, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Sorensen, Luke, Leniu, Salmon.

BRISBANE 43 (J. Arthars, K. Capewell, S. Cobbo, H. Farnworth, E. Mam, J. Riki, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds 7 goals; A. Reynolds field goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 26** (A. Khan-Pereira 2, K. Leeming, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 5 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 14-10. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-7. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 26,563.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuaika, Randall, Fa'asuaamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Leeming, Clark, Vuna, Fa'asuaamaleaui.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Palasia, Hetherington, Taupau.

CANBERRA 20 (S. Kris, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Croker 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14** (T. Moga 2, M. Feagai tries; Z. Lomax goal) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 4-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 4-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 13,817.

CANBERRA: Kris, Cotric, Croker (C), Timoko, Hopoate; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Harawira-Naera.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); Musgrove, Mbye, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Liddle, Couchman, Kerr, Molo.

PARRAMATTA 30 (M. Sivo 2, R. Campbell-Gillard, M. Moses, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 4** (P. Alamoti try) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-0. Penalties: Parramatta 9-3. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 27,655.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Dunster; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Paulo, Lane, Matterson, Hopgood. Int: Cartwright, Greig, Makatoa, Doorey.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Okunbor; Burton (C), Flanagan; King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Waddell, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Reynolds, Sutton, Topine, Davey.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 7

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	7	6	0	1	0	86	12
2	PENRITH	6	4	0	2	1	78	10
3	WARRIORS	7	5	0	2	0	16	10
4	MANLY	6	3	1	2	1	6	9
5	SOUTHS	7	4	0	3	0	50	8
6	CRONULLA	6	3	0	3	1	31	8
7	MELBOURNE	7	4	0	3	0	16	8
8	DOLPHINS	7	4	0	3	0	-12	8
9	SYDNEY	6	3	0	3	1	-22	8
10	GOLD COAST	6	3	0	3	1	-25	8
11	NEWCASTLE	7	3	1	3	0	-3	7
12	PARRAMATTA	7	3	0	4	0	13	6
13	ST GEO ILLA	6	2	0	4	1	-22	6
14	CANBERRA	7	3	0	4	0	-42	6
15	CANTERBURY	7	3	0	4	0	-68	6
16	NORTH QLD	7	2	0	5	0	-32	4
17	WESTS TIGERS	6	0	0	6	1	-70	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Cameron Murray (South Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
 Davvy Moale (South Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact - trip: \$1000
 Kenny Bromwich (Dolphins) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Nat Butcher (Sydney) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Brandon Smith (Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Trent Loiero (Melbourne) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
 Ray Tuaimalo Vaega (Manly) Grade 2 Shoulder Charge: 2 matches
 Tui Kamikamica (Melbourne) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches
 Justin Olam (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800
 Keenan Palasia (Brisbane) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



13 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

10 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

9 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels)

8 POINTS

Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Reece Walsh (Broncos), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Cameron Munster (Storm), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Ben Hunt (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins)

ROUND 8

SOUTH SYDNEY 20 PENRITH 18

South Sydney staged a comeback in the last ten minutes of play to snatch an epic 20-18 victory over the Penrith Panthers at Accor Stadium to open the NRL's ANZAC Round.

It was a frantic opening to the round opener at Homebush and both sides exchanged sets of six at will. Penrith had a great chance inside the first few minutes, however, as was evident in the first half. Their attacking execution left a lot to be desired with those chances going astray due to poor execution on the final tackle. Jarome Luai and Nathan Cleary struggled to get the kicking game right in the first half. Off a Zac Hosking error, Souths turned defence into attack and created havoc with the

Penrith defence causing all sorts of problems. Off the back of a couple of cheap set restarts, Damien Cook took advantage of the Penrith ruck and broke out of the tackle of Matt Eisenhuth and Moses Leota to collect the first try of the evening. Latrell Mitchell added the conversion to give the Rabbitohs a 6-0 lead. Souths had a number of great attacking opportunities to build upon their 6-0 lead, but the Penrith defence was able to hold firm with Sunia Turuva defending magnificently on the left edge for the Panthers. Penrith's defensive resilience proved decisive in the dying moments in the first half. They were out of sync for all of the first half, but the Panthers hit back in the dying moments. A great run from Spencer Leniu set the Panthers up for success before Cleary and Dylan Edwards linked up with Stephen Crichton to get the Panthers back in the contest and with his conversion from the sideline. Penrith

levelled the scores at 6-6 at the break.

One of the game's most bizarre turns took when Mitchell went short off a goal-line dropout which failed to break the 10 metre plane. From there, Crichton added the cheap penalty goal as Penrith took their first lead of the contest. This lead didn't last too long for the visitors. Following a short ball from Cody Walker, Mitchell crashed over from short range to cross for the Rabbitohs to re-take the lead for the home-side. But, that lead only lasted fifteen minutes or so they thought. Cleary grubbered which lead Chee Kam and Milne engage in an intermission game of tunnel-ball and Tago pounces to score... however the Bunker spoiled the party spotting a knock on. Only a minute later, Penrith retook the lead as a brilliant play from Yeo, Cleary and Edwards who had a 3 on 2 and Crichton collected a double to take momentum

into the championship minutes. Five minutes later, a kick delivered results for the Panthers. A clever cross-field kick from Cleary found vacant space but Crichton was jolly on the spot and he grabbed his third. However, in the last five minutes. Souths delivered a blitzkrieg to snatch victory away from the Panthers. After a poor kick from Ilias, it turned into a pitched battle for the football which Latrell Mitchell wins and collected his second and it was a two-point game with seconds on the clock.

From there, Ilias and Walker combined with Mitchell who found Alex Johnston down the left. Johnston got a spectacular offload away to Walker who found Isiah Tass and the young centre raced away to win the match for the South Sydney side. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

BRISBANE 26 PARRAMATTA 16

Brisbane has continued their red-hot start to their season defeating the Parramatta Eels by 26-16 in greasy conditions at TIO Stadium in Darwin this evening.

In front of a sell-out crowd in Darwin, Brisbane got on the scoreboard after just five minutes when Eels skipper Clint Gutherson was penalised in front of the posts for an illegal strip on Broncos hooker Billy Walters. Adam Reynolds took the easy penalty on offer and it was an early 2-0 lead to the visitors. The Broncos then scored the first try of the night through a costly error from

Eels winger Sean Russell who spilled an Adam Reynolds bomb. Herbie Farnworth was there to pick up the scraps to spin away from Gutherson in cover to score a gift. Reynolds' attempt hit the upright and it was 6-0 to Brisbane. Parramatta hit back just moments later when Clint Gutherson toed through a Dylan Brown grubber to score the Eels first try of the night. Moses converted the try to even the score a quarter way through the match. The Eels lead was fleeting however, when Broncos five-eighth Ezra Mam bust the line minutes later and delivered a beautiful flick pass to his halves partner Reynolds who scored under the sticks. The skipper then

converted his own try and it was 12-6. Brisbane then exploded with two more tries, the first through Ezra Mam who was on the spot to collect a Kotoni Staggs bat back from the edge of the dead ball line. Staggs then had his own try minutes later when he collected an Adam Reynolds kick which ballooned back into his arms to blow the lead out to 22-6 at halftime.

The Broncos then received back-to-back penalties following a controversial Sin Bin decision on Eels backrower J'Maine Hopgood for a dubious hip drop tackle. This was followed by a high tackle by Mitchell

Moses which allowed Reynolds to extend the lead by another four points. The Eels then hit back late with consecutive tries through their wingers in Maika Sivo and Sean Russell to narrow lead to 26-16 with fifteen minutes remaining, however it was a bridge to far for the Eels who now sit in the bottom half of the ladder after the opening 8 rounds. The Broncos now face an in-form South Sydney at Suncorp Stadium next Friday night in what promises to be an absolute blockbuster. Parramatta now return to Sydney where they host Newcastle at CommBank Stadium in the proceeding game in Round 9. **SAM BOURKE**

CRONULLA 33 CANTERBURY 20

A first-half hat-trick from Will Kennedy has seen the Cronulla Sharks defeat the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 33-20 to post consecutive wins for the first time this season.

Leading for all bar the opening minutes during the ANZAC Round clash, the Sharks extended their dominance over the Bulldogs to ten wins from their past 12 meetings along with recording their first victory at Accor Stadium in five years. Conceding an early penalty goal via the boot of Matt Burton, the Sharks were quick to respond

with Briton Nikora breaking through the Bulldogs defence before finding Kennedy (7th minute) in support with a clear run to the line. Going the length of the field in the ensuing set, Kennedy (9th minute) outleapt Hayze Perham to snare his second in as many minutes. The Bulldogs worked their way into the contest through a seven tackle set which allowed returning outside back Braidon Burns (18th minute) to finish off a right-side shift. Having scored the first hat-trick of his career earlier in the season, Kennedy (22nd minute) replicated the feat with a show-and-go that was upheld by the bunker despite concerns of an obstruction. Responding in the closing stages of the first half, Perham delivered a

classy pass to send Declan Casey (36th minute) over in the corner to send the Bulldogs to the sheds trailing by just four despite an error-riddled first half.

The Sharks were denied a try to Royce Hunt, who was deemed held up by the referee prior to grounding the ball, early in the second half but quickly made amends with Matt Moylan (42nd minute) finishing off an aerial catch and offload from Ronaldo Mulitalo. Going beyond two converted tries after the Bulldogs committed an error ten metres out from the try line, Nicho Hynes delivered a lovely pass to send Sione Katoa (56th minute) over for his 50th try in first grade. Named in

the number seven jersey for the first time in his career, Burton produced a strong run and offload that allowed Corey Waddell (67th minute) to cross for a consolation four-pointer. The Sharks butchered a try in the closing stages with Mulitalo putting a hand on the dead ball line prior to grounding, but it proved inconsequential as a late penalty and field goal from Hynes saw the visitors run out 33-20 victors. Next week, the Bulldogs will head to Wollongong on Sunday afternoon to take on the Dragons, while the Sharks host the Cowboys on Thursday evening on home soil. **ROB CROSBY**

NORTH QLD 18 NEWCASTLE 16

An absolute thriller in Townsville has left everybody on the edge of their seats as the North Queensland Cowboys have taken a much needed 18-16 victory over the Newcastle Knights at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Neither side could say that they were at their best during the opening forty minutes with both sides struggling with some basic errors killing any momentum they were looking to create. The Cowboys saw off an early threat from the Knights after a Lachie Miller error blew a strong chance for Newcastle. The Cowboys took advantage when they started to gain some momentum which saw Scott Drinkwater to the line and then slide through the space before linking back up with Reece

Robson to score under the sticks. The easy conversion from Val Holmes gave the North Queenslanders a 6-0 lead. One of the biggest sins in Rugby League is not completing a set after points and for the Cowboys this came back to bite them when Tom Dearden's failure to catch the kick-off put the Knights in good field position which they took advantage of. The Knights took advantage of the field position when Greg Marzhev was able to get over after the Newcastle attack drew in the Cowboys defence. Newcastle were denied a try just after the twenty mark when Dom Young lost the ball short of the line trying to regather a kick. Just a matter of minutes later, the Cowboys took advantage of the ensuing field position when Kyle Feldt got over in the corner with a big dive. The conversion from Valentine Holmes from the sideline gave the Cowboys a 12-6 lead.

Despite having most of the possession and field position, the Cowboys could only manage a six-point lead at the break despite Valentine Holmes missing a penalty goal attempt on the stroke of half-time.

An absolute brain explosion from Murray Taulagi put the Cowboys into a precarious position after he was given ten minutes in the sin bin for a late shoulder charge on Kalyn Ponga. The Knights took full advantage of the overlap as Dom Young was able to cross in the corner after Ponga drew in the defence. Trailing by two and doing not much else in the sin bin period, the Knights looked to struggle to take advantage but they did when some luck went their way getting six again before Jackson Hastings drew in defence before turning the ball back inside to Lachlan Fitzgibbon who went

through almost untouched. A successful conversion from Lachie Miller was good and put the Knights out to a four-point lead. Luck continued to be on the Knights side but they couldn't take advantage of their strong field position and it was the Cowboys who went up the other end when Valentine Holmes went through some poor defence before linking up with Tom Dearden to score. The conversion from close range put the Cowboys in the lead again. Both sides continued to give their opponents chances with poor kicks and errors handing the opposition both possession and field position but neither side could take advantage. The Knights had the momentum up to full time but poor decision making hurt them and the Cowboys held on for an 18-16 win. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

DOLPHINS 28 GOLD COAST 26

The Dolphins took bragging rights in their derby clash against Gold Coast Titans, 28-26 in a comeback effort at Brisbane Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

If there ever was a game that summed up the game of two halves cliché this was it. Titans poured on 26 points in the first half before the Dolphins swam against the tide and piled on 28 straight to take the two points. AJ Brimson was back at custodian for the Titans and was heavily involved in their work. The first points from the visitors came from the boot after a strip on Tino Fa'asuamaleaui which allowed Tanah Boyd to give them a 2-0 lead. From there, it was an avalanche of points for

the Titans. Brimson broke through the line in a match race with Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow before he turned it inside to former Knight Chris Randall who strolled away. The big men were the next to get over the stripe for the Titans. Isaac Liu dummied before he sliced through then Fa'asuamaleaui went through a huge gap to get himself a four-pointer and make it 20-0 for the visitors. It seemed like the Titans were making breaks at will and it showed in their fourth try. Another long break from Randall saw Boyd loom large on the inside and take his personal tally to fourteen as the Titans led 26-0. Dolphins did find some solace late in the first half from a high kick. It was spilled by Brimson right into the path of Kodi Nikorima who sent it wide to Robert Jennings for the simplest finish for the score.

Coming out of the break, Dolphins felt just fine. Nikorima was heavily involved again and combined with a rampaging Mark Nicholls who dived over from close range and gave the locals something to dream about. Once again, it was a forward that bustled through for the Dolphins. It was former Titan Jarrod Wallace, who showed off his grip skills to maintain possession and touch down for a 26-18 score line and belief rippled around the stadium. The hosts should've leaped free willy style into the lead but Jennings bombed it twice. The first, Tabuai-Fidow leapt high and passed it to the winger who fell away with no one around then he looked to have scored but it was ruled a knock on. Third time was a charm for Jennings. It was another passage on the left side and he was presented with a simple finish

which got everyone around up and about as it became 26-24 with 15 minutes to go. There felt like an air of inevitability around the Dolphins completing the comeback. It came in the 76th minute. A short pass saw Euan Aitken steam onto the ball and stretch out to touch the sky and the try line to complete the task, 28-26. Titans had a late rally in the final minutes but the ball died with David Fifita in the final stages as they suffered the ignominy of defeat. It felt like the visitors were monstar'd in the second half and fell into a hole much like last week and might be cracking out the tackling bags during the week. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 22 WESTS TIGERS 16

The Sea Eagles picked up their fourth win of the year in an ugly, 22-16 wet-weather victory over the last placed Wests Tigers, but the 70th minute injury to star fullback Tom Trbojevic dampened the result.

Manly also had centre Brad Parker and forward Toafofoa Siple nursing injuries late in the game in what could well be a costly victory. Manly opened the scoring in the 8th minute through a brilliant team try that spanned 90 metres. From the play the ball, Haumole Olakau'atu refused to be grassed despite the attention

of 3 defenders before getting an offload away to Morgan Harper, who ran 20 metres before linking with Jason Saab in the clear, who then turned it back inside to Tom Trbojevic who drew the cover defender and then offloaded to Daly Cherry-Evans who strolled away to score. Reuben Garrick converted. Shortly after, the rain started to fall steadily and refused to ease for the remainder of the game. It didn't seem to deter the Manly attack who put on another try in the 20th minute when Olakau'atu was handed the ball for a ruck run to set up for the next play, by Cherry-Evans, however the big man strolled far too easily through the Tigers line and scored a ridiculously soft try. Garrick converted. Both sides

struggled to produce anything threatening at the end of their sets, while ball handling steadily worsened due to the greasy conditions, as the match wore on. After a Tom Trbojevic dropped ball, the Tigers received back-to-back set restarts. The pressure got too much for Manly as the Tigers shifted the ball right to Charlie Staines, who performed a spectacular dive to score in the corner. Brandon Wakeham converted from the sideline. At halftime Manly held a 12-6 lead.

Garrick kicked a penalty goal in the 44th minute to give Manly a 2 try buffer. Too their credit, the Tigers refused to yield and from the back of a scrum in the 56th minute,

Api Koroisau ran for the line, shrugged off a tackle and crawled his way over to score a much needed and brilliant solo try. Wakeham added the extras. Starford To'a scored in the 64th minute when he ran straight through two atrocious tackle attempts by Manly to give the Tigers the lead. Wakeham failed to convert. Manly reclaimed the lead in the 71st minute when a bomb by Cherry-Evans found it's way into the hands of Saab who then scored in the corner. Garrick added the extras and four minutes later, potted another penalty goal to give Manly a 22-16 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 27 ST GEO ILLA 26

A 76th minute field goal by Roosters halfback Luke Keary was got the Roosters back on the winners board, while the Dragons have suffered their third straight loss by 6 points or less.

The Roosters opened the scoring after just 4 minutes when Egan Butcher received a short ball from Victor Radley and then ran through a huge gap for 30 metres, drew the fullback before passing to James Tedesco who raced 30 metres to score under the posts. Joseph Suaalii converted the try. The momentum shortly after shifted and the Dragons began to dominate field position, which they converted to points in the 14th minute when the Dragons shifted the ball left where Moses Suli got a poor pass to Tautau Moga, who not only reeled it in, but had a frightfully narrow passage to the line and yet

somehow he managed to stay in the field of the play and score despite plenty of defenders around. Zac Lomax converted to level the scores. The Dragons continue to dominate possession and field position, but an error on halfway, invited the Roosters down their end and in the 21st minute, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves produced a stunning short pass to the straight running Victor Radley, who hit a gap and scored a try near the posts. Suaalii converted and 5 minutes later, he extended the margin further with a penalty goal. Momentum stayed with the Roosters and in the 29th minute, they crossed again when Luke Keary took on the line himself, snuck through and scored a good solo try. Suaalii converted again and the Roosters were looking like they were getting ready to take the game away from the Dragons. The Dragons though reduced the margin in the 34th minute when a Ben Hunt bomb was contested by 4 players. None of them touched the ball, which then

bounced off Paul Momirovski's back and into the waiting hands of Jack Bird, who dived over to score. Lomax converted the try. At halftime the Roosters held a 20-12 lead.

The Roosters opened scoring in the second half just 5 minutes after play resumed when they shifted the ball left, close to the Dragons line, where eventually it gets to Joseph Manu who got between the final two defenders and powered his way over for a try. Suaalii converted. The Dragons then produced a 10 minute scoring blitz that got the scores levelled up with 20 minutes to go. In the 51st minute The ball went out to Tyrell Sloan on the right side, who somehow got outside his defender, exploded through a half-gap before getting a glorious flick pass to Moga who raced down the sideline and dived over to score in the corner. Lomax failed to convert from out wide. From the restart the

Dragons went the length of the field before shifting the ball to Suli on the right side, who raced downfield before firing a perfect ball inside to the unmarked Sloan, who stepped inside the cover defence and scored under the posts. Lomax converted. In the 58th minute, the Dragons crossed again down the right side, when Moses bumped off a defender and then offloaded to Moga who leapt and scored miraculously in the corner, injuring his shoulder in the process. Lomax failed to convert from touch leaving the scores level at 26 apiece. Just 5 minutes later, Victor Radley was sin binned for an alleged high shoulder that looked more like a head clash. The Roosters started to regain momentum and in the 74th minute, Keary potted a field goal to give his side a much needed 1 point victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MELBOURNE 30 WARRIORS 22

The Melbourne Storm have recorded a 30-22 victory tonight over the New Zealand Warriors in front of a packed crowd of 23,469 at AAMI Park to finish a superb ANZAC Round.

The victory brings Melbourne's winning streak over New Zealand to a whopping 14 straight games. The Warriors looked in control of the game for the majority of the first half, but in the end it was injuries to key men Jazz Tevaga, Tohu Harris, Charnze Nicol-Klokstad, and Bayley Sironen which saw them run out of steam in the dying stages. Melbourne looked very timid in the opening stages, and the away side took advantage early on. Off the back of a penalty and subsequent six again call, the Warriors utilised the first attacking set of the game, with Jackson Ford breaking through a very passive defensive line to open the points in the 5th minute. The Shaun

Johnson conversion took the scoreline to 6-0. An error in the set after points from the Warriors invited Melbourne to hit back, and Reimis Smith very nearly did that for his side, but the bunker ruled a knock on with the tryline beckoning. The Warriors slid straight back into their strong starting form, with Shaun Johnson taking his side downfield and winning a dropout. In just the following set, the Warriors extended their lead through DWZ on the right edge, with the scoreline now reading 12-0 in just the 13th minute. But all it took was one play from Cameron Munster to get his team to hit back. A sublime 40/20 won the Storm some much needed field position and possession, and only a few plays later saw Justin Olam crash over for Melbourne's first points of the night in the 16th minute. But the game continued at its ripper pace, so it only took another five minutes before the Warriors were back over the white stripe through an easy Addin Fonua-Blake crash play through the middle.

At 18-6 in just the 22nd minute, the game finally settled down a little. With the half-time siren begging, things began to fall in Melbourne's favour. Cameron Munster finally cracked the resilient New Zealand defensive line in the 36th minute to close the gap, and just a few minutes later Dylan Walker was sent to the sin bin for a head slam, meaning Melbourne now had an extra player to work with. On top of that, Tohu Harris was confirmed to be out for the game through injury.

Despite trailing 18-12 to start the second half, Melbourne certainly had the momentum. But not for long. Some magic from the Warriors somehow sent DWZ over for his second of the night on the right edge in the 45th minute, despite them still being down to 12 players. Just a few minutes later, Melbourne found a try of their own thanks to a perfect Xavier Coates kick in field to Nick Meaney chasing through. With the Warriors

holding a four point lead, and half an hour still on the clock, the game entered a more conservative stage which would last until the full time siren. Nick Meaney scored his second try of the night in the 58th minute in controversial fashion, and then converted his own try to give Melbourne a 24-22 lead. New Zealand failed to add any more points to their total as their players dropped like flies all around them. Melbourne were able to ice the cake in the 77th minute through some crafty work out of dummy half from Harry Grant, bringing the final full time score to 30-22 Storm's way. Melbourne will be treated to the bye next week, while the Warriors will have to lick their wounds before facing off against the Sydney Roosters in Auckland on Sunday. They'll be sweating over the availability of a number of players who went down injured in tonight's game. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

ROUND 8 RESULTS

SOUTHS 20 (L. Mitchell 2, D. Cook, I. Tass tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 18** (S. Crichton 3 tries; S. Crichton 3 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 20th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Penrith 5-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 19,548.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Arrow, Cook, Sele, Chee-Kam, Host, Murray (C). Int: Burgess, Cartwright, Suluka-Fifita, Moale.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Leniu, Salmon.

BRISBANE 26 (H. Farnworth, E. Mam, A. Reynolds, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 16** (C. Gutherson, S. Russell, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT TIO STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 21st April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 22-6. Penalties: Brisbane 4-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 11,864.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hodgson, Paulo, Lane, Cartwright, Matterson. Int: Hopgood, Hands, Greig, Doorey.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Jensen, Hetherington, Taupau.

CRONULLA 33 (W. Kennedy 3, S. Katoa, M. Moylan tries; N. Hynes 6 goals; N. Hynes field goal) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 20** (B. Burns, D. Casey, C. Waddell tries; M. Burton 3, K. Flanagan goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-14. Penalties: Canterbury 7-5. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 12,148.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Casey, Averillo, Alamoti, Burns; Flanagan, Burton (C); King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Waddell, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Reynolds, Okunbor, Davey, Sutton.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Kaufusi, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Graham, Williams, Hunt, Hazelton.

NORTH QLD 18 (T. Dearden, K. Feldt, R. Robson tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 16** (L. Fitzgibbon, G. Marzhev, D. Young tries; L. Miller 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: North QLD 12-6. Penalties: Newcastle 7-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 17,970.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gosiewski, Nanai, Granville. Int: Cotter, Chester, Taunoa-Brown, Dunn.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell (C), Fitzgibbon, Mann. Int: Ponga (C), Saifiti, Croker, Hetherington.

DOLPHINS 28 (R. Jennings 2, E. Aitken, M. Nicholls, J. Wallace tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 26** (T. Boyd, T. Fa'asualeau, I. Liu, C. Randall tries; T. Boyd 5 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 26-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 22,034.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Jennings; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Ese'ese, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Wallace, Nicholls, Stone, Donoghoe.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifita; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asualeau (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Leeming, Clark, Mikeale.

MANLY 22 (D. Cherry-Evans, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 16** (A. Koroisau, C. Staines, S. To'a tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) **AT CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-6. Penalties: Manly 7-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 10,033.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Staines, To'a, Kepaoa, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Ofahengaue, Twal, Talau, Simpkin.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Harper, Garrick; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Aloiai. Int: Fainu, Keppie, Woods, Siple.

SYDNEY 27 (L. Keary, J. Manu, V. Radley, J. Tedesco tries; J. Sua'ali'i 5 goals; L. Keary field goal) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 26** (T. Moga 3, J. Bird, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Tue, 25th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Sydney 20-12. Penalties: St George Illawarra 8-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 40,191.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Momirovski, Paulo; Manu, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Crichton, Radley. Int: Hutchison, Tupouniua, Lodge, Whyte.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Moga; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Bird, De Belin. Int: Liddle, Couchman, Kerr, Hunt.

MELBOURNE 30 (N. Meaney 2, H. Grant, C. Munster, J. Olam tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 22** (D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, A. Fonua-Blake, J. Ford tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Tue, 25th April. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-12. Penalties: Melbourne 7-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 23,469.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Sims, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Garlick, Pene, Wishart.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Montoya, Pompey, Kosi; Walker, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Tevaga, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Sironen, Curran, Afoa, Ale.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 8

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	8	7	0	1	0	96	14
2	MANLY	7	4	1	2	1	12	11
3	PENRITH	7	4	0	3	1	76	10
4	SOUTHS	8	5	0	3	0	52	10
5	CRONULLA	7	4	0	3	1	44	10
6	MELBOURNE	8	5	0	3	0	24	10
7	WARRIORS	8	5	0	3	0	8	10
8	DOLPHINS	8	5	0	3	0	-10	10
9	SYDNEY	7	4	0	3	1	-21	10
10	GOLD COAST	7	3	0	4	1	-27	8
11	CANBERRA	7	3	0	4	1	-42	8
12	NEWCASTLE	8	3	1	4	0	-5	7
13	PARRAMATTA	8	3	0	5	0	3	6
14	ST GEO ILLA	7	2	0	5	1	-23	6
15	NORTH QLD	8	3	0	5	0	-30	6
16	CANTERBURY	8	3	0	5	0	-81	6
17	WESTS TIGERS	7	0	0	7	1	-76	2

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

J'maine Hopgood (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800
 Ezra Mam (Brisbane) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Payne Haas (Brisbane) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Murray Taulagi (North Qld) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750
 Aaron Woods (Manly) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750
 Victor Radley (Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Dylan Walker (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$2500

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



14 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

12 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

11 POINTS

Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)

10 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

9 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

ROUND 9

CRONULLA 44 NORTH QLD 6

Cronulla Sharks have piled on the points in their 44-6 win over North Queensland Cowboys in front of 8,148 fans at Shark Park.

The Sharks won three games in a row for the first time in 2023 after they embarrassed the Cowboys in a performance which saw the left side of the hosts feast led by the current Dally M medalist

Nicho Hynes. From the opening minute, it looked a mismatch. Cowboys dropped the ball from their first touch and the Sharks took advantage right away with Sifa Talakai strolling over from a Hynes pass to make it 6-0. Hynes had his hands all over this performance tonight. He kicked nine goals and was instrumental in a majority of their tries which saw them move up to second spot on the NRL premiership ladder. The Sharks showed all the skills. Briton Nikora stabbed through a kick which saw Jesse Ramien score then Hynes floated a pass to Sione Katoa who pushed off some feeble defense to get the hosts third and make

it 20-0. Cowboys did get some life late in the half. Tom Dearden sliced through then the follow up pass goes to Kyle Feldt who gave Ronaldo Mulitalo a wicked fend to get the visitors on the scoreboard.

Sharks came out of the break and felt just fine. Mulitalo got in on the action with a pair of four pointers before the hour mark which came from Talakai passes as the score line started to blow out. They added two more tries to make it 44-6. Hynes had the simplest job when the Cowboys spilled a bomb right into his path then Jack Williams steamed

onto a Matt Moylan pass for the final score. Cowboys will want to forget this night quickly. They had Scott Drinkwater and Jeremiah Nanai binned in the contest while they lost Chad Townsend, Tom Chester and Kyle Feldt to injury during the game. For his magnificent performance, Hynes was awarded the Paul Green medal which honoured the late footballer who was involved with both clubs. Sharks have a battle of the aquatic animals next week against the Dolphins. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PARRAMATTA 43 NEWCASTLE 12

A maiden NRL hat-trick from Clint Gutherson has helped spark the Parramatta Eels premiership chances with a resounding 43-12 victory over Newcastle at CommBank Stadium.

The Newcastle Knights started the match in disastrous fashion. A poor Kurt Mann pass was put down by Mat Croker which gave the Parramatta side an early chance to strike. On their first chance in the red zone. The Eels were electric and struck with force. Dylan Brown showed and goes past three defenders to cross for the first try of the evening. Mitch Moses converted to give Parramatta an early 6-0 lead. Five minutes later, Newcastle hit back almost immediately after earning two set restarts and placing pressure on the Eels line. A clever Jackson Hastings grubber sat up

for Croker who gets some redemption to cross for the Knights. Lachie Miller knocked over the conversion from next to the posts and we were locked up. It wasn't that way for long, following a great run from Hopgood. Moses took matters into his own hands to re-take the lead for the Eels when he beat some would-be tacklers to make it a 12-6 contest after a lull period where both sides traded errors. The Knights fell asleep at marker and allowed Gutherson to reach out for the easiest of tries and an 18-6 lead. Gutho thought he had two in a matter of minutes but the custodian lost the ball in an attempt to ground it. The Eels didn't need to wait long though and finished the first half with a flurry. Some poor interior defence from the Knights left edge sent Will Penisini away before Lachie Miller saved the day. On the ensuing tackle, Gutherson collects his second in an identical fashion to his first. From the next set, the Eels caught

Dane Gagai out of position which allowed Brown to stroll through before linking up with Sean Russell to give the Eels a convincing half-time lead of 30-6.

Problems continued with the Newcastle defence throughout the second half and it wasn't long before the Eels added to their 24-point halftime lead. A great burst down the right-hand side from Moses who was exposing the Knights left edge defence. Moses found Gutherson and he had a hat trick. The Eels should've had more than they had but execution at the final moment was letting them down in their pursuit of a half-century. This lack of execution allowed the Newcastle Knights back into the contest and forced several repeat sets on the Eels line. This proved to be too much as great structure saw Hastings and Miller combine with their right edge which allowed Dom Young to score in the corner for the visitors and

reduce the gap to 24 points. The points were in vain though as Parramatta put the icing on a dominating victory. The procession continued when Hopgood stood in the tackle and got the arm free which allowed Paulo to get possession and barge over. Moses added a disrespectful field goal to secure a 31-point victory. It was a resounding form boost for the Eels who have been inconsistent to start the year. They can take a lot of attacking confidence from tonight heading into the critical Origin period. For the Knights, their defence was simply atrocious, and their left edge has several red flags with Ponga missing 12 tackles out of his 23 attempts, as well as the abductor injury to lock Kurt Mann. They've got the bye instead of a Magic Round date which will be a big boost to help their struggling defence. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SOUTH SYDNEY 32 BRISBANE 6

South Sydney has sent a message to the rest of the NRL competition with a 32-6 thrashing of the first placed Broncos at Suncorp Stadium this evening.

Souths centre Campbell Graham continued to kick down the door for selection for the Blues, scoring a hat-trick and setting up another in a superb display. Graham was ably supported by Latrell Mitchell who crossed for a double to provide their side with a huge win away from home. Brisbane was given a reality check in front of their home fans, suffering just their second loss of the season. The losses of five-eighth Ezra Mam and world class prop Payne Haas were telling for the home side, who failed to get on the front foot in the second half and could not match

the Bunnies firepower through the middle and out wide. It was a spicy start in Brisbane, when Cameron Murray was sent to the Sin Bin after just four minutes for taking out Billy Walters in a try scoring situation from a kick. Former Bunnies half Adam Reynolds took advantage of the offer to give his side an early 2-0 lead. Despite being down a man, South Sydney responded quickly when halfback Lachlan Ilias produced a well weighted kick for the in-form Campbell Graham to score the first try of the night. Mitchell converted and it was 6-2 to Souths. Brisbane then managed to take advantage of the Murray Sin Bin, when Reynolds identified the rushing Souths defence close to the line. The experienced number seven then produced a lovely harbour bridge pass for his winger Jesse Arthars who scored a spectacular

try in the corner. Reynolds missed the conversion and the scores were level at 6 all. The game continued to see-saw throughout the first half until Graham picked up his second try off a set play at the scrum, which saw the NSW hopeful stretch out to score. Mitchell converted and it was 12-6 at halftime.

The Rabbitohs got off to a hot start following the break, when Broncos centre Herbie Farnworth spilled a Lachlan Ilias kick, however Latrell Mitchell then swooped on the ball to score a try to give his side the swing in momentum. It was a forgettable few minutes for Farnworth, when the Dolphins bound, centre was then sent to the Sin Bin for an attempted trip. South Sydney made the home side pay, with Graham crossing for his third try following some slick

hands from Mitchell and Taane Milne to extend the Rabbitohs lead to 22-6. After three tries, Campbell Graham then turned provider producing a superb offload close to the line to send Cody Walker over for a try. Mitchell kicked the conversion to extend the visitors lead to 28-6 with just over twenty minutes remaining. Latrell Mitchell then put the icing on the cake for the Rabbitohs, when he scored his second try after collecting a loose ball on the ground following a cross field kick by Lachlan Ilias. The win sees the Bunnies now move into the Top 4 (pending other results) and sets up a Magic Round blockbuster against the Melbourne Storm next Saturday. Brisbane must now regroup before they return to Suncorp Stadium to host Manly-Warringah on Friday night. **SAM BOURKE**

CANBERRA 31 DOLPHINS 30

An 83rd minute field goal from Jamal Fogarty has seen the Canberra Raiders claim a 31-30 victory over the Dolphins in Wagga Wagga.

Establishing an 18-0 lead inside the opening quarter only to nearly squander the result prior to Fogarty's golden point clincher, the Raiders produced their first win at McDonalds Park since 2019 before a crowd of 10,445 supporters. Getting off to a perfect start with points in the opening set of the match, co-captain Jarrod Croker (1st minute) slid over for his first try in more than two years following a barnstorming run from returning winger Jordan Rapana in the

lead up. Outpacing the clock by forcing a repeat set following points, Jack Wighton (6th minute) put aside a week of headlines by charging onto a pass from Corey Horsburgh to give the Raiders a 10-0 lead. Taking advantage of the Dolphins' poor discipline and penchant for errors, the Raiders added a penalty goal midway through the half before Rapana (20th minute) kept the tries coming with a four-pointer out wide. Facing an imposing deficit for the second week in succession, the Dolphins struck back with Euan Aitken (26th minute) capitalising on retreating defence to get the visitors on the scoreboard. In a sliding doors moment which saw Canberra prop Emre Guler lose control of the ball over the try line, a

break from Jamayne Isaako in the ensuing set allowed Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (30th minute) to narrow the margin to a try. Having lost their momentum late in the half, the Raiders managed to stabilise and were rewarded with a long-range effort via Sebastian Kris (36th minute) to take a 22-12 lead to the sheds.

The Raiders established a buffer of two converted tries with a penalty goal early in the second half, yet the Dolphins refused to wilt with Kodi Nikorima combining with Connelly Lemuelu (57th minute and 61st minute) twice in a matter of minutes to level the scores at 24-all. Both teams traded tries during the latter stages with Fogarty (66th minute) pouncing

on a spilt bomb before Jesse Bromwich (71st minute) spun over from close range to set up a thrilling finish. Despite having the better of the opportunities in the final moments of regulation time, the Raiders failed to attempt a field goal until the final play of the game which saw the match head into golden point. Gaining the field position needed to secure their third win in succession after an error inside the Dolphins' half, a delay in play which saw Ray Stone taken from the field for a head assessment allowed Fogarty the time to nail his first career field goal. Next week at Magic Round, the Raiders face the Bulldogs on Friday night, while the Dolphins are set to clash with the Sharks on Saturday evening. **ROB CROSBY**

GOLD COAST 26 MANLY 10

Gold Coast have executed a snatch-and-grab of the highest order, coming to Brookvale and leaving with a 26-10 victory over Manly tonight.

Manly had all the running early, with six-agains and penalties, compounded for the Titans by errors - and the Sea Eagles indeed were first on the board through a 9th minute penalty goal. The momentum shifted after the quarter-mark of the game - the Titans found

themselves in the attacking 20 and a sharp move to the left saw Alofiana Khan-Pereira grab the first try of the game out wide. Converted by Boyd, it meant a 6-0 lead for the visitors. Manly appeared aimless at that point, and four minutes after the try, Toff Siplely was given a 10-minute spell for a dangerous tackle. Off the subsequent set, David Fifita crossed for the Gold Coast's second before Tanah Boyd added two more. The Titans looked likely to go into the sheds at 12-2 up, until Khan-Pereira nabbed a second try just

before the siren. While Boyd was unable to convert, it meant a 16-2 lead at halftime.

Seven minutes into the second half the Titans looked likely to extend their lead when Brian Kelly bumbled his way over the line, only to be penalised for a double movement. On the back of a Daly Cherry-Evans 40/20, Manly managed to swing the momentum the opposite way, Sean Keppie scoring at 51 minutes, converted by Garrick, and then then the Manly back booted

another penalty to bring the score down to 16-10. It was looking like the Titans might give up another strong lead just a week after the Dolphins ran them down, but a Boyd bomb came down favouring Phillip Sami for the Titans' fourth try. 20-10 became 22-10 when the Sea Eagles conceded a penalty and Boyd booted a penalty goal. Eight minutes from fulltime, the result was sealed when rookie interchange player Klese Haas added a try of his own, surging the Titans into the top eight - at least for tonight. **TIM COSTELLO**

WESTS TIGERS 12 PENRITH 8

The Wests Tigers have brought their 8 month winning drought to an end with a magnificent victory against defending Premiers Penrith in very wet conditions in Bathurst.

The Tigers dominated field position, had better ball control and made more metres than their more fancied opponents, laying the platform for a much needed victory. The Tigers spine linked well and looked far more comfortable in the atrocious conditions. From the very start of the game, halfback Luke Brooks kicked a 40/20 in the very first set of

the game. The Tigers then got a set restart in the next set which was followed by Api Koroisau very nearly scores, but on the very next play, Brooks put in a grubber which Dylan Edwards fails to clean up and Brandon Wakeham got the ball down for a try. Wakeham then converted his own try. It took ten minutes for the Penathers to finally get into the Tigers 20 metres, but on just their second tackle there, Nathan Cleary grubbered through the line, the ball bounced perfectly for Tyrone Peachey who scored. Stephen Crichton converted to level the scores. Both sides traded sets, playing rather restricted football due to the conditions. Both sides tried to use their

defence to get the advantage but more often than not, they gave away penalties, but still managed to force errors as well. In the 29th minute, Crichton landed a penalty goal to give Penrith the lead, but the Panthers gave away a penalty right on halftime and Wakeham's penalty goal meant the score was tied at 8 all at the break.

Just as they did in the first half, the Tigers were first to score in the second half, when a passing movement to the right side saw David Nofaluma dive over to score in the corner for his 100th try in the NRL. Wakeham failed to convert from touch and the Tigers regained

the lead 12-8 with 30 minutes remaining in the game. In the 56th minute, Cleary got through the Tigers line and raced for the tryline, but Jahream Bula's try saw Cleary drop the ball. In the 65th minute, a Tigers drop out failed to go 10 metres and the Panthers got a penalty, but on the very first tackle, Mitch Kenny dropped the ball. Klemmer barged over the line in the 74th minute but he was held up. Penrith looked like they possibly scored with just 150 seconds left in the match, but the Bunker found that Tyrone Peachey had pushed Bula off-the-ball and the Tigers received a penalty and the Panthers didn't get another chance with the ball. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 14 WARRIORS 0

Sydney Roosters won a wet and wild game 14-0 over New Zealand Warriors at Mt Smart Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Roosters were the first side to hold their opponents to nil in 2023 after a grinding affair which saw forwards Nat Butcher and Sitili Tupouniua cross for the only two tries as they travel back across the ditch with two points. The wet conditions which

had hit much of the east coast of Australia made its way to New Zealand in this contest and both teams were more careful with their handling which saw the opening stages be an arm wrestle. Our first points came from the boot. Warriors weren't able to make it ten metres from their dropout then Joseph Suaalii stepped up and piloted home the goal to give the Roosters a 2-0 advantage after four minutes. Chances were few and far between in the first half. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak tried to plant the ball down

but he knocked on. Both teams also used the grubber as a main weapon which was used to good effect. Roosters did get a four-pointer just before halftime. It was a quick play-the-ball which gave them the room and Nat Butcher was able to crash over from close range for a 8-0 lead going into half-time.

Warriors started the second half on the front foot forcing a few errors. They went close through Jackson Ford but he was denied as the wait continued

for the hosts who were being directed around by Shaun Johnson. The visitors further extended their advantage from a kick again. Brandon Smith punched through a low kick and the returning Sitili Tupouniua was able to touch down. The forward was a key cog in the Roosters win today. It was an afternoon where the Warriors handling cruelled them. They made 13 errors across the game and didn't look like troubling the Roosters defence in the game and suffer back-to-back defeats. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CANTERBURY 18 ST GEO ILLA 16

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have embraced an attacking style of football to see themselves score an upset win over the St George Illawarra Dragons, beating the joint venture by a score of 18 points to 16 on Sunday Afternoon.

The Bulldogs did well to hold out an early attacking raid as the Dragons were gifted good field position from a penalty. As soon as they got the ball for the first time in the 4th minute, they made their intentions clear. By throwing the ball around from sideline to sideline, the Bulldogs got themselves on the front foot, and took full advantage when Josh Reynolds sprinted down a short-side before putting Corey Waddell into space. The big back-rower reached deep into his bag of tricks when he saw the green grass ahead of him, putting the ball onto the toe for a grubber, which he re-gathered over the line to open the scoring. The Bulldogs would be

the dominant side for the next 15 minutes or so and looked poised to cash in when an early kick from Josh Reynolds forced a dropout. The ensuing set would lead to a try, but it was scored by a man wearing a red-v instead of a blue one. An errant Tevita Pangai offload was picked off by Lomax, who ran for 50 odd metres before throwing a perfect right-to-left cutout pass on the run to Mat Feagai, who won the race to the try-line, making the score 6-4 in favour of the visitors. While the scoreboard may have told a story of a closely fought encounter, the play on the field was anything but, the Bulldogs butchering multiple try scoring opportunities. On one occasion, Burton went straight through the line before linking up with Mahoney on the inside. He then threw a ball back inside to Burton who was in the clear, but he dropped the ball cold. On another, Burton, Mahoney and Reynolds combined for a slick outside inside play, only for the ball to be put down by the latter. After looking likely on so many attacking sets, it was a yardage carry that would ignite for the Dogs to

score their second. The ball was thrown wide to find Jake Averillo inside his own 20 metre zone when the centre turned on the jets to get around the Dragons frontline defenders and then, impressively, burn Dragons fullback Tyrell Sloan on his way to the line. That's where the scoring would end in the first half, the Bulldogs enjoying a six-point cushion ahead of the second 40.

Canterbury appeared to pick up right where they left off, rolling down the field with ease early in the second half which allowed Burton plenty of time to put up a signature bomb. The Dragons wanted nothing to do with it, which ended up working in their favour as Braidon Burns' second kick sailed dead to give the Dragons 7 tackles. It proved a fatal error from Burns, with Ben Hunt staying upright long enough to get an offload away to Toby Couchman at the other end, the young forward going over for his first career try to even things up again. Couchman went from hero to zero shortly after though, penalised for a high shot on

Preston which allowed the Bulldogs to take the lead right back through a penalty goal. Five minutes later, the Dogs would streak even further ahead, with Jake Averillo receiving the ball in his own half and again making something out of nothing, speeding his way past Feagai and again burning Sloan to touch down for his second impressive try. The score was 18-10 to Canterbury and the Dragons were out on their feet, but they received a second wind when Corey Waddell was sent to the sin bin for a professional foul in the 59th minute. They were quick to take advantage, spreading the ball right to Max Feagai, who joined his brother on the score sheet after going over in the corner. Lomax's conversion was good, narrowing the gap to two points with 62 minutes to go. The Dragons would go close on multiple occasions but in the end couldn't do enough to crack the Bulldogs, who won the game thanks in equal parts to their attack and defence. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 9 RESULTS

CRONULLA 44 (R. Mulitalo 2, N. Hynes, S. Katoa, J. Ramien, S. Talakai, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 8 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 6** (K. Feldt try; V. Holmes goal) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 27th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 20-6. Penalties: Cronulla 8-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 8,148.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Kaufusi, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Graham, Williams, Hunt, Hazelton, Trindall.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagj; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gosiewski, Nanai, Granville. Int: Cotter, Chester, Taunoa-Brown, Dunn.

PARRAMATTA 43 (C. Gutherson 3, D. Brown, M. Moses, J. Paulo, S. Russell tries; M. Moses 7 goals; M. Moses field goal) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (M. Croker, D. Young tries; L. Miller 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 28th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 30-6. Penalties: Newcastle 3-2. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 15,875.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Dunster; Brown, Moses, Greig, Hodgson, Paulo, Lane, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Hands, Doorey, Makatoa, Ogden.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhew, Ponga (C), Hastings; Saifiti, Mann, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Croker. Int: Crossland, Gamble, Saifiti, Hetherington.

SOUTHS 32 (C. Graham 3, L. Mitchell 2, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 6** (J. Arthars try; A. Reynolds goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 28th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 12-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 40,102.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Madden, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Palasia, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Jensen, Hetherington, Taupau.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Sele, Cook, Arrow, Chee-Kam, Host, Murray (C). Int: Tatola, Cartwright, Moale, Burgess.

CANBERRA 31 (J. Croker, J. Fogarty, S. Kris, J. Rapana, J. Wighton tries; J. Croker 5 goals; J. Fogarty field goal) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 30** (C. Lemuelu 2, E. Aitken, J. Bromwich, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) **AT MCDONALDS PARK.**

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 22-12. Penalties: Dolphins 7-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 10,445.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Harawira-Naera.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Jennings; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Bromwich, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Wallace, Stone, Ese'ese, Donoghoe.

GOLD COAST 26 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, D. Fifita, K. Haas, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 10** (S. Keppie try; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 16-2. Penalties: Manly 8-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 10,107.

MANLY: Weekes, Saab, Garrick, Harper, Tuipulotu; Johns, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Trbojevic, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Lawton, Bullemor, Keppie, Siple.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fifita, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Clark, Haas, Vuna.

WESTS TIGERS 12 (D. Nofaaluma, B. Wakeham tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 8** (T. Peachey try; S. Crichton 2 goals) **AT CARRINGTON PARK.**

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: Penrith 8-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 11,055.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary; Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo (C). Int: Luke, Smith, Salmon, Henry.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofaaluma, To'a, Naden, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Ofahengaue, Twal, Talau.

SYDNEY 14 (N. Butcher, S. Tupouniua tries; J. Sua'ali'i 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 0** **AT MT SMART STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 30th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 8-0. Penalties: Warriors 6-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 20,395.

WARRIORS: Watene-Zelezniak, Montoya, Vailea, Pompey, Kosi; Walker, Johnson; Niukore, Egan (C), Afoa, Ford, Curran, Fonua-Blake. Int: Lussick, Sironen, Ale, Sifakula.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Allan, Sua'ali'i, Momirovski, Paulo; Manu, Keary; Lodge, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Hutchison, Crichton, Tupouniua, Baker.

CANTERBURY 18 (J. Averillo 2, C. Waddell tries; M. Burton 2, P. Alamoti goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16** (T. Couchman, M. Feagai, M. Feagai tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 30th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 16,678.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Feagai; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Mbye, Lawrie, Hunt, Bird, De Belin. Int: Murdoch-Masila, Liddle, Couchman, Kerr.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Casey, Averillo, Alamoti, Burns; Reynolds, Burton (C); Edwards, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Waddell, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Morrin, Okunbor, Hughes, Oloapu.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 9

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	9	7	0	2	0	70	14
2	CRONULLA	8	5	0	3	1	82	12
3	SOUTHS	9	6	0	3	0	78	12
4	MELBOURNE	8	5	0	3	1	24	12
5	SYDNEY	8	5	0	3	1	-7	12
6	MANLY	8	4	1	3	1	-4	11
7	PENRITH	8	4	0	4	1	72	10
8	WARRIORS	9	5	0	4	0	-6	10
9	GOLD COAST	8	4	0	4	1	-11	10
10	DOLPHINS	9	5	0	4	0	-11	10
11	CANBERRA	8	4	0	4	1	-41	10
12	PARRAMATTA	9	4	0	5	0	34	8
13	CANTERBURY	9	4	0	5	0	-79	8
14	NEWCASTLE	9	3	1	5	0	-36	7
15	ST GEO ILLA	8	2	0	6	1	-25	6
16	NORTH QLD	9	3	0	6	0	-68	6
17	WESTS TIGERS	8	1	0	7	1	-72	4

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Scott Drinkwater (North Qld) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800
 Coen Hess (North Qld) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$3000
 Jeremiah Nanai (North Qld) Grade 3 Dangerous Contact: 4 matches
 Herbie Farnworth (Brisbane) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$750

Ray Stone (Dolphins) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$1000
 Toff Siple (Manly) Grade 2 Crusher Tackle: 3 matches
 Haumole Olakau'atu (Manly) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$3000
 Brent Naden (Wests Tigers) Grade 2 Shoulder Charge: 3 matches
 Soni Luke (Penrith) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Luke Keary (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Lindsay Collins (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000
 Viliami Vailea (Warriors) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
 Jack Bird (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$1000
 Josh Reynolds (Canterbury) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Josh Reynolds (Canterbury) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1000

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14 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

13 POINTS

Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

12 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

9 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos)



MAGIC ROUND: ROUND 10

CANBERRA 34 CANTERBURY 30

A brace of tries from Jordan Rapana has seen the Canberra Raiders extend their run of dominance over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs with a 34-30 victory in the opening match of Magic Round on Friday evening.

Posting their seventh win in succession over the Bulldogs dating back to 2018, the Raiders were made to wait until the final play of a high scoring contest before claiming victory in front of 41,462 supporters at Suncorp

Stadium. Getting off to a dream start with points inside the opening 60 seconds, Rapana (1st minute) leapt above his opposing winger to cross for his fourth try of the season following a well-timed bomb from Jamal Fogarty. Responding after Reed Mahoney nailed his fourth 40/20 in blue and white colours, the Bulldogs hooker delivered a superb pass which saw Jacob Preston (10th minute) crash over from close range. In a game-defining passage that saw the Raiders post three straight tries midway through the half, returning winger Xavier Savage (16th minute), centre Matt Timoko (20th minute) and second-rower Hudson Young (23rd minute) took the score from 6-all to 22-6 in the space of seven minutes. Getting back into the contest with attacking opportunities in good

field position of their own, well-placed grubbers from Josh Reynolds and Matt Burton allowed Preston (27th minute) and Jake Averillo (33rd minute) to narrow the margin to four points at the change of ends.

Beginning the second half as they did the first with a try to Rapana (44th minute) in the opening stages, the Raiders were left to rue a missed opportunity with Emre Guler crossing underneath the posts only for Jack Wighton's pass to be ruled forward. Temporarily going beyond two converted tries after Jarrod Croker (57th minute) crossed close to the hour mark, the Bulldogs refused to concede and were rewarded with Averillo (62nd minute) combining with Jacob Kiraz to capitalise

on a towering bomb from Burton. A late penalty goal from Croker appeared to give the Raiders breathing space, however a late penalty try to Hayze Perham (77th minute) set up a grandstand finish after Ata Mariota tackled the Bulldogs fullback off the ball with the try line in sight. The Raiders stood firm on the final play of the game with Rapana holding his nerve in the face of Burton's boot to secure the side's fourth win in succession. Next week, the Bulldogs face the Warriors on Friday evening at home, while the Raiders return to Canberra on Saturday night to host the Eels. **ROB CROSBY**

BRISBANE 32 MANLY 6

The Brisbane Broncos have capitalised on a dismal first half performance by Manly to get out to a 20 point lead at halftime, which they extended even further in a more evenly contested second half.

From the very outset, Manly turned the ball over cheaply in the first set of the game through some very poor ball handling, which would become a feature of their performance for the whole game. The opening 10 minutes saw both sides turning the ball over, but it was the Broncos who settled down and scored first, when

a Reece Walsh grubber close to Manly's line bounced perfectly for Selwyn Cobbo, who regathered and casually scored a try in the corner. Kotoni Staggs failed to convert from out wide. A short restart by Manly failed to get them the ball back and a knock on at the end of Brisbane's set put the Broncos in great field position and it was Billy Walters who scored in the 14th minute when he scooted over from dummy half when Thomas Flegler (who played the ball) and Daly Cherry-Evans (who was at marker) were engaged in some pushing, creating the space for Walters. Adam Reynolds converted the try. Manly's inability to shut down the Broncos grubber gave away another set of six where they send the ball out to

the right side to Cobbo who dived over in the corner to score his second try of the game. Reynolds converted from the sideline. Brisbane crossed again off the back of Manly errors in the 36th minute when they perfectly executed some lovely catch and passing providing enough space for Jesse Arthurs who dived over to score in the corner. Reynolds failed to add the extras from out wide and at halftime, the Broncos had a 20-0 lead.

Manly's ball control was better in the second half, as was their defence, however errors still prevented them for building any momentum or pressure, but they at least kept the Broncos from blowing the score out even

further. The Broncos finally scored again in the 69th minute when Cobbo juggled an intercept and raced 70 metres to score untouched. Reynolds converted the try. Brisbane crossed again just 3 minutes later when Herbie Farnworth barged over from dummy half to score a soft try, which Reynolds converted. Manly finally got on the board in the 77th minute when Tom Trbojevic almost got across the Broncos line, but managed to get an offload away to his brother Ben, who scored in the corner. Reuben Garrick converted from touch. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

PENRITH 18 WARRIORS 6

The Penrith Panthers have ended their two-game losing streak with an 18-6 victory over a determined New Zealand Warriors side to kickstart Super Saturday at Magic Round.

The Warriors crossed for the first try of the game inside the first 10 minutes of play. Following a penalty, they went close a play before after DWZ was taken metres short of the line. From the ensuing play, it was great ball-playing from Tohu Harris which saw Addin Fonua-Blake charge through a gaping hole and the Warriors led 6-0. Penrith began to build some possession down

the other end, despite some brutal Warriors defence which included a bone-crunching shot by Ed Kosi on Stephen Crichton. However, the Panthers continued to own possession and Dylan Edwards stepped his way through some would-be tacklers to score and get the score back level. The match was turning into a big shot simulator with both sides turning on the explosiveness in defence which included Crichton getting retribution with a monster shot on Dylan Walker. However, Penrith began taking their momentum and was rewarded with their second try. Isiah Yeo and Cleary combined which allowed Edwards to draw in the Warriors defence and Brian To'o crossed out wide for a 12-6 lead. The rest of the first half left a lot to be desired with both sides

trying and ultimately unsuccessful in finding the line. This left us with a narrow 12-6 half-time lead for the visitors.

The second half started in favour of the Panthers. Jackson Ford was pinned for a 'hip-drop' tackle on Spencer Leniu and was quickly dispatched to the sin bin. Cleary didn't hesitate to elect to take a shot at goal and Penrith led 14-6. The rest of their attack in the sin bin period can only be described as diabolical with the Panthers struggling for their attacking shape. Much of the second half was what could've been for both sides. These sides had more scoring chances than a game of bowling and the execution was at a low level, but that's

a testament to the way that both sides defended. It appeared that Penrith would ice the game after a brain explosion from young forward Demitric Sifakula who was determined to have struck Nathan Cleary and was sent to the sin-bin. However, the Warriors wouldn't give up without a fight and kept the Panthers at bay for a prolonged period. The match was sealed right on full-time. A great offload from Cleary found Edwards who broke open before kicking to Hosking who was taken metres from the line. From the ensuing play, the rampaging Spencer Leniu crashed over to score the game-sealing try. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

DOLPHINS 36 CRONULLA 16

Wayne Bennett's 900th game as an NRL coach finished with a victory as the Dolphins were ruthless in their 36-16 victory over the highly fancied Cronulla Sharks in the middle game of Saturday's triple header at Suncorp Stadium.

The Sharks started with intent and looked likely to score when Ronaldo Mulitalo burst through on a kick return. But, like he has so often this season he bombed it at the final moment. That proved costly for the 'home' team. Following a ruck infringement, the Dolphins broke through. Jeremy Marshall-King breaks through out of dummy half and split them before linking up with Isaiya

Katoa to score his first NRL try and the Dolphins had a 6-0 lead. Eleven minutes later, the Dolphins were able to exploit the right edge of the Sharks who looked lost at sea. Euan Aitken beat Jesse Ramien all ends up and found the flying Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow to cross for their second try of the opening quarter hour. It was going from bad to worse for the Sharks. A penalty whilst in possession of the football set the Dolphins on their way to their third try, and a new cult hero was born. It was a great shift from the Dolphins with Isaiya Katoa showing great ball playing to get the ball to the debutant Valynce Te Whare and he showed so much strength and power to get to the line. Cronulla were simply defending for their lives and it was getting worse by the minute. Back-to-back penalties combined with a set restart set

the Phins up for more success. In the ocean, it happens the other way around with Sharks mauling Dolphins. But tonight, the Dolphins are mauling the Sharks. Connelly Lemuelu charged on the ball and crashed through the defence and did enough to get the ball down and they led by 24-0. From another Sharks error. A late offload from Herman Ese'ese to Jarrod Wallace provided the spark before an ensuing switch down the blind side saw Katoa and Nikorima combine with Tesi Niu and it's 28-0. Isaka nailed the conversion from touch and it was 30-0 with six to go in the first half. Cronulla were able to capitalise on their lone first-half chances. It was a great shift involving Matt Moylan and Nicho Hynes. Talakai gets revenge on Te Whare and Mulitalo wasn't going to butcher that one and it was the beginning of what would

be a long road back. The Sharks collected a second on the stroke of half-time as they went down the left again. Moylan, Hynes combined with Will Kennedy to send Talakai away before getting the ball back on the inside to Kennedy and it was 30-10 at the break.

Any hope of a Sharks comeback was extinguished early in the second half with the new cult hero Te Whare crossed out wide for his second. The Sharks all stood off Anthony Milford as he got through some paper-thin defence and linked up with Te Whare. Cronulla left their second-half scoring raid way too late and it was Teig Wilton cracking the line with just 14 minutes to go after great second-phase play which saw Moylan find his edge backrower. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SOUTH SYDNEY 28 MELBOURNE 12

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have coronated themselves as kings of Magic Round with an impressive 28-12 victory over an error-ridden Melbourne Storm side in front of over 50,000 fans.

Both sides started evenly and it was off the back of a penalty and some Latrell Mitchell magic that the Rabbitohs opened the scoring when Latrell Mitchell out of dummy half initially looked to pass the ball before going to the boot into open space in the middle of the field for Cody Walker who read the play before it happened. Repeat infringements put the pressure

on South Sydney and Melbourne took advantage when a high kick saw Xavier Coates fly high and tap the ball back before Souths knocked it on and subsequently grounded it before a potential try. Poor discipline hurt Melbourne again as they again came under pressure and it was Jacob Host who went over after Cody Walker looked to initially go long but the short pass did the damage and after Latrell Mitchell's conversion, Souths lead 12-0. A bit of luck went the Storm's way for their only try of the half when a high kick from Cameron Munster was put down by Cody Walker and it was scooped up by Reimis Smith much to the anger of Cody Walker who thought he was taken out, when he clearly

wasn't. Despite the dominance of possession, the Storm could only trail 12-6 at the break.

The second half was all Souths and especially down the left-hand side where they began to have a field day. The Bunnies opened the second half scoring twice through Alex Johnston in game 200 with the first coming off a pin point kick from Latrell Mitchell and then the second set up by a brilliant pass from Cody Walker to Isaiah Tass before AJ went over in the corner. A missed penalty goal from Latrell Mitchell just shy of the hour mark didn't hurt the Bunnies as they went on to score ten minutes later and it was again down the left this time when Cody

Walker put boot to ball and caught out a rushed-up Will Warbrick for Isaiah Tass to score. The Storm then added a second try in a somewhat bittersweet moment for the Garlick family where Bronson Garlick scored his first ever NRL try against the side his father played 96 games for in his NRL career. Souths blew a late chance for an Alex Johnston three-piece effort when he put down a Cody Walker offload with the line wide open inside the final 30 seconds. Next weekend, things stay tough for the Storm as they return back to Melbourne for a clash with the Broncos on Thursday night whilst Souths could be in for a big day as they take on the Tigers at Accor Stadium. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

WESTS TIGERS 18 ST GEO ILLA 16

A last-gasp act of defensive desire has seen the Wests Tigers defeat the St George Illawarra Dragons 18-16 to claim their second win of the season.

Leading by two with little more than a minute remaining, a streak of Tigers, led by fullback Jahream Bula, denied Mikaele Ravalawa a match-clinching try to the delight of supporters in attendance on the final day of Magic Round. In a contest that finished three tries apiece, the kicking game of Brandon Wakeham proved decisive with three conversions, a 40/20 and a game-defining short drop out late in the match. Overcoming

the late withdrawal of John Bateman due to a strained hamstring sustained in the warm-up, the Tigers posted first points with Wakeham slotting a penalty goal. The Dragons responded moments later with Ravalawa (9th minute) finishing off an opportunity gifted to the returning winger after Junior Tupou failed to hold onto a bomb from Ben Hunt. Buoyed by the confidence gained from their first win of the season, a cross-field kick from Luke Brooks allowed Starford To'a (14th minute) to touch down for his third try of the season. Undeterred by a bunker ruling that denied To'a his second four-pointer due to a knock on from Bula contesting a bomb, the rookie fullback atoned by palming the ball into the arms of David Nofaloaluma (22nd minute) to extend the

score out to 14-4. The Tigers failed to capitalise on a 40/20 from Wakeham midway through the half and paid a heavy price for failing to find touch from a penalty; interchange halfback Jayden Sullivan (32nd minute) exploded into space created by a show-and-go to reduce the margin to four points. A well-placed grubber from Wakeham nearly resulted in a try to Apisai Koroisau with seconds left in the half, leaving the Tigers to take a 14-10 advantage to the sheds.

Coming out after the break determined to make the most of their attacking chances, the Dragons hit the front with Sullivan (53rd minute) dazzling the Tigers defence with footwork close to the line to snare his first

career double. Having produced rocks and diamonds with his kicking game earlier in the match, Wakeham nailed a short drop-out which allowed the Tigers to go the length of the field and regain the lead through Tupou (64th minute). Holding off a last-gasp attacking raid which saw Hunt find space with a kick and get the ball out to Moses Suli on the right edge, the Tigers repelled a rampaging effort from Ravalawa to prevail 18-16. Next week, the Tigers will face the Rabbitohs at Accor Stadium on Saturday afternoon, while the Dragons will head to Townsville to take on the Cowboys later that evening. **ROB CROSBY**

NORTH QLD 20 SYDNEY 6

The North Queensland Cowboys have put themselves back into winning form with a highly impressive 20-6 victory over the Sydney Roosters in tough conditions at Suncorp Stadium.

Perfect weather had graced Brisbane for Magic Round for the first six games but that was it when the heavens opened with both torrential rain and hail for the beginning of the game. The conditions looked more like playing out in a local farmers field with the cut up turf and surface water sitting on the ground. The opening

forty minutes was a war of attrition for both sides just managing the conditions. The Cowboys opened the scoring after twenty minutes as Reuben Cotter was put over after some good work from Reece Robson through a short ball to Coen Hess who turned the ball out the back to Cotter who scored. A missed field goal from Chad Townsend could have pushed the margin out to 7 but it remained 6-0 in the second half.

It was a defensive masterclass from the Cowboys in the second forty minutes as wave and wave of attack was thrown at them. The North Queenslanders added two quick tries not long after the resumption of play when

a Chad Townsend grubber kick was lost by Nat Butcher and swooped on by Jack Gosiewski. It was a long review by the bunker after it was initially sent upstairs by Ashley Klein on a live decision of NO TRY but ultimately replays showed the Cowboys second rower grounded the ball first. The Cowboys had luck on their side for their next try when a Chad Townsend bomb was left to bounce by Jaxson Paulo and an unintentional kick from Murray Taulagi saw the ball go into space and tiptoeing the sideline, Taulagi got the ball back to the middle for Townsend to finish what he started. Despite leading 18-0, the Cowboys never looked entirely comfortable with the Roosters continually throwing everything in

attack at them and the defence held solid for the North Queenslanders right throughout. A penalty goal inside the final five minutes sealed the deal for the Cowboys after a high tackle saw Joey Manu put on report. A consolation try inside the final minutes to Angus Crichton was the only blot on the copybook for the Cowboys defence on what was a strong defensive night. Next week, things get tougher for the Roosters with a five-day turnaround coming up against the Panthers in Penrith next Friday night whilst the Cowboys head back up to Townsville for a clash with the Dragons. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

GOLD COAST 26 PARRAMATTA 24

Gold Coast Titans were able to hold on for a 26-24 win over Parramatta Eels which finished off Magic Round at Lang Park.

It was the fourth week in a row which the Gold Coast Titans scored 26 points and they were able to record back-to-back results which saw them move in the top eight after another wonderful edition of Magic Round. The Eels got off to the best possible start. They shifted the ball to the left and tryscoring maestro Maika Sivo

had the simple task of putting it down over the line to make it 4-0 for the blue-and-gold side. From there, it was a Titans onslaught. The old stager Kieran Foran got a quickfire double to wrestle back the lead. His first came from a superb David Fifita offload then he sliced through some feeble defence to make it 10-4. The Titans extended their advantage in the 23rd minute. Another break on the left side, young winger Alofiana Khan-Pereira got into plenty of space with Foran looming for the hat-trick but he chipped for himself and dived over.

It felt like deja vu with Eels scoring from their first chance in the second half. Once again it was Sivo on the end of the play, having to take the pass down low and bustling over the tryline to get them back in the game. They looked to strike for another four-pointer but Khan-Pereira was there to intercept the ball and just take a night time stroll to give the Titans a 14-point advantage and close in on another win. The Eels refused to go quietly into the night. From an escort penalty, Sivo made it a hat-trick with another simple finish which saw the "Sivo" chants make their way up north due to the mass of blue-and-gold fans in the stadium. Parramatta went

back-to-back with fittingly in coronation weekend, the man dubbed "The King" got on the board. He was able to pick up the scraps from a Mitch Moses kick to get it back to 22-18 with 20 minutes to go. Titans looked to have wrapped up the points with seven minutes to go. A wonderful shift on the right saw Phillip Sami burst through and go close. Debutant Keano Kini put it through the hands and Brian Kelly planted the ball down for 26-18. They were given a late scare with the Eels pushing back again. Dylan Brown sliced through the defense before he sent the ball inside to former Bulldogs Andrew Davey to score close to the posts. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ROUND 10 RESULTS

CANBERRA 34 (J. Rapana 2, J. Croker, X. Savage, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Croker 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 30** (J. Averillo 2, J. Preston 2 tries; M. Burton 5 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 22-18. Penalties: Canberra 9-5. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 50,077.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Casey; Reynolds, Burton (C); King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Waddell, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Oloapu, Okunbor, Pele, Hughes.

CANBERRA: Kris, Savage, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

BRISBANE 32 (S. Cobbo 3, J. Arthars, H. Farnworth, B. Walters tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 6** (B. Trbojevic try; R. Garrick goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-0. Penalties: Manly 4-1. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 50,077.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Johns, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Lawton, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Woods.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Jensen, Taupau, Hetherington.

PENRITH 18 (D. Edwards, S. Leniu, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 6** (A. Fonua-Blake try; S. Johnson goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 5-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 50,183.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Montoya, Pompey, Kosi; Walker, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Egan, Curran, Sifakula, Ale.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Salmon, Leniu.

DOLPHINS 36 (V. Te Whare 2, I. Katoa, C. Lemuel, T. Niu, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 6 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 16** (W. Kennedy, R. Mulitalo, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 30-10. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 50,183.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Finucane (C), Williams, Graham, Hazelton.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Te Whare, Niu; Nikorima, Katoa; Faamausili, Marshall-King, Bromwich, Kaufusi (C), Lemuel, Gilbert. Int: Wallace, Milford, Teague, Ese'ese.

SOUTHS 28 (A. Johnston 2, J. Host, I. Tass, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 12** (B. Garlick, R. Smith tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Souths 12-6. Penalties: Souths 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 50,183.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Garlick, Pene, Eisenhuth, Anderson.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Chee-Kam, Host, Murray (C). Int: Cartwright, Arrow, Knight, Burgess, Taaffe.

WESTS TIGERS 18 (D. Nofolaluma, S. To'a, J. Tupou tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16** (J. Sullivan 2, M. Ravalawa tries; J. Sullivan 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 14-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 46,835.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofolaluma, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Kepaao, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Ofahengaue, Twal, Seyfarth.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Feagai, Ravalawa; Amon, Hunt (C); De Belin, Mbye, Lawrie, Burns, Su'A, Bird. Int: Sullivan, Molo, Murdoch-Masila, Kerr.

NORTH QLD 20 (R. Cotter, J. Gosiewski, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 6** (A. Crichton try; J. Sua'ali'i goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: North QLD 6-0. Penalties: Sydney 5-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 46,835.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Allan, Sua'ali'i, Smith, Paulo; Manu, Keary; Lodge, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Hutchison, Waerea-Hargreaves, Crichton, Tupouniua.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Luki, Gosiewski, Cotter. Int: Granville, Dunn, Taunua-Brown, Finefeuiaki.

GOLD COAST 26 (K. Foran 2, A. Khan-Pereira 2, B. Kelly tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 24** (M. Sivo 3, A. Davey, C. Gutherson tries; C. Gutherson, M. Moses goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 6:25 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 16-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 7-3. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 46,835.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fifita, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuika, Randall, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Clark, Haas, Vuna, Kini.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Dunster; Brown, Moses; Greig, Hodgson, Paulo, Lane, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Cartwright, Hands, Matterson, Makatoa.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 10

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	10	8	0	2	0	96	16
2	SOUTHS	10	7	0	3	0	94	14
3	PENRITH	9	5	0	4	1	84	12
4	CRONULLA	9	5	0	4	1	62	12
5	DOLPHINS	10	6	0	4	0	9	12
6	MELBOURNE	9	5	0	4	1	8	12
7	GOLD COAST	9	5	0	4	1	-9	12
8	SYDNEY	9	5	0	4	1	-21	12
9	CANBERRA	9	5	0	4	1	-37	12
10	MANLY	9	4	1	4	1	-30	11
11	WARRIORS	10	5	0	5	0	-18	10
12	NEWCASTLE	9	3	1	5	1	-36	9
13	PARRAMATTA	10	4	0	6	0	32	8
14	NORTH QLD	10	4	0	6	0	-54	8
15	CANTERBURY	10	4	0	6	0	-83	8
16	ST GEO ILLA	9	2	0	7	1	-27	6
17	WESTS TIGERS	9	2	0	7	1	-70	6

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Corey Waddell (Canterbury) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$3000

Marata Niukore (Warriors) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

Jackson Ford (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Jamayne Taunua-Brown (North Qld) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

15 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

14 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

13 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)

12 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels)

10 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)



ROUND 11

MELBOURNE 24 BRISBANE 16

The Melbourne Storm have pulled off a confidence-boosting 24-16 victory over top of the table Brisbane to open Round 11. Played in front of over 16,000 fans at AAMI Park, it was an at times hectic, and at all times entertaining, eighty minutes of football.

Brisbane were winning the battle of territory in the opening sets, but couldn't make significant use of their good field position. Melbourne would get their first real attacking opportunity at just past the ten minute mark, and it was their five-eighth Cameron Munster who opened the scoring in the 13th minute. It was a very straightforward try under the posts, and with Meaney slotting the conversion, the

gap became six. Justin Olam went close just a few minutes later, but Reece Walsh was there to save the day in cover. In Brisbane's subsequent set, a six again call invited them downfield, before Walsh again showed his talent. Seeing space through the middle, he took off, before offloading into Farnworth's knee. With the ball still live and in the in-goal, Harry Grant was ruled to have impeded Farnworth from scoring, and so it was a penalty try which opened Brisbane's account in the 17th minute. Adam Reynolds left the field due to a neck injury in worrying scenes at the time - Brisbane would have to do it without their halfback from here. In his absence, Walsh yet again stepped up, providing a superb right to left pass for his winger Jesse Arthurs. Arthurs had work to do to ground it, but he did well, and so the scoreline read 10-6 at the 26th minute mark. With a bit of emotion coming into the game, things were poised perfectly

for a classic. Brisbane looked set to hold their four point lead into the break, but in the 38th minute Herbie Farnworth got sent for 10 for impeding a Melbourne kick chaser. Will Warbrick promptly crossed on the right edge for the Storm just a minute later to tie the scores at ten for the half-time break.

Melbourne looked well on top in the early stages of the second half, and they looked certain to take the lead in the 51st minute when Jahrome Hughes sliced through the line and found Eliesa Katoa backing up - but a last ditch try-saving effort from Ezra Mam kept the scores tied. A few minutes later, Brisbane were hit with another challenge. Pat Carrigan forced to sit out for ten minutes due to a hip drop tackle - Melbourne yet again with the one man advantage. A Meaney penalty goal took the score to 12-10, but it looked like Brisbane wouldn't have to wait long to

take the lead off the Storm. Walsh was awarded a try in the 60th minute, before the bunker overruled due to a two in the tackle strip involved in the play. So Melbourne went right back down the other end, and scored their own. Justin Olam made the score 16-10 in the 61st minute, before his fullback Nick Meaney kicked a penalty goal a few minutes later to make the margin larger than a converted try. Warbrick would then go on to seal the game in the 75th minute - finally getting his two try haul. The last five minutes seemed to go forever, with pushing and shoving, a captain's challenge, a length of the field no try that should've been awarded, and two sin bins (Aaron Pene, Thomas Flegler). Corey Paix also crossed for a consolation in the 78th, bringing the full time score to 24-16. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

WARRIORS 24 CANTERBURY 12

The Warriors have secured a well earned two points before their bye week, outclassing the Canterbury-Bankstown 24-12 at Accor Stadium on Friday.

On the Warriors first possession they received a penalty, with young Bulldogs winger Blake Wilson tackling Dallin Watene-Zelezniak in the air. The home side survived that attacking raid, but a few minutes later Shaun Johnson would put in an early grubber kick for Josh Curran, who had no Bulldogs player within 10 metres of him when he scored the try. The game would become an arm wrestle for the next 15 minutes or so, with either halfback doing their best to gain the upper hand for their side through the

long kicking game. Hayze Perham would give the Warriors the advantage when he threw a terrible pass at Max King, who put the ball down. On the ensuing set, it was as if the Bulldogs were giving Addin Fonua-Blake a guard of honour as the big man strolled pass the defence courtesy of a sublime pass from Dylan Walker. It was AFB's 5th try of the season, a number that has him sitting atop the list of try-scorers for New Zealand. Soon after, the Bulldogs would get a penalty to advance up the field and were looking threatening. It all came to a halt courtesy of another errant Perham pass, the Dogs fullback this time throwing an ill-advised cutout that was intercepted by Adam Pompey. Pompey would run 80 metres the other way before being reeled in by Bulldogs chasers, but the resulting momentum

was too much for the Blue and White's to hold off. Johnson made a brilliant eyes up play on tackle 2, kicking across the field to a wide open Watene-Zelezniak, who scored in the shadows of half time to extend the lead to 18.

The Bulldogs started the 2nd half in the exact way necessary if they were to come back from 18 down. Burton's bomb forced a Warriors mistake, and after forcing a couple of repeat sets, the home side were in, with Harrison Edwards strolling past Tom Ale to dive over under the posts. The Bulldogs had a couple more opportunities but couldn't quite find the finishing touch as the Warriors defence held firm. A monster kick return from Marcelo Montoya put the Warriors on the attack, but Johnson tried

another early kick, which on this occasion was the wrong play. When the Bulldogs got a penalty off the next set, things were looking up for them. The crowd was into the game and a try to set up a grandstand finish seemed inevitable. Corey Waddell would then make a mess of the play the ball and let the Warriors off the hook. The result was put beyond doubt in the 67th minute, when young five-eighth Ronald Volkman made something out of nothing, grubbering through to himself on the last tackle before putting a step on Perham and diving over for his first career try in the top grade. The Bulldogs would score a consolation try with 5 minutes to go through Jayden Okunbor, making the final score 24-12 in favour of New Zealand. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 48 SYDNEY 4

A five star performance from Jarome Luai has given NSW coach Brad Fittler something to think about after he helped guide the Panthers to a 48-4 slaughter of the Sydney Roosters.

It was a momentous night for the Panthers. As the club paid tribute to their 2003 premiership winning squad from 20 years ago when they defeated the Roosters by 18-6. It was a strong start from the Panthers with repeated poor discipline from the Roosters giving the back to back premiers attacking chances. Nathan Cleary was able to catch the fatiguing defence out. He found James Fisher-Harris back on the inside who in-turn linked up with Scott

Sorensen and the Panthers played from in front with a 6-0 lead. After some promising attacking signs from the visitors. It wasn't long before the home side clicked into their grind. Poor edge defence from the Roosters saw Scott Sorensen run through before linking up with Tyrone Peachey before he nearly bombed it. He was fortunately able to unload to Dylan Edwards to score. Just before the break, the Panthers went from 1000 to 100000 and blew the Roosters out of the gates. Sorensen managed to tear apart a pathetic right hand edge and crashed his way over for an 18-0 lead. Not to be outdone, Jarome Luai skipped through the middle of the park before finding Tyrone Peachey and it was 24-0 within the blink of an eye-lid.

Despite some early resistance on their goal-line. It wasn't long before the Panthers went back up to Top Gear. On the hour mark, a kick from Cleary was batted back. It ended up in the arms of Isiah Yeo who cross kicked and it found Brian To'o and Penrith collected try number 5. However, off a rare Penrith mistake. The Roosters stumbled their way across the line. Best player on the ground for the Roosters (again) Billy Smith was able to get a pass on the outside of Stephen Crichton and link up with Corey Allan to cross out-wide. However, that would be the last time they crossed the stripe. Penrith soon returned for normal transmission when they were able to cross for three tries in the final 11 minutes of play to blow the score-line out to even more embarrassing levels for Roosters supporters.

Sunia Turuva, Luai and Peachey were on the end of scintillating play which turned the Roosters in-goal into a rather populated space. The Panthers from here go into a top of the table clash with the Broncos next Friday night with their heads in tact and looking like the dominating machine they were last year. For the Roosters, it's time for the knives to come out. Week after week of diabolical football has got them to this point and their task gets harder as JWH and Joey Manu look for stints on the sideline with injury. Trent Robinson has his work cut out for him in 2023 for the Roosters to even look like a contender because right now they look further away from that goal then ever before. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SOUTH SYDNEY 20 WESTS TIGERS 0

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have put themselves on top of the NRL ladder for the first time in 2023 following an impressive 20-0 victory over a courageous Wests Tigers side at Accor Stadium.

It was a slow start for both sides with plenty of end-to-end action with neither team truly able to break down the defence of their opposition. It took

25 minutes for the opening points of the contest when Taane Milne opened the scoring after a poor defensive decision from the Tigers opened up a gap on the outside and Milne scored.

A 52nd minute penalty goal for the Rabbitohs put some panic into the Tigers after Alex Tsal was penalised for a high shot. The Tigers didn't look likely to throw any attacking punches before though once they conceded eight points it looked as if the balloon

had deflated for the Tigers.

The Rabbitohs then put on some late dominance after the Tigers began to capitulate under pressure as they were unable to wrap Campbell Graham up on the last tackle and he found Latrell Mitchell who put it on the chest of Taane Milne to score after being denied twice just minutes before.

Latrell Mitchell sealed the deal with five minutes

to go when at close range he wasn't ever going to be stopped from close range after a short ball from Damien Cook out of dummy half.

Next weekend, the Rabbitohs head to Allianz Stadium for an indigenous round contest up against the Parramatta Eels, whilst for the Tigers they head to back to Leichhardt Oval on Saturday afternoon for a clash with the Cowboys. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NORTH QLD 42 ST GEO 11LA 22

Ben Hunt did all he could but - as has been the case for so long now - it was not enough as the North Queensland Cowboys stormed to a 42-22 win over the St George Illawarra Dragons on Saturday night.

Despite the eventual scoreline, it was actually the Dragons who started Saturday night's game the better of the two sides. Cowboys fullback Scott Drinkwater coughed up the ball early to give the visitors an immediate shot at their line and they capitalized, with Hunt starting his milestone match in style. The halfback-turned-hooker schemed out of dummy-half and squared it up for a charging Jack de Belin who stormed over to score, with Jayden Sullivan adding the extras to make it 6-0. That was just three minutes into the game and a penalty against Peta Hiku moments later allowed the Dragons to march up the field with a chance to add even more points. There was some controversy though as Tom Dearden appeared to impede Tyrell Sloan as the Dragons fullback chased after a Talatau

Among kick. The referee though allowed play to continue and the contentious decisions just kept coming as the Dragons fell apart to trail 24-6 at the break. First, Jordan McLean sent Chad Townsend steaming through a hole before the halfback summed up the situation well to put in a kick for Kyle Feldt in the eighth minute. That saw the scores levelled before a contentious call to sin bin Sullivan turned the game on its head, with the referee deeming the halfback had held down Feldt after a linebreak. Of course, right call or not, the onus was on the Dragons to aim up in the face of adversity and unfortunately for Anthony Griffin his side completely wilted. Jack Gosiewski was first to score as Drinkwater made up for his early error by beating a few defenders with his speed before popping a late offload for the second rower. It was former Dragon Reece Robson who was next to get the Townsville faithful on its feet, bursting through a hole and passing to McLean, who then found Townsend backing up in support. The Cowboys halfback was pulled up just short though, with the Dragons' defence shot to bits on the left but North Queensland went right and

seemingly squandered the try-scoring opportunity. But a brilliant one-on-one effort from Heilum Luki saw the Cowboys forward surge over in the corner, with Valentine Holmes missing his first conversion of the night to leave the score at 16-6 after 30 minutes. It didn't take long for North Queensland to find the try-line again though as Drinkwater turned it back on an angle for Holmes, who then found Dearden backing up to stroll over and score.

A late Holmes two-point field goal iced what was a dominant first half for North Queensland, who took a 24-6 lead into the sheds. The Cowboys quickly extended the buffer by another six points after Luki scored his second of the night in the 50th minute, this time beating a poor attempted tackle from Max Feagai. The Dragons eventually hit back a few minutes later with Hunt involved again, on this occasion putting a kick through for Jaydn Su'A who beat Drinkwater to it. The visitors had a few chances to creep back into the contest but lacked execution and direction in attack, only really looking threatening when they punched it right through

the middle. Of course, an opposition error also helps as a Holmes mistake saw Mikaele Ravalawa race away and fend off Drinkwater to score and reduce the deficit to 30-16 with 10 minutes left. But again, speaking of poor execution, a Jack Bird as the Dragons tried to shift it deep inside their own half saw the game well and truly put to bed as Feldt pounced and ran away to score North Queensland's sixth of the night. That saw the Cowboys' lead pushed out to 36-16, with Hunt adding one more try assist to his tally as he put Suli over for what appeared to be the final try of the night. Another error though directly led to points as Suli coughed it up, with Dearden on the spot to score the final try of the night, leaving the score at 42-22. Dragons forward Toby Couchman could be in trouble after being placed on report for a hip-drop tackle in the 36th minute but strangely was not sent to the sin bin. The Dragons take on the Roosters on Friday next week while the Cowboys travel to face the Tigers the following day. **ANDREW JACKSON**

CANBERRA 26 PARRAMATTA 18

The Canberra Raiders have notched up an unlikely fifth straight victory with a 26-18 victory over the Parramatta Eels at GIO Stadium in front of 17,414 home fans.

It might have been a cold night in the nation's capital but the action was anything but with both sides fired up with big hits and even some push and shove that went further than legal. The opening points for both sides came via the boots of Jarrod Croker and Clint Gutherson respectively with Canberra adding a penalty goal in the 7th minute and the Eels

replying in the 15th minute. Things got unsettled around the 25 minute mark when Ryan Matterson and Corey Horsburgh came together and saw the Raiders enforce sin binned by referee Grant Atkins for throwing a punch. It took right until the end of the ten-minute period for the Eels to take advantage of the extra man and it came off a kick from Ryan Matterson that ricocheted off the upright and sat in the in-goal for J'maine Hoppood to get there first and ground the ball. The home side then levelled scores just shy of the half-time mark when the Raiders kept the ball alive and spread the ball wide for Albert Hopoate to use his strength to get over in the corner.

It took plenty of time for the Raiders to get points in the first half but it didn't take long in the second half as Hudson Young chased through a kick from dummy half from Josh Starling to score with ease. If the first try of the half was easy, then second one was just as easy if not easier when Sebastian Kris went straight through almost no defence chasing through a last tackle grubber from Jamal Fogarty to score uncontested. Things were looking to head one-way but for the Eels a piece of luck and brilliance from Will Pensini set up an attacking raid for Parramatta as they went down the other end and a couple of plays later Bailey Simonsson got on the board. A penalty goal to Jarrod Croker with fifteen minutes

to go pushed the gap to 10 points and it made a difference when the Eels closed the gap to four points when Maika Sivo used his strength to fight his way over the try line. The Eels were creating enough opportunities but ill-discipline hurt them as errors and penalties continued to cost them field position. A piece of Jordan Rapana magic to fly over the top of Maika Sivo and tap the ball back for Matt Timoko to score sealed the victory for the Raiders. Next weekend, the Raiders are again at home on Sunday afternoon with a clash against the Sea Eagles whilst the Eels will need to find something even with the return of Mitch Moses as they have a Friday night clash with the Rabbitohs. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE 46 GOLD COAST 26

A brilliant performance from Kalyn Ponga has seen the Newcastle Knights break a three-game losing run with a 46-26 victory over the Gold Coast Titans.

Determined to make amends for a horror showing prior to last week's bye, the Knights posted six second half tries to turn a halftime deadlock into their largest score in a decade. Overcoming a dreadful start which saw the home side fail to catch the kick-off, the Knights struck first with Phoenix Crossland and Jackson Hastings putting in a pair of cross-field kicks to allow Dominic Young (12th

minute) to narrowly get the ball down inside the corner post. Adding a penalty goal to Lachie Miller midway through the half, the Titans took advantage of a penalty with David Fifita (25th minute) charging over in his 50th game for the Titans to level the scores at 6-all. Hitting the front after Young failed to catch a bomb close to the Newcastle line, the ensuing field position allowed Phillip Sami (29th minute) to use his height advantage over former teammate Greg Marzheuw to leap onto a kick from Tanah Boyd. Newcastle responded with moments left in the half following a well-placed grubber from Ponga which allowed Tyson Frizell to lock the scores up at 12-all.

Taking little time after the resumption to regain the lead, a left-side raid involving Brian Kelly and Alofiana Khan-Pereira allowed Jayden Campbell (44th minute) to cap his newly minted contract with a four-pointer. Continuing to trade tries with Marzheuw (49th minute) powering his way through a host of defenders, a superb break from Ponga saw Bradman Best (56th minute) touch down to put the Knights back in front. Returning to McDonald Jones Stadium for the first time since sustaining a season-ending concussion last July, Ponga (60th minute) produced a scintillating run to silence his critics much to the delight of 13,064 supporters

in attendance. Taking the score past 30 with a contentious try to Dane Gagai (64th minute) which drew the ire of Kieran Foran for an obstruction cleared by the bunker, a length of the field effort from Fifita (71st minute) proved inconsequential in the final wrap up. With the result beyond doubt, Best (74th minute) bagged a double before Khan-Pereira (77th minute) continued his impressive rookie season, while the match ended as it began with Young (79th minute) snaring an intercept to streak the length of the field. Next week, the Knights face the Sharks in Coffs Harbour on Saturday afternoon, while the Titans will take on the Bulldogs in Sydney on Sunday afternoon. **ROB CROSBY**

CRONULLA 20 MANLY 14

Cronulla Sharks won back-to-back games at Brookvale for the first time in their history after 20-14 over Manly Sea Eagles in front of 10,358 fans on Sunday afternoon.

The result was built on a wonderful first half from the Sharks. The visitors led 14-nil headed into the break and held off the late surge from the Sea Eagles to rebound from their thrashing at Magic Round. In this battle of the beaches, it was the shire side which started on the front foot. They were making metres

at will from the kick-off and Royce Hunt strolled over from close range to make it 6-0 in the ninth minute. It was all Sharks in the opening exchanges. They fought off some Sea Eagles attack before they earned the whistle. Nicho Hynes brought out the tee and landed the penalty goal which extended their advantage to 8-0. The Sharks were swimming with the tide in the first half hour. They added their second try from a simple quick hands play on the right side. It ended with Sione Katoa flashing over the tryline and making it 14-0. Manly Sea Eagles did find some joy in a first half which was littered with errors and lacklustre attack. They earned a penalty

right on the half-time whistle but opted to let the centurion Reuben Garrick kick the goal. He saluted and made it 14-2 at the break.

Coming out of the break, Cronulla felt just fine. They were smooth as butter from the distance with Briton Nikora breaking free on the wing before he passed it inside for Jesse Ramien to dive over to give them an 18 point lead. It looked like it wasn't going to be the Sea Eagles day, month or even their year. They attacked the line for six straight sets but it felt like the Sharks defence was going to hold firm and take the spoils. They did find a breakthrough after the

hour mark. They got into their rhythm and sent the ball towards the left and it was the milestone man again, Garrick who walked over untouched to make it 20-8 and set up a grandstand finish. Manly Sea Eagles double dipped and got themselves back within six. Lachlan Croker snuck over from close range despite it needing to be checked from the bunker but that four-pointer brought the Brookvale crowd into the contest. Sharks were able to hold onto the two points and make it the first time, they have picked up back-to-back wins at Brookvale Oval in their club history and sees them move back into the top four of the NRL Premiership. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ROUND 11 RESULTS

MELBOURNE 24 (W. Warbrick 2, C. Munster, J. Olam tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 16** (J. Arthars, C. Paix tries; R. Walsh 2 goals) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Thu, 11th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 9-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,043.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Garlick, Pene, Eisenhuth.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Jensen, Hetherington, Taupau.

WARRIORS 24 (J. Curran, A. Fonua-Blake, R. Volkman, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; S. Johnson 4 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 12** (H. Edwards, J. Okunbor tries; M. Burton 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-0. Penalties: Warriors 4-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 14,294.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Wilson; Reynolds, Burton (C); King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Waddell, Preston, Edwards. Int: Faitala-Mariner, Oloapu, Okunbor, Pele.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Volkman, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Afoa, Curran, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Egan, Walker, Ale, Sironen.

PENRITH 48 (T. Peachey 2, S. Sorensen 2, D. Edwards, J. Luai, B. To'o, S. Turuva tries; N. Cleary 8 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 4** (C. Allan try) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 24-0. Penalties: Penrith 4-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,255.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Salmon, Martin.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Allan, Sua'ali'i, Smith, Paulo; Manu, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Smith, Baker, Tupouniua, Lodge.

SOUTHS 20 (T. Milne 2, L. Mitchell tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 0** **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 6-0. Penalties: Souths 5-2. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 21,013.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Chee-Kam, Host, Murray (C). Int: Arrow, Cartwright, Knight, Taaffe.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Korosau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Ofahengaue, Twal, Kepaaa.

NORTH QLD 42 (T. Dearden 2, K. Feldt 2, H. Luki 2, J. Gosiewski tries; V. Holmes 6 goals; V. Holmes field goal (2pt)) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 22** (J. De Belin, M. Ravalawa, J. Su'A, M. Suli tries; J. Bird, M. Mbye, J. Sullivan goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North QLD 24-6. Penalties: North QLD 5-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 17,852.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Luki, Gosiewski, Cotter. Int: Granville, Dunn, Taunua-Brown, Finefeuiaki.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Feagai, Ravalawa; Amona, Sullivan; De Belin, Hunt (C), Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, Molo. Int: Mbye, Murdoch-Masila, Kerr, Couchman.

CANBERRA 26 (A. Hopoate, S. Kris, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Croker 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 18** (J. Hopgood, B. Simonsson, M. Sivo tries; C. Gutherson 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: Canberra 10-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,414.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Dunster; Brown, Arthur; Greig, Hodgson, Paulo, Lane, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Cartwright, Hands, Matterson, Makatoa.

NEWCASTLE 46 (B. Best 2, D. Young 2, T. Frizell, D. Gagai, G. Marzhev, K. Ponga tries; L. Miller 7 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 26** (D. Fifita 2, J. Campbell, A. Khan-Pereira, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 13,064.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Ponga (C), Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Hetherington. Int: Croker, Gamble, Saifiti, Elliott.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fifita, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Leeming, Haas, Vuna, Fa'asuamaleaui.

CRONULLA 20 (R. Hunt, S. Katoa, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 14** (L. Croker, R. Garrick tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-2. Penalties: Manly 12-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 10,358.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Johns, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Aloiai. Int: Lawton, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Woods.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; McInnes, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Williams, Graham, Hazelton, Trindall.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 11

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	SOUTHS	11	8	0	3	0	114	16
2	BRISBANE	11	8	0	3	0	88	16
3	PENRITH	10	6	0	4	1	128	14
4	CRONULLA	10	6	0	4	1	68	14
5	MELBOURNE	10	6	0	4	1	16	14
6	DOLPHINS	10	6	0	4	1	9	14
7	CANBERRA	10	6	0	4	1	-29	14
8	WARRIORS	11	6	0	5	0	-6	12
9	GOLD COAST	10	5	0	5	1	-29	12
10	SYDNEY	10	5	0	5	1	-65	12
11	NEWCASTLE	10	4	1	5	1	-16	11
12	MANLY	10	4	1	5	1	-36	11
13	NORTH QLD	11	5	0	6	0	-34	10
14	PARRAMATTA	11	4	0	7	0	24	8
15	CANTERBURY	11	4	0	7	0	-95	8
16	ST GEO ILLA	10	2	0	8	1	-47	6
17	WESTS TIGERS	10	2	0	8	1	-90	6

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Reece Walsh (Brisbane) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500
 Toby Couchman (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Jaydn Su'A (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Junior Paulo (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800
 Taniela Paseka (Manly) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



17 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

16 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

15 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

13 POINTS

Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)

12 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels)

INDIGENOUS ROUND: ROUND 12

PENRITH 15 BRISBANE 4

The Penrith Panthers have avenged their Round 1 defeat to Brisbane downing the Broncos 15-4 in a game overshadowed by Bunker drama at Suncorp Stadium.

This was a match that gave us an early glimpse of what we could see come September. Both sides had plenty of early scoring opportunities, but it was the Panthers that drew first blood after a tense opening ten minutes. Jarome Luai could get on the outside of the defence and found Sunia Turuva. There was a hint of a double movement, but the try was given to the in-form

Fijian flyer. Nathan Cleary converted from the sideline to give Penrith an early 6-0 lead. Six minutes later, the Panthers thought they had their second try of the contest. Cleary broke through and found Moses Leota, but the big forward was laissez-faire and was dislodged of possession by Kurt Capewell. Fortunately, Penrith was able to get some points for their sustained control down the other end when Cleary knocked over a penalty goal for an 8-0 cushion. It's arguable the Panthers could've led by more at the break with two tries revoked from the Bunker. The first was the most controversial, with replays showing the slightest knock-ons from Scott Sorensen. The second was more clear cut, with Zac Hosking ruled to have knocked on in the contest denying Stephen Crichton's try. Brisbane's defence was on full display as it was only an 8-0 margin at the change of ends.

To start the second half, the script began the very same way the first half ended. Penrith were able to capitalise and get their second try. Crichton went close on the play before, however, Cleary threw a dummy and went straight through Riki and Taupau to get their second and open up a three-possession lead. Brisbane were able to work their way back into the game and five minutes later they thought they had their first try. There was some Penrith defence who just stopped in the line and allowed Madden to go through and link up with Walsh to score. However, the Bunker intervened when they spotted a knock-on. However, five minutes later the Broncos got their reward. A clever cross-field grubber from Reece Walsh found Selwyn Cobbo and the flying winger got his side on the board. However, the Bunker was again in the spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Kotoni Staggs thought he got his side to within four

points when he crossed. The Bunker initially cleared interference before Adam Gee intervened and told Ashley Klein "It doesn't look right to me, Ash." That intervention gave Klein a second look and overturned his initial call of interference and enraged the Suncorp Stadium crowd. The rest of the second half was a slugfest with Penrith dominating possession down the other end of the field and doing enough to win the match. Cleary knocked over a disrespectful field goal at the end of the game to seal a 15-4 verdict. Penrith wasn't at their best and had several tries taken off the board, but they dug deep for each other and earned a vital win before their Origin bye week. For the Broncos, their attack missed Adam Reynolds significantly, and although Jock Madden tried his heart out, the difference was clear without their general controlling the show. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ST GEO ILLA 24 SYDNEY 22

The St George Illawarra Dragons have capped a turbulent week with a last-second victory to defeat the Sydney Roosters 24-22 in Indigenous Round.

Breaking a six-match losing run which saw Anthony Griffin sacked three days before kick-off, the Dragons produced a try for the ages through Mat Feagai to level the scores before recalled centre Zac Lomax slotted the decisive conversion to the delight of 9,007 supporters at Kogarah. Beginning life under interim coach Ryan Carr on a positive note with Jack de Belin producing a try-saving tackle on Drew Hutchison, the decision to switch Moses Suli and Lomax to their preferred sides of the field reaped immediate benefits with Suli (8th

minute) catching a bomb and streaking 95 metres to open the scoring. Going further ahead after a high tackle from Billy Smith put the home side on the attack, the Roosters centre endured further embarrassment with a poor defensive effort that allowed Ben Hunt (13th minute) to break through for a four-pointer. Tempers flared midway through the half after Lomax was placed on report for slamming Corey Allan into the ground, while Victor Radley was fortunate to only receive the same treatment for leading with the head during the ensuing scuffle. Despite a wealth of opportunities provided by their out-of-sorts opponents - epitomised by Jaxson Paulo throwing a cut-out pass from dummy half to Egan Butcher who ran the ball on the last play - the Dragons were unable to add to their 12-0 tally leading

into the change of ends.

Returning from the sheds with renewed intensity despite conceding an early penalty goal, the Roosters clicked into gear with James Tedesco (50th minute) running onto a pass from Brandon Smith close to the line. Reducing the margin to just two points after Smith kicked early to put the visitors in good field position, Tedesco linked with Luke Keary (53rd minute) following a break instigated by a well-placed pass from club debutant Nathan Brown. Hitting the front for the first time after Keary (61st minute) fooled his opposite number with a show-and-go, the Dragons returned fire with Jadyn Su'a (72nd minute) getting the green light from the bunker after outmuscling Tedesco close to the line. The Roosters appeared to deliver the knock

out blow after Tedesco (75th minute) stripped the ball from Suli's grasp to claim his second of the night, however the Dragons refused to let another match slip away at the death. Running the ball on the last tackle before Hunt hoisted a bomb into the air, the Dragons managed to bat the ball back to Tyrell Sloan, who seized the moment with a chip kick that bounced into the arms of Feagai (80th minute) to level the scores at 22-all. Having been dropped for diminishing form, including a below standard goal-kicking rate, Lomax slotted the conversion from close range to give the Dragons a memorable two-point victory. Next week, the Dragons will face the Dolphins at Redcliffe on Thursday evening, while the Roosters will have their second bye of the season. **ROB CROSBY**

PARRAMATTA 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 16

Parramatta has ended South Sydney's six match winning streak in classy fashion running out 36-16 winners at Allianz Stadium tonight.

Parramatta silenced the home crowd early, when half Mitchell Moses shot down the short side in just the second minute of the game. Moses then delivered a superb pass for his winger Sean Russell who streaked down the sideline to score the first try of the night and give the visitors an early 6-0 lead. The Bunnies looked to have hit back straight away moments later when Cody Walker placed a deft kick behind the line for speed machine Alex Johnson. Johnson looked to have won

the race for the ball initially, however replays showed the desperation of Eels skipper Cint Gutherson who managed to kick the ball away just as Johnson arrived. Johnston got a second chance moments later however, when Latrell Mitchell brutally stripped the ball one-on-one from Junior Paulo and then sent the ball wide to Johnson, who scored in the corner to narrow the lead to 6-4 following Mitchell's failed conversion from out wide. Parramatta scored their second try after Dylan Brown sent his edge backrower Ryan Matterson through a hole down the left-hand side. Matterson then found Bailey Simonsson in support who raced away to score a superb long range try to again extend the Eels lead. As halftime neared, Souths struck again through Alex Johnston who scored his second try following some Cody Walker and

Latrell Mitchell magic mid field. Mitchell converted the try to narrow the Eels lead to 12-10 at halftime.

South Sydney struck the first blow after halftime, when the Eels made a costly error in their own half. Off the ensuing scrum play, Cody Walker produced a superb draw and pass for Campbell Graham to crash over to give South Sydney the lead by 16-12. Parramatta then continued the arm wrestle, when veteran hooker Josh Hodgson showed some class to allow rangy backrower Bryce Cartwright enough room to stretch out to score and give the visitors back the momentum. With the Eels ahead, it was their halves who came to the fore, when Brown chipped the ball towards the posts and prop Junior Paulo collected the pill to gift Bailey Simonsson

his second try. Then both Moses and Brown combined, with Moses producing a well weighted kick for Brown to give the Eels the ascendancy. Moses then put a cherry on top of the Eels win, when the one time Blues halfback put Will Penisini over to blow out the score to 36-16 in a huge statement from Brad Arthur's men after a slow start to the season in 2023. Parramatta now head into the Origin period with plenty of confidence and will return to CommBank Stadium next week where they host the Cowboys. After giving up pole position on the ladder, South Sydney will be desperate to bounce back next Saturday where they host an in form Raiders at Accor Stadium. **SAM BOURKE**

CRONULLA 26 NEWCASTLE 6

The Cronulla Sharks have kept their perfect record in Coffs Harbour going for a third straight year following a scrappy 26-6 victory over the Newcastle Knights.

Starting fast, the Sharks had the first attacking opportunity which they took advantage of almost instantly when starting on the right hand side of the field, Cronulla shifted the ball left and Will Kennedy was able to leave the defence in two minds as he looked to shift the ball out to his wingers before sliding through

a gap that opened up. The Sharks had a second effort overturned by the bunker when Connor Tracey went straight through a gap at the Sharks own end but Dale Finucane standing in the defensive line prevented a defender from coming across to make a tackle and was knocked back. The Knights took advantage of their field position when Kalyn Ponga fresh on the field after passing his HIA created a hole in the defence before Bradman Best kept the ball alive for the Knights star to get the ball back to score. It wasn't long before the Sharks hit back with some concerning ease again as they looked to shift left and Matt Moylan drew defenders in

before Will Kennedy connected with his outside men to score. Nicho Hynes conversion came off the upright to go over and give the Sharks a 12-6 lead at the break.

Neither half was perfect for either side and errors mounted against the Knights which hurt them. The opening try for the Sharks came from some more Connor Tracey skill when he pulled off a 1-on-1 strip before in the ensuing set the Sharks went left again putting the Knights defence into all sorts and eventually it was Tracey who scored. A Nicho Hynes penalty goal pushed the lead beyond a converted try though the Knights

trying to catch up never looked likely of ever getting close. Inside the final 10 minutes, the Newcastle defence was fragile yet again as they couldn't wrap the ball up and Royce Hunt who initially bent the line ended up back with it and going through the gap he originally created. The 26-6 victory for the Sharks wasn't one for the gallery but will give them confidence heading into the bye before a big clash with the Broncos. Meanwhile, it will be an interesting week for the Knights as they have a clash with the Manly Sea Eagles back at home. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

WESTS TIGERS 66 NORTH QLD 18

The Wests Tigers have created an unlikely piece of history tonight running out 66-18 winners over the North Queensland Cowboys in a match that left everybody speechless.

It was one-way traffic right from the very first few minutes as Luke Brooks in game 200 showed that he was going to mastermind the performance tonight and it was going to be a big one. In just the sixth minute it was the work of Api Koroisau out of dummy half to put Stefano Utoikamanu over. The Tigers doubled their lead inside ten minutes when Junior Tupou spread the ball left and the Cowboys defence left in two minds and the

space opened up. The defensive fragilities of the North Queenslanders was on show on both sides of the field as this time it was down the right that they opened up and David Nofualuma got his first. Not everything went the Tigers way inside the opening 20 minutes after Joe Ofahengaue was denied by the bunker after knocking on his grounding attempt. Only getting one tackle in the oppositions 20 in the first half lead to the Cowboys only points when Kyle Feldt was able to get one back on Junior Tupou when the North Queenslanders spread the ball right and got over the line. If things summed up the awful night for the Cowboys, it was the efforts of Kyle Feldt who cruised back to clean up the kick but made a meal of it losing it backwards for Jahream Bula to get

over on the stroke of half-time.

Things continued poorly for the Cowboys to start the second half when Fonua Pole again went through the middle of the defence to get over close to the posts. The points continued to pile on as Junior Tupou added his second again with the North Queensland defence looking like a park team. Back-to-back tries for the Cowboys gave hopes of a comeback when they started to get some quality ball in attacking position with Luciano Leilua outjumping the Tigers to score to a chorus of boos and then Reuben Cotter strolled through a defence lap. If there was any outside hopes of a comeback they were dashed entirely when the

Tigers managed to run in five tries inside the last fifteen minutes to create a record scoreline. A quickfire double to Starford To'a set up by some good work from Jahream Bula on the second keeping the ball alive. In his final Tigers game, Joe Ofahengaue put his name into Tigers history making amends for his overturned try in the first half. David Nofualuma and John Bateman confirmed the victory with two more tries for the Tigers. Next weekend, the Wests Tigers have the bye before returning to Campbelltown to take on the Canberra Raiders. Meanwhile, a likely weakened Cowboys side heads to Parramatta where they will need to change the fortunes of their season in a clash against a confident Parra side. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MELBOURNE 24 DOLPHINS 16

The Melbourne Storm blew the Dolphins off the park in the first half and then cruised through the second half to hold on for an 8 point victory.

Just two tackles into the game, both of which involved Felise Kaufusi, the Dolphins back rower was sent to the sin bin for a high shot. The Storm made their way downfield and in the 6th minute they sent the ball from the middle out to the right with some simple catching-

and-passing that exposes the extra man advantage they have and William Warbrick strolled over to score out wide. Nick Meaney converted from out wide on the right side. The Dolphins hit back in the 12th minute as Kafusi returned to the field. From the back of a scrum near the Storm line, the Dolphins sent the ball right out to Jamayne Isaako who was in open space and he waltzed in for an easy try. Isaako failed to convert from out wide. The Storm kicked away again just 3 minutes later when Jahrome Hughes ran to the line on the left side before grubbering through for Cameron Munster who grounded

the ball for a smart try. Meaney added the extras to give the Storm an 8 point lead. The final ten minutes of the first half saw the Storm take the game away from the Dolphins when they scored in the 31st minute when Eliesa Katoa charged through the line to score, and then they crossed again in the 35th minute when Katoa made another break on the right side before passing inside to Reimis Smith who raced in to score. Meaney converted both tries to give the Storm a 24-4 lead at the break.

Neither side gave an inch in the opening 25 minutes

of the second half as the Dolphins came out and lifted another gear. They reduced the margin in the 65th minute when Isaako stepped back infield and beat 4 defenders before diving over to score a good solo try. He then converted his own try. Kodi Nikorima then scored a clever solo try when he scooped up the ball at dummy half near the Storm line and barged over the line. Isaako converted to reduce the margin to 8 points with 6 minutes remaining, but a little bit of panic crept into their attack at the back end of the game and the Storm held on to get the victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CANTERBURY 20 GOLD COAST 18

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs produced a stirring comeback to win 20-18 over the Gold Coast Titans in front of 10,815 fans at Stadium Australia on Sunday afternoon.

It was a game which showed off the best and the worst of both teams. Titans led 14-0 before they fell asleep and Matt Burton inspired the Bulldogs comeback which lifts them off the bottom of the NRL ladder. Both these teams come off last start losses and aimed to get back on the right track on a windy afternoon in Sydney. The Titans rolled forward with ease and struck first. Origin

hopeful, David Fifita, scooped up the ball on last and rolled through several defenders to slam the ball down to make it 6-0. It was all Titans in the first half, they dominated the penalty count and had a pair of chances to extend the lead to eight. Tanah Boyd in his fifth NRL game, slotted the penalty goal. Reed Mahoney had a horror minute in trying to lift Bulldogs. He was put on report for a hip drop on Mo Fotuauka then was bumper-barred by Tino Fa'asuamaleaui which saw him go off for a HIA. Titans extended their advantage again through one of their star forwards. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui engaged five defenders then flicked it out to Joe Stimson who had the easiest putdown to make it 14-0 going into half-time.

Bulldogs needed a quick start and got it through Matt Burton. He swirled a bomb high in the air and it left the Titans dazed which allowed Jake Averillo to take the ball and get the hosts on the board. That brought the Bulldogs to life. Burton sliced through, had a plethora of options, got it to Hayze Perham who found the speedster Josh Addo-Carr to score and celebrate in trademark style at 14-10. They used that quick double salvo to get back into the contest. Bulldogs had a few sets on the Titans line but the closest they went was a Paul Alamoti effort which was brought back for several obstructions. The visitors struck back in quick style. They drove Alamoti in-goal for a repeat set then it was a simple set piece on

the left started by David Fifita which ended in Phillip Sami diving over. It was the Burton boot which got the Bulldogs back within a score. He put it high again, the Titans whiffed, Jacob Kiraz let it go and it bounced right back to him to make it 18-14. Bulldogs completed the comeback in style. They got a repeat set from an error then switched it wide before Jayden Okunbor straightened up and sent the 10,815 fans in attendance wild as the Bulldogs snatched the win. Titans once again fade away in the second half and cost themselves with poor execution on catching high kicks alongside ill discipline from their star players with ill-timed penalties which got the Bulldogs back in the game. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 42 CANBERRA 14

The Manly Sea Eagles and Tom Trbojevic have reminded the NRL that they are not done as they ran out impressive 42-14 winners over the Canberra Raiders in Canberra.

Things started poorly for the visitors with errors putting themselves under pressure and ultimately it cost them dearly when inside the first six minutes, the Manly defence was opened up under little pressure when Jack Wightton put Elliott Whitehead through a massive gap to score. The Sea Eagles attack looked disjointed and directionless across the first twenty minutes but it was Tommy Turbo who got things steadied for the visitors

when he was able to go over in the corner and score despite it initially being sent up no try. A 40/20 from Daly Cherry-Evans put Manly into attacking position and it was resurgent Josh Schuster who put Brad Parker through a gap in the Canberra defence. Despite being denied a third try, the confidence from the Sea Eagles was high and it was Tom Trbojevic again who was able to go through after a poor defensive effort from the Raiders in the middle of the park.

A penalty goal on the stroke of half-time to the Raiders didn't really slow the Manly momentum down in the second half as Reuben Garrick had some heads up Rugby League after Jordan Rapana took Brad Parker off the ball

and Garrick played to the whistle to pick up the ball and keep himself barely in the field of play to score. It was down the right-hand side that the Sea Eagles had their best success and they went there again as they made easy metres before the ball ended up with Tom Trbojevic for his third try of the game. Drama ensued after the next Sea Eagles try as tempers that were already high flared up after a push and shove between Hudson Young and Sean Keppie saw the big men both sin binned after referee Gerard Sutton had given multiple warnings. The Schuster try was quickly followed up by another Manly try this one off the back of controversy where Canberra were not given six more tackles after a kick looked to be clearly played at by Tom Trbojevic at the back only for

referee Sutton to call a change over. From that set, the Sea Eagles quickly again shifted right finding space and it was Jason Saab's turn to get over. The Raiders added a late consolation try with Ata Mariota getting his first career try before for the Sea Eagles, Ben Condon who had only been on the field for the final minute was on the spot to take an offload to score. Reuben Garrick added the conversion for a 42-14 victory for Manly to push them back into the top 8. Next week, the Manly Sea Eagles return to Brookvale likely missing their origin stars for a clash with Knights whilst the Raiders head up to Sydney for a clash with the South Sydney Rabbitohs. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ROUND 12 RESULTS

PENRITH 15 (N. Cleary, S. Turuva tries; N. Cleary 3 goals; N. Cleary field goal) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 4** (S. Cobbo try) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 18th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 8-0. Penalties: Penrith 7-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 33,343.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Madden; Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell (C), Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Jensen, Hetherington, Taupau.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Martin, Salmon.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 24 (M. Feagai, B. Hunt, J. Su'A, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 22** (L. Keary 2, J. Tedesco 2 tries; J. Sua'ali'i 3 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 19th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 9,007.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); De Belin, Liddle, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Molo. Int: Sullivan, Couchman, Kerr, Hunt.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Allan, Sua'ali'i, Smith, Paulo; Keary, Hutchison; Lodge, Turpin, Collins, Butcher, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Smith, Butcher, Crichton, Brown.

PARRAMATTA 36 (B. Simonsson 2, D. Brown, B. Cartwright, W. Penisini, S. Russell tries; M. Moses 6 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 16** (A. Johnston 2, C. Graham tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 19th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 12-10. Penalties: Parramatta 6-1. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 27,432.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Chee-Kam, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Host, Taaffe, Knight, Suluka-Fifita.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Brown, Moses; Greig, Hodgson, Paulo, Cartwright, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Ogden, Hands, Matterson, Makatoa.

CRONULLA 26 (R. Hunt, W. Kennedy, R. Mulitalo, C. Tracey tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 6** (K. Ponga try; L. Miller goal) **AT C.EX COFFS INTERNATIONAL STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 12-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 10,156.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Williams, Graham, Hazelton, Hamlin-Uele.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Ponga (C), Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Hetherington, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Thompson. Int: Gamble, Saifiti, Elliott, Croker.

WESTS TIGERS 66 (D. Nofaloama 2, S. To'a 2, J. Tupou 2, J. Bateman, J. Bula, J. Ofahengaue, F. Pole, S. Utoikamanu tries; B. Wakeham 8, A. Koroisau 2, L. Brooks goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 18** (R. Cotter, K. Feldt, L. Leilua tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **AT LEICHHARDT OVAL.**

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 24-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 4-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 12,247.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofaloama, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Ofahengaue. Int: Pole, Simpkin, Twal, Kepaoo.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Luki, Leilua, Cotter. Int: Gosiewski, Granville, Dunn, Finefeuiaki.

MELBOURNE 24 (E. Katoa, C. Munster, R. Smith, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 16** (J. Isaako 2, K. Nikorima tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 24-4. Penalties: Melbourne 6-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 28,325.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Bromwich, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Gilbert. Int: Wallace, Milford, Stone, Ese'ese.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Garlick, Pene, Anderson.

CANTERBURY 20 (J. Addo-Carr, J. Averillo, J. Kiraz, J. Okunbor tries; M. Burton 2 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 18** (D. Fifita, P. Sami, J. Stimson tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 21st May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 14-0. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 10,815.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Oloapu, Burton (C); King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Waddell, Preston, Hughes. Int: Edwards, Okunbor, Wilson, Morrin.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Fifita, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Leeming, Clark, Haas, Vuna.

MANLY 42 (T. Trbojevic 3, B. Condon, R. Garrick, B. Parker, J. Saab, J. Schuster tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 14** (A. Mariota, E. Whitehead tries; J. Croker 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 21st May. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 16-8. Penalties: Manly 8-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 14,730.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Fainu, Bullemor, Condon.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 12

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	11	7	0	4	1	139	16
2	SOUTHS	12	8	0	4	0	94	16
3	CRONULLA	11	7	0	4	1	88	16
4	BRISBANE	12	8	0	4	0	77	16
5	MELBOURNE	11	7	0	4	1	24	16
6	DOLPHINS	11	6	0	5	1	1	14
7	WARRIORS	11	6	0	5	1	-6	14
8	CANBERRA	11	6	0	5	1	-57	14
9	MANLY	11	5	1	5	1	-8	13
10	GOLD COAST	11	5	0	6	1	-31	12
11	SYDNEY	11	5	0	6	1	-67	12
12	NEWCASTLE	11	4	1	6	1	-36	11
13	PARRAMATTA	12	5	0	7	0	44	10
14	NORTH QLD	12	5	0	7	0	-82	10
15	CANTERBURY	12	5	0	7	0	-93	10
16	WESTS TIGERS	11	3	0	8	1	-42	8
17	ST GEO ILLA	11	3	0	8	1	-45	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jarome Luai (Penrith) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1800

Martin Taupau (Brisbane) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Victor Radley (Sydney) Grade 1 Striking: 3 matches

Felise Kaufusi (Dolphins) Grade 2 Careless HT: 3 matches

Kenny Bromwich (Dolphins) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1800

Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Gold Coast) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Elliott Whitehead (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches

Elliott Whitehead (Canberra) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

17 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

15 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

14 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels)

13 POINTS

Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)



ROUND 13

DOLPHINS 26 ST GEO ILLA 12

A vintage performance from Anthony Milford has sparked the Dolphins in a 26-12 victory over the Dragons at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe.

Both sides had a point to prove as they were missing their Origin contingent of players, but also presented opportunity for fringe players to press their claims for future selection. The Dragons continued their purple patch under interim coach Ryan Carr as they split the Dolphins open to start the contest. A controversial penalty for a late tackle on half Jayden Sullivan gave the visitors a 2-0 lead thanks to a Zac Lomax penalty goal. They butchered a certain four-pointer

a play before but Talatau Amone split them with some amazing stepping and the Tongan international crossed for the first try of the Dragons. However, the try was revoked when the Bunker found his forearm touches the ground. Two tackles later, the Dragons collected their first try. Amone turned provider with a clever kick for Jack Bird and the second rower crossed out wide. There was a suggestion he was taken high in the act of scoring, but the tackle from Kodi Nikorima was given the green-light. Lomax missed the kick and it was an imposing lead early. The Dolphins began to win some possession back and after earlier unable to get past the Dragons steel defensive line. They finally cracked midway through the first half. A great kick from Anthony Milford allowed Jamayne Isaako to leap above Mathew Feagai and he crossed for the Dolphins first try in his 100th game. Following

a great set after points, Mark Nicholls crossed off a great short ball from Marshall-King as he gets in between the Dragons defenders. Things got worse for the visitors, Jack De Belin was sin-binned for an alleged cannon-ball tackle and the home side took full advantage almost immediately. Anthony Milford got the ball out of the first receiver position and toyed with some questionable defence on the left edge from the Dragons to cross in the right corner. Fortunately, that was the only try they conceded in the 10-minute period. The visitors crossed right on the break when Jacob Little drew in some lazy defenders to find Toby Couchman to cross for his second NRL try, which made it 18-12 at the break.

The start of the second half saw both sides exchange sets before Kodi Nikorima split some woeful Dragons

kick return defence. From the ensuing plays that followed. Isaiya Katoa and Milford found Brenko Lee who drew and passed to Jamayne Isaako and the milestone man collected number two. He also converted for a 24-12 score. The ensuing period post Isaako's second try saw some questionable attacking options from the Dragons with their young halves struggling to adapt to the situations they were presented with throughout the second half. The Dolphins on the other hand were managing the game quite nicely and delivering tough tackles in defence, Milford's strong tackle on his opposite number Amone was a particular highlight. Isaako added a penalty goal in garbage time to secure a big win in the rep period for the Dolphins. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PARRAMATTA 24 NORTH QLD 16

Parramatta has held off a fast-finishing Cowboys side to register a crucial 24-16 win at CommBank Stadium tonight.

Despite coming into the match as the underdogs with the bookies, it was North Queensland who struck first through Scott Drinkwater following a nice offload from Heilum Luki close to the tryline. Chad Townsend converted and the visitors led 6-0 early in the match. Parramatta returned serve when in-form

five-eighth Dylan Brown produced a deft pass close to the line for a bustling Wiremu Greig, who crashed over for the Eels first try and Greig's first in the NRL. Mitch Moses converted to level the scoreline at 6 all. The home side continued to dominate possession, as the Cowboys scramble defence continued to turn up again and again to share the lead at halftime.

The game continued to be an arm wrestle after the break, and it wasn't until Eels flyer Maika Sivo touched down for the Eels second try following

some slick hands from Clint Gutherson and Bailey Simonsson that the game began to open up. Parramatta then switched their skills to the other wing and again some slick hands from Gutherson saw Sean Russell slide over to score in the corner and extend the Eels lead to 18-6 with fifteen minutes remaining. North Queensland wouldn't go away however and got back into the contest late, when Drinkwater threw a long pass to Kyle Feldt which saw the Eels defence rush up and allow the former Queensland winger more than enough room to slide

over in the corner. Feldt then had his second try minutes later and again it was Drinkwater who was the provider and the Cowboys were coming home with a wet sail. With the game on the line, Cowboys prop Coen Hess then inexplicably produced an offload on the first tackle from the kickoff, which was dived on by J'maine Hopgood and gave the Eels the chance they needed. Moses then iced the game, earning a repeat set and produced a classy right foot step off an Eels scrum to score the matchwinner for Parramatta. **SAM BOURKE**

BRISBANE 26 WARRIORS 22

The Warriors have only left themselves to blame with a handful of blown opportunities costing themselves victory as they fell to a 26-22 defeat at the hands of an under-strength Broncos side in front of just over 16,000 wild fans in Napier.

Rocco Berry was the first Warrior denied when he was originally awarded a try when in the opinion of the on-field officials got the ball down but replays showed the ball was lost under Tristan Sailor's hand. The Warriors were then denied twice more before an error from the home side gifted Deine Mariner a free 90m run to score the Broncos opener. The Warriors

were then denied again multiple times including Freddy Lussick being held up and then DWZ standing on the touch in-goal line when trying to catch the cross-field kick. The home side finally got over just under three minutes shy of the break when DWZ finally was able to hold the ball and stay into score. Shaun Johnson levelled the scores with a conversion from the sideline. An error straight from the kick-off for the Warriors put them back under pressure and it was taken advantage of by the Broncos when Jordan Riki went over off the back of a pass that looked as if it was forward but not ruled as one.

The Broncos struck first in the second half as Ezra Mam went through under the posts after Adam

Reynolds put the Warriors defence into three minds showing the ball before breaking through the line before find Mam to score. Reynolds extended the lead beyond two converted tries after a Warriors dropout didn't go 10m. Off the back of a penalty, the Warriors hit back when Shaun Johnson unconventionally got the ball out to DWZ for his second after the Warriors halfback juggled a pass before cleverly electing to tap it out to his winger for a much needed try. Deine Mariner got a second for the Broncos when he chased through an Ezra Mam kick and the Broncos went out to a 26-10 lead. Inside the final five minutes, the Warriors looked as if they needed to pull off something special and that's what they almost did when Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad went over from close

range which after the conversion saw the margin back to 10 points. The Warriors then added another try when Marcelo Montoya got onto the outside of the defence to then just steamroll Tristan Sailor to score. With the Warriors trailing by 4, they looked as if they had pulled off the miracle when Marcelo Montoya had gone over again and it was initially awarded by Gerard Sutton. It looked as if it was going to be the boot of Shaun Johnson that decided the result but replays showed the biggest piece of dumbness from Adam Pompey to grab a Broncos defender and hold him back. The try was subsequently knocked back by the bunker and the Broncos held on for a 26-22 victory. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CANBERRA 33 SOUTH SYDNEY 26

An hour of great attacking football, strong forward battles and an entertaining see-sawing scoreline was abruptly halted in the 65th minute when Corey Harawira-Naera collapsed and suffered a seizure shortly after a regulation hit-up, which resulted in him being stretchered off.

Canberra were leading 24-20 at the time, but Souths scored shortly after the incident to take a 2 point lead going into the final 10 minutes of the game. Canberra responded with a converted try, a penalty goal and a field goal to record a brilliant 33-26 victory. Souths opened the scoring in the eighth minute when Cody Walker dished a short ball to Jed Cartwright who burst through a gap, evades the cover defender to score a good try. Blake Taaffe failed to convert the try. The Raiders forwards lifted a gear and in the 14th minute, Josh Papalii broke a tackle and then

offloaded superbly to Pasami Saulo who made an extra ten minutes. A quick play-the-ball allowed the Raiders to swing the ball out to the right side to Corey Horsburgh, who ran straight and busted through the Souths line to score. Jarrod Croker converted and Canberra took the lead 6-4. From the restart, Canberra went the length of the field and then forced Souths in-goal to earn a repeat set. This time they spread the ball to the left side where Croker put Albert Hopoate in for a try in the corner. Croker failed to convert from touch. The Raiders forwards linked again in the 22nd minute when Horsburgh and Tapine combined to almost give the latter a try, but on the next play they sent the ball out left to Hopoate who again scored in the corner. Croker converted and Canberra scored 16 points in as many minutes to lead 16-4. Souths got back into the game with a 31st minute try to Alex Johnston in the left corner, but Taaffe again failed to convert. Just before halftime, Croker kicked a penalty goal from in front and at the

break, Canberra lead 18-8.

Souths came out very strong in the second half and in the 47th minute were rewarded when Walker dished a beautiful flat ball to Isaiah Tass, who busted through the Raiders defence to score a good try. Taaffe converted from out wide. Just four minutes later, Souths scored again when Walker held up a nice ball for Tass who then sent Johnston in to score in the left corner again. Taaffe converted and in the space of 5 minutes they reclaimed the lead, albeit by just 2 points. The lead though was short lived when Canberra hit back just 2 minutes later, courtesy of some Jack Wighton brilliance, when he ran to the left, got through the line before passing to Croker in space who raced down the sideline before passing in-field to Tom Starling who scored. Croker again converted. And Canberra lead 24-20. In the 65th minute Corey Harawira-Naera was running back into the line after a regulation hit-up, he then stumbled and collapsed

before suffering a brief seizure. Players from both sides encircled him while the medics attended to him. He was eventually put on a stretcher and taken from the field on the medicab. He regained consciousness and was reportedly sitting up and talking in the sheds shortly after, but was taken to Westmead hospital for observation. Once play resumed, Walker at dummy half and close to the Raiders line, grubbered into the in-goal and Damien Cook following through scored a good try. Taaffe converted and Souths lead 26-24 with 10 minutes remaining. Wighton struck back again with 5 minutes remaining when he got a lovely ball away while falling forward in a tackle, to Jordan Rapana who made 20 metres, drew the fullback and then passed to Hopoate who scored his third try. Croker converted from touch to give the Raiders the lead again. Croker then landed a penalty goal with 2 minutes remaining and then Jamal Fogarty iced the game with a 79th minute field goal, giving the Raiders a well-earned 7 point victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

NEWCASTLE 28 MANLY 18

Kalyn Ponga has put aside the disappointment of being overlooked for the State of Origin opener by leading the Newcastle Knights to their fifth win of the season.

Returning to fullback for the first time in 2023, the Newcastle co-captain was at his attacking best as the Knights overcame a halftime deficit to defeat the Manly Sea Eagles 28-18 in front of 20,661 supporters at home. Coming into the match as rare favourites in Daniel Saifiti's 150th game for the club, the Knights were dealt a rude shock with Josh Schuster intercepting a pass from Ponga before

linking with Reuben Garrick (13th minute) to open the scoring. The Sea Eagles added a penalty goal minutes later after the Knights failed to send a line drop put the required ten metres, while the visitors continued to grow in confidence by repelling their more fancied opponents with Bradman Best held up over the line and Lachlan Fitzgibbon denied for a double movement midway through the half. The Knights opened their account with Greg Marzhev (30th minute) slamming the ball down following a left-side shift, while a break from Tyson Gamble off the kick-off allowed Best (33rd minute) to turn an 8-0 deficit into a 10-8 lead in a matter of minutes. A fortuitous try to Lachlan Croker (37th minute),

standing in as captain for the first time, saw the Sea Eagles take a four-point lead to the change of ends.

Returning from the sheds determined to attack with the football, Ponga displayed dazzling footwork before delivering a pass to send Marzhev (49th minute) over for his second. Hitting the front after Marzhev (52nd minute) finished off a length of the field set from the kick-off to collect his first career hat-trick, the Knights were left to rue a missed opportunity after Best was held up over the line. The Sea Eagles halted the momentum with Jason Saab (61st minute) latching onto a

pass from Jackson Hastings, however the joy was short lived after Tolutau Koula was sent to the sin bin for a high tackle on Ponga. Wasting little time to capitalise on their one-man advantage, Phoenix Crossland (66th minute) was on the spot to collect his third try of the season after the bunker ruled the Manly defence stripped the ball from Jack Hetherington over the line. The Knights secured the result with star winger Dominic Young (75th minute) delivering on his reputation with a scintillating 90-metre solo effort to confirm the 28-18 victory. Next week, both teams will have their second bye of the season. **ROB CROSSBY**

ROUND 13 RESULTS

DOLPHINS 26 (J. Isaako 2, A. Milford, M. Nicholls tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12** (J. Bird, T. Couchman tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT KAYO STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 25th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 18-12. Penalties: Dolphins 8-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 10,047.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Milford, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Ese'ese, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Stone. Int: Wallace, Nicholls, Teague, Te Whare.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Sullivan; Molo, Liddle, Molo, Bird, Murdoch-Masila, De Belin (C). Int: Mbye, Couchman, Hunt, Kerr.

PARRAMATTA 24 (W. Greig, M. Moses, S. Russell, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 4 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 16** (K. Feldt 2, S. Drinkwater tries; C. Townsend 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: North QLD 4-2. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 14,810.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Brown, Moses; Greig, Hodgson, Ofahengaue, Cartwright, Doorey, Hopgood. Int: Ogden, Hands, Moretti, Makatoa.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Laybutt, Hiku, Derby; Hampton, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Gosiewski, Luki, Granville. Int: Leilua, Finefeuiaki, Taunoa-Brown, Neame.

BRISBANE 26 (D. Mariner 2, E. Mam, J. Riki tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 22** (D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, M. Montoya, C. Nicoll-Klokstad tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) **AT MCLEAN PARK.**

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6. Penalties: Warriors 8-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 16,195.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Sironen, Curran, Sifakula, Ale.

BRISBANE: Sailor, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Mariner; Mam, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Walters, Jensen, Capewell, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Paix, Willison, Piakura, Taupau.

CANBERRA 33 (A. Hopoate 3, C. Horsburgh, T. Starling tries; J. Croker 6 goals; J. Fogarty field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 26** (A. Johnston 2, J. Cartwright, D. Cook, I. Tass tries; B. Taaffe 3 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-8. Penalties: Souths 7-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 12,382.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Cartwright, Milne; Walker (C), Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Host, Knight. Int: Chee-Kam, Duncan, Mitchell, Suluka-Fifita.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Saulo, Harawira-Naera, Horsburgh, Tapine. Int: Starling, Guler, Cotric, Mariota.

NEWCASTLE 28 (G. Marzhev 3, B. Best, P. Crossland, D. Young tries; J. Hastings 2 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 18** (L. Croker, R. Garrick, J. Saab tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 14-10. Penalties: Newcastle 9-7. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 20,661.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Johns, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

MANLY: Weekes, Saab, Parker, Koula, Garrick; Schuster, Johns; Paseka, Croker (C), Siple, Olakau'atu, Fainu, Keppie. Int: Lawton, Bullemor, Condon, Arthur.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 13

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	11	7	0	4	2	139	18
2	CRONULLA	11	7	0	4	2	88	18
3	BRISBANE	13	9	0	4	0	81	18
4	MELBOURNE	11	7	0	4	2	24	18
5	SOUTHS	13	8	0	5	0	87	16
6	DOLPHINS	12	7	0	5	1	15	16
7	CANBERRA	12	7	0	5	1	-50	16
8	WARRIORS	12	6	0	6	1	-10	14
9	GOLD COAST	11	5	0	6	2	-31	14
10	SYDNEY	11	5	0	6	2	-67	14
11	MANLY	12	5	1	6	1	-18	13
12	NEWCASTLE	12	5	1	6	1	-26	13
13	PARRAMATTA	13	6	0	7	0	52	12
14	CANTERBURY	12	5	0	7	1	-93	12
15	WESTS TIGERS	11	3	0	8	2	-42	10
16	NORTH QLD	13	5	0	8	0	-90	10
17	ST GEO ILLA	12	3	0	9	1	-59	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins)
Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

Ray Stone (Dolphins)
Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$2500

Jack de Belin (St Geo Illa)
Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Xavier Willison (Brisbane)
Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Nick Cotric (Canberra)
Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000

Blake Taaffe (South Sydney)
Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Tolutau Koula (Manly)
Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Phoenix Crossland (Newcastle)
Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



17 POINTS
Mitchell Moses (Eels)
Nicho Hynes (Sharks)
Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

15 POINTS
Payne Haas (Broncos)

13 POINTS
Adam Reynolds (Broncos)
Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)

11 POINTS
Nathan Cleary (Panthers)
Dylan Edwards (Panthers)
Cameron Munster (Storm)
Ben Hunt (Dragons)

ROUND 14

CANBERRA 20 WESTS TIGERS 19

Canberra has held off a fast-finishing Wests Tigers side to scrape home by 20-19 in a thrilling match at Campbelltown Sports Stadium this evening.

Canberra fresh off their trip up the Hume Highway were first on the scoreboard after just six minutes, when halfback Jamal Fogarty produced a clever kick which rebounded off the upright. The crafty number seven then soccered the ball off through for himself to give his side an early 6-0 lead following the conversion to his own

try. The game continued back and forth with both sides making easy metres but failing to execute when in their respective attacking zones. Canberra then managed to take control of the match, when Fogarty produced a towering bomb which was spilled by Tigers rookie fullback Jahream Bula. Veteran winger Jordan Rapanapa then picked up the scraps to score the Raiders second try and following Fogarty's conversion gave the Green Machine a 12-0 lead at halftime.

It was a strange case of *deja vu* after the break, when Fogarty produced almost an identical try to his first, kicking towards the upright and collecting the ball to extend the visitors lead to 18-0 following the conversion

to his own try. The Raiders looked to be cruising towards a steady win, when the game was suddenly turned on its head in the 67th minute, when Starling was marched to the Sin Bin following a blatant ruck infringement on his own line. Wests took advantage immediately when Jahream Bula slid over close to line off a terrific run and pass from Tommy Talau. Minutes later it was former Raider John Bateman who came back to haunt his former club, when the Englishman crashed over for back-to-back tries and have the Raiders fans feeling very nervous. Wests then caused the ultimate bolover, when Brandon Wakeham kicked and regathered for himself to score a clever try and tie up the scores with six minutes remaining. The Tigers continued to surge

upfield and then took a shock lead when Luke Brooks nailed a field goal and put the Tigers in front for the first time in the match. Canberra wasn't beaten yet however, as strong charges from their key forwards set up Fogarty for the match winner. The twists continued as the field goal attempt missed but the Raiders were given a late reprieve, when they were awarded a penalty in front. Fogarty made no mistake and sealed the win and secured a vital two points for Ricky Stuart's men. The Green Machine return to Canberra next weekend where they host the Warriors in what will be club captain Jarrod Croker's 300th NRL game. Wests Tigers will travel to the Gold Coast in Round 15 where they will face the Titans next Thursday night. **SAM BOURKE**

WARRIORS 30 DOLPHINS 8

The New Zealand Warriors have powered their way to a 30-8 victory with a dominant second half over the Dolphins in Auckland.

Holding a slender lead at halftime before blowing the game open with four second half tries, halfback Shaun Johnson displayed signs of his youthful best with a brace of tries to the delight of 23,686 supporters in attendance. Returning home to the newly renamed Go Media Stadium for the first time in a month, the Warriors were quick to capitalise on multiple penalties and a

captain's challenge with Johnson (5th minute) taking on the line and dummying to open the scoring. Going close to adding a second only for Tesi Niu to deny Charze Nicoll-Klokstad with a determined defensive effort, the Warriors were dealt a blow with centre Rocco Berry ruled out of the match after a head clash with Jarrod Wallace. With both sides struggling to execute attacking opportunities midway through proceedings, the Dolphins were left to rue points left on the table with Niu denied due to a forward pass and Jamayne Isaako failing to hold onto an attacking kick. Eventually getting on the board through Niu (34th minute) following a terrific

cut-out pass by Kodi Nikorima, the Warriors took a 6-4 lead to the sheds after Luke Metcalf was penalised for a double movement with seconds remaining in the half.

Playing with an extra man after Anthony Milford was sent to the sin bin for a late hit on Marcelo Montoya shortly after the resumption of play, the Warriors appeared to score through Dallin Watene-Zelezniak only for the bunker to rule Marata Niukore obstructed Isaiya Katoa during a right side shift. Striking a major blow with Johnson (55th minute) stepping his way to the line for a brace of tries, a length-of-the-field set

from the kick-off saw Metcalf (56th minute) streak away to push the home side out beyond two converted tries. Securing the result with Watene-Zelezniak (68th minute) finishing off a right-side shift reminiscent of the play denied earlier in the half, the winger (72nd minute) pounced on a pass from Katoa to collect his second of the night. A late try to Isaako (77th minute) proved little more than consolation for the visitors as the Warriors romped to their biggest victory of the season. Next week, the Warriors will face the Raiders in Canberra on Friday, while the Dolphins will head to Manly to take on the Sea Eagles later the same evening. **ROB CROSBY**

SOUTH SYDNEY 46 GOLD COAST 28

Like a broken record, the Gold Coast Titans have collapsed in a second half yet again as the Rabbitohs ran in 28 second half points to score a big 46-28 victory on the Gold Coast.

The Titans started the game with a bang opening up an early 12-0 lead when it was Iszac Fa'asumaleai who opened the scoring after halfback Tanah Boyd drew the defence outwards and the big man was able to get over. The second try for the Titans came just four minutes later when a penalty against Souths gave the Titans good field position and Chris Randall took advantage from dummy half. Tanah Boyd's conversion from in front

gave the home-side an important lead. Hitting back with two tries of their own in quick succession with Keaton Kolomatangi getting his way over the line with a barging run. The Rabbitohs second try was through some soft Titans defence as Souths went to their left and Alex Johnston got over. Blake Taaffe hit one of the two conversions to keep the score at 12-10. Off the back of another penalty against the Rabbitohs for illegal kick pressure, the Gold Coast were back on the attack and it was Alofiana Khan-Pereira that got over out wide. The high scoring nature of the first half continued as Alex Johnston got over for his second in a situation where all he had to do was catch and put the ball down after Isaiah Tass got the ball free to an unmarked AJ. An error on the stroke of half time put the Titans in good field position

and they took advantage when Jojo Fifita scored out wide. Despite the miss from Tanah Boyd, the Titans took a 22-18 lead into the half-time break.

Second halves have been the Achilles heel for the Titans and yet again they ruptured badly looking like a completely different side to the one in the first half. Errors and soft defence riddled their performance and it was off the back of an odd penalty that got the Rabbitohs in position for their first try of the second half. Campbell Graham chased through a Blake Taaffe kick that saw the Titans outside defence absolutely struggling again to mark up and the big centre was the first to the ball. Things continued to get worse for the Titans as Alex Johnston completed his hat-trick within

50 minutes as a Gold Coast error put themselves under pressure and despite questions about the grounding, it was another Souths try. Things kept flowing for the Rabbitohs as Cody Walker was next to go through for a deserved try after some excellent work from Damien Cook put the Souths five-eighths over. A penalty goal for Blake Taaffe extended the lead. Two more late tries put the nail in the coffin as Richie Kennar went over out wide and then Hame Sele went through some very soft defence. A late consolation try for the Titans captain Tino Fa'asumaleai put his name on the scoreboard alongside his brother. Next weekend, the Titans have a Thursday night contest against the Wests Tigers meanwhile Souths have a Saturday afternoon battle against the Dragons at Kogarah. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 20 CRONULLA 12

Brisbane travelled to the Shire to take on the games best attacking unit on Saturday night, and came away with a very impressive defensive performance to produce a stunning 20-12 victory.

The Broncos started the game very strong in defence and especially in attack, thanks to some very powerful running by their middle forwards. Their enthusiasm and early dominance was rewarded in just the 6th minute of the game when a Matt Moylan grubber, 20 metres from the Broncos line, was trapped by the feet of Jordan Riki, who then regathered the loose ball and ran 70 metres before he was reeled in by William Kennedy. On the next

play, Kotoni Staggs scooped up the ball from dummy half and raced over to score despite the few goal line defenders. Adam Reynolds failed to convert from out wide. The Sharks started to get themselves into the game on the back of some brilliant play by Nicho Hynes, who was popping up on the edges on both sides of the field, twice contributing to line breaks only for the play to break down shortly after. But in the 21st minute, he put Siosifa Talakai into space and the big centre broke the line and raced 35 metres to score. Hynes converted to give the Sharks a 6-4 lead. The turning point then came five minutes before halftime, with the Sharks dominating play. Brisbane on the first tackle of their set and inside their own 10 metres, spread the ball left before a long ball bounces its way along to Corey Oates,

who takes it cleanly and then races 55 metres before kicking ahead where the ball bounces awkwardly for Ezra Mam, but he manages to regather perfectly to score a brilliant length of the field try to give the lead back to the Broncos. Reynolds converted. Three minutes later, Kotoni Staggs put up a delicate little chip kick over the Sharks edge defence and close to their line where Ronaldo Multalo misjudged it and tried to reel it in from behind him, but he fails and Jesse Arthurs took the ball cleanly to score. Reynolds failed to convert from out wide and at halftime, the Broncos lead 14-6.

The opening 30 minutes of the second half saw no points scored, but the Sharks throwing all they could at the Broncos defence, but try as they might, they

couldn't crack them. The Sharks at times looked out of sync, as their attack just continually came up with uncharacteristic errors. In the 70th minute, the Broncos put the game to bed when Reece Walsh got the ball at third receiver close to the Sharks line and held up a lovely ball for Herbie Farnworth who ran a strong line and barged over for a try. Reynolds converted to give the Broncos a 20-6 lead. Braden Hamlin-Jele and Sione Katoa both went very close to scoring in the following 4 minutes, but it was Kennedy, who grubbered for himself, that finally got the Sharks score moving again. Hynes converted from in front. The Sharks continued pushing and making half chances, but they couldn't advance the scoreline any further, the Broncos winning a good contest by 8 points. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 25 CANTERBURY 24

All the talk coming out of the Roosters one-point win over the Bulldogs will revolve around James Tedesco. The Blues and Kangaroos captain rebounded from a horror Wednesday night to cross for a double in a best on ground performance to lead his side to a 25-24 win.

On a beautiful afternoon in Gosford it was the away side in the Bulldogs who emerged quickest out of the gates.

A 14th minute try to Tevita Panjai Jr was backed up in the very next set by a brilliant try to Reed Mahoney. The lead wouldn't last long as the Roosters went "bang, bang!" in the 19th and 23rd minute through James Tedesco. Teddy could have had a first half hat-trick if not for a misguided decoy run from Joey Manu. With Reed Mahoney ruled out via a failed HIA at halftime, it looked like a difficult task for the Doggies.

Someone obviously forgot to tell the blue and whites

as Josh Addo Carr ran 80 metres from a scrum play very early in the second half. The ease in which he blew Joseph Suaalii away was a sight to behold. Junior Pauga's first try for the Roosters, and second in the NRL, capped off a brilliant play that heavily involved James Tedesco. Again the lead wouldn't last long with Matt Burton's pinpoint kick finding Josh Addo-Carr for his second try of the afternoon. Burton would convert and end the day a perfect 4/4 from the kicking tee. James Tedesco was again heavily involved in a short-

side play that saw Joseph Suaalii score. Suaalii, also 4/4 would ensure a fantastic finish. The Roosters were super professional in setting up an easy-as-you-like field goal from Luke Keary in the 75th minute. It would be the first time the Roosters would lead, and ultimately the last point scored. Unfortunately the Dogs were unable to make the most of a few chances and would fall short. A brilliant game of footy on the Central Coast and two very important competition points for the Roosters. **DAN NICHOLS**

NORTH QLD 45 MELBOURNE 20

The North Queensland Cowboys have thumped the Melbourne Storm by 25-points with a dominant second half performance. The scores were locked coming into half-time, but the Cowboys had other plans for the second.

Two tries in the first 12 minutes of the half signalled their intent and they didn't let an excellent Nick Meaney try in the 57th minute bother them. The Cowboys

struck back with three unanswered tries to obliterate the Storm's defence late in the game. It was a night to enjoy for the Cowboys and their fans, a redemption of sorts after their embarrassing loss to the Wests Tigers a fortnight ago. There were signs of the eventual dominance in the first half, scoring two tries in the first eight minutes, however, some poor showing in defence invited the Storm back into the game despite the away side struggling with the ball in hand. Semi Valemei enjoyed a memorable club debut for the Cowboys, scoring their first two tries and adding a third just

after the half-time break. His experience will be the opposite of his opposition. The Storm will be severely disappointed with their efforts tonight, giving up a chance to move up to second place on the ladder. They were uncharacteristically ill-disciplined finishing with 11 errors and five penalties which led to just 43 per cent of the ball, ruling out any chance they had of winning the game. They were able to stay with the Cowboys in the first half, but the home side didn't allow the same to occur in the second half.

A lot of the key players for the Storm felt absent from the game tonight and it's a game Craig Bellamy will be sure to use to fire up his side for the remainder of the season. Meanwhile, the Cowboys will use this as an example of what they can achieve in this competition when they're on a roll. Their attack in the second half was excellent but defensively they weren't at their best and they'll be looking to carry this momentum through for the rest of the season. **LACHY MACCORQUODALE**

PENRITH 24 ST GEO ILLA 18

Penrith Panthers were made to work but won 24-18 against a dogged St George Illawarra Dragons side in front of 16,912 fans at Penrith Stadium on Sunday night.

Despite this being a top four team against the bottom, it was a willing encounter in Penrith. The reigning Premiers had enough class to see off the Dragons and pick up a vital two points during the Origin period. The game started in bright fashion for the visitors. They took the lead from the kicking tee after Nathan Cleary was pinged for an obstruction. Zac Lomax piloted through the kick and made it 2-0 to the Dragons. Panthers quickly got into their groove. A quick shift to the right saw Brian

To'o dive over to give them the lead as they looked to brush off their disappointment from Wednesday night and get back to winning ways. The Dragons refused to go away. Mikaele Ravalawa showed off his strength down the right side and levelled the game at 6-all. Lomax again was successful from the tee and added his second penalty goal to give the Dragons the lead again. It was a carbon copy for the second four-pointer. Dragons again stripped numbers on the right and gave Ravalawa space to bulldoze his way to the try-line and made it a 12-6 score line for the visitors. Small errors cruelled the Dragons in this game and made it level at the break. An error gave the Panthers a scrum then Jack Cogger who replaced Nathan Cleary due to a hamstring strain put the

kick on the chest of To'o to make it 12-all.

Panthers retook the lead just after the break. They were awarded a penalty for offside which allowed Stephen Crichton to pilot through the goal to make it 14-12 and start the half off the right way. They extended the advantage again from some magic play. The ball refused to die on last then Izack Tago grubber through for a flying Suni Turuva to touchdown and get the 16,912 fans jumping at Penrith Stadium. Dragons again kept their nose in the game. Ben Hunt who played another magnificent hand for the team hoisted up a kick which Zac Lomax lept highest to score and set up for a grandstand finish. Panthers delivered the killer blow

nine minutes from time. Isaah Yeo poked through the line, offloaded to a steamrolling Moses Leota who got his way to the line to once again give them the advantage. There was a final chance for the Dragons but once again, undone by a mistake. Tyrell Sloan sliced through for a four-pointer but it was called back due to an obstruction from Ben Murdoch-Masila. Crichton added to his tally with a penalty goal on the buzzer to make it 26-18 the final score. Panthers were dealt an early blow with the Cleary injury but got another two points in the bank. The Blues coaching staff will be sweating on the fitness of Nathan Cleary who injured his hamstring in the contest also there was an injury scare for Jarome Luai who rolled his ankle in the second half. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

ROUND 14 RESULTS

CANBERRA 20 (J. Fogarty 2, J. Rapana tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 19** (J. Bateman, J. Bula, B. Wakeham tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals; L. Brooks field goal) **AT CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 2nd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers 6-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 11,201.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Koroisau (C), Seyfarth, Twal, Kepaoa.

CANBERRA: Smith-Shields, Cotric, Hopoate, Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Saulo, Young, Horsburgh, Tapine (C). Int: Starling, Guler, Frawley, Mariota.

WARRIORS 30 (S. Johnson 2, D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, L. Metcalf tries; S. Johnson 5 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 8** (J. Isaako, T. Niu tries) **AT GO MEDIA STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 6-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 23,686.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Curran, Barnett, Sironen, Ale.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Milford, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Stone, Ese'ese, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Wallace. Int: Nicholls, Teague, Te Whare, Plath.

SOUTHS 46 (A. Johnston 3, C. Graham, R. Kennar, K. Koloamatangi, H. Sele, C. Walker tries; B. Taaffe 7 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 28** (I. Fa'asuamaleaui, T. Fa'asuamaleaui, S. Fifita, A. Khan-Pereira, C. Randall tries; T. Boyd 4 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 22-16. Penalties: Gold Coast 4-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 18,736.

GOLD COAST: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Sami, Schoupp, Fifita; Campbell, Boyd; Fotuika, Randall, Fa'asuamaleaui, Haas, Stimson, Liu. Int: Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Verrills, Clark.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Kennar; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Host, Arrow. Int: Murray (C), Chee-Kam, Mitchell, Suluka-Fifita.

BRISBANE 20 (J. Arthars, H. Farnworth, E. Mam, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 12** (W. Kennedy, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 14-6. Penalties: Brisbane 4-1. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,318.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Graham, Williams, Hazelton, Hamlin-Uele.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Oates; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Paix, Hetherington, Taupau, Piakura.

SYDNEY 25 (J. Tedesco 2, J. Pauga, J. Sua'ali'i tries; J. Sua'ali'i 4 goals; L. Keary field goal) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 24** (J. Addo-Carr 2, R. Mahoney, T. Pangai Junior tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **AT INDUSTREE GROUP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Canterbury 7-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 18,338.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Allan, Sua'ali'i, Smith, Pauga; Manu, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Tupouniua. Int: Brown, Crichton, Lodge, Smith.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Addo-Carr, Averillo, Alamoti, Wilson; Oloapu, Burton (C); King, Mahoney, Sutton, Okunbor, Preston, Pangai Junior. Int: Waddell, Morrin, Edwards, Rajab.

NORTH QLD 45 (S. Valemei 3, M. Taulagi 2, V. Holmes, J. Nanai, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 6 goals; C. Townsend field goal) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 20** (X. Coates, N. Meaney, J. Olam tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: Melbourne 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 18,867.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Taulagi, Holmes, Hiku, Valemei; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Luki, Granville. Int: Nanai, Taunoa-Brown, Neame, Cotter.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes (C); Kamikamica, Grant, Welch, Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Garlick, Pene, Anderson.

PENRITH 26 (B. To'o 2, M. Leota, S. Turuva tries; S. Crichton 4, N. Cleary goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (M. Ravalawa 2, Z. Lomax tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 16,912.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Yeo. Int: Smith, Martin, Cogger, Leniu.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Molo, Burns, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Murdoch-Masila, Hunt, Kerr, Mbye.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 14

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	12	8	0	4	2	147	20
2	BRISBANE	14	10	0	4	0	89	20
3	SOUTHS	14	9	0	5	0	105	18
4	CRONULLA	12	7	0	5	2	80	18
5	MELBOURNE	12	7	0	5	2	-1	18
6	CANBERRA	13	8	0	5	1	-49	18
7	WARRIORS	13	7	0	6	1	12	16
8	DOLPHINS	13	7	0	6	1	-7	16
9	SYDNEY	12	6	0	6	2	-66	16
10	MANLY	12	5	1	6	2	-18	15
11	NEWCASTLE	12	5	1	6	2	-26	15
12	PARRAMATTA	13	6	0	7	1	52	14
13	GOLD COAST	12	5	0	7	2	-49	14
14	NORTH QLD	14	6	0	8	0	-65	12
15	CANTERBURY	13	5	0	8	1	-94	12
16	WESTS TIGERS	12	3	0	9	2	-43	10
17	ST GEO ILLA	13	3	0	10	1	-67	8

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Reuben Cotter (QLD/NQL) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: 10% match fee
 Tom Flegler (QLD/BRI) Grade 2 Careless HT: 13% match fee
 Julia Robinson (QLD W) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Sarah Togatuki (NSW W) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: warning
 Zac Woolford (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$2500
 Isaiah Papalii (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800
 Jarrod Wallace (Dolphins) Grade 2 Shoulder Charge: 3 matches
 Anthony Milford (Dolphins) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 3 matches
 Chris Randall (Gold Coast) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Richie Kennar (Souths) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1000
 Ronaldo Mulitalo (Cronulla) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1000
 Braden Hamlin-Uele (Cronulla) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$3000
 Blayke Brailey (Cronulla) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750
 Joseph Suaali'i (Sydney) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 3 matches
 Jake Turpin (Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
 Coen Hess (North Qld) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

20 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)



18 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

17 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

13 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

ROUND 15

GOLD COAST 28 WESTS TIGERS 12

Gold Coast Titans got themselves back in the winner's circle with a 28-12 win over Wests Tigers on Thursday night at Robina Stadium.

There was no second half fade from the Titans tonight, as they did enough to get two valuable points against fellow strugglers Wests Tigers to kick off

Round 15 in the National Rugby League. The Titans were on the front foot from the opening whistle. They dominated possession in the opening ten minutes before a well executed scrum move saw the returning AJ Brimson slice through the Tigers defense. Tigers struck back through their forwards. A nice pass saw David Klemmer streamroll past several Titans defenders to get the ball down and give the visitors a 6-4 advantage early in this contest. A quick two-try salvo saw the Titans take a 10-point advantage going into the break. Klese Haas strolled through a gap to

regain the lead then Brimson and Jayden Campbell combined for the latter to score off a grubber for 16-6.

Second halves haven't been the kindest to the Titans and but they bucked the trend here. Just before the hour mark after an arm wrestle, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui got a saloon passage after the pass from Sam Verrills to extend the lead to 16. Once again, the Titans scored in bunches. Campbell snaffed an intercept before he was roped in by Jahream Bula in a match race. It was a simple pass option on the right which saw Phillip

Sami score in his centurian game. Tigers give the Titans a brief scare in the final stages. Bula fended off a defender then won the race to the try-line and eventually got the ball down. The young fullback has been a bright spot for the Tigers in recent weeks. Titans were able to hold on to secure a valuable two points. They will have a nervous week ahead with Tino Fa'asuamaleaui on report for an elbow which led to a broken jaw for Apisai Korisau in the first half.

JUSTIN DAVIES

WARRIORS 30 CANBERRA 6

The Warriors weathered the Raiders first half dominance, top turn the tables and score 30-6 in the second half to romp home in an impressive performance to ruin Jason Croker's 300th game celebrations.

From the outset Canberra were clearly the dominant side, overpowering the Warriors in attack and defence, with an overwhelming majority of the first half spent in the Warriors half and with the visitors defending staunchly. Matt Timoko very nearly scored in the 11th minute, only to be kept just shy of the line by some stellar goal line defence by the Warriors. It would be another 11 minutes before the Raiders finally scored, thanks to a bit of a luck, when Jack Wighton grubbered close to the Warriors line, the ball ricocheted and popped up in the air, where Wighton

regathered and strolled over to score under the posts. Jarrod Croker converted. In the 24th minute Mitch Barnett was sent to the sin bin for a high shot on Jordan Rapana, however the Raiders were unable to capitalize on the extra man advantage they had, quite the contrary actually happened as the Warriors lifted a gear and worked their way back into the game. In the 30th minute, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak got hit high by Wighton as he left the back of the scrum, 10 metres from the Warriors line. The Raiders gave away another penalty just 3 tackles later and from the next set, Shaun Johnson put up a kick to the right wing, where Watene-Zelezniak leapt from inside the field of play and the Raiders in-goal area, caught the ball, landed on one foot just inside the sideline and scored brilliantly. Johnson then nailed the sideline conversion. From the restart, Watene-Zelezniak instigated a scuffle with Corey Horsburgh which resulted in a penalty for the Raiders and Croker

kicked a penalty goal to put the Raiders ahead by two in what was a whirlwind three minutes for the Warriors winger. At halftime the Raiders held a slim 8-6 lead, but were looking the better of the two units.

A Croker charge down 7 minutes after play resumed, gave the Warriors a repeat set and at the end of that set, Johnson drifted right, linked with Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad, who then evaded the tackle by Croker and scored a good try. Johnson again converted. A Luke Metcalf break in the 55th minute got the Warriors out of their own half and on the attack and two plays later, Tohu Harris at second receiver, shaped to pass out the back, before hitting the leading runner Tom Ale with a lovely short ball, who barged over to score under the posts. Johnson converted from in front. The Warriors crossed again in the 63rd minute when Johnson held up a lovely ball for Metcalf, who charged onto it and scored under the posts. Johnson copped

an accidental knock to the head, which saw him stay down while nursing a bloodied nose. Adam Pompey took over the kicking duties and converted from in front. Marata Niukore was held up and denied a try in the 64th minute, but Wayne Egan wasn't denied when he ran from dummy half, shaped to pass, but then ran through some sloppy goal line defence and scored under the posts. Pompey again converted. In the 75th minute, Niukore was sent to the sin bin for a shoulder charge which resulted in Rapana also coming off for an HIA. The Raiders got back-to-back penalties and then a set restart before Josh Papali'i barged over to score a powerful try in the 77th minute. Croker converted. From the restart, the Raiders shifted the ball left along their own goal line, but one pass was thrown too high and Johnson, back on the field after passing his HIA, took an intercept and scored a cheeky try, which he converted to give the Warriors a commanding 36-14 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MANLY 58 DOLPHINS 18

Manly Warringah has thrashed the Dolphins by 58-18 tonight at Brookvale Oval in a devastating performance from Anthony Seibold's men.

The Sea Eagles raced in ten tries to two, in what was a club record loss for the NRL's new starters. Manly were simply scintillating, with their Origin stars in Cherry-Evans and Trbojevic dominating in attack, while Reuben Garrick made a successful positional switch to centre, scoring a hat-trick and racking up 30 points for his side. For the Redcliffe based side it was easily their worst performance of the season, as they simply failed to keep pace with an electric Eagles side. The loss was further compounded with a potentially serious shoulder injury to dummy half

Jeremy Marshall-King to add to the rookie side's mounting injury list. The Dolphins travelled to Sydney for the first time in their short history to face Manly and they missed the bus early falling behind 4-0 after as many minutes when Daly Cherry-Evans and Reuben Garrick combined to put Jason Saab over in the corner untouched. It was de ja vu for the Dolphins left edge defence minutes later, when Garrick sliced through again without a hand being laid on him and Manly were racing the clock in front of a parochial home crowd. Manly then put the pedal to the metal when Tom Trbojevic sliced through with a show and go, which was quickly followed up by a soft try to hooker Lachlan Croker from dummy half and it was 22-0. The Dolphins needed to get their hands on the ball and as soon as they did, they made it count, when

winger Jamayne Isaako collected a superb long pass from Kodi Nikorima to race away to score his 13th try of the season and get the visitors on the scoreboard. Manly quickly regained the ascendancy before halftime however, when Garrick scored his second try after a brilliant grubber under pressure from Croker, which gave the home side a commanding 28-6 lead at the break.

The Sea Eagles continued the onslaught after the break, when the chip and chase came back into vogue. First it was Tom Trbojevic scoring his second try following a kick from Daly Cherry-Evans inside his own half. This was followed by five-eighth Josh Schuster with a chip and chase for his speed man Tolutau Koula to give the home side a unassailable

40-6 lead. Just as it was looking like a cake walk, Queensland flyer Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow put on the after burners off a set play for the Dolphins score their second try and narrow the scoreline to 40-12 with a quarter of the game remaining. The Eagles then again clicked into an extra gear with ten minutes to go as both Tolutau Koula and Jason Saab secured doubles, before Garrick scored his hat-trick to put an exclamation mark on the performance. Dolphins flyer Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow then scored a late consolation try but it was a record loss by the NRL's new side, with the Redcliffe based side going down by 58-18. Round 16 sees Manly-Warringah travel across the Spit Bridge to Parramatta where they face the Eels next Saturday, while the Dolphins will have the bye. **SAM BOURKE**

ST GEO ILLA 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 30

St George Illawarra have held on for a 36-30 win over South Sydney at a packed Kogarah Oval this afternoon, with the Bunnies scoring three late tries to put a fright through the home fans.

A mad-cap final five minutes saw the Bunnies close a 36-14 deficit to just six points by the siren, with a lethal right side led by Campbell Graham making the impossible look probable if it weren't for a crucial error inside the final 30 seconds. The Rabbitohs started the scoring nine minutes into the contest when Richie Kennar took advantage of an overlap

on the right edge to get his side's scoreboard account started. Ben Hunt scored a superb try to get the home team on the board several minutes later, with Mat Feagai looking like he'd been brought down before getting up untouched and finding Hunt steaming onto it. Lomax's conversion put the hosts ahead by two, before a try to Mikaele Ravalawa not too long after pushed the lead to 10-4. The Red V added a penalty to remain in control inside the final ten minutes of the opening half, but some lacklustre competition for the ball in their own half allowed Keaton Koloamatangi to score almost unencumbered, reducing the margin to four - a 12-8 lead for the Dragons at the break.

Eleven into the second half Jacob Liddle was the next player to grab the game by the horns, scoring from dummy half to stretch to 18-8. A Damien Cook line break followed and Souths struck back through Isaiah Tass for a tense 18-14 scoreline and twenty-five minutes left to play. From there - the Dragons blew the Bunnies away. Former Rabbitoh Jaydn Su'a cruelled his old club's chances of rising to the top of the competition with a try around the hour mark, Lomax's conversion stretching things out to eight points. Four-pointers for Michael Molo and Jayden Hunt - both converted by Lomax for six - ensured the Dragons were well-headed at 36-14, but as the clock counted down, South Sydney managed to inflict

significant damage on the home team. A three-try raid - all coming down the Dragons' porous left side defence - saw Jacob Host, Lachlan Ilias and Campbell Graham all clamber over in consecutive minutes; the resulting shrunken margin meaning the Dragons - who were on track to jump up 16th over the Tigers on differential, instead languish in last place. It's not all roses for Souths, who will sink to fourth or even fifth depending on tomorrow's Storm-Sharks result. Both teams enjoy the bye next week - the Dragons return to action on Friday week after Origin II when they host the Warriors at WIN Stadium. South Sydney's next game is in a fortnight as well, hosting North Queensland at Accor. **TIM COSTELLO**

BRISBANE 24 NEWCASTLE 20

The Brisbane Broncos have moved to the top of the premiership ladder with a thrilling 24-20 victory over the Newcastle Knights at Suncorp Stadium.

Temporarily moving ahead of Penrith into first position with their 11th win of the season, the Broncos were made to earn the two points with a late try to Adam Reynolds clinching the win with four minutes remaining. Beginning the match in fine form with Dane Gagai producing a stellar defensive effort

to deny Corey Oates over the try line, the Newcastle centre was equally effective in attack by delivering the final pass to send Dominic Young (17th minute) over for the first try of the evening. Going close to extending their lead only for the bunker to overturn a try to Greg Marzhev due to the winger putting an arm into touch before grounding the ball, the Broncos struck a blow against the run of play with Reynolds finding Selwyn Cobbo (32nd minute) in support to take a 6-4 lead. Determined to have their dominance during the first half reflected on the scoreboard,

Newcastle fullback Kalyn Ponga (35th minute) produced a dazzling 60 metre run to send the visitors to the sheds leading 10-6.

The Broncos were quick to capitalise on an error following the resumption with Cobbo (45th minute) running onto a pass from Reece Walsh to collect his second of the night. Refusing to wilt in the face of their more favoured opponents, the Knights posted consecutive tries with Young bursting down the sideline and connecting with Mat Croker (54th

minute) before Young (58th minute) claimed his second to establish an eight-point advantage. Striking back with a four-pointer to Brendan Piakura (69th minute) to set up a thrilling finish, Reynolds (76th minute) combined with Ezra Mam to put the Broncos back in front. Despite conceding a penalty after the siren, the Broncos were able to repel the Knights and claim a 24-20 victory. Next week, the Broncos will have their second bye of the season, while the Knights will return home on Saturday afternoon to take on the Roosters. **ROB CROSBY**

PENRITH 30 SYDNEY 6

The Panthers worked hard to get a well-earned 10-0 halftime lead, but a 7 minute blitz shortly after halftime saw them take the game completely away from the Roosters.

Penrith came out of the sheds at the very start of the game running hard and tackling even harder, making their intentions clear from the very outset. They dominated field position for the majority of the game, helped by the Roosters ill-discipline handling the ball especially. The game opened with an old-school 10 minute softening up period. In the third minute, Issah Yeo in the middle and close to the Roosters line, saw a gap, burrowed down low and got himself to the line. He was awarded a try but the Bunker intervened and found a double movement, denying the brilliant Lock a try. In the 11th minute, Penrith spread the ball

from left to right where Stephen Crichton received the ball, drifted towards the sideline before getting himself between the two outside defenders and he sliced through to score. He failed to convert his try. The game started to open up, with plenty of offloads and second phase play for the next 20 minutes from both sides, but the Roosters consistently turned the ball over cheaply. In the 36th minute, Penrith extended their lead when a bustling Liam Martin run through the middle saw him make 40 metres before he linked with Dylan Edwards just past halfway, who raced 40 metres to score a brilliant try. Crichton converted. The Panthers very nearly scored from the restart when Scott Sorensen made a break down the left side, found Edwards in support, but Edwards' last pass was intercepted. At halftime Penrith lead 10-0.

Penrith wasted no time after the break with Yeo ran onto a crash ball and burrowed over for a try in

the 46th minute. Crichton converted from in front. In their next set after the restart, Sorensen made another break but couldn't find any support and was tackled 20m shy of the Roosters line. On the next play the Panthers spread the ball to the right courtesy of some great stepping by Jarome Luai, before Brian To'o received the ball outside his defender and he raced over to score in the corner. Crichton converted. Another great stepping run by Luai followed by a quick play-the ball allowed Sunia Turuva to make a bust from dummy half down the sideline, before he turned the ball inside to Izaak Tago who scored a good try that began on halfway. Crichton added the extras and in the space of 7 minutes, Penrith's lead had extended from 10 to 28 points. In the 60th minute the Roosters finally got on the board through a determined and typically spirited run by James Tedesco, bumping out of tackles, changing direction before powering through defenders to

score. Luke Keary converted from the sideline. Play became quite spirited between the forwards shortly after with Jared Warea-Hargreaves at the centre of it. First he had a heavy collision with Liam Martin, which left the Panthers forward with a cut on his head and forced to come off for an HIA. Just a few tackles later and Moses Leota had a head clash with Warea-Hargreaves, forcing the Panthers prop to also leave them field for an HIA. Just a few minutes later and Spencer Leniu had a fiery clash with Warea-Hargreaves which lead to an all-in scuffle, during which the Roosters enforced squirted water from his water bottle at Leniu, before lobbing the empty bottle at him. The referee sent both men to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Crichton kicked a penalty goal to give Penrith a 30-6 victory in a highly entertaining encounter. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MELBOURNE 54 CRONULLA 10

The Melbourne Storm have shown that they certainly are not spent forces in the 2023 NRL season with a 54-10 victory over an awful Cronulla Sharks side at AAMI Park in front of 20,000 fans.

Things started well for Melbourne when a Harry Grant grubber came off the upright padding and into the not so safe hands of Tui Kamikamica who made an easy put down look tough as he nearly lost the ball for the Storm's first try after just four minutes. The Sharks hit back soon after as what looked to be a poor kick from Matt Moylan was actually pinpoint

to Ronaldo Mulitalo who offloaded to Teig Wilton to score. With scores locked up at 6 all, Nicho Hynes' penalty attempt foreshadowed how bad of a day that he was going to have when his shot at goal came off the uprights. Things unravelled for the Sharks with incomplete sets in their own end putting themselves under pressure when Will Warbrick took advantage to score in the corner. The Storm then went over when Harry Grant backed up a Tui Kamikamica short offload to score under the posts. It was one-way traffic for the home-side when Harry Grant got the ball down from dummy half just after the half-hour mark. The Storm then added two more tries shy of the half-hour mark when Xavier Coates got a quick double, first

outleaping the Sharks defence on a cross-field kick and then some awful defence got Melbourne through and some magical work from Coates to catch a lofted pass to score untouched.

Trailing 34-6 at half time, the Sharks needed to get everything right in the second half and letting the ball go dead from the kick-off did not achieve that at all but for once their mistake was unpunished. The Storm added a penalty goal a few minutes after half-time after the Sharks failed to get their drop-out to go 10m. Things continued as one-way traffic and it was a royal try on the Kings birthday when Josh King went through a massive gap and beat the Sharks defence to

score. Things then fizzled for a while before the Storm were able to put two more tries on the board when Reimis Smith went over the play after Nelson Asofa-Solomona burst through and the Sharks defence was scrambling. Jahrome Hughes then took the easy gap through the soft Sharks defence to score and put the score beyond 50. The Sharks then scored a late consolation try taking advantage of a numerical advantage following Christian Welch's sin binning for a hip drop tackle. Next weekend, the Melbourne Storm head to Campbelltown Stadium for a clash with the Tigers on Saturday evening whilst the Sharks play host to the Canterbury Bulldogs on Sunday afternoon. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA 34 CANTERBURY 12

The Parramatta Eels have continued their charge up the ladder while things have gone from bad to worse for the Bulldogs, the Blue and Gold winning by 22-points in a one sided affair on the Kings Birthday long weekend.

Things got off to an appropriate start given the holiday, with King Clint Gutherson getting over for the first try of the match. Will Penisini was able to win an aerial battle and knock the ball back to Gutherson,

who grounded the ball to make it 6-0 inside 7 minutes. Both sides showcased their willingness to throw the ball around, and after some ad-lib play the Bulldogs were the next on the board. Young five-eighth Karl Oloapu broke at least four tackles including a big fend on Gutherson before linking up with halfback Matt Burton, who dived over under the post to level things up. The Eels would soon get a piggy-back penalty up the field and from there it was all one way traffic. Mitch Moses got the defence moving left before turning Gutherson inside, the Eels fullback grabbing a first half double. With much

conjecture around who will be named as halfback for NSW, Moses did himself plenty of favours, moments later putting a left foot step on the Dogs to break the line, before again linking up with his skipper on the inside, King Gutho appropriately getting a hat-trick on the Kings Birthday holiday. Before half-time, stand in Eels five-eighth Daejarn Asi made a clean line break before passing to bailey Simmonsson in support, the centre extending the Eels advantage to 18-points.

The rest of the match was a bit of a drag with the result sealed long before the full time hooter. Bryce

Cartwright made a tackle break in the 51st minute before offloading for Will Penisini, who scored the first points of the second half. The Bulldogs would claw one back with 20 minutes to go, Hayze Perham beating some poor tackle attempts en route to a 20 metre run to the try-line. Some slick ball movement to the left saw Maika Sivo go over for the last try of the match in the 66th minute, giving the final score of 34-12. Next week, the Bulldogs travel to the shire to take on the Sharks while the Eels will be at home against the Sea Eagles. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 15 RESULTS

GOLD COAST 28 (A. Brimson, J. Campbell, T. Fa'asuamaleaui, K. Haas, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (J. Bula, D. Klemmer tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 8th June. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 16-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 4-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 10,232.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Campbell, Boyd; Fotuauka, Verrills, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Haas, Stimson, Liu. Int: Leeming, Clark, Jolliffe, Fa'asuamaleaui.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofomaluma, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Wakeham, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Blore. Int: Pole, Simpkin, Twal, Kepaea.

WARRIORS 36 (T. Ale, W. Egan, S. Johnson, L. Metcalf, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; S. Johnson 4, A. Pompey 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 14** (J. Papalii, J. Wighton tries; J. Croker 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 9th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 8-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 21,082.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Cotric, Saulo.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Leiataua, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Sironen, Curran, Barnett, Ale.

MANLY 58 (R. Garrick 3, T. Koula 2, J. Saab 2, T. Trbojevic 2, L. Croker tries; R. Garrick 9 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 18** (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, J. Isaako tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Fri, 9th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 28-6. Penalties: Manly 8-1. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 14,598.

MANLY: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Keppie. Int: Fainu, Lawton, Aloiai, Condon.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Lee, Niu; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Fa'amausili, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Te Whare. Int: Stone, Ese'ese, Nicholls, Donoghoe.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 36 (B. Hunt, J. Hunt, J. Liddle, M. Molo, M. Ravalawa, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 6 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 30** (C. Graham, J. Host, L. Ilias, R. Kennar, K. Koloamatangi, I. Tass tries; B. Taaffe 3 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-8. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 17,357.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Molo, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, Hunt. Int: Kerr, Musgrove, Amone, Lawrie.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Kennar; Hawkins, Ilias; Tatola, Cook (C), Sele, Koloamatangi, Host, Chee-Kam. Int: Mitchell, Cartwright, Havili, Suluka-Fifta.

BRISBANE 24 (S. Cobbo 2, B. Piakura, A. Reynolds tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 20** (D. Young 2, M. Croker, K. Ponga tries; J. Hastings 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-6. Penalties: Newcastle 6-3. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 35,814.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Piakura, Hetherington, Taupau, Smoothy.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Mann, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

PENRITH 30 (S. Crichton, D. Edwards, I. Tago, B. To'o, I. Yeo tries; S. Crichton 5 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 6** (J. Tedesco try; L. Keary goal) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-0. Penalties: Sydney 6-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 23,610.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Allan, Hutchison, Pauga; Manu, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Tupouniua. Int: Smith, Brown, Crichton, Lodge.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cogger; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Smith, Leniu, Salmon, Luke.

MELBOURNE 54 (X. Coates 2, H. Grant 2, J. Hughes, T. Kamikamica, J. King, R. Smith, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 9 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 10** (R. Mulitalo, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes goal) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 34-6. Penalties: Cronulla 8-7. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,253.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Seve, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Sims, Wishart, Eisenhuth.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: Kaufusi, McInnes, Graham, Williams.

PARRAMATTA 34 (C. Gutherson 3, W. Penisini, B. Simonsson, M. Sivo tries; M. Moses 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 12** (M. Burton, H. Perham tries; M. Burton 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Mon, 12th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 24-6. Penalties: Canterbury 8-2. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 33,866.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Oloapu, Burton (C); Patolo, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Okunbor, Preston, Edwards. Int: King, Rajab, Morrin, Waddell.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Paulo, Cartwright, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Ogden, Doorey, Makatoa, Moretti.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 15

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2	BRISBANE	15	11	0	4	0	93	22
3	MELBOURNE	13	8	0	5	2	43	20
4	SOUTHS	15	9	0	6	0	99	18
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8	MANLY	13	6	1	6	2	22	17
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10	GOLD COAST	13	6	0	7	2	-33	16
11	DOLPHINS	14	7	0	7	1	-47	16
12	SYDNEY	13	6	0	7	2	-90	16
13	NEWCASTLE	13	5	1	7	2	-30	15
14	NORTH QLD	14	6	0	8	1	-65	14
15	CANTERBURY	14	5	0	9	1	-116	12
16	WESTS TIGERS	13	3	0	10	2	-59	10
17	ST GEO ILLA	14	4	0	10	1	-61	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Albert Hopoate (Canberra) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1000

Mitch Barnett (Warriors) Grade 2 Careless HT: 1 match

Jack Wighton (Canberra) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

Marata Niukore (Warriors) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

Michael Chee Kam (South Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$2500

Ezra Mam (Brisbane) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Spencer Leniu (Penrith) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct \$1800

Spencer Leniu (Penrith) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct \$1800

Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct \$3000

Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct \$3000

Jake Turpin (Sydney) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000

Nat Butcher (Sydney) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$3000

Christian Welch (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

Maika Sivo (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

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17 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

16 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

15 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)



ROUND 16

NORTH QUEENSLAND 27 PENRITH 23

A Scott Drinkwater try in the second period of Golden Point has sparked the North Queensland Cowboys to a 27-23 victory over an understrength Penrith Panthers to kick start Round 16.

With both sides missing several stars due to Origin commitments, it was the new faces in the sides that were keen to leave a lasting impression on their respective coaches. Penrith had the early field position starving the Cowboys of possession in the early exchanges. An early penalty against Chad Townsend set Penrith up with the first scoring chance. Tyrone Peachey breathed a sigh of relief for blowing an overlap scoring opportunity when

Jack Cogger landed an inch perfect kick. The kick was bobbed by Zac Laybutt and Izack Tago was on the spot to cross for the first try of the contest. Cogger converted for a 6-0 lead. Off the back of a strong run from Scott Drinkwater. Tom Dearden showed and good exposing some poor edge defence from Penrith, he was able to link up with Drinkwater to get a much needed try. Townsend's conversion left us level at 6-6. Semi Valemei was at the centre of controversy when his knee came into contact with Sunia Turuva's head and the Panthers rookie left for a HIA. Off the back of ill-discipline, a great shift from Dearden found Laybutt who got a great offload away to Kyle Feldt who found space. Feldt kicked back in-field for Dearden and the home side hit the lead by 12-6. However, it didn't last long thanks to some poor kick defusals from Kyle Feldt. Like clockwork, Penrith were able to connect from a scrum play as Tago crossed for his second try thanks to some great ball-playing from

Dylan Edwards and Jaeman Salmon. The Cowboys strong first half was undone when Valemei lost the ball coming out of yardage, from there, their goal-line defence was paper-thin and Salmon ran right by Townsend to retake the lead and a 16-12 advantage. It was quickly added to in the shadow of half-time when Tom Jenkins crossed for his first NRL try after strong lead-up work from Salmon and Edwards for an 8 point lead at the change of ends.

After a strong start to the second half which saw Cogger land a penalty goal for a 10 point lead. Penrith made a foolish mistake and invited the home side into attacking field position and the first try for the second half. Scott Sorensen was pinned for a late shot on Townsend and it was the young rookie Kulikefu Finefeuiaki crashing over off a good short ball from Jake Granville. This reduced the margin to 4 points. More poor discipline and handling let the Cowboys level the scores when

Dearden and Laybutt combined with Feldt to cross in the corner to tie it up at 22-22. Both sides engaged in trying to kick their side home but a determined Penrith effort appeared to come back to bite. A charge down saw the ball scatter when Sorensen was ruled to have knocked on. On the ensuing set, Townsend kicked the field goal with 90 seconds remaining. However, Penrith recovered the short-dropout to secure a 23-23 result when Cogger nailed a field goal on the third try of asking. Golden point continued the tradition of 5 tackles of go forward before they had a shot at field goal. A critical Tyrone Peachey error in the second period of golden point set the Cowboys up for a chance at glory. They were rushed on the field goal attempt which saw it land in Scott Drinkwater's arms and he was able to run around the fatigued Penrith defence stepping Edwards to secure a 27-23 verdict. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SYDNEY 18 NEWCASTLE 16

Sydney Roosters pick up a 18-16 win after a grinding second half against Newcastle in front of 21,966 at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Indeed the hosts struck first in a surprisingly low-scoring contest, with prolific winger Dominic Young picking up what would be the first of two tries to give Newcastle an early advantage. Sadly that lead evaporated relatively quickly, with newly-moved prop Nat Butcher - usually a back rower - on the end of a handy movement to score beside the posts and level the scores. Before the

midpoint of the first half the Roosters would score again, with Joey Manu finding space off a Sitili Tupouniua bust, Keary's second conversion ensuring the away team led by a converted try. Ten minutes later, Keary would leave the field after unsuccessfully trying to stop what at first looked to be a Newcastle try to Young; the Bunker eventually overruling the play after an earlier knock on. It was no consolation to the Roosters playmaker though, seemingly copping Young's boot in a desperate defensive lunge which saw him sustain a reported fractured jaw. The absence of a key spine player didn't seem to phase the Roosters or rookie half Sandon Smith, the visitors

withstanding several raids before Daniel Tupou scored in the corner to extend the lead to ten. A penalty goal on the break, kicked by Smith, saw the Roosters lead 18-6 at half-time.

After a relatively quiet opening fifteen minutes post-resumption, the Knights surged back into the contest with Young getting his second try - this one not denied by the Bunker - and the margin was reduced to eight. A crucial error from the Tricolours set up a grandstand finish at the 69 minute mark when Bradman Best scooped up a loose Roosters ball 25 metres from his

own line, sprinting the 75 metres required to score and following the extras from Hastings, shaving the margin down to just two. Both sides had a crack over the remaining time but couldn't crack the line. Egan Butcher went from villain to hero in the final 90 seconds, losing the ball to hand the Knights possession with a minute to go before executing a one-on-one strip several tackles later to ensure the Knights' hopes were vanquished, the Roosters holding on for an 18-16 victory. Next week, Newcastle face a daunting trip to Bluebet Stadium, while the Roosters host Canberra at Allianz on Sunday night. **TIM COSTELLO**

PARRAMATTA 34 MANLY 4

The Parramatta Eels have cruised to a round 16 victory over the Manly Sea Eagles at their home ground this Saturday evening. In front of a large crowd of vocal fans, the 34-4 scoreline will see Parramatta head not just into the top eight, but the top four, with a commanding points differential of 104. The win comes without their regular halves pairing of Mitchell Moses and Dylan Brown.

A consistent tit for tat style of play in the first five minutes didn't last very long, with the Eels making use of their second attacking chance of the night. In the 9th minute, hooker Brendan Hands dribbled

through a grubber over his opponents tryline, and a Parramatta chaser was deemed to have been taken out by the bunker. As such, Kaeo Weekes was binned for the professional foul, and Manly were down to 12. The Eels took immediate advantage of the extra man, opening the scoring through big man Ofahiki Ogden. He shrugged off a poor defensive effort from Haumole Olakau'atu before slamming the ball down on the line for his team's first points of the evening. Bailey Simonsson backed it up just a few minutes later, slicing through Manly's right edge defence to take the scoreline to 12-0 in the 17th minute (with the help of Gutho's conversions). An error from Maika Sivo gave Manly a hint of momentum, and with their full contingent of 13 now back on the field, they were looking likely to open their own account. And score

they did, in the 24th minute through some beautiful hands by their key spine players, which resulted in Christian Tuipulotu taking advantage of the overlap on the left edge. Garrick couldn't convert, leaving the score at 12-4. Only a few minutes passed before the Eels hit straight back through Clint Gutherson, diving out of dummy half in the 29th minute. J'maine Hopgood would continue piling on the Manly misery just before half-time, with a spectacular solo effort to reach the white stripe. Gutherson pinged the conversion in off the upright to boast perfect 4/4 conversion statistics in the opening half.

The second half was very repetitive at times, with the Eels dominating both possession and territory, but

not gaining much to show for it. They were denied by the video referee on THREE occasions before finally opening their second half account in the 63rd minute through Bailey Simonsson's second of the game. In the subsequent 15 minutes, another three tries were denied, with Manly showing absolutely nothing with ball in hand. Makaanui Makatoa put the cherry on top for Parramatta in the 76th minute, scoring off a Maika Sivo chip and chase. Gutherson missed his first conversion of the night to leave the final score at 34-4. Ofahiki Ogden was sent to the bin for good measure in the final minute for an innocuous professional foul, rounding out an odd game. The Eels will take on The Dolphins next week, whilst Manly travel South to meet Melbourne. **LACHLAN MCINTYRE**

MELBOURNE 28 WESTS TIGERS 6

Not very often does a team's only try of the game overshadow a four try spectacular but that's what happened in the Tigers 28-6 defeat to the Melbourne Storm at Campbelltown Stadium.

Inside four minutes, the Storm got on the board when they were able to exploit the numbers on their first attacking set spreading the ball right as the defence fell for a decoy run by Nelson Asofa-Solomona which created an overlap for Will Warbrick to score untouched. A moment in history was created when after 116 games, Alex Twal got his first NRL try after the Storm couldn't

handle a cross-field kick from the Tigers and the loose ball was swooped on by Twal to score. The Tigers lead lasted five minutes when Melbourne hit back as Will Warbrick got his second try after outjumping his opponent as Jahrome Hughes' kick was pinpoint out to the right winger and Warbrick got over. Extending their lead just shy of the half-time break, Tyrone Wishart was on the spot to pounce on a loose ball and score the first NRL try of his career but without the fanfare of Twal before him. Nick Meaney's poor night with the boot was on show when he put the conversion into the upright from close range and the Storm could only manage a 14-6 lead at half-time.

The second half started brightly for the Tigers making good metres in attack but they couldn't turn it into points and eventually Melbourne took advantage on their first attacking raid of the second half when Will Warbrick got over for his third of the night. The goalkicking woes of Nick Meaney kept the scores at 18-6. A fourth try eluded Will Warbrick when he knocked on in-goal but it was only a short wait for that fourth one to come when the Tigers defence was torn apart by the Melbourne right-side attack and Warbrick strolled over for his fourth. The Storm then finally put their left side over when the ball was missed by George Jennings initially but like a seagull on a chip, Kane Bradley was able to pounce on it first and get over in the corner. Nick Meaney finally

got his best strike on the conversion attempt from out wide to put the score to 28-6. Neither side could manage a final try and the Storm held onto a hard-fought victory. Next weekend, the Storm have their final home game at AAMI Park before the temporary move to Docklands when they host the Manly Sea Eagles, whilst for the Tigers they have the bye before heading to Townsville against a resurgent Cowboys outfit. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

CRONULLA 48 CANTERBURY 10

The Cronulla Sharks have bounced back from their poor performance last week to absolutely trounce the poor old Bulldogs, winning 48-10 in a display of men against boys at Pointsbet Stadium.

It was somewhat of an arm wrestle early, with the Sharks slight upper hand being evened by two poor Nicho Hynes errors. He was quick to steady the ship though, picking up a Flanagan grubber and running 90 metres before getting tackled to get the ball rolling for Cronulla's first, scored by Teig Wilton after a shift to the

left. The Sharks would go further ahead with a penalty goal before Braden Hamlin-Uele crashed over for a soft try, the first of many bargeovers scored by big men in an indication that the Bulldogs middle defence isn't up to standard. When the Bulldogs were on the attack, they shot themselves in the foot with basic errors, Karl Oloapu putting it down and allowing Mulitalo to get the Sharks going. That man would score about a minute later as Will Kennedy beat two defenders and threw a lovely pass. The Dogs would get one back courtesy of a Kyle Flanagan shortside scoot from dummy-half, the former Shark doing a "this is my house" celebration that didn't quite fit in the context of the game with his side down by

14. Before the break, Cronulla would add two more tries that were almost identical, with Cam McInnes crashing over before Jack Williams did the same a few minutes later. At half time, it was 30 to 4 in favour of the Sharks, who didn't look like letting up.

The desperation of Canterbury was showing, with Braidon Burns trying to force a miracle offload while coming out of his own end that was dived on by Ramien, allowing the Sharks an opportunity to post first points of the half. They did just that, as big Tom Hazleton used Reed Mahoney as a glorified speed bump on his way to the first try of his career. The Sharks would bring up

40 about five minutes later when they took advantage of another attacking opportunity, Nicho Hynes putting the milestone man Briton Nikora over for a try in his 100th game. It was a horror day for the Bulldogs, and it looked as though the scoreline could be anything when Jesse Ramien intercepted Kyle Flanagan's pass in the 60th minute to make it a 48-4 ball game, but to their credit they were a lot stronger for the final quarter of the match and even scored the last try when Reed Mahoney found a rampaging Kurtis Morrin in the 72nd minute, giving the final score of 48-10 in favour of the home team. Both sides will freshen up with a bye next week. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 16 RESULTS

NORTH QLD 27 (S. Drinkwater 2, T. Dearden, K. Feldt, K. Finefeuiaki tries; C. Townsend 3 goals; C. Townsend field goal) **DEFEATED PENRITH 23** (I. Tago 2, T. Jenkins, J. Salmon tries; J. Cogger 3 goals; J. Cogger field goal) **AT QLD COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 16th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-12. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 17,277.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Laybutt, Hiku, Valemei; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Granville, Hess, Leilua, Luki, Taunoa-Brown. Int: Taumalolo, McIntyre, Neame, Finefeuiaki.

PENRITH: Edwards (C), Turuva, Tago, Peachey, Jenkins; Salmon, Cogger; Leniu, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Eisenhuth. Int: Luke, Smith, Garner, Henry.

SYDNEY 18 (N. Butcher, J. Manu, D. Tupou tries; L. Keary 2, S. Smith goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 16** (D. Young 2, B. Best tries; J. Hastings 2 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Sydney 4-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 21,966.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Tuata; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Lucas, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Hetherington, Croker, Jones.

SYDNEY: Manu, Tupou, Allan, Smith, Pauga; Keary (C), Smith; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Butcher, Butcher, Tupouniua, Whyte. Int: Hutchison, Brown, May, Crichton.

PARRAMATTA 34 (B. Simonsson 2, C. Gutherson, J. Hopgood, M. Makatoa, O. Ogden tries; C. Gutherson 5 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 4** (C. Tuipulotu try) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 24-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 21,296.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Matternson, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Ogden, Cartwright, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Ofahengaue, Doorey, Makatoa.

MANLY: Weekes, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Arthur; Paseka, Croker (C), Siple, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Keppie. Int: Fainu, Lawton, Aloiai, Woods.

MELBOURNE 28 (W. Warbrick 4, K. Bradley, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 6** (A. Twal try; B. Wakeham goal) **AT CAMPBELLTOWN SPORTS STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 14-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 8,517.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofaloama, Naden, Kepaoa, Tupou; To'a, Wakeham; Pole, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Blore, Bateman (C). Int: Da Silva, Twal, Seyfarth.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Seve, Jennings; Pezet, Hughes (C); Kamikamica, Garlick, Asofa-Solomona, Loiero, Eisenhuth, King. Int: Sims, Wishart, Pene, Bradley.

CRONULLA 48 (B. Hamlin-Uele, T. Hazelton, C. McInnes, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora, J. Ramien, J. Williams, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 8 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 10** (K. Flanagan, K. Morrin tries; K. Flanagan goal) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 30-4. Penalties: Cronulla 7-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 11,901.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Graham, Williams, Hazelton.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Burns; Oloapu, Flanagan; Patolo, Mahoney (C), Pangai Junior, Okunbor, Preston, Morrin. Int: Rajab, King, Waddell, Pele.

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15	ST GEO ILLA	14	4	0	10	2	-61	12
16	CANTERBURY	15	5	0	10	1	-154	12
17	WESTS TIGERS	14	3	0	11	2	-81	10

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

No charges laid in Round 16

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ROUND 17

WARRIORS 48 ST GEO 18

New Zealand has thrashed the Dragons by 48-18 at WIN Stadium in Wollongong tonight, consolidating their place in the NRL top eight.

Warriors winger Dallin Watene-Zelezniak was the star for the visitors scoring four sensational tries to add to his season highlight reel which has been very impressive so far in 2023. The former Kiwi Test captain was well supported by a rejuvenated Shaun Johnson who was also superb for the visitors, having a hand in several tries and scoring one himself. The loss for the Dragons further piles pressure on the playing group, who will no doubt face another week of headlines with skipper Ben Hunt sure to feature heavily as he looks to determine his immediate future with Dragons management early next week. While on

the commentary heading into the game was firmly on the Dragons, New Zealand were the first to put points on the scoreboard through Watene-Zelezniak, who scored his first try following a slick backline play. Johnson missed the conversion from out wide and it was 4-0 after as many minutes. The home side then returned serve through their dynamic fullback Tyrell Sloan, who sliced through the Warriors defence to get the Dragons on the scoreboard. Zac Lomax converted to put the wDragons in front by 6-4. New Zealand then put themselves back in front when Warriors five-eighth Luke Metcalf produced a cut out ball close to the line. The pass then skidded off the ground and into the arms of his winger Marcelo Montoya who crashed over in the corner. The Warriors then kicked into gear with back-to-back tries through Shaun Johnson kicks, the first Bayley Sironen who latches onto a deft grubber close to the line and the second to Jackson Ford who collected an uncontested bomb

to give his side a commanding 20-6 lead at halftime.

St George desperately needed things to go their way in the second half and they got some luck when Warriors backrower Marata Niukore was sent to the Sin Bin following a high tackle on Dragons centre Moses Suli. With New Zealand down to 12 players the Dragons took advantage, when prop Zane Musgrove crashed over following an inside pass from dummy half by Jacob Liddle to give the home fans some hope. The air was quickly taken out of the balloon however, when Watene-Zelezniak scored his second try after some quick hands from his inside men, which allowed enough space for the flying winger to produce a stunning dive and plant the ball inches inside the corner post. New Zealand then returned to full strength, which saw immediate dividends when prop Addin Fonua-Blake produced a sublime offload to Shaun Johnson who scored under the posts. This was

followed by another Watene-Zelezniak break down the right-hand side and this time the former Bulldog found his centre Rocco Berry in support to score and extend the lead to 36-12. St George then stopped the onslaught temporarily when prop Francis Molo dived on a grubber which ricocheted off the posts to score a fortunate try. Watene-Zelezniak then resumed normal transmission, scoring two more tries to register a career high four tries to send his side back to New Zealand with confidence sky high prior to returning to Mount Smart Stadium in Round 18 where they face the Rabbitohs. St George-Ilwarrarra now head into a local derby against Cronulla at Shark Park next Thursday night with their season in tatters and the conjecture over skipper Ben Hunt's future sure to again weigh heavily on the playing group heading into next week. **SAM BOURKE**

PARRAMATTA 48 DOLPHINS 20

A 42-4 first half has seen the Eels win over a lacklustre Dolphins outfit who made it more of a contest after halftime, final score 48-20 at Sunshine Coast Stadium in the NRL's 17th round.

Key takeaways:

- The Dolphins opened the scoring after just four minutes with debutant Brayden McGrady dotting down for the opener
- From there Parramatta destroyed the home side, piling on seven converted tries to lead 42-4 at the break.
- The second half was completely different, with the Dolphins getting three tries back and

Parramatta scoring just one.

- The win pushes the Eels into fifth place, the Dolphins languish in tenth

Indeed after McGrady's opening try, it was all Parramatta. Andrew Davey stepped through the middle for the Eels' first after seven minutes and another seven minutes later another back rower in J'maine Hopgood had the small contingent of away fans cheering loudly, taking apart woeful Phins defence and it was quickly 12-4. Just after the 20 minute mark Will Penisini was in for Parramatta's third, the first of a quickfire treble from the visitors which saw them go from 12-4 to 30-4 leaders in just six minutes. Penisini was in the thick of it for the second of those three tries, setting up Clint

Gutherson off a long-range break into the backfield, and then grabbed his own second try. A five minute gap in scoring opened up, allowing the clock to catch the Eels once more, but that only lasted til the 33rd, with Bailey Simonsson away down the left this time and again it looked far too easy. Moses converted - six from six for the half to that point, and it was 36-4. The blue and gold had one more first half special in them, Sean Russell scoring in the corner after a successful captains challenge allowed them to retain possession.

The 42-4 halftime lead certainly led many to consult record books, but the home team was having none of it - Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow scoring the first of his two tries at 49 minutes to begin the process of restoring

respectability to the Dolphins' name. Six minutes later, Valynce Te Whare would continue the hosts' momentum with a try, bringing the scoreline in to 42-14. The two sides traded tries between the 60th and 70th minutes - Gutherson and Tabuai-Fidow each collecting their second tries respectively, but neither outfit troubled the scorers in the final ten minutes, final score 48-20 to Parramatta, with the Dolphins outscoring them 16-6 after halftime. The competition's new boys are headed down over the river to the Gabbra next week where they'll face the Broncos for the second time in their history, and won't leave Queensland for at least the next five weeks; Parramatta will enjoy the bye before welcome the Warriors to Commbank in a fortnight. **TIM COSTELLO**

PENRITH 20 NEWCASTLE 12

The Penrith Panthers were able to rest their Origin contingent yet still record a comfortable win over the Knights on Saturday night 20 points to 12.

Tyrone Peachey was the star on the night although his centre partner Izack Tago was almost equally as damaging. 'The Peach' crossed for a double and had a try assist in a wonderful effort. To make that effort even more impressive it came against former QLD Origin great Dane Gagai. Tago equally dominated

his direct oponent in Bradman Best. Tago ran for a game high 238 metres and broke a ridiculous 11 tackles. Penrith burst out of the blocks and crossed in the eighth minute through the every reliable Dylan Edwards. He broke a series of tackles to score next to the posts. He had a near flawless night and put a good foot forward for a potential Origin Three call up. Kalyn Ponga would cross in the 17th minute after Newcastle wrestled back momentum. Ponga has stared for his Knights since returning to fullback. From there it became the Tyrone Peachey show as he crossed for

a try in the 25th minute and then again in the 33rd minute. Jack Hetherington was sent to the sin bin three minutes prior to the break due to a moment of madness. It looked as though the floodgates may open following the break.

This would come, somewhat, to pass as Jaeman Salmon crossed from dummy half as Hetherington's time in the bin expired. Jackson Hastings breathed some much needed life into the contest with a brilliant solo try in the 57th minute. He converted his

own try and it looked to be game on. Unfortunately the game fell away from there and petered out, despite Tyrone Peachey's best efforts. Newcastle dropped a second straight game to a heavily Origin-depleted side. The loss was their third in a row and sets up a must win game next week against the Dogs. Meanwhile Penrith head to Melbourne next Friday night on the back of a win and having rested their Origin stars. Pretty much a perfect night for the high flying Panthers who, momentarily return to the top of the table. **DAN NICHOLS**

MELBOURNE 24 MANLY 6

The Melbourne Storm walked off the field sporting Diamond Smiles after a dominant second half saw them put away a Manly side that were strong in the first half.

Neither side had the upper hand in the opening exchanges and it wasn't until some quick thinking by Manly got the points flowing when Daly Cherry-Evans put in a perfectly weighted grubber for Haumole Olakau'atu, who cleaned up the rolling ball skilfully and scored out wide on the right side. Reuben Garrick

converted from the sideline to give Manly a 6-0 lead after 15 minutes. It took 26 minutes before the Storm got on the scoreboard courtesy of a brilliant flick pass by William Warbrick behind his back, kept the ball in play as he got bundled into touch. Jahrome Hughes scooped up the loose ball and scored in the corner. Nick meaney failed to convert. The Storm scored just before the halftime siren sounded when a Hughes grubber was pounced on by Jonah Pezet, who scored under the sticks. Meaney added the extras and at halftime, Melbourne held an unconvincing 10-6 lead. Both sides were guilty of ill-discipline, especially with the ball in hand, but it seemed the break helped

Melbourne to clean up their game, but sadly for Manly, the same could not be said.

17 minutes into the second half, Nelson Asofa-Solomona made a regulation hit-up wide of the ruck, broke through the feeblest tackle effort, stepped off his right foot like any brilliant centre, to avoid Garrick's tackle attempt, before racing 30 metres to score a great try. Meaney converted. in the 64th minute the Storm took the game away from Manly when a Pezet grubber was fumbled back by a diving Ray Tuaimalo-Vaega. The ball popped up nicely for Xavier Coates, who took it cleanly as he got

crunched by Garrick, but he had enough strength and momentum to get across the line to score. Meaney failed to convert from the sideline. The Storm put the game beyond doubt in the 73rd minute when Pezet put in a perfect grubber for Coates, who regathered it cleanly and then spectacularly dived to score in the corner while the rest of his body was in the air and over the sideline. Pezet failed to convert from the sideline. Melbourne strolling to a comfortable 24-6 win. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST 18 BRISBANE 12

The Gold Coast Titans have ended a drama-filled week for the club on a high, stunning the Brisbane Broncos 18-12 in a seesawing affair at Suncorp Stadium.

Brisbane almost went the length of the field to score on their opening set, sending a warning shot to the Titans as Billy Walters was pulled up just short on the line. It seemed like the Queensland derby was set to be a high-scoring affair if that was anything to go by, with both sides willing to spread the ball in perfect conditions at Suncorp Stadium. Instead, the two teams would manage just one try apiece in the first half, but there were plenty of opportunities that went begging earlier in the game. Having already gone close in the opening set, it was Brisbane again who nearly scored the first points in the sixth minute when Selwyn Cobbo sniffed out an intercept. The Broncos winger pounced on a Kieran Foran cut-out pass, reading it perfectly only to drop the ball with no one in front of him and a certain try on the cards. Filling in for Maroons enforcer Fa'asuamaleui, AJ Brimson then later used his speed to get on the outside and open up a potential shot at points only to lose the ball in a Herbie Farnworth tackle. Both teams were guilty of coughing up cheap possession early in Sunday's game but eventually it was no-nonsense

running from Tom Flegler that produced points. First, Flegler charged towards the line only to be stopped just short but did not have to wait long to crash over off a smart pass from Origin teammate Patrick Carrigan in the 29th minute. Adam Reynolds slotted the extras to make it 6-0 to seemingly give Brisbane a solid buffer at the break only for the Gold Coast to strike in the final minute of the half. There was controversy though as the Titans scored off the back of a repeat set that was awarded to the visitors after Reece Walsh was ruled to have played at an Alofiana Khan-Pereira kick. Walsh though appeared to just be making a tackle but having failed to capitalise on numerous opportunities prior, the Gold Coast finally put points on the board off a short Foran pass to David Fifita. Tanah Boyd then stepped up and added the two points to tie the game up at 6-all at the break.

Broncos coach Kevin Walters appeared to give his side a spray at halftime but it didn't have the desired effect as the Titans went over to score first in the second half. It came after Khan-Pereira was flipped in a tackle by Kobe Hetherington, with a penalty seeing the visitors start a new set beyond halfway. The Gold Coast were quick to capitalise too, with Fifita at it again as he got on the outside of Adam Reynolds on a Foran pass and quickly shifted it to Brian Kelly who scored. Boyd couldn't add the extras from

the sideline, leaving the score at 10-6. Perhaps the Broncos expected things to come a little easier as the frustration was starting to build, with Walsh kicking straight away off a penalty and gifting the Titans the ball back. Sure, the Brisbane fullback has pace on his side but the Broncos have built their success this year on sustained pressure and that was not the way to build it. Even the experienced Reynolds was guilty of forcing the issue too much, giving the Titans a seven-tackle set when a poorly-executed kick from the Broncos halfback bounced dead. Once again the Gold Coast made the home side pay, this time spreading it early to Khan-Pereira who used his speed to burn Cobbo and score. Boyd successfully slotted the conversion from the sideline to make it 16-6 but it looked like the Broncos had hit back shortly after, only for the Bunker to intervene. On this occasion Reynolds went to the air on the last in the 57th minute and it looked like Phillip Sami couldn't bring it down, with Brendan Piakura pouncing to score. Replays later showed a touch from Corey Oates though, with the try later taken off the board. That was the first of three tries that would be initially awarded and later overruled by the Bunker, with the Titans and Broncos each having four-pointers taken away. The most contentious came in the 59th minute as Walsh put Kotoni Staggs through a gaping hole and backed up in support to score. But the Bunker was quick

to intervene and ruled Fifita was obstructed in the lead-up. There was a close call on the ensuing set as Boyd put up a kick and Oates dropped it, with Aaron Schoupp on the spot to score. In similar fashion to the Piakura no-try, it was later ruled by the Bunker that Phillip Sami had got his hands on the ball in the lead-up and knocked it on. The Broncos finally got their second try of the game in the 63rd minute when some slick footwork from Ezra Mam fooled the Gold Coast defence, with Reynolds converting the try to make it 16-12 with 15 minutes left. Brisbane had plenty of chances to steal the game late and Oates surged through from a set play off a scrum to score in the 71st minute, only for the pass from Walsh to be called forward. The Broncos had one final opportunity on their final play of the game as Reynolds put Piakura through a hole, with the second rower finding Corey Oates who kicked back inside. Walsh was chasing in support but Jayden Campbell saved the day as the Titans claimed a thrilling 18-12 win. The Gold Coast play Canberra next week while the Broncos face another Queensland rival, preparing to take on Wayne Bennett and the Dolphins. **ANDREW JACKSON**

NORTH QLD 31 SOUTH SYDNEY 6

The North Queensland Cowboys have powered home to defeat the South Sydney Rabbitohs 31-6 on Sunday afternoon.

Piling on four second half tries before a crowd of 11,262 supporters at Accor Stadium, the Cowboys claimed their first win in Sydney this season after four previous losses south of the border.

In a closely fought opening which saw both teams tussle for the ascendancy, the Rabbitohs appeared

most likely to score through Richie Kennar only for the Cowboys defence to rise to the occasion. With both teams continuing to trade sets midway through the half, Cameron Murray was forced from the field after copping an accidental knee from Jake Granville; the South Sydney captain subsequently returned to the field after passing his head injury assessment. In a sign of fatigue which saw Alex Johnston fail to hold onto a cut-out pass from Cody Walker, the Cowboys capitalised on the half hour mark with Tom Dearden, celebrating his 50th game for the club, delivering a cut-out pass to Murray Taulagi (30th minute) to

break the deadlock. A field goal to Scott Drinkwater as the halftime siren sounded gave the visitors an unexpected 5-0 lead at the change of ends.

Blowing the game open immediately after the break courtesy of Drinkwater making an incisive run and finding Valentine Holmes (44th minute) in support, a tap back by Taulagi in the following set saw Holmes (47th minute) put the visitors up 17-0. Needing to stem the flow of points to have any chance of getting back in the contest, a show-and-go by Lachlan Ilias (59th minute) from a scrum saw the Rabbitohs score

underneath the posts. Going beyond two converted tries with a penalty goal to Holmes just over the hour mark, a strong run from Kulikefu Finefeuiaki (70th minute) saw the young forward seal the result with his second touch of the game. A late try to Dearden (77th minute), pouncing on a dropped ball from Blake Taaffe, saw the Cowboys run out 31-6 victors with their third win in succession. Next week, the Rabbitohs head across the Tasman to face the Warriors on Friday night, while the Cowboys will host the Tigers at home on Saturday evening. **ROB CROSBY**

CANBERRA 20 SYDNEY 18

Questions about the form of Roosters and NSW fullback James Tedesco have only gotten louder after a poor performance in the Roosters 20-18 loss to the Canberra Raiders in front of 13,000 fans at Allianz Stadium.

The Canberra Raiders started quickly with a penalty goal inside the first ten minutes after an offside penalty was conceded by the Roosters. The momentum was with the Raiders early as Jack Wighton was able to outleap James Tedesco and get his way over the line to score the opener. Jarrod

Croker had a shock miss from close range. The Roosters defensive pressure seemed to be going through a minimalist phase as it didn't really appear as Canberra added a second try as Albert Hopoate went over in the corner despite some questionable passes in the lead-up that were cleared by the officials. Jarrod Croker converted from near enough to the sideline to extend the lead to 12-0. On the half-hour mark, the Raiders added their third try of the first half when yet again James Tedesco was beaten in the air and the ball ended up with Matt Timoko who scored under the sticks. Croker extended the lead to 18-0. The stroke of half-time was perfect timing for a Roosters try and it came when Joey Manu had too

much speed and strength for a tiring Raiders defence that couldn't complete the tackle. Sandon Smith closed the gap with a conversion from right in front.

The late try for the Roosters sparked momentum as they were able to get an early one in the second half again through Joey Manu when he got over the line and had a questionable grounding but it was confirmed by the bunker supporting the onfield decision. The conversion from Sandon Smith closes the gap to just six points. A penalty just shy off the hour mark for the Roosters being offside at a scrum gave Canberra what would become a vital penalty goal to lead 20-12 with 20 minutes to go. Neither

side really could manage any attacking flare but it was Lindsay Collins who got the Roosters back into the game with a try underneath the posts inside the final few minutes. Unfortunately, errors ended up costing the Roosters any chance to attack the Raiders line again and the Green Machine held on for a 20-18 victory. Next weekend, the Roosters head to Brookvale for a Sunday afternoon clash with Manly that is getting to must win stage territory, meanwhile the Raiders will play host to the Titans in the Nations Capital on Saturday afternoon. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ROUND 17 RESULTS

WARRIORS 48 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 4, R. Berry, J. Ford, S. Johnson, M. Montoya, B. Sironen tries; S. Johnson 6 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (F. Molo, Z. Musgrove, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 23rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 20-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 4-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 9,275.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Bird, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Amone, Molo, Murdoch-Masila, Musgrove.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Curran, Sironen, Ale.

PARRAMATTA 48 (C. Gutherson 2, W. Penisini 2, A. Davey, J. Hopgood, S. Russell, B. Simonsson tries; M. Moses 8 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 20** (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, B. McGrady, V. Te Whare tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 42-4. Penalties: Dolphins 3-2. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 8,821.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Te Whare, McGrady; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), O'Sullivan, Ese'ese, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Stone. Int: Kerr, Nicholls, Lemuelu, Graham.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Ogden, Cartwright, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Paulo, Ofahengau, Matterson, Makatoa.

PENRITH 20 (T. Peachey 2, D. Edwards, J. Salmon tries; J. Cogger 2 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 12** (J. Hastings, K. Ponga tries; J. Hastings 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-6. Penalties: Penrith 6-1. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 18,589.

PENRITH: Edwards (C), Turuva, Tago, Peachey, Jenkins, Salmon, Cogger; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Eisenhuth. Int: Luke, Smith, Leniu, Garner.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Mann, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

MELBOURNE 24 (X. Coates 2, N. Asofa-Solomona, J. Hughes, J. Pezet tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 6** (H. Olakau'atu try; R. Garrick goal) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 10-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 13,198.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Pezet, Hughes; Sims, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Asofa-Solomona, King. Int: Garlick, Pene, Wishart, MacDonald.

MANLY: Garrick, Tuaimalo Vaega, Koula, Harper, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Bullemor, Woods. Int: Keppie, Lawton, Aloiai, Condon.

GOLD COAST 18 (D. Fifita, B. Kelly, A. Khan-Pereira tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 12** (T. Flegler, E. Mam tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Gold Coast 7-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 42,249.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Jensen, Hetherington, Taupau.

GOLD COAST: Brimson (C), Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuika, Verrills, Jolliffe, Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Clark, Randall, Fa'asuamaleau.

NORTH QLD 31 (V. Holmes 2, T. Dearden, K. Finefeuiaki, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 5 goals; S. Drinkwater field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 6** (L. Ilias try; B. Taaffe goal) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: North QLD 5-0. Penalties: North QLD 8-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 11,262.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Kennar; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Cartwright, Moale, Burgess, Mamouzelos.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Taulagi, Holmes, Hiku, Valemei; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Nanai, Granville. Int: Finefeuiaki, Neame, Taunoa-Brown, Cotter.

CANBERRA 20 (A. Hopoate, M. Timoko, J. Wighton tries; J. Croker 4 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 18** (J. Manu 2, L. Collins tries; S. Smith 3 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-6. Penalties: Canberra 4-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 13,326.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Pauga; Keary, Smith; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Collins, Butcher, Crichton, Radley. Int: Brown, Whyte, May, Hutchison.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Cotric, Saulo.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 17

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	15	10	0	5	2	175	24
2	BRISBANE	16	11	0	5	1	87	24
3	MELBOURNE	15	10	0	5	2	83	24
4	CRONULLA	14	8	0	6	3	74	22
5	WARRIORS	15	9	0	6	2	64	22
6	CANBERRA	15	9	0	6	2	-69	22
7	PARRAMATTA	16	9	0	7	1	132	20
8	SOUTHS	16	9	0	7	1	74	20
9	GOLD COAST	14	7	0	7	3	-27	20
10	NORTH QLD	16	8	0	8	1	-36	18
11	DOLPHINS	15	7	0	8	2	-75	18
12	SYDNEY	15	7	0	8	2	-90	18
13	MANLY	15	6	1	8	2	-26	17
14	NEWCASTLE	15	5	1	9	2	-40	15
15	CANTERBURY	15	5	0	10	2	-154	14
16	WESTS TIGERS	14	3	0	11	3	-81	12
17	ST GEO ILLA	15	4	0	11	2	-91	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Reece Walsh (QLD) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: 7% of match fee

Josh Addo-Carr (NSW) Grade 1 Striking: 10% of match fee

Reece Walsh (QLD) Grade 2 Striking: 23% of match fee

Jarome Luai (NSW) Grade 2 Striking: 23% of match fee

Marata Niukore (Warriors) Grade 2 Careless HT: 3 matches

Jack de Belin (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

Jack de Belin (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Maika Sivo (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Aaron Pene (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Reece Walsh (Brisbane) Contrary Conduct, referred: 3 matches

Cameron Murray (South Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

Jacob Host (South Sydney) Grade 2 Shoulder Charge: 2 matches

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



25 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

19 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels), Payne Haas (Broncos)

17 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)

16 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

ROUND 18

CRONULLA 52 ST GEO ILLA 16

A brutal second-half massacre has given the Cronulla Sharks a convincing 52-16 victory over arch-rivals St George Illawarra to reclaim the Monty Porter Cup.

It was going to be a tough and strong affair despite these sides' places on the competition ladder. An early dual was in the offerings when St George Illawarra was strong in their line speed and forced an early error. This led to the opening try of the first half when Jacob Little summed up the situation perfectly and found a rampaging Mikaele Ravalawa to give his side an early 6-0 advantage. However, some poor discipline by the

visitors gave the Sharks a sniff and off the back of some brilliant set play. Nicho Hynes slid through some paper-thin defence and into a yawning gap for the equalising try. After the early strikes, the game stabilised for a moment before the Dragons retook the lead. Tautau Moga capitalised on some ball playing from Ben Hunt and Tyrell Sloan who reached out to score and beat the cover tacklers for a 10-6 lead. However, it was all the Sharks in the final 15 minutes of the first half, crossing for three tries for a commanding half-time lead. In the final fifteen minutes, a short ball from Hynes saw Briton Nikora cross for the home side and with the conversion from the 2022 Dally M Medallist, the Sharks retook the lead and didn't look back. Seven minutes later, a clever cross-field kick from Matt Moylan found a flying Jesse Ramien who was cleared for takeoff and gave the Sharks

a two-possession game. In the shadows of the break, cult hero Tom Hazelton crashed over after a wave of Sharks possession and it meant Cronulla's margin ballooned to 14 points.

The second half began in comedic fashion with the Dragons failing to find touch on the first penalty of the half. However, the Sharks were lackadaisical in their attacking style with many kicks leading to poor end of sets. This came back to bite when Ben Hunt and Tyrell Sloan combined to send the young fullback on a 90-metre solo effort to get the Dragons back into the contest. That would be as close as the Dragons got with the Sharks turning on the accelerator racing in four second-half tries to all but blow the visitors out of the contest. Five minutes after Sloan's individual effort, the

eagerness from the Dragons cost them when Moylan and Wade Graham to find Ronaldo Mulitalo who got it down spectacularly in the corner. Three minutes later, Will Kennedy tore through some abysmal edge defence who fooled Sloan by having Hynes on the inside but Kennedy is too smart to cross. With thirteen minutes to go, Sifa Talakai smashed his way through the defence isolating the small defenders to crash over. Talakai was in all of the late action with a cheeky blindside raid, he kicked ahead and then followed up with another kick which was collected by Mulitalo who crossed for his second. The Sharks completed their 50 burger with a second try to Nikora who crossed after breaching some pathetic defence which looked like they'd rather be doing their taxes instead of defending and sealing the Monty Porter Cup for another season. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SOUTH SYDNEY 28 WARRIORS 6

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have produced an emphatic return to form, beating the previously hot Warriors by 22-points in torrential rain at Go Media Stadium.

Key takeaways:

- The Warriors came out of the blocks well, enjoying a lot of penalties but could only post one try during their opening period of domination
- When Souths finally got down the other end they scored with ease, Alex Johnston crossing basically untouched
- Addin Fonua-Blake was sent to the sin bin just before half time, Souths taking advantage with a try to Cameron Murray giving them an unlikely

lead at the break

- The Warriors conceded an early second half try, making the hole they had to dig themselves out even deeper
- Any chance of a comeback had evaporated by the time debutant Tyrone Munro got a try in the 70th minute. Blake Taaffe also scored late to put the icing on the cake

The Warriors at one stage led the penalty count 6-0, but the Rabbitohs were able to continuously turn them away in what would be a foreshadowing of what was to come. The weight of possession and field position eventually took its toll as Marcelo Montoya went over for the first try of the match. Souths would've taken it as a win to be only down by 6, and their confidence increased even

more as they scored with ease on their first visit near the Warriors line, spreading it left to Alex Johnston, who went over basically untouched.

The contest then evened up a bit, but the Rabbitohs climbed into the box seat when Addin Fonua-Blake was sent to the sin bin for high contact. They took immediate advantage, Damien Cook putting Cam Murray through a huge hole to give Souths the lead. The Rabbitohs ball control was superb the whole night, finishing with 35/39 sets completed despite the monsoon like conditions. It was on full display when Cody Walker stayed in the field of play against the odds and then produced a grubber to force a dropout. Souths would score on the ensuing set when Walker put in a crossfield kick to Alex Johnston, who scored his second.

The Warriors still had an outside chance of producing a comeback when they forced a dropout down 16-6, but all their momentum was killed when Barnett forced an unnecessary pass on play 1 that was obviously forward. Souths continued to win the moments and the icing was put on the cake when the race to Lachlan Ilias' kick was won by debutant Tyrone Munro, making it a 16-point lead for Souths with 10 minutes to go. With about 3 minutes to play, Munro got into some space and tried a hail mary kick ahead. It sat up in the in-goal, and Blake Taaffe was chasing through and grounded the ball, blowing the scoreline out to 28-6, where it remained. Next week, the Warriors have another challenge as they travel to Parramatta to take on the Eels, while the Rabbitohs will host the Bulldogs. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

PENRITH 34 MELBOURNE 16

Penrith have defeated the Storm by 34-16 in convincing fashion under the roof at Marvel Stadium in Melbourne tonight.

With both sides having a number of origin players, the animosity started early when Blues and Panthers five-eighth Jerome Luai tackled Storm half Jahrome Hughes as he kicked on the last tackle. The Storm players let Luai know about it and he was subsequently penalised. Storm goalkicker Nick Meaney took to two points on offer and got his side a 2-0 lead after as many minutes. Melbourne then got the jump on the defending premiers,

when QLD hooker Harry Grant scored from a charge down, with the crafty number nine getting a perfect bounce to score the first try of the match for an 8-0 lead. The Storm continued their early dominance when Reimis Smith produced a beautiful right foot step and offload for a barnstorming Nelson Asafa-Solomona to score. Despite replays suggesting that the Kiwi backrower lost the ball late, the Video Referee controversially awarded the try to give Melbourne a 14-0 lead. Penrith were in danger of losing touch, however the visitors were awarded a penalty try to Stephen Crichton in the 31st minute. The Bulldogs bound centre looked set to score, but replays showed that Storm fullback Nick Meaney

pulled the arm of Crichton without the ball and impeded him from grounding the ball. Minutes later Izack Tago makes it back-to-back tries for the visitors as Luai put the young gun over in the left-hand corner. Penrith then had another try with Lindsay Smith the unlikely hero as the interchange forward contested a Jack Cogger bomb. He then collected the rebound and produced a sublime flick pass to find Liam Martin who scored just a minute before halftime. Crichton converted to give his side a shock 16-14 lead.

It was déjà vu for Melbourne early in the second half when they received another penalty courtesy of

Jarome Luai to provide Meaney with another gift two points which was gladly cashed in. Penrith then pulled away when Tago crashed through the Storm defence to score his second try and was then involved in another try minutes later when he got a desperate kick away on the last. The ball was charged upon by interchange forward Zac Hosking, who picked up the scraps to score next to the posts to give the Panthers a commanding lead. Jarome Luai then put a cherry on top late, when he bounced away from two Storm would be defenders to deliver a clever kick in goal to find a flying Brian To'o who scored to give his side a huge confidence boost as they head into next week's bye round. **SAM BOURKE**

CANBERRA 22 GOLD COAST 16

Canberra have held on against a strong performing Gold Coast Titans with a 22-16 victory at GIO Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Key takeaways:

- Canberra started strongly, with two first-half tries before the Titans clawed one back.
- Gold Coast appeared to claw things back late in the half when David Fifita claimed a second try, but the Bunker controversially overturned the call. Canberra led 12-6 at change of ends.
- The visitors were stronger out of the sheds, scoring to narrow the gap to two, but the two sides then traded tries for the rest of the game,

Canberra ultimately taking a 10-point lead with five minutes remaining to all-but shut out the hope for a Titans win.

- A late try for Tino Fa'asuamaleaui wasn't enough to give the Gold Coast a miracle late win.

Albert Hopoate was over for the home team inside three minutes in an ominous sign, but the Titans managed to wrestle back a bit of momentum and it was end-to-end for much of the opening quarter of the match, before Seb Kris got on the end of a Fogarty bomb to put the Raiders two tries clear. From there the Titans did turn it around - Fifita scored his side's opening try at the 23 minute mark off a grubber from Aloifana Khan-Pereira which narrow the gap to six. The Titans appeared to dominate much of the rest of the half but it was the final minute which

provided the biggest turning point - Fifita was claiming his second try - and while Todd Smith had awarded it, the Bunker had other ideas, with Kasey Badger ruling (controversially) that he'd held back a Raiders player chasing the ball.

Trailing 12-6 at the break, Gold Coast came out strongly after halftime, with Jojo Fifita ensuring the Titans' scoresheet remained mostly Fifita's. Brimson threw a superb ball out for the makeshift winger (who had replaced Phil Sami late before kickoff). Tanah Boyd's missed conversion meant Canberra retained the lead, but it was reduced to two. Canberra fired back at 50 minutes with a bizarre passage of play. Khan-Pereira looked to have scored in the corner off an advantage play in the corner - the ball not grounded in the corner

but instead bounced into the hands of Raiders' half Jamal Fogarty. Fogarty found Rapana who then delivered it to Timoko who ran 90 metres for a superb long-range try, if not an odd one. With Croker converting the lead stretched to eight points for the home team. The two sides went toe-to-toe for the last half-hour of the game, in an entertaining contest. Khan-Pereira finally got his try at the 63 minute mark to narrow the deficit to two points; but the Raiders effectively secured the win at 74 minutes when Tom Starling reinstated the 8-point buffer, reaching out for a crucial try. Croker converted it, then added a penalty goal some four minutes later. The Titans would enjoy a late surge on the back of a short kickoff with Tino Fa'asuamaleaui scoring a late consolation but it wouldn't be enough for the visitors, who fell short by four points. **TIM COSTELLO**

NORTH QLD 74 WESTS TIGERS 0

In a bizarre reversal of a similar result just six weeks ago, North Queensland have humbled the lowly Wests Tigers with a 74-0 win in front of more than 20,000 fans at QLD Country Bank Stadium on Saturday.

Let's start with the records:

- Third biggest margin in Australian first grade history - 74 points (2nd: Easts v Canterbury, 80 points; 1st: St George v Canterbury, 85 points; both in 1935).

- Biggest ever score to nil in Australian first grade history - 74-0
- North Queensland's biggest ever win (previously 64-6, also against the Tigers, in 2014 at their previous home ground)
- North Queensland's biggest ever halftime lead - 42-0

It took nearly 15 minutes for the scoreboard to be troubled - incredible when you consider there were nearly as many points as there are minutes in a game by fulltime. The Cowboys' procession started with Tom

Dearden dummying and scoring, and barely let up for the rest of the contest. Semi Valemei was next and Luciano Leilua almost immediately after, and in five minutes the score transformed from 0-all to 18-0 and the hosts were hot-to-trot. Scott Drinkwater was next on the scoresheet - twice he crossed before the half-hour mark and after Alex Twal was sin-binned for a hip-drop, the flood gates opened further, with 30-0 becoming 42-0 in the blink of an eye - Murray Taulagi and Val Holmes queuing up for their own four-pointers.

Holmes along with Valemei were next on the board after halftime, with 42-0 turning into 52-0 in next-to-no time, Taulagi then adding a double in time for the 67th minute and the 60-barrier was smashed through. The forwards got a look in late with Jeremiah Nanai and Jordan McLean breaking down what little resistance the lowly Tigers offered late in the contest and bringing the final score to 74-0. The Tigers' task gets no easier when they host Cronulla at Commbank next Thursday, while the Cowboys bank two more points next week with a bye, before a trip to Brookvale against the enigmatic Sea Eagles in Round 20. **TIM COSTELLO**

BRISBANE 24 DOLPHINS 16

A 24-16 win ensured the Brisbane Broncos kept a 100% winning record over their newest neighbours the Dolphins in a pulsating clash at the Gabba on Saturday night.

Key takeaways:

- An early Selwyn Cobbo try - minutes after a Dolphins try claim was rubbed out by the Bunker - was the first ever NRL try at the Gabba after seven minutes.
- Brisbane went 10-0 up after 23 minutes with a Herbie Farnworth four-pointer.
- The Dolphins hit back through Kodi Nikorima a couple of minutes later to narrow the gap

to 10-6, but Farnworth's second the next set for Brisbane shot the margin back out to eight points.

- Coming out of halftime with a 14-6 lead, Brisbane conceded first to only be ahead 14-10 at the fifty minute mark.
- With 17 minutes left, Jeremy Marshall-King burrowed over for the 'Phins, Isaako's conversion letting the new club in front for the only time of the match.
- Five minutes later Cobbo restored Brisbane's advantage with his second try; Reynolds converting for 20-16.
- A 78th-minute hat-trick try for Cobbo sealed Brisbane's win, final margin eight points.

After a fast start and a denied try by the Bunker, the Dolphins conceded the first try after seven minutes when Selwyn Cobbo claimed a four-pointer out wide. A second try after the twenty minute mark to Herbie Farnworth, barging his way over, saw the home team go 10-0 clear but the Dolphins managed to wrest the momentum back not long after, with Kodi Nikorima fooling Brisbane's defenders and getting the away side started for the contest. Farnworth was keen to see the tryline again and quickly restored Brisbane's advantage with his second, and with Reynolds failing to convert, the score going into the break would be 14-6 to the Broncos.

The Dolphins looked strongest after the break and they capitulated through a solid left side movement which put Valynce Te Whare over, narrowing the margin to four. A war of attrition developed thereafter and it wouldn't be til the 65th minute when another tryscorer was registered. Jeremy Marshall-King's reach-out-put-down drew the Phins level before Isaako converted and the away team led by two for the first time, but it wasn't to last. At the 70 minute mark the Broncos fired back against the momentum with a Selwyn Cobbo four-pointer which saw the hosts lead 20-16 after Reynolds converted. Cobbo bagged his hat-trick late and secured Brisbane's second win from two against their new local rivals, a crowd of more than 30,000 packed in to watch the historic Gabba match on a pulsating Saturday night. **TIM COSTELLO**

NEWCASTLE 66 CANTERBURY 0

Newcastle Knights put on a club record in their 66-0 win over Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs in front of 11,004 fans at Stadium Australia on Sunday afternoon.

It was one-way traffic in the center of Sydney in this contest. Kalyn Ponga starred with hand and boot while Bradman Best scored a hat-trick in the huge win which gave the Knights their sixth win of the season. The game was an arm wrestle for the first ten minutes before the floodgates opened. Jackson Hastings sold the Bulldogs a

bigger dummy than crash test dummies to slice through and make it 6-0. Hastings got involved in the Knights second four-pointer. It was some quick hands down the left side which ended with Bradman Best crashing over from close range then Lachlan Fitzgibbon ran a similar line to dive over and make it 18-0. Newcastle Knights ended the half with a bang to lead 30-0 at oranges. Ponga weaved past the defense before he offloaded to Phoenix Crossland to score then Best made it a double from another superb Ponga pass to round off a dominant first half.

Coming out of the break, Knights felt just fine. Fitzgibbon sliced through, found the trailing Kurt Mann who strolled over. Bulldogs fans who booed their team off the ground as half-time were fed up with their side after 44 minutes. Hayze Perham had an afternoon he would rather forget at fullback. He almost gifted Best his hat-trick after spilling a routine kick but was bailed out by the bunker. Knights scored a few tackles later through Greg Marzhev to make it 42-0. Best who has played every minute in 2023 for Newcastle turned provider for the Knights eighth try. He strode through the gap, tried

to get to the line himself for the hat-trick but offloaded to Hastings for the score. The Bulldogs were charitable enough to give Bradman Best his hat-trick minutes later. Paul Alamoti dropped the ball off the scrum, the centre scooped up the ball and went the length to bring up the half century. Knights put the icing on the victory cake with a pair of late scores. Enari Tuala ran a good line to dive over then Kurt Mann set up Phoenix Crossland for his second four-pointer to round off the 66-0 thrashing. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 18 SYDNEY 16

The Manly Sea Eagles were made to wait until the final play of the game to claim an 18-16 victory over the Sydney Roosters on Sunday afternoon.

Holding a two-point lead with only seconds left on the clock, Manly winger Christian Tuipulotu managed to defuse an all-or-nothing kick from Roosters rookie Sandon Smith to put the home side back in the winner's circle following back-to-back losses over the past fortnight. Reuben Garrick's perfect record with the boot proved the difference in a match which finished three

tries apiece to the delight of a sell-out crowd of 17,385 supporters at 4 Pines Park.

In an evenly matched opening which saw both teams go set for set, the Roosters appeared to open the scoring through Corey Allan, only for the bunker to rule Daniel Tupou had knocked on while contesting a bomb from Luke Keary in the lead up. Having withstood several sets on their own line, the Rooster opened the scoring after Joseph Manu - celebrating his 150th game in first grade - delivered a sensational flick pass to send Junior Pauga (22nd minute) over in the corner. The Sea Eagles

returned serve with a scintillating try of their own which saw Brad Parker fend off two defenders before finding Reuben Garrick in support, who produced a pinpoint chip kick for Daly Cherry-Evans (27th minute) to pounce on. An offload from Nat Butcher allowed James Tedesco (32nd minute) to put the visitors back in front, however the lead was short lived as Cherry-Evans (37th minute) intercepted a pass from Keary to send the Sea Eagles to the sheds up 12-10.

Taking advantage of a Manly error shortly after the resumption, Manu (45th minute) powered his way to the

line to put the visitor back in front. In a dogged second half which saw points hard to come by for both teams, Josh Schuster delivered a terrific short pass that saw Ben Trbojevic (70th minute) level the scores at 16-all; Garrick's successful conversion proved decisive as the home side took a two-point lead into the final stages. The Roosters managed to go the length of the field and force an error to have a final chance of snatching victory, however the Sea Eagles stood tall with one-time Rooster Tuipulotu holding his nerve on the final play to clinch the 18-16 result. Next week, both sides will have their third - and final - byes of the season. **ROB CROSSBY**

ROUND 18 RESULTS

CRONULLA 52 (R. Mulitalo 2, B. Nikora 2, T. Hazelton, N. Hynes, W. Kennedy, J. Ramien, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 8 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 16** (T. Moga, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 29th June. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 24-10. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 10,267.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Wilton, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Hazelton, Williams, Graham.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Moga, Lomax, Ravalawa; Sullivan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Molo, Couchman, Hunt, Mbye.

PENRITH 34 (I. Tago 2, S. Crichton, Z. Hosking, L. Martin, B. To'o tries; S. Crichton 5 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 16** (N. Asofa-Solomona, H. Grant tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) **AT MARVEL STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-14. Penalties: Penrith 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 26,829.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Sims, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Asofa-Solomona, King. Int: Garlick, Kamikamica, Wishart, Eisenhuth.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cogger; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Smith, Leniu, Hosking, Peachey.

SOUTHS 28 (A. Johnston 2, T. Munro, C. Murray, B. Taaffe tries; B. Taaffe 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 6** (M. Montoya try; S. Johnson goal) **AT GO MEDIA STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 12-6. Penalties: Warriors 9-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 22,612.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Barnett, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Sironen, Ale, Lussick.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Munro, Milne, Kennar; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Havili, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Chee-Kam, Murray (C). Int: Cook, Sele, Mitchell, Moale.

CANBERRA 26 (A. Hopoate, S. Kris, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Croker 5 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 22** (T. Fa'asuamaleaui, D. Fifita, S. Fifita, A. Khan-Pereira tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 11-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 11,659.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Mariota, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Saulo, Starling, Guler.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Fifita; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Verrills, Fa'asuamaleaui (C), Fifita, Stimson, Liu. Int: Campbell, Clark, Jolliffe, Randall.

NORTH QLD 74 (M. Taulagi 3, S. Drinkwater 2, V. Holmes 2, S. Valemei 2, T. Dearden, L. Leilua, J. McLean, J. Nanai tries; V. Holmes 11 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 0 AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North QLD 42-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 20,535.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Valemei, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, Finefeuiaki, Taumalolo.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, Naden, To'a, Tupou; Laurie, Wakeham; Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Blore, Bateman (C). Int: Da Silva, Pole, Twal, Seyfarth.

BRISBANE 24 (S. Cobbo 3, H. Farnworth 2 tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 16** (J. Marshall-King, K. Nikorima, V. Te Whare tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) **AT BRISBANE CRICKET GROUND.**

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 14-6. Penalties: Brisbane 8-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 30,606.

BRISBANE: Sailor, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Hetherington, Carrigan. Int: Willison, Smoothy, Jensen, Taupau.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Tabuai-Fidow, Te Whare, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Lemuelu, Kaufusi, Bromwich, Stone. Int: Aitken, Ese'ese, Kerr, Nicholls.

NEWCASTLE 66 (B. Best 3, P. Crossland 2, J. Hastings 2, L. Fitzgibbon, K. Mann, G. Marzhev, E. Tuala tries; K. Ponga 11 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 0 AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 30-0. Penalties: Canterbury 5-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 11,004.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Kiraz, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Rajab, Burton (C); King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Okunbor, Preston, Morrin. Int: Edwards, Sutton, Topine, Faitala-Mariner.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Tuala, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Saifiti, Mann, Hetherington, Croker.

MANLY 18 (D. Cherry-Evans 2, B. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 16** (J. Manu, J. Pauga, J. Tedesco tries; S. Smith 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-10. Penalties: Manly 8-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 17,385.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Siple, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Trbojevic. Int: Trbojevic, Aloiai, Bullemor, Woods.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Allan, Manu, Pauga; Keary, Smith; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Collins, Radley, Butcher, Brown. Int: Whyte, Hutchison, May, Wong.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 18

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	16	11	0	5	2	193	26
2	BRISBANE	17	12	0	5	1	95	26
3	CRONULLA	15	9	0	6	3	110	24
4	MELBOURNE	16	10	0	6	2	65	24
5	CANBERRA	16	10	0	6	2	-63	24
6	PARRAMATTA	16	9	0	7	2	132	22
7	SOUTHS	17	10	0	7	1	96	22
8	WARRIORS	16	9	0	7	2	42	22
9	NORTH QLD	17	9	0	8	1	38	20
10	GOLD COAST	15	7	0	8	3	-33	20
11	MANLY	16	7	1	8	2	-24	19
12	DOLPHINS	16	7	0	9	2	-83	18
13	SYDNEY	16	7	0	9	2	-92	18
14	NEWCASTLE	16	6	1	9	2	26	17
15	CANTERBURY	16	5	0	11	2	-220	14
16	ST GEO ILLA	16	4	0	12	2	-127	12
17	WESTS TIGERS	15	3	0	12	3	-155	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Dale Finucane (Cronulla) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: 2 matches
Tautau Moga (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Taane Milne (South Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Jarome Luai (Penrith) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Izack Tago (Penrith) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500

Emre Guler (Canberra) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1000

Alex Twal (Wests Tigers) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

Jake Simpkin (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$2500

Isaiah Papali'i (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Matt Burton (Canterbury) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Naufahu Whyte (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Christian Tuipulotu (Manly) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

20 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

19 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

17 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)

16 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)



ROUND 19

CRONULLA 36 WESTS TIGERS 12

Sione Katoa was the hat-trick hero as Cronulla overcame a plucky Wests Tigers to run away 36-12 winners in front of just over 9,000 fans at CommBank Stadium on Thursday night.

The Tigers answered the challenge early in defence on Thursday night, repelling a few Sharks raids to keep the visitors tryless after 15 minutes as Cronulla instead settled for a single penalty goal. Eventually though the Sharks were destined to break the Tigers open, having already done just that through the middle of the ruck but struggled to capitalise. The first try of the night came in the 16th minute went right and Will Kennedy held up the ball, passing it to Jesse Ramien who shoveled the ball to Katoa in the corner. The winger then barged over, although Nicho Hynes missed the conversion from the sideline to leave the score at 6-0 after that earlier

penalty goal. It didn't take long for Cronulla to extend its lead, with a Hynes bomb dropped by Asu Kepaoa and the Sharks quickly taking advantage as their halfback double-pumped it for a rampaging Siosifa Talakai. Hynes added the extras to make it 12-0 after 22 minutes and despite their promising start, things threatened to unravel like they had the week prior against North Queensland. Instead, the Tigers rallied to score the next two tries of the game and level it up at 12-all by halftime. First a bit of second-phase play, sparked first by an Alex Seyfarth offload, ended with Tommy Talau reaching out to score in the 27th minute. Seyfarth was at it again just before halftime, with the Tigers gifted field position after Ronaldo Mulitalo spilt a Brandon Wakeham bomb. On this occasion the interchange forward played it short to deceive the Cronulla defence and send Shawn Blore steaming over under the posts, with both tries converted.

The Tigers needed to carry that momentum into the second half or quickly risk falling behind against a

Sharks team that was sure to get more clinical in attack the longer the game dragged on. Unfortunately for the home side an early Isaiha Papali'i error saw the Sharks go on the attack right away and Cronulla threatened to re-establish its lead twice - only to be just denied. First, Hynes took it right up to the line and passed short to Briton Nikora who was stopped just short of the line before Blayke Brailey put in a deft kick for Wade Graham which looked destined to produce points. A late Jahream Bula hand though batted it dead, showing the exact kind of desperation in defence the Tigers had been lacking in last week's 74-0 loss. The Brailey dropout and extended pressure eventually led to Cronulla's third try of the night though, with a well-worked play and runners in motion seeing Katoa pick up his second. Hynes then slotted the conversion to make it 18-12 as the Sharks looked in a solid position to push on for the kind of comprehensive victory many were expecting. Poor ball handling and general ill-discipline from Cronulla though continually presented the Tigers with opportunities to level the game once again, and they went close on two

occasions. First, Wakeham spotted space in the corner and kicked on the third tackle for a flying Junior Tupou only for a late bounce to fool the Tigers winger. Then Talau looked to have scored his second after coming down with a Wakeham bomb, but replays showed he didn't have control of it as the ball went forward into the arms of Hynes. Two tries went begging as the Sharks then went down the other end of the field and made those close calls even harder to take, with Ramien scoring off a Hynes kick. Hynes hit the posts but the score still had pushed out to 22-12, with luck hardly on the Tigers' side on Thursday night. It took a while but the Sharks eventually put the game to bed as Hynes cleverly put Talakai one-on-one with Starford To'a again, with the centre easily finishing on top of his rival to score. Having already threatened to split them earlier in the game, Brailey then later made a clean break to set up Hynes for his first try of the night - pushing the score out to 32-12. Katoa then iced the night with his third of the game in spectacular fashion, scoring in the corner just before the siren. **ANDREW JACKSON**

CANBERRA 36 ST GEO ILLA 26

Canberra have nearly blown a 30-10 lead - conceding 3 tries in six minutes - but steadied to defeat the Dragons by 36-26 at WIN Stadium.

After both sides played some enterprising football in the opening exchanges, it was the Raiders that collected the first points. Matt Timoko took advantage of a lot of early football and found open space before finding Jamal Fogarty before the half was taken metres from the line. On the ensuing play, Jordan Rapana crashed his way across the line as the Raiders took their spin on the controversial Ashes dismissal for Try July. Jarrod Croker converted from out wide for an early 6-0 lead. The Dragons gritted and worked their way back into the game, however, their sloppy discipline cost them in the long run. A poor error coming out of yardage undid all their hard work and the Raiders capitalised. Joe Tapine received the ball and beat five of them on his

way to the line, Croker converted to extend the margin out to two converted tries. It was soon beginning to look embarrassing for the Red V. Matt Timoko looked promising all night and he finally got rewarded just shy of the half-hour mark. Some quick hands down the right saw Timoko break through and he had too much pace for Jayden Sullivan and Paul Turner to cross. Croker converted for an 18-0 lead. Canberra thought they extended when Hudson Young crossed but the video referee spotted a knock-on. St George got in the game just before the break when Matt Feagai broke down the left sideline, a quick shift to the right saw Talataua Amone nearly get there. It took Mikeale Ravalawa to cross on the ensuing play to get the Dragons back into the contest. However, in the shadows of half-time, Canberra struck a critical blow. A clever kick from Fogarty hit the post before landing in the breadbasket of Matt Frawley and with Croker's conversion, the Raiders had a 24-6 lead.

St George had to be first to score to start the second half. It took a clever kick from Moses Mbye which turned Croker around. He spilt it in the impact from Ravalawa and Zac Lomax crossed in the aftermath of their first set of six. Lomax was unlucky to miss his conversion and the margin was immediately reduced to just 14 points. Canberra was fortunate to not be leading by less after the Dragons dominated possession in the opening exchanges of the second half. However, the Raiders showed their class with their star power. A bomb from Fogarty was spilt by Amone which got to Frawley who kicked it on the zero tackle to Timoko who strolled over the line. The video ref took his time in confirming the try, but eventually, it was given to the NZ World Cup train-on squad member. Canberra wasn't fully icing the game and again allowed the Dragons back into the game. Jack De Belin linked up with Blake Lawrie who got a miraculous offload to Amone who shifted it to the left to Lomax who found Ravalawa to cross in the corner for his second of

the night. Lomax converted to reduce the gap back to 14 points. They soon grabbed a second to set up a testy final 20. A clever kick from Amone aimed for a purpose and it was Lomax who flew above the rest to come down with it to score for the Red V. If that wasn't exciting enough, another right-side raid saw the gap reduce to four. The movement saw Amone, Lomax and Ravalawa combining sending the Fijian down the wing. He got it inside to Billy Burns who found Ravalawa for a hattrick, Lomax couldn't get the conversion and the gap was 4. However, the Dragons were unable to ice the situation. Hudson Young delivered a crunching tackle to spill the ball from Jacob Little who was away in the Raiders attacking zone. Unfortunately for the Red V, off the ensuing set, Seb Kris splits them up the middle to cross. Croker converted for a 10-point lead which they took to fulltime. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

WARRIORS 46 PARRAMATTA 10

The Warriors put on a scintillating display in their 46-10 win over Parramatta in front of 21,696 fans at CommBank Stadium on Saturday night.

The Warriors had to absorb some early pressure but put on the first score. Jackson Ford set up the move, slicing through then Luke Metcalf stepped to the line to make it 6-0 for the visitors. Parramatta Eels were a bit erratic in the early stages due to new combinations but settled in. From a scrum, they got the ball to Bailey

Simonsson who weaved past the defense and touched down. The visitors showed again in the red zone how efficient they were. They set up the play and it was an exchange of passes which saw Marcelo Montoya to go over untouched to extend their lead to eight. It felt like *deja vu* for the Warriors third of the night. They went back to the well, Metcalf with a well-timed pass and Montoya strode away again, stepped past Russell to make it 18-4. Warriors were cutting them to ribbons to end the half. They broke through again and were set up. Metcalf decides to go himself on last and extends his

arm out to get his second of the evening. Dylan Walker celebrated his 200th in style. Shaun Johnson and Tohu Harris combined with short passes to send Walker into a gaping hole and stepped the fullback to go over for a four-pointer.

They picked up right where they left off in the first half. Barnett streamed through a gap and couldn't find support. From the restart, he charged onto the ball again but got it down this time, 36-4. It isn't a Warriors game without a Dallin Watene-Zelezniak four-pointer. The

right side got it right on this occasion and the winger flew through the air for a trademark touchdown and even took the cameraman with him. Eels get some consolation through the returning Shaun Lane. It was set up by Daejarn Asi, who stepped past several Warriors defenders then offloaded to the second rower to score. Warriors iced their win with another four-pointer. Barnett was the third Warriors player to register a double with his work. He was set up on the short side and dived over past Simonsson. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CANTERBURY 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 32

Canterbury have nearly lost the unlosable as they bounced back from their embarrassing defeat last week down the Rabbitohs 36-32 at Accor Stadium.

After conceding 66 last week, the Bulldogs wanted improvement and the first five minutes didn't show much for them as Tom Burgess went over from close range through some very soft defence right in the middle of the park. The Bulldogs took advantage of their first attacking opportunity through some Matt Burton magic when the Canterbury five-eighth ran to the line and threw a lovely floating pass out to Blake Wilson and the winger had his first try in the NRL. Things didn't go well from the kick-off for the Bulldogs as Ryan Sutton had to be stretchered off after coping a high shoulder from repeat offender Taane Milne which initially was

put on report before the officials took further action and put Milne into the sin bin. Taking advantage of the extra man, things were looking good for the Doggies when Tevita Pangai Junior set things in motion with his charge down before Burton again went left and found Wilson for his second try. They continued to take advantage as the Souths defence looked lethargic and the shift right then back to the middle opened up things for Reed Mahoney. Souths were able to regroup and get possession back as Tyrone Munro showed why he is one of the stars of the future as he put on the footwork and speed to beat the Bulldogs defence. Blake Taaffe converted from wide out to close the gap to 18-12. On fire on both sides of the park, they spun the ball to the right and were able to cross in the corner with Jacob Kiraz. Burton added a fourth conversion and they held a 24-12 lead which they took into half time.

Canterbury extended their lead not long into the half when Ethan Quai-Ward got on the board as it wasn't conventional but they were able to go left again and get over in the corner. Despite trailing by 16, Souths showed they weren't out of it as Taaffe put on the speed to beat the Bulldogs defence and score his own try. The conversion was waved away and the Dogs still led by 12. The Bulldogs added a penalty goal to extend their lead out to 14 but it was another chaotic moment when they initially looked to have scored, but were denied by a double movement, although with referee Liam Kennedy playing advantage from the scrum, the Rabbitohs were penalised for being offside. Taaffe added his second try of the game to keep the Rabbitohs in it as he was able to get his way to the line. Dean Hawkins took over the kicking and added the conversion to close the gap down to 8. Inside the final ten, the Bulldogs looked like

they put the game to bed when Wilson got over for his third, swooping on the loose ball after Burton set up the attacking raid. Up by 14 and seemingly had the game under control though the Rabbitohs had different ideas scoring two tries within 40 seconds of each other. The first came when Munro chased through a grubber kick to get his second. The missed conversion probably hurt Souths' chances as the score remained 10 points apart. An unlikely source pulled off a piece of magic when Tallis Duncan put on the skills as he threw a dummy after the Rabbitohs elected to shift the ball from the kick-off but Duncan went through the middle of the field and despite having heavy legs he got to the line. It was a piece of luck for Toby Sexton that saved the Bulldogs from defeat as a grubber kick from Souths had a Tass try written all over it if it wasn't for a desperate grab. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

DOLPHINS 23 GOLD COAST 21

A Jamayne Isaako penalty goal in the first period of golden point has snapped a 4 game losing streak for the Dolphins by 23-21 over a brave Titans

Both sides took a while to warm into the contest playing possession football. This was despite the fleeting chances that both sides failed to take advantage of in the opening 10 minutes of the game. It took 17 minutes for the Dolphins to show sustained attacking dominance after a penalty they received thanks to Kieran Foran obstructing Kenny Bromwich. Off the back of the penalty, the Dolphins posted the first try of the afternoon. A clever pass from Sean O'Sullivan found Connelly Lemuelu saw the back turned forward to cross. Jamayne Isaako converted for a 6-0 lead. The Titans thought they hit back 5 minutes later and it was their debutant that played a starring role. A short side raid saw Jacob Alick given the football, he put it on the

toe and the kick was mishandled by Kodi Nikorima and it saw Alofiana Khan-Pereira cross to get the Titans back in the contest. However, the Bunker intervened when they ruled AKP pushed Isaako out of the contest denying the try. Jayden Campbell saved the day for the Titans several times in the one set the Dolphins had camped on the Titans line. Five minutes after being denied. AKP turned provider. After being on the end of a brilliant pass from Foran, he ran 40 metres up field and chipped over the top. Despite being shouldered off the ball, Foran raced through to score for the home side. Tanah Boyd converted from a tight angle to level the scores at 6-6. Off the back of some Dolphins mistakes, the Titans crossed for another quick try to take the lead. From the scrum win, the Titans shifted it to the right hand side where Boyd and Foran combined to get a magical pass to Phillip Sami to cross in the right corner. Boyd converted from touch and after trailing early, the Titans led 12-6. Despite some frantic footy for the rest of the first half, only a penalty goal was added by Boyd, this saw the

scoreboard remain in favour of the Titans by 14-6 at the change of ends.

Anthony Milford's injection created all sorts of problems for the Titans, splitting the defence and setting the Dolphins up for their second try. Jarrod Wallace crashed over after a simple short ball from Isaiya Katoa. Isaako's conversion reduced the margin down to two points. The Dolphins continued to rally and despite some frantic end to end footy. They took the lead just shy of the hour mark. The visitors shifted the ball to the right hand side which sees O'Sullivan and Milford combine to find Kenny Bromwich to crash over in the right corner to score his first try as a Dolphin. Isaako missed to keep the game anxious for both sides with a two point margin now in favour of the visitors. Off the next set, the kick by Milford was spilled by AKP and a flying Isaako crossed to extend the margin. Although, his conversion was caught in the water as it sailed wide of the flag to extend the lead out to 6. Off the back of some possession and

the repeat set. The Titans connected down the left hand side when Foran linked up with Brian Kelly. Kelly had too much pace for Te Whare and Isaako to get to the line. Boyd converted from the sideline to lock the scores back up at 20-20. Both sides had ample opportunity to collect a field goal to break the deadlock and let chances slip. It took a Harrison Graham linebreak to split the defence, from the ensuing tackle, Isaako nailed a field goal to give the Dolphins a one point advantage. After the short kick-off attempt failed, O'Sullivan showcased his strength to reach out to score, but the Bunker ruled he knocked on. That knock on proved costly, as Boyd's field goal went over despite the best efforts of the Dolphins as we entered golden point. Both sides played possession footy but it took a Titans error to get the Dolphins in range. A correct but brave call from the referee ruled that Erin Clark was offside. Isaako nailed the penalty goal for a 23-21 verdict. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ROUND 19 RESULTS

CRONULLA 36 (S. Katoa 3, S. Talakai 2, N. Hynes, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (S. Blore, T. Talau tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 6th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Wests Tigers 7-5. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 9,215.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Kepaoa, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Smith, Wakeham; Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman (C), Pole. Int: Da Silva, Blore, Seyfarth, James.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Kaufusi, Brailey, Rudolf, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Williams, Graham, Colquhoun, Hazelton.

CANBERRA 36 (M. Timoko 2, M. Frawley, S. Kris, J. Rapana, J. Tapine tries; J. Croker 6 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 26** (M. Ravalawa 3, Z. Lomax 2 tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 7th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 24-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 9,369.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Turner, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Azone, Sullivan; Molo, Liddle, Lawrie (C), Murdoch-Masila, Burns, De Belin. Int: Mbye, Molo, Couchman, Russell.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Mariota, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Frawley. Int: Guler, Starling, Mooney, Hoha.

WARRIORS 46 (M. Barnett 2, L. Metcalf 2, M. Montoya 2, D. Walker, D. Watene tries; S. Johnson 7 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 10** (S. Lane, B. Simonsson tries; S. Russell goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Warriors 30-4. Penalties: Warriors 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 21,696.

PARRAMATTA: Russell, Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Lumelume; Matterson, Asi; Ogden, Hands, Paulo (C), Cartwright, Davey, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Ofahengaue, Lane, Makatoa.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Barnett, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Sironen, Ale, Lussick.

CANTERBURY 36 (B. Wilson 3, J. Kiraz, R. Mahoney, E. Quai-Ward tries; M. Burton 6 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 32** (T. Munro 2, B. Taaffe 2, T. Burgess, T. Duncan tries; D. Hawkins 2, B. Taaffe 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 24-12. Penalties: Canterbury 6-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 16,166.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Kennar, Munro; Hawkins, Ilias; Tatola, Havili, Burgess (C), Lovett, Milne, Mitchell. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Moale, Knight.

CANTERBURY: Averillo, Kiraz, Burns, Quai-Ward, Wilson; Burton (C), Sexton; King, Mahoney, Sutton, Topine, Preston, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Okunbor, Flanagan, Morrin, Pangai Junior.

DOLPHINS 23 (K. Bromwich, J. Isaako, C. Lemuelu, J. Wallace tries; J. Isaako 3 goals; J. Isaako field goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 21** (K. Foran, B. Kelly, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 4 goals; T. Boyd field goal) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 14-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 18,335.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran (C), Boyd; Jolliffe, Verrills, Randall, Haas, Stimson, Liu. Int: Fa'asuaumaleaui, Clark, Fifita, Alick.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Aitken, Te Whare, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Graham, Nicholls, Lemuelu, Bromwich, Stone. Int: Ese'ese, Kerr, Milford, Wallace.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 19

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	16	11	0	5	3	193	28
2	BRISBANE	17	12	0	5	2	95	28
3	CRONULLA	16	10	0	6	3	134	26
4	MELBOURNE	16	10	0	6	3	65	26
5	CANBERRA	17	11	0	6	2	-55	26
6	WARRIORS	17	10	0	7	2	78	24
7	PARRAMATTA	17	9	0	8	2	96	22
8	SOUTHS	18	10	0	8	1	92	22
9	NORTH QLD	17	9	0	8	2	38	22
10	MANLY	16	7	1	8	3	-24	21
11	GOLD COAST	16	7	0	9	3	-33	20
12	DOLPHINS	17	8	0	9	2	-81	20
13	SYDNEY	16	7	0	9	3	-92	20
14	NEWCASTLE	16	6	1	9	3	30	19
15	CANTERBURY	17	6	0	11	2	-220	16
16	ST GEO ILLA	17	4	0	13	2	-137	12
17	WESTS TIGERS	16	3	0	13	3	-179	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Starford To'a (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$750
 Shaun Lane (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$750
 Taane Milne (South Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Jarrod Wallace (Gold Coast) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

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25 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

20 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

19 POINTS

Mitchell Moses (Eels), Payne Haas (Broncos)

17 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

16 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

ROUND 20

NEWCASTLE 34 WESTS TIGERS 18

Newcastle has kept their faint finals hopes alive after they defeated the Wests Tigers by 34-18 at McDonald Jones Stadium tonight.

In his 100th game for the club, Knights skipper Kalyn Ponga was the star for the home side scoring a try and having a hand in three others in a superb performance. The only downside to Ponga's performance was his goalkicking which flattered the scoreline for the Tigers managing only to convert three out of his sides seven tries. For Wests it was another worrying defensive performance from Tim Sheen's men, where they let in

four first half tries to give the Knights too big a head start to ever seriously look like running them down. The shining light for the home side was fullback Jahream Bula who again put together another eye-catching display in his rookie season. Newcastle came into the match red hot favourites following their recent demolition of the Bulldogs and it looked like the Tigers were headed for the same fate when Kalyn Ponga was involved in both opening tries within the first seven minutes. The first was through a superb cut out ball for his winger Greg Marzhev who strolled over down the left-hand side. This was followed by Blues hero Bradman Best, who cantered over the line untouched just minutes later for an 8-0 lead. Newcastle then went to the other side of the field, which saw Dominic Young race over in the corner for Newcastle's third try. This was then followed up by a try to Daniel Saifiti who crashed over close to the line for

the Knights fourth and Ponga finally nailed a conversion to make it 18-0 to the home side. Then just as the flood gates looked to be wide open, Wests managed to finally get some good field possession and they made it count through rookie sensation Jahream Bula who dived over out wide to get his side back in the match. Then just before halftime, Tigers halfback Brandon Wakeham produced a desperate grubber on the last, which took a wicked bounce on Knights fullback Ponga. Apisai Koroisau then charged through to get the ball down first and slash the Knights lead to 18-12 at halftime following Wakeham's conversion.

The second half started in dramatic fashion when Knights firebrand Jack Hetherington was sent to the Sin Bin for a slap ironically on Tigers half Will Smith. This didn't hold back the Knights however, when Ponga

managed to step his way through the Tigers defence to score the first try of the second half. The Tigers then returned serve when backrower Isaiiah Papali'i made a bust through the middle and found Bula in support who raced away to score his second try and narrow the home sides lead to 22-18. The game then slipped away after Newcastle took back momentum off the back of another costly Tigers error which saw Dom Young race over for his second try. Young was again involved in the match sealer, when the England winger burst down the sideline and found Tyson Gamble in support and secure a valuable win for Newcastle. The Knights return to Newcastle next week, where they face Melbourne next Saturday, while the Tigers travel to Wollongong for a clash with fellow cellar dwellers St George on Thursday night. **SAM BOURKE**

BRISBANE 44 CANTERBURY 24

On an afternoon that was meant to feature Josh Reynolds as the main event, instead it was the Broncos Adam Reynolds who starred and will dominate headlines.

The Broncos overcame the absence of three Origin props, and the suspended Reece Walsh, to record a comfortable 44-24 win at Belmore Sports Stadium. The controversial

sin bin of Selwyn Cobbo will dominate discussion in the coming hours and days however it should be the man of the match performance from Adam Reynolds that deserves to be talked about. Reynolds crossed for a try, assisted two and had a hand in a handful of others. He was the difference on the day, especially after the Dogs lost Toby Sexton to a head injury right on half time. Prior to the break, the game was super competitive and

entertaining. It was raining points and saw the Broncos lead 22-18 as the siren sounded.

The Broncos overcame eight minutes sans their Origin winger in Cobbo, even crossing for a try of their own, to pull away late. Herbie Farnworth's last minute try arguably put the final result a little beyond the true indication of the game but ultimately the Broncos were

far too good. With a Friday night blockbuster ahead of them, the Broncos attention turns to the MRC report to see if Cobbo will face a charge.

The Bulldogs, while brave, fell off late. You can absolutely question how the game would have ended up should Sexton have not been ruled out but it's back to the drawing board for the Doggies. **DAN NICHOLS**

NORTH QLD 19 MANLY 8

The North Queensland Cowboys have kept their winning streak alive following their 19-8 victory over the Manly Sea Eagles at Brookvale Oval in front of a healthy crowd.

Things started slowly for both sides although the Cowboys had three big chances denied early on before it was the home side who were looking resplendent in their heritage jerseys who scored and it was debutant Dean Matterson who got over. The debutant found the space on the outside and was on the field via Reuben Garrick leaving the field after needing to undergo a

HIA. The Cowboys hit back just shy of the half-hour mark as they started to grow in dominance as Reuben Cotter backed up his strong Origin series with a try after Valentine Holmes went through the middle beating the defence easily before finding Cotter who was backing up. It was starting to quickly become one-way traffic to close out the half as the North Queenslanders began to dominate field position and possession as they went over just a few minutes later when Tom Dearden broke through the line after the defence fell for a dummy and then the Cowboys five-eighth found Jeremiah Nanai who went through reasonably untouched. A Chad Townsend field goal finished off the opening half of action with an

angled strike hit sweetly to give the Cowboys a 13-4 lead at half-time.

Both sides had tries denied by the officials inside the first seven minutes with Reuben Garrick having an effort for Manly overturned by the bunker for a knock-on in the lead-up and then the Cowboys were denied for an attacker taking out a defender. Back-to-back penalties put Manly into good attacking position off the back of a quick tap for Lachlan Croker and they finally took advantage when Brad Parker went over out wide. The Sea Eagles missed another conversion to keep the margin at 5 points. The magic that Scott Drinkwater has

shown this season has been remarkable and yet again he showed how he can change the game in an instant as he turned something into nothing to score the important try under the posts. Valentine Holmes went 3/3 with the boot for the night as he converted from in front. Neither side could manage to break the others goal-line despite both sides having ample opportunities at the end to do so. The Cowboys held onto the 19-8 victory for a much important fifth straight win. Next weekend, The Sea Eagles have a tough Sunday afternoon clash in the shire against Cronulla, whilst the Cowboys head back to Townsville for a big clash against the Parramatta Eels next Saturday night. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

MELBOURNE 30 SYDNEY 16

The Sydney Roosters have been sent packing to the bottom four of the NRL ladder as the Melbourne Storm put on a show of second half dominance as they ran out 30-16 winners over the Roosters at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

It was a pretty dour start to the first half and it was Xavier Coates who created the first spark for either side when he read a poor pass from Luke Keary that was trying to be lobbed out to the winger and Coates used his height to pluck it out of the air and then race 90m downfield to score. Neither side really could throw a

punch at the other across the next twenty minutes until the Roosters finally were able to cross inside the final five minutes of the half when the Roosters were able to find some space in the Storm defence. The eventual space for the tricolours saw them take advantage out wide as Daniel Tupou scored. A missed penalty goal from Suaalii meant that the Roosters couldn't level the scores just shy of the half-time break and the Storm held a 6-4 lead.

That was the closest that the Roosters were going to get because the Storm found their strength in the second half and despite being denied early on in the half by the bunker, Melbourne took advantage of the soft Roosters

defence. Jahrome Hughes found space between the Roosters defence that didn't seem to know what their targets were and the Storm halfback strolled through. It was some luck that got Xavier Coates his second try after a cross-field kick intended for Coates came off Junior Puga's hand and then it bounced straight into Coates leg and the bounce favoured the Storm winger for his second. The Roosters defence were struggling and the try to Harry Grant showed that as Grant didn't really need to pull out any tricks as he just looked to go one-way before the defence just opened up a gap for him to go through almost untouched. The conversion from Nick Meaney pushed the margin out to 20 points. Xavier Coates finished his hat-trick with just over five minutes

to go when the cross-field kick out to the Storm winger was absolutely perfect as Coates again outjumped Puga and after Nick Meaney converted it was a 30-4 lead. The Roosters picked up two consolation tries both making history in their own ways when Daniel Tupou equalled Anthony Minichello's Roosters try scoring record and then Siva Wong got on the board for his first NRL try closing the gap to a 30-16 defeat. Next weekend, the Roosters head up to the Gold Coast where they take on the Titans meanwhile for the Storm they head up to Newcastle for a clash with the Knights. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

WARRIORS 44 CRONULLA 12

The New Zealand Warriors have made a statement by handing the Cronulla Sharks a 44-12 thrashing at Go Media Stadium to move within striking distance of the top four.

Recording back-to-back victories over the Sharks for the first time since Andrew McFadden's tenure nearly a decade ago, the Warriors cemented their credentials as a genuine threat while the Sharks once again disappointed against top eight opposition. Conceding the opening try after a penalty provided the Sharks with the field position for Nicho Hynes (9th minute)

to strike with a show-and-go, the Warriors responded with Shaun Johnson delivering a superb pass to Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad which created space for Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (19th minute) to touch down in the corner. Taking the lead courtesy of a well-placed pass from Johnson to Rocco Berry (25th minute) close to the line, a 40/20 from Johnson from the ensuing restart provided the home side with the momentum for Addin Fonua-Blake (28th minute) to power his way to the line. Completing the first half rout with Wayde Egan splitting the Sharks defence before finding Luke Metcalf (31st minute) in support, the five-eighth almost had a second minutes late only for the bunker to deem the former

Cronulla fringe player offside. The Warriors proved equally adept without the ball by denying Sione Katoa with desperate defence to take a 22-6 lead to the sheds at halftime.

Gaining several fortuitous calls following the resumption including regaining possession from a line drop out, the Warriors avoided the ignominy of Cronulla interchange forward Thomas Hazelton racing nearly 70 metres to score a solo effort due to a knock on in the lead up. Securing the result after Johnson forced Ronaldo Mulitalo into touch despite a clear run to the try line, Rocco Berry produced an incisive run to link with

Nicoll-Klokstad (56th minute) in support. Taking the score past 30 after Josh Curran (59th minute) spun his way to the line, a right side shift saw Watene-Zelezniak (63rd minute) collect his second of the day to the delight of 24,012 supporters in attendance. Conceding a late consolation four-pointer to Briton Nikora (73rd minute) that pushed the visitors into double figures, the home side took advantage of Hynes being sin binned with Adam Pompey (78th minute) crossing to run out 44-12 victors. Next week, the Warriors host the Raiders in Auckland on Friday evening, while the Sharks return home against the Sea Eagles on Sunday afternoon. **ROB CROSSBY**

PENRITH 24 DOLPHINS 14

Despite resting all their Origin players and a major second half scare, the Penrith Panthers have returned to the top of the NRL ladder following their 24-14 win over the Dolphins in Redcliffe.

The start for the Panthers was electric as they were able to put ill-discipline behind them in the early stages to run in three quick tries to open the game inside the first 17 minutes. The first one came off some luck for the Panthers as Moses Leota came out of the line to charge down a Sean O'Sullivan kick and the big man didn't know what to do when he regathered but did enough to score. Adding a second soon after the Mountain Men started to

spread the ball from their own end and Izack Tago got into space and had too much speed and strength to beat the Titans defence. Cogger missed a second kick and the Panthers could only lead 8-0. Showing why he's a star of the future Izack Tago picked up a second try when Tom Jenkins outjumped the Dolphins defenders and then got the ball away to Tago to again used his strength to get to the try line to score in the corner. Jack Cogger finally got his radar right with the boot but didn't have the power and the Panthers could only lead 12-0. The Panthers were on the wrong side of the whistle from referee Todd Smith who had enough in the second half. A decision from Todd Smith to sin bin Jack Cogger for repeated infringements saw the Dolphins get into good field position and take full advantage of the extra man, Kodi

Nikorima going over from close range. Not long after, fans were left baffled by the bizarre thought process by the officials, which allowed Jarrod Wallace to stay on the field for a high shoulder charge on Moses Leota.

The Panthers couldn't get on the right side of the officials as ill-discipline put them on the backfoot and the Dolphins took advantage as the missed conversions hurt the Panthers as Connelly Leumelu went over chasing through his own kick to score. The Dolphins then took what looked like an unlikely lead when the Panthers couldn't clean up their behaviour when the Hammer went over in the corner. Luck from the officials wasn't with the Panthers as a Dolphins got missed though it didn't hurt the Panthers who were able to

regroup as they finally took advantage of being able to keep the ball alive inside the final 10 minutes and Tom Jenkins crossed for his first of the afternoon. The points for Penrith gave them confidence as they were starting to get back into the groove and they finished things in the final two minutes when Tom Jenkins scored his second try in the corner. Dylan Edwards slotted the two conversions from out wide to seal the 24-14 win. Next weekend, the Dolphins have the bye before a contest against the Bulldogs in Bundaberg whilst the Panthers next week will have all their origin stars back as they play host to the Bulldogs themselves on Sunday afternoon. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA 25 GOLD COAST 24

The Parramatta Eels have bounced back to the winners circle although it comes with more than a hint of controversy following the 25-24 victory over the Gold Coast Titans.

Starting fast, the Eels crossed the stripe inside the first five minutes when Regan Campbell-Gillard was able to go through some soft defence from the Titans. The Eels were racing the clock inside the first 12 minutes as Will Penisini added a second for Parramatta off the back of Mitch Moses running the ball on the last tackle and it ended up with the centre. The Titans hit back soon after as Alofiana Khan-Pereira went over in the corner after the Titans were able to keep the ball alive on the

last tackle. Things soon went from bad to worse for the Eels as they had not one but two players sin binned as Maika Sivo was the first to go for a high shot before Regan Campbell-Gillard drew the ire of Chris Butler for dangerous contact with the knees and he was given ten in the bin. Despite having the two extra men advantage, the Titans had a scare almost instantly but they ended up taking advantage as Phillip Sami ran 80m to score and get the Gold Coast within two points. Alofiana Khan-Pereira added a second try as again the Gold Coast took advantage of the two extra players as he went over in the corner. Tanah Boyd missed the conversion from out wide as the Titans lead 14-12. Both sides kicked a penalty goal inside the last three minutes of the half as the Titans were called offside and Mitch Moses levelled the scores before the Gold Coast went back in front after

a scrum infringement from the Eels.

Parramatta opened the scoring in the second half and again there was some controversy there after a burrowing penalty was missed in the play prior and then Bryce Cartwright looked to be held before making a second effort to the line. The Eels gave away two set restarts in a row and the Titans took advantage as Tanah Boyd went straight through to score. He then added is conversion followed by a Penalty goal and the Titans lead 24-18. One of the more divisive moments came in the 67th minute when Clint Gutherson went over in the corner and looked like he went into touch but after a long deliberation by the bunker, the try was awarded much to the surprise of most people given the live decision of no try. Mitch Moses converted the try from

the sideline to level the scores. With five minutes to go the Eels went in front as Mitch Moses was calm under pressure and slotted a field goal. Titans fans were left with another bitter taste in their mouths after the circumstances of their lost last week and twice it looked as if they could be the beneficiary of the same ruling but instead referee Chris Butler elected not to blow the penalty despite both field goal misses being affected by offside players. The Titans couldn't get the ball back to the other end and fell to a painful 25-24 defeat. Next weekend, the Eels could be without a couple of key stars as they head to Townsville for a clash with the Cowboys. The Titans will return home as they take on the Roosters on Saturday afternoon. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ROUND 20 RESULTS

NEWCASTLE 34 (D. Young 2, B. Best, T. Gamble, G. Marzhew, K. Ponga, D. Saifiti tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 18** (J. Bula 2, A. Koroisau tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-12. Penalties: Newcastle 8-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 18,470.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Tuala, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Kepaou, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Smith, Wakeham; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Blore, Twal, Seyfarth.

BRISBANE 44 (K. Capewell, H. Farnworth, E. Mam, D. Mariner, B. Piakura, A. Reynolds, B. Walters, X. Willison tries; A. Reynolds 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 24** (J. Averillo 2, J. Preston, C. Waddell tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **AT BELMORE SPORTS GROUND.**

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 22-18. Penalties: Canterbury 6-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 17,103.

CANTERBURY: Averillo, Wilson, Burns, Kiraz, Skelton; Burton (C), Sexton; King, Mahoney, Faitala-Mariner, Topine, Preston, Waddell. Int: Flanagan, Morrin, Pangai Junior, Okunbor, Brown.

BRISBANE: Sailor, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Walters, Jensen, Capewell, Piakura, Hetherington. Int: Smoothy, Willison, Taupau, Mariner.

NORTH QLD 19 (R. Cotter, S. Drinkwater, J. Nanai tries; V. Holmes 3 goals; C. Townsend field goal) **DEFEATED MANLY 8** (D. Matterson, B. Parker tries) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North QLD 13-4. Penalties: Manly 7-1. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,240.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Trbojevic. Int: Siple, Matterson, Woods, Bullemer.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Valemei, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Nanai, Granville. Int: Cotter, Neame, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki.

MELBOURNE 30 (X. Coates 3, H. Grant, J. Hughes tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 16** (D. Tupou 2, S. Wong tries; J. Sua'ali'i 2 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.**

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 6-4. Penalties: Sydney 10-8. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 12,021.

SYDNEY: Manu, Tupou, Smith, Sua'ali'i, Pauga; Keary, Smith; Waerea-Hargreaves, Turpin, Collins, Radley, Butcher, Brown. Int: Smith, Butcher, Wong, Whyte.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Asofa-Solomona, King. Int: Wishart, Eisenhuth, Sims, MacDonald.

WARRIORS 44 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, R. Berry, J. Curran, A. Fonua-Blake, L. Metcalf, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, A. Pompey tries; S. Johnson 5, L. Metcalf goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 12** (N. Hynes, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) **AT GO MEDIA STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 22-6. Penalties: Warriors 7-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 24,012.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Ale, Ford, Barnett, Harris (C). Int: Curran, Lussick, Sironen, Walker.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Hynes (C); Kaufusi, Brailey, Rudolf, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes. Int: Graham, Hazelton, Williams, Colquhoun.

PENRITH 24 (T. Jenkins 2, I. Tago 2, M. Leota tries; D. Edwards 2 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 14** (C. Lemuelu, K. Nikorima, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako goal) **AT KAYO STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-4. Penalties: Dolphins 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 10,065.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Aitken, Tabuai-Fidow, Te Whare; Milford, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Graham, Nicholls, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Stone. Int: Katoa, Bromwich, Ese'ese, Wallace.

PENRITH: Edwards (C), Turuva, Tago, Peachey, Jenkins; Luai, Cogger; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Hosking, Eisenhuth. Int: Luke, Smith, Leniu, Salmon.

PARRAMATTA 25 (R. Campbell-Gillard, B. Cartwright, C. Gutherson, W. Penisini tries; M. Moses 4 goals; M. Moses field goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 24** (A. Khan-Pereira 2, T. Boyd, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 4 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 16-14. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 12,599.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Paulo, Lane, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Ofahengaue, Davey, Matterson.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fifita, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Verrills, Randall, Fifita, Haas, Liu. Int: Schoupp, Fa'asumaleaui (C), Clark, Alick.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 20

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	17	12	0	5	3	203	30
2	BRISBANE	18	13	0	5	2	115	30
3	MELBOURNE	17	11	0	6	3	79	28
4	CANBERRA	17	11	0	6	3	-55	28
5	WARRIORS	18	11	0	7	2	110	26
6	CRONULLA	17	10	0	7	3	102	26
7	PARRAMATTA	18	10	0	8	2	97	24
8	SOUTHS	18	10	0	8	2	92	24
9	NORTH QLD	18	10	0	8	2	49	24
10	NEWCASTLE	17	7	1	9	3	46	21
11	MANLY	17	7	1	9	3	-35	21
12	GOLD COAST	17	7	0	10	3	-34	20
13	DOLPHINS	18	8	0	10	2	-91	20
14	SYDNEY	17	7	0	10	3	-106	20
15	CANTERBURY	18	6	0	12	2	-240	16
16	ST GEO ILLA	17	4	0	13	3	-137	14
17	WESTS TIGERS	17	3	0	14	3	-195	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Reuben Garrick (Manly) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$750
 Victor Radley (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000
 Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$3000
 Rocco Berry (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$1000
 Jarrod Wallace (Dolphins) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: not guilty
 Felise Kaufusi (Dolphins) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Maika Sivo (Parramatta) Grade 2 Careless HT: 4 matches
 Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Parramatta) Grade 3 Dangerous Contact: 4 matches
 Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Gold Coast) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: 3 matches

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28 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

20 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

19 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos), Mitchell Moses (Eels)

17 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs/Blues)

16 POINTS

Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

ROUND 21

ST GEO ILLA 18 WESTS TIGERS 14

The St. George Illawarra Dragons have moved four points clear of the Wests Tigers, with some Zac Lomax brilliance enough to see the Red V home 18-14 on Thursday night at WIN Stadium.

In a game that failed to reach any great heights, Lomax was a shining light for the Dragons with 197 run metres, five tackle busts, a try and try assist. Apisai Koroisau, meanwhile, was arguably man of the match even in defeat as the Tigers hooker celebrated signing on with the club until the end of the 2026 season with a try. Daine Laurie also showed what he can offer in the NRL, having a hand in all of the visitors' tries as the skillful playmaker looks for a new deal. The Dragons had the first genuine try-scoring opportunity of the opening half, with Ben Hunt shaping to pass and

fooling Laurie to open up space to take the line on. Hunt did just that and had the try line right in front of him, only for Isaiah Papali'i to hold on desperately in defence before Jahream Bula joined in and forced the error. It proved an early turning point as a high tackle gifted the Tigers field position and saw the visitors capitalize immediately, albeit in sloppy fashion as a Laurie pass went to ground. Winger Junior Tupou made the most of it though, beating two Dragons defenders to score in the 10th minute. Brandon Wakeham's first attempted conversion sprayed left. The Dragons hit back soon after when Talatau Amone drifted across the field and popped a ball for fullback Tyrell Sloan, who was in support on the inside. Lomax then slotted the extras to give the home side a 6-4 lead after 18 minutes. Suddenly it was St George Illawarra well on top, with an error from Bula deep inside the Tigers' own half seeing the Dragons go over once more as Hunt put ball to boot and on a platter for Lomax. Another

successful conversion pushed the Dragons' buffer out to 12-4 but just as Ryan Carr's men looked to be gaining ascendancy they came crashing down to earth as momentum flipped once more. On this occasion, Laurie - who was heavily involved with three try assists in the first half - burst through the middle of the field to put the Tigers in try-scoring territory. Sloan then later held down too long in a tackle, giving the referee no alternative but to march the Dragons fullback to the sin bin. It proved a costly brain fade from Sloan, with the Tigers scoring two quickfire tries to close out the half and take a 14-12 lead into the break.

Laurie was at the centre of both tries, first firing a pass to Tommy Talau who quickly shifted it to Tupou for the winger's second try of the night. The Tigers five-eighth then cut the ball out to Tupou who raced down the left sideline and summed up the situation perfectly, putting a well-weighted kick back inside for

Koroisau in support. That final try put an exclamation mark on a dominant end to the half for the Tigers while exposing serious defensive deficiencies on the Dragons' left edge, with Makaele Ravalawa's decision-making particularly peculiar. Ravalawa's finishing with the ball in hand can't be questioned though, with the Dragons winger storming over after a magical offload from Lomax to score the first try of the second half in the 65th minute. Lomax then nailed the sideline conversion to put the Dragons up 18-14 as the home side eventually capitalised on ill-discipline from a Tigers side that had otherwise looked the more likely to score. A 5-0 penalty count in the first 25 minutes of the second half, however, kept the Dragons in the contest and the constant sets inside the opposition red zone were eventually bound to bear fruit. In the end that, along with a 65 per cent completion rate in the second half, proved too much for the Tigers to overcome. **ANDREW JACKSON**

WARRIORS 21 CANBERRA 20

A Shaun Johnson field goal in the first set of golden point has delivered the Warriors a 21-20 victory over the Canberra Raiders at home.

The game started frantically, seeing both sides have early chances. Canberra let their opportunity slip when Jarrod Croker pushed the pass which saw Albert Hopoate put it down. The Warriors put pressure on the Raiders which saw them concede a penalty whilst in possession with Jack Wighton ruled to be out of play as he failed to retreat beyond the point of the play the ball. Canberra were made to pay for their lack of detail in execution. Mitch Barnett went awfully close to scoring the play prior. However, it was clever thinking from Wayde Egan and isolated the Raiders defence which allowed Marata Niukore to crash over from short range in the fourth minute. Shaun Johnson converted for an early 6-0 lead. A period of stability soon followed until Marcelo Montoya brought the crowd to their feet when

he broke down the left touch-line in the 13th minute. But the final pass went astray when Luke Metcalf couldn't handle it and left points off the board for the home side. Wighton tried to capitalise on some rare, good field position, however his effort to reach out was judged to have been a knock on. Wighton was atoned for his mistake, after a poor pass from Johnson was put down by Niukore. This saw an urgent Hudson Young pick up the scraps to sprint away to score for the visitors. Canberra had further chances to add to their six points, but some desperate Warriors defence held on. Not content with the basics, Canberra tried a trick play and it backfired as badly as an uncertified bungee jump. Rocco Berry sprinted up field starting the set for the Wahs in good position before a penalty allowed Johnson to give the lead back for the home side with a penalty goal. The Raiders thought they had a certain try when Jamal Fogarty chipped ahead with no fullback at home, Seb Kris picked it up, only to be stopped from scoring by a determined effort from Dallin Watene-Zelezniak. That try saver from DWZ proved decisive.

Off the seven tackle set, the Warriors marched down field and the Raiders had no answers for their dynamic set play. Johnson linked up brilliantly with Charnze Nicol-Klokstad getting down low and going to the try line for a critical try on half-time to give the Warriors a 14-6 lead.

The second half began in fiery fashion when Corey Horsburgh came in and escalated a situation he had no means of. Off the back of the penalty against Horsburgh, the Warriors took full advantage. Johnson went deep into the line, fooling the defence before quick hands from Berry found DWZ to cross in the right corner. A rare Johnson miss saw the score at 18-6. Canberra arguably should've been down by more, however some determined defensive efforts saved the game getting away from them early. They did concede a penalty when a short dropout failed to break the plane and Johnson added the gift penalty goal to give the home side a lead beyond two converted tries. The Raiders had some chances down the other end,

however the visitors attack left a lot to be desired with several chances going astray. However, the repeat sets eventually made the Warriors crack. A clever cross-field kick from Jamal Fogarty landed in the arms of Jordan Rapana to allow the experienced winger to cross out in the right corner. Jarrod Croker's conversion just missed his conversion to leave the score at 20-10. Off the ensuing set, they did lose the ball on the second play. Canberra didn't see the ball in good ball territory until the final minutes of play. With just over a minute to go, a clever grubber kick from Rapana was hauled in by Elliott Whitehead to cross to give their side a chance as Croker's conversion meant they only needed a try in the last set of the game. A shift down the left saw Hopoate into open space before finding Wighton to score and level it. Croker's conversion was waved away and we were off to golden point. A costly kick from Fogarty gave the home side a seven tackle set. A strong set up field set the Warriors up for victory, and it was Johnson who kicked his side to victory. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

BRISBANE 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 20

The Brisbane Broncos have strengthened their hold on a top 4 spot with a dominant second half showing against a struggling South Sydney at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

A sloppy first half by both sides didn't deter either side from attempting some expansive attacking footy, but neither outfit managed to take control of the contest after the opening 40 minutes. Souths opened the scoring after just 6 minutes when they shifted the ball left to Alex Johnston, who stepped back inside to beat the cover defence and score a good try. Blake Taaffe converted. From the restart George Burgess knocked on, giving the Broncos a scrum deep inside the Souths

half. The error was compounded when Brisbane received a set restart. This led to the Broncos scoring a try in the tenth minute when Patrick Carrigan took a hitup towards the middle, but was shut down, however he managed to offload over the top to Reece Walsh, who was surrounded by the defence, so he fired a long ball out to Kotoni Staggs, who accelerated, straightened and got between two defenders and did just enough to get across the line and get the ball down for a try. Adam Reynolds converted from the restart, Martin Taupau took the hit up but in a bizarre incident, lead with his knees into the tackle and was put on report and then sent to the sin bin. Taaffe kicked a penalty goal and after 13 minutes, Souths had a 2 point lead. The Broncos regained the lead in the 25th minute when a glorious pass from Walsh found Selwyn

Cobbo, who was unmarked and got outside the cover defence, shrugged out of the tackle attempt to score a brilliant try. Reynolds converted. Right on the stroke of halftime, Campbell Graham barged over to score a try between two poor defensive efforts. Taaffe converted and at the break, Souths held a 14-12 lead.

Three minutes into the second half saw Walsh very nearly score in the corner, but the defence put him into touch just shy of the line. He wouldn't be denied 8 minutes later though as he gets around the outside defence and then steps inside the cover defence to score a good try. Reynolds converted to put the Broncos back in front. A Cody Walker knock-on deep inside his own half gave the Broncos a great opportunity to score, which they took in the 59th minute when Xavier

Willison ran onto a crash ball on the edge of the ruck, barged through the defenders and scored. Reynolds added the extras. The Broncos crossed against just 4 minutes later when Staggs crashed through two defenders to score a soft try. Reynolds converted to give Brisbane a 30-14 lead with 15 minutes remaining in the contest. With 11 minutes left on the clock, Jesse Arthurs was given ten in the sin bin for a high tackle which Souths immediately capitalised on when Cody Walker held up a lovely pass for Isaiah Tass to score. Taaffe converted. Any chance of a Bunnies fightback was snuffed out in the 75th minute when Staggs made a break and then linked with Reynolds in support who raced away to score, before converting his own try to seal the game. Broncos cruising to a 36-20 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

SYDNEY 36 GOLD COAST 18

The Sydney Roosters have shown that finals football isn't past them despite a Jekyll and Hyde style performances as they ran out 36-18 winners over the Gold Coast Titans at Cbus Super Stadium.

Back-to-back penalties put the Roosters on the front foot and inside six minutes the visitors took an early 2-0 lead off the boot of Joseph Suaalii. The visitors then took advantage of some more ill-discipline from

the home side as Egan Butcher was put through to score after James Tedesco found some space to score. It was Tedesco and Butcher who combined again but this time it was Egan Butcher who put Tedesco through after the Roosters second rower went through some soft defence before finding Tedesco who was backing up to score. The points continued to flow for the visitors in the opening 40 as Suaalii flew high in the air and was unstoppable as he plucked the ball out of thin air before getting to ground and scored. The

only blight on his book for the game was the fact that he couldn't convert his own try. Another two minute burst from the Roosters extended their lead to 30-0 when Lindsay Collins and Nat Butcher were both able to get over after some swift work from both Joey Manu and James Tedesco respectively.

The Roosters looked as if their second half was going to be a repeat of the first half as they continued their scoring rampage as Fletcher Baker went over after

Joey Manu offloaded the ball after jumping high. Things came to a scoring halt for the Roosters whether by design or just what worked started to not work and it was a late raid for the Titans that got things close after Brian Kelly went over at close range despite being denied at first. The Titans then added two more tries late in the contest as Chris Randall who had a strong game went over then inside the last 90 seconds Erin Clark went over. Jayden Campbell converted all three for a 36-18 defeat. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE 26 MELBOURNE 18

The Newcastle Knights are still in the race for the top eight following a spirited 26-18 victory over the Melbourne Storm.

Breaking a run of 11 consecutive losses against the Storm dating back to 2016, the Knights produced their finest performance of the season to the delight of 20,392 vocal supporters at McDonald Jones Stadium. Enduring a dreadful start with former Newcastle outside back Nick Meaney (2nd minute)

swooping on a loose ball and streaking 75 metres to score untouched, the Storm were looking ominous when Trent Loiero (7th minute) crashed over from close range to put the visitors up 12-0. Managing to work their way back into the contest after a horror start, Dominic Young (17th minute) finished off an enterprising passage of second phase play to get the Knights on the board. Reducing the margin further after Bradman Best (32nd minute) continued his recent run of form with a powerful charge close to the line, the Storm were reduced to 12 men for the remainder of the half when Tariq Sims was sin-

binned for head high contact on Jackson Hastings. Capitalising on their one-man advantage to hit the front courtesy of Greg Marzew (36th minute) out wide, a dazzling series of passes going from sideline-to-sideline saw Lachlan Fitzgibbon (39th minute) send the Knights to the sheds leading 18-12.

Continuing the one-way flow of points following the resumption of play, Mat Croker (44th minute) swooped on a kick from Phoenix Crossland just before the dead ball line just before Sims returned to the field. Striking back midway through proceedings

after a Newcastle error presented the visitors with a rare attacking opportunity, Justin Olam (53rd minute) strolled over from a scrum to narrow the score to a converted try. Holding their resolve in defence for the remainder of the half, a penalty goal to Ponga with five minute remaining gave the Knights an unassailable lead to run out 26-18 winners. Next week, the Knights will travel to Canberra on Saturday afternoon to take on the Raiders, while the Storm will host the Eels on Friday evening at Marvel Stadium.

ROB CROSBY

NORTH QLD 24 PARRAMATTA 16

The North Queensland Cowboys were impressive, especially in defence, in their victory over a fast finishing Parramatta side who were otherwise sloppy for much of this contest.

The Cowboys had a 24-4 lead with just 12 minutes remaining in the game before Clint Gutherson and Mitch Moses combined to score two tries in 5 minutes and very nearly got the Eels in a position to challenge for the victory. The Cowboys opened the scoring in just the third minute when Peta Hiku scored a try which Valentine Holmes converted. The

Cowboys extended their lead in the 10th minute when Scott Drinkwater threw a lovely ball to the unmarked Semi Valemei who raced in to score in the corner. Holmes superbly converted from the sideline. From the restart, the Cowboys turned the ball over with a sloppy play-the-ball and within the next few plays, the Eels shifted the ball wide to Gutherson who fired a great ball to Sean Russell who scored in the corner. Moses was unavailable to convert from the sideline. In the 25th minute the Cowboys returned to the right side and Valemei bagged his second try in the corner. Holmes failed to convert from the sideline. Jeremiah Nanai very nearly scored 5 mins prior to halftime but

he was denied due to interference. 3 minutes prior to halftime, Valentine Holmes was sin binned for an illegal tackle. The Eels went on the attack and twice very nearly scored, but Murray Taulagi denied them both times. At halftime, the Cowboys were down to 12 men, but leading 16-4.

9 minutes after play resumed, Holmes kicked a penalty goal to extend the Cowboys lead to 14 points. The Cowboys scored in the 56th minute when Drinkwater literally strolled back inside through Parramatta's middle defence and scored under the posts in the softest try seen this year.

Holmes converted from in front. In the 69th minute Gutherson split the Cowboys left edge defence, ran 20 metres and then linked with Moses in support, who raced a further 20 metres to score under the posts. Moses quickly converted. The 74th minute saw Gutherson again make a break before throwing a pass to Moses in support, but this time the pass bounced in front of Moses, however the Eels half toed the ball ahead and won the race for the ball, grounding it for a try. Moses again quickly converted his own try. The Eels though were unable to get themselves across the stripe again and the game ended with the Cowboys victorious 24-16. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

PENRITH 44 CANTERBURY 18

Penrith Panthers continue their strong run in 2023 with a 44-18 win over Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs at Penrith Park on Sunday afternoon.

The Panthers did most of their damage in the first half. They scored 28 points in front of a packed stadium with Brian To'o and Tyrone Peachey picking up doubles in the one-sided affair. Panthers didn't take long to get into their stride. They swept it left, Jarome Luai stabbed through the kick and Tyrone Peachey dived over to score after being elevated to the starting line-up after Izack Tago's injury. It was

already a monumental task and it doesn't get easier when Bulldogs gave up a penalty in possession. Panthers were quick to punish them with a hit and spin from Isaaah Yeo close to the line making it 12-0. The hits kept coming like a Taylor Swift concert for the Panthers. This time, it was a swift backline movement from the back-to-back Premiers which saw Brian To'o touch down in the corner. All that glittered was gold for the Panthers in the first half. Another backline move, this time to the left, saw Peachey pocket his second four-pointer and Cleary kicked his fourth to make it 24-0. Any mistake will be punished against the Panthers. It was a nothing kick

from Matt Burton which Dylan Edwards attacked, poked his nose through and sent To'o away for his second try of the afternoon. Bulldogs did find something before half-time. It came from an offload which gave them room and Paul Alamoti spun his way over the line to get the visitors on the board and make it 28-6 at the break.

The visitors did have some early chances to further cut into the scoreline but the Panthers repelled them. Panthers got a chance and struck through Stephen Crichton who cut inside to score. The Panthers brought up the 40 points in style. It was solid work

between Jarome Luai and Nathan Cleary which sent Scott Sorensen over without being touched in a tamer second half. It was a forward fiesta in the try-scoring stakes for the Panthers. Another sublime pass from Cleary saw Luke Garner stroll through the Bulldogs defense and he took a bow right after at 44-6. There was some consolation for the Bulldogs from Jake Averillo. He fooled the defense with a pair of dummies then sliced through the Panthers to get the Bulldogs into double digits. They added another late which might be called a speccy. Jeral Skelton, who had an indifferent day on the wing, goes high and takes the mark and turns to get the ball down. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

MANLY 30 CRONULLA 26

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles have given their slim top 8 chances a boost on Sunday, racing out to a 30-0 lead before surviving a second half comeback to hold on for a 30-26 victory over Cronulla at Pointsbet Stadium on Sunday.

If ever there was evidence that Rugby League is a game of two halves, this fixture was exhibit A. The Sharks were disappointing in a big loss to the Warriors last week and many expected they'd be much improved against their less fancied opposition this time around. It was an arm wrestle for the opening 20 minutes or so, with Manly scoring the only try in that period in the 7th minute when Josh Aloia'i took the space that was on offer down the Sharks left edge, crashing over to make it 4-0 to the visitors. After that 20 minute mark, the floodgates opened and were washing away what was left of

Cronulla's premiership credentials. Daly Cherry-Evans ran on the last, stepping inside Blayke Brailey before chipping over the top for Lachlan Croker, who scored. Manly scored another try through a chip over the top 5 minutes later, when Schuster's early kick took a dream bounce for Olakau'atu, the big man unable to be stopped that close to the line. The ambush continued when 3 minutes later Manly again found themselves in attacking position, with Daly Cherry-Evans throwing a superb cutout pass to Jason Saab, who was going out of play but miraculously flicked a pass around his back that found Tolu Koula, the centre making it 20-0. The Sharks had a chance to peg things back a bit before the break, but instead came up with an error that was compounded when they allowed Manly to go the length on the ensuing set, Jason Saab finding space and then passing to Reuben Garrick on his inside, the stand in fullback getting on the board and making it 24-0 at the break.

It looked to be more of the same in the second half, with Cronulla getting the ball in good position but unable to turn it into points. Lachlan Croker kicked a 40/20 with Manly's first use of the ball, and when Cherry-Evans put Koula through a hole for his second the scoreline looked like it could've been anything. The Sharks had something to say about that. On the next kickoff, the Sharks went short and regathered possession, Will Kennedy eventually spreading it wide to Multitalo, who scored the first of many Sharks second half tries. For a period of 10 minutes or so, neither side scored, and it looked as though Manly were going to grind out a deserved big win. Katoa would score in the 60th minute, but the try was again unconverted, making it 30-8 Manly's way, and it remained that way until the 70th minute. The Sharks then scored three tries in four minutes. The first one came when Hynes found a hard running McInnes on his inside, narrowing the deficit to 16, while the second one involved some controversy when the ref

let a clear knock on go unchecked for the Sharks, who eventually spread it to Jesse Ramien on the right two plays later to score. At 30-20, the Sharks faithful were starting to believe, and when Ronaldo Multitalo found some space in the very next set before putting an inside kick in for Will Kennedy to score, the biggest comeback of all time seemed not only possible, but likely. Cronulla were given a penalty on play 1 of the next set, but somehow Manly were able to hang on and come up with the ball at the end. Oregon Kaufusi was then miles offside and the ref had no choice but to give a penalty to Manly, effectively ending the game. Both sides would've felt pretty ordinary coming off the field, but it was Manly who emerged 30-26 victors. They face the Dragons away next week, while it gets much tougher for Cronulla who face a Saturday night trip to Penrith to take on the Panthers. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 21 RESULTS

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18 (Z. Lomax, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 14** (J. Tupou 2, A. Koroisau tries; B. Wakeham goal) **AT WIN STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 20th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 14-12. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 7,246.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, De Belin. Int: Mbye, Molo, Couchman, Bird.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofaluma, To'a, Talau, Tupou; Laurie, Wakeham; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Da Silva, Seyfarth, Twal, James.

BRISBANE 36 (K. Staggs 2, S. Cobbo, A. Reynolds, R. Walsh, X. Willison tries; A. Reynolds 6 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 20** (C. Graham, A. Johnston, I. Tass tries; B. Taaffe 4 goals) **AT SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 21st July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 14-12. Penalties: Souths 8-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 8,931.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Burgess, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Havili, Host, Duncan, Moale.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Palasia, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Carrigan, Taupau. Int: Smoothy, Jensen, Hetherington, Willison.

WARRIORS 21 (C. Nicoll-Klokstad, M. Niukore, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; S. Johnson 4 goals; S. Johnson field goal) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 20** (J. Rapana, E. Whitehead, J. Wighton, H. Young tries; J. Croker 2 goals) **AT GO MEDIA STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 21st July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-6. Penalties: Warriors 5-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 19,112.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Afoa, Walker, Sironen, Curran.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

SYDNEY 36 (F. Baker, E. Butcher, N. Butcher, L. Collins, J. Sua'ali'i, J. Tedesco tries; J. Sua'ali'i 6 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 18** (E. Clark, B. Kelly, C. Randall tries; J. Campbell 3 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 30-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 15,362.

GOLD COAST: Brimson (C), Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fifita, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Verrills, Randall, Fifita, Haas, Clark. Int: Liu, Campbell, Stimson, Fa'asumaleaui.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Smith; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Brown. Int: Turpin, Wong, May, Baker.

NEWCASTLE 26 (B. Best, M. Croker, L. Fitzgibbon, G. Marzhev, D. Young tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 18** (T. Loiero, N. Meaney, J. Olam tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) **AT McDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-12. Penalties: Newcastle 7-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,392.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Smith, Olam, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Asofa-Solomona, King. Int: Eisenhuth, Sims, MacDonald, Garlick.

NORTH QLD 24 (S. Valemei 2, S. Drinkwater, P. Hiku tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 16** (M. Moses 2, S. Russell tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: North QLD 16-4. Penalties: North QLD 8-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,710.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Valemei, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Moses; Ogden, Hands, Paulo, Lane, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Ofahengaue, Davey, Matterson.

PENRITH 44 (T. Peachey 2, B. To'o 2, S. Crichton, L. Garner, S. Sorensen, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 18** (P. Alamoti, J. Averillo, J. Skelton tries; M. Burton 3 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 28-6. Penalties: Penrith 10-9. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 21,525.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Leniu, Garner.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Wilson, Kiraz, Alamoti, Skelton; Burton (C), Averillo; King, Flanagan, Faitala-Mariner, Pangai Junior, Okunbor, Waddell. Int: Mahoney, Edwards, Morrin, Hughes.

MANLY 30 (T. Koula 2, J. Aloiai, L. Croker, R. Garrick, H. Olakau'atu tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 26** (S. Katoa, W. Kennedy, C. McInnes, R. Mulitalo, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 3 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 24-0. Penalties: Cronulla 11-9. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 10,634.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Tracey, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Rudolf, Nikora, Colquhoun, Finucane (C). Int: McInnes, Williams, Hazelton, Hunt.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Trbojevic. Int: Matterson, Woods, Keppie, Lodge.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 21

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	18	13	0	5	3	229	32
2	BRISBANE	19	14	0	5	2	131	32
3	WARRIORS	19	12	0	7	2	111	28
4	MELBOURNE	18	11	0	7	3	71	28
5	CANBERRA	18	11	0	7	3	-56	28
6	CRONULLA	18	10	0	8	3	98	26
7	NORTH QLD	19	11	0	8	2	57	26
8	PARRAMATTA	19	10	0	9	2	89	24
9	SOUTHS	19	10	0	9	2	76	24
10	NEWCASTLE	18	8	1	9	3	54	23
11	MANLY	18	8	1	9	3	-31	23
12	SYDNEY	18	8	0	10	3	-88	22
13	DOLPHINS	18	8	0	10	3	-91	22
14	GOLD COAST	18	7	0	11	3	-52	20
15	ST GEO ILLA	18	5	0	13	3	-133	16
16	CANTERBURY	19	6	0	13	2	-266	16
17	WESTS TIGERS	18	3	0	15	3	-199	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

John Bateman (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1500

Mat Feagai (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Jack de Belin (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Corey Horsburgh (Canberra) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$1800

Martin Taupau (Brisbane) Grade 3 Dangerous Contact: 3 matches

Jesse Arthars (Brisbane) Grade 2 Careless HT: 1 match

Harry Grant (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000

Tariq Sims (Melbourne) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000

Tariq Sims (Melbourne) Grade 2 Careless HT: 2 matches

Adam Elliott (Newcastle) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

Waqar Blake (Parramatta) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500

Valentine Holmes (North Qld) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800

Ryan Matterson (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Corey Waddell (Canterbury) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000

Jesse Colquhoun (Cronulla) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

Nicho Hynes (Cronulla) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$1000

Haumole Olakau'atu (Manly) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

31 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

22 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

20 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

19 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos), Mitchell Moses (Eels), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)



ROUND 22

BRISBANE 32 SYDNEY 10

Brisbane Broncos tightened their grip on a top four spot with their 32-10 win over Sydney Roosters at the Gabba on Thursday night.

The Broncos did all their damage in the first half, leading 20-0 at the break against a Roosters side which was coming off a big win. Ezra Maam led the way with a double for the hosts in an important two points.

Brisbane were on the front foot from the opening whistle. The hosts opened the scoring through Herbie Farnsworth. The centre shrugged off defenders and stretched out to plant the ball down to make it 6-0. They went for a set piece to extend the lead to a dozen. Reece Walsh put the kick right on the spot for five-eighth Ezra Maam to take it in stride and dive over as the Broncos looked to punish the Roosters. Broncos put their advantage to out to 14 from the tee. There was a coming together between the two sides and the Broncos halfback slotted the resulting penalty goal to give them a comfortable margin. There was a try which sent social media (or what is left of it) into a frenzy. Reynolds

took on the line, found a trailing Patrick Carrigan who strolled over to break his try-scoring drought in the NRL and give the Broncos a 20-0 lead at the break.

The second half was more of an arm wrestle between the two sides. Brisbane went close through interchange player Tyson Smoothy who was tackled incidentally by referee Grant Atkins before he could touch down. Roosters did pull one back through Billy Smith. The high kick was directed well towards Daniel Tupou then pinballed down to Smith who had the easiest four-pointer and gave the tri-colours some hope. That was extinguished immediately. Lindsay Collins dropped it

from the kick-off, which allowed Kotoni Staggs to stroll over after he had an earlier score chalked off due to being called offside by the bunker. In a game to forget, there is one moment of history for the Roosters. Luke Keary saw space on the outside, chipped a kick right into the chest of Daniel Tupou to score and become the Roosters leading try-scorer. Brisbane had one final party piece to make it 32-10. Billy Smith tried to create something for the Roosters from the boot, it went straight to Mam who had a walk in the park to pick up his second four-pointer and round off a successful trip to the Gabba. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SOUTH SYDNEY 32 WESTS TIGERS 18

Isaiah Tass' individual brilliance has overshadowed the successful return from injury from Latrell Mitchell as South Sydney defeated a resilient Tigers side by 32-18.

It was a frantic start to the contest, with Wests' first kick going back to them after a charge down ricocheted in their direction and it appeared that luck would be going their way. However, John Bateman's pass was intercepted by Alex Johnston. The flyer ran the best part of 70 metres to cross for the opening try of the contest just outstripping the clutches of Jahream Bula. Latrell Mitchell converted in his first game back from a lengthy injury layoff. After a shaky start. The Tigers capitalised on South Sydney's errors and it got them their first try. A clever grubber from Luke Brooks was spilt by Cody Walker before classy hooker Apisai Koroisau collected

the scraps to level the scores. The Tigers skipper added the extras from in front of the posts to level the scores. South Sydney eventually got the memo that they couldn't drop the ball and capitalised on some second-phase play in the middle. Fresh off a Taane Milne line-break, they shifted to the left where Mitchell found Johnston who got a magic pass to Isaiah Tass to cross in the left corner. Mitchell was unable to convert from the sideline and it remained a 4-point game. Four minutes later, Souths crossed for their third when Tass shrugged off a would-be attempt of tackle from David Nofolaluma. He linked up with Johnston who continued his catch and pass ways crossing having to do minimal work for his second. Mitchell struggled to get his kick right from touch and it was 14-6. Some poor discipline came back to bite the Tigers with the home side having to repel several sets on their own line. Souths made them pay

when Lachlan Ilias delivered a clever kick for Keaon Koloamatangi to cross. Mitchell converted that one and the result soon blew out. The rest of the first half saw both sides have scoring chances, but for one reason or another the final pass went astray and it remained 20-6 at the half.

The Tigers played some enterprising footy to start the second half with Brooks, Bula and Koroisau combining before the captain delivered a clever grubber for Isaiah Papali'i to dive on the loose ball to score for the home side. Brooks kicked with Koroisau in pain after setting up the try. He got it from touch and it's 20-12. Wests should've extended their lead when Junior Tupou broke away but he ignored the support to go on his own, his pass back inside was put down by Koroisau and 4 points were off the table. Wests were creating chances but

execution left them short. Starford To'a split them this time, he kicked in-field and it was caught in the slip by Ilias. He was then crunched by Koroisau and he lost the ball. From that scrum, Koroisau turned provided to Fonua Pole and he charged his way over from point-blank range, the Tigers were coming back to get the Rabbitohs and the captain's conversion reduced the gap to just 2 points. However, a Kolomamatangi line-break gave Souths some field position and eventually pressure took its toll on the last-place Tigers. After repeated possession down the Tigers' end. The left edge of Souths combined to send Johnston over in the left corner for his hattrick and try 184 for his illustrious career. With limited time to go, Cam Murray split the Tigers' defence and sold Bula a dummy back to Concord with a sensational individual try to seal the 32-18 verdict. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

MELBOURNE 46 PARRAMATTA 16

Melbourne has responded to last week's shock loss to the Knights by trouncing Parramatta by 46-16 at Marvel Stadium tonight.

Harry Grant and Jahrome Hughes were the stars for the home side with the Australian hooker scoring a double, while Kiwi half Hughes scored one, with both playing a pivotal role in the majority of the Storm's eight tries. It was a disappointing loss for last year's runners up, who have now lost four of their past five matches and are in real danger of missing out on this year's finals series unless they can turn things around dramatically with five games remaining in the regular

season. It was a fast start by the visitors, with winger Sean Russell scoring an incredible try to start the game, diving for the corner after some quick hands from his skipper Clint Gutherson off a beautifully executed scrum play. Melbourne hit back minutes later when Harry Grant caught the markers napping close to the line and snuck over to score a clever try out of dummy half. Nick Meaney converted to give the home side a 6-4 lead. Harry Grant then scored his second try, when the crafty number nine ran a strong line off Jahrome Hughes close to the line. Meaney again converted and it was 12-4. Grant continued to be a menace when he again snuck out of dummy half, this time firing a pass to Hughes who raced away to score under the posts to extend the lead by 14 following Meaney's successful conversion.

Parramatta desperately needed to hit back or risk the game slip away and they did so through J'maine Hopgood who crashed over off a deft pass at the line from Ryan Matternson close to the line. However just as Parramatta tried to claw back momentum, five eighth Daejarn Asi was penalised for an escort from a kick. The penalty proved critical, as it led to Storm backrower Eliesa Katoa crashing over off a neat pass from Hughes to give the home side a 24-10 lead at halftime.

The Grant and Hughes show resumed regular transmission following halftime, when they combined for lock forward Josh King to score under the posts and extend their lead to 30-10. The dominance continued from the home side, when Hughes again sliced through,

and off the back of his linebreak he doubled down by finding Marion Seve off the next play to give the Storm a commanding 36-10 lead. Parramatta finally hit back through rookie prop Luca Moretti who crashed over for his first NRL try and give his side a glimmer of hope of mounting a comeback. That comeback was quickly extinguished with ten minutes to go however, when Cameron Munster waltzed through six Eels defenders to score a brilliant individual try to put the icing on the cake for the home side. Rookie Kiwi winger Will Warbrick dived over late to blow the scoreline out to a convincing 46-10 win in front of their home fans. **SAM BOURKE**

NEWCASTLE 28 CANBERRA 6

A controlled display has seen the Newcastle Knights post their fourth win in succession with a 28-6 rout over the Canberra Raiders at GIO Stadium.

Recording their first victory in the nation's capital in five years to move within one point of the top eight, the Knights stood tall with and without the ball in a performance that saw Kalyn Ponga enhance his reputation as one of the superstars of the game. Coming out of the blocks with attacking intentions after a superb kick return from Ponga inside the opening two minutes, the Knights struck first with Jackson Hastings sending Lachlan Fitzgibbon into space, who linked with Ponga (6th minute) in support to open the

scoring. Adding a penalty goal from in front after Jordan Rapana failed to complete a line drop out inside the designated kick clock, the Raiders woes went from bad to worse when Josh Papalii threw a woeful pass on the last tackle that put the Knights on the attacking front foot. Taking immediate advantage of the field position gifted by their opponents, a cut-out pass from Hastings allowed Greg Marzhev (19th minute) to stroll over in the corner. Managing to repel multiple attacking raids from the Raiders on their own line, the Knights completed a stellar first half with Dominic Young (32nd minute) managing to get the ball down inside the corner post for his 20th try of the season to take a 20-0 lead to the sheds.

Making the Raiders pay for another poor last tackle option which saw interchange prop Emre Guler hoist a bomb toward the heavens, a subsequent raid down the right side from Dane Gagay saw Tyson Gamble (42nd minute) race away to score. The Knights appeared to go further in front through Bradman Best following a comedy of errors from the Raiders, only for the bunker to find an infringement against Gamble for tackling Albert Hopoate in the air. Stemming the one-way flow of points through Rapana (51st minute) midway through the second half, Canberra fullback Seb Kris was placed on report minutes later for taking out Ponga's legs while the Newcastle fullback contested a high ball. Taking the score out to 28-6 via a penalty goal, Ponga was forced from the field for a HIA after collecting Rapana's knee

while falling after passing the ball, before being cleared to return with the result beyond doubt. A well-placed chip kick from Hastings saw Young touch down late in the contest, however closer inspection from the bunker found the English winger to have put a foot on the sideline before grounding. Capping the win with one of their best defensive displays of the season, the Knights managed to deny Hudson Young and Corey Horsburgh with resolute goal line defence in the shadows of fulltime to run out 28-6 winners. Next week, the Raiders host the Tigers on Sunday afternoon, while the Knights will face the Dolphins as part of a double header in Perth on Saturday evening. **ROB CROSBY**

MANLY 24 ST GEO ILLA 18

Manly Sea Eagles kept their finals hopes alive with a 24-18 win over St George Illawarra Dragons at WIN Stadium in front of 14,872 fans on Saturday night.

The Sea Eagles celebrated Daly Cherry-Evans 300th with a win and broke their 20-year hoodoo down in Wollongong and it kept them in touch with the top eight and set up a frantic final six weeks. Dragons struck first off a few back-to-back sets. Talatau Amone took the ball to the line well, fed Francis Molo who streamed

through the gap and made it 6-0 for the hosts. The hosts extended their advantage to eight from the tee. Zac Lomax sent the ball through the posts to continue a strong start from the Dragons who looked to play spoiler on the milestone occasion. Sea Eagles had to do a lot of defending but once they got some ball, struck back. Jason Saab strode confidently down the wing before he flung it to Tolotau Koula to go over. The visitors were well into their rhythm now. They got field possession after Jacob Liddle played the ball the wrong way then Haumole Olaku'atu strolled through to make it 12-8.

Coming out of the break, the Sea Eagles felt just fine. They just rolled away from their end, started by a Josh Schuster pass then ended with Reuben Garrick who made it 18-8 and silenced the crowd. Dragons had some concerted possession on the Sea Eagles line including a very close decision to chalk off a four-pointer to Dan Russell. The hosts were very clunky in their attack and handed it over easily. The Sea Eagles piled on the misery straight away. They went to their pet play which was to give Saab space on the right wing. He just stretched out and beat the chasing defense to stroll over. Dragons needed something quickly and it came from Billy Burns.

He was able to scoop up the grubber kick from Ben Hunt to score in the left corner. Lomax converted to make it 22-14. The task got harder for the Dragons when Jack De Belin was sin-binned for a hip drop earlier in a set. They still put in a good effort and brought themselves closer through a Tyrell Sloan four-pointer. It was sealed by a dumb play from the Dragons. Hunt tried to slice through, offloaded to Zane Musgrove who was deemed out of play. Garrick stepped up to pilot home the penalty goal for the Sea Eagles and make it 24-18. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PENRITH 28 CRONULLA 0

Penrith dominated field position and kept the Sharks on the back foot all game, and while the Sharks defence was commendable, their attack was atrocious.

Things looked grim for the Sharks very early when fullback William Kennedy tore his hamstring after just 3 minutes, but he remained on the field for a further 3 minutes before succumbing to the injury. The reshuffle saw Connor Tracey move to fullback and back rower Briton Nikora move out to centre. The scoring started in the 6th minute when Nathan Cleary grubbered close to the Sharks line. Kennedy blocked it with his foot, but couldn't regather. Liam Martin regathered before passing to Jarome Luai who barges over for a try. Cleary added the extras. The Sharks woes continued in the

10th minute when winger Sione Katoa dislocated his finger and came off the field to get it attended to. He eventually returned shortly after. Despite the extra reshuffles, Penrith's attack couldn't crack the gritty Sharks defence. In the 22nd minute Penrith crossed for their second try when another Cleary grubber was blocked, this time by Nicho Hynes, but he couldn't contain the ball as it dribbles agonisingly slowly into the Sharks in-goal, where Isaac Yeo grounded it for a try. Cleary converted from almost in front. A Cleary 40/20 gave the Panthers a great attacking opportunity and from the ensuing set Brian To'o scored in the right corner somehow, despite being tackled around the legs by Jesse Ramien and with Braydon Trindall sliding across to try and prevent the ball from being grounded. Cleary converted from the sideline. Jarome Luai looked to have

scored his second try when Katoa dropped a pass from Tracey in the Sharks in-goal area. The referee awarded the try but the Bunker found that Katoa managed to ground the ball first, denying the Panthers five-eighth a try. As the halftime siren sounded, Nathan Cleary attempted to kick a field goal from 49 metres out, and while it was perfectly aimed, it fell just under the cross bar. At halftime Penrith were in control and leading 18-0.

Penrith extended their lead in the 48th minute when some second phase play saw the Panthers spread the ball left to Luai, who linked with Scott Sorensen. The back-rower threw a brilliant pass behind his back to Tyrone Peachey who dished it to Sunia Turuva and he scored in the corner. Cleary failed to convert from the sideline. In the 57th minute Tyrone Peachey was sin

binned for a high shot on Jack Williams. The Sharks attack at this stage was so disjointed, that it failed to take advantage of the extra man. In fact, it was Penrith who scored, just 4 minutes after Peachey was binned. Cleary kicked into the Sharks in-goal and Liam Martin somehow reeled it in, while running at top speed, and planted the ball near his feet just inside the dead-ball line for a great try. Cleary converted to give the Panthers a clear 28-0 lead. Neither side threatened the scoreboard for the rest of the game as turn-overs started to take over. Cronulla's only shining light was the incredible defence which made over 50 tackles inside their own 20 metres and conceded just 5 tries against the best team of the past few seasons. This was highlighted by Cameron McInnes who made an astonishing 83 tackles in 80 minutes. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CANTERBURY 23 DOLPHINS 22

A field goal from Matt Burton with seconds left in the first half proved the difference as the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs prevailed 23-22 over the Dolphins in a thriller played in Bundaberg.

In a match with multiple lead changes that finished four tries apiece, the Dolphins were left to rue a wayward conversion attempt near fulltime by Jamayne Isaako which allowed the Bulldogs to post their seventh win of the season. In a disjointed opening which saw the flow of play dictated by the referee's whistle, the Dolphins opened the scoring via an Isaako penalty goal stemming from high contact by Jake Averillo which saw

Connelly Lemuelu ruled out of the match with a failed head injury assessment. Taking an 8-0 lead midway through proceedings following an offload from Euan Aitken inside his own half, Isaako (17th minute) latched onto the ball and streaked 70 metres down the right touchline to score his 16th try of the season. Opting to bring a home game to Bundaberg for the second time, the Bulldogs delighted the 5,130 supporters in attendance with Viliame Kikau (26th minute), returning from a pectoral injury after four months on the sidelines, barging over the top of Kodi Nikorima to score his first try in blue and white colours. Hitting the front through Braidon Burns (31st minute), who left Aitken clutching for air with a powerful run, an ultimately fortuitous field goal to Burton with seconds left on the clock gave the

hosts an unlikely 11-8 halftime advantage.

Squandering an early opportunity to extend their lead after Averillo dropped a pass from Jacob Preston with the try line in sight, Averillo (53rd minute) atoned for his earlier blemish with a try against his future teammates. Responding to the one-way flow of points by injecting Anthony Milford into the game, the Dolphins got the desired response with Aitken splitting the Bulldogs through the middle of the field, allowing Milford (57th minute) to take advantage of the retreating defence from close range. In a sliding doors moments which saw Tevita Pangai Jr denied by the bunker at one end of the field for a double movement, the Dolphins returned fire with Valynce Te Whare (64th minute) charging over to

give the visitors a one-point lead. In a thrilling finale which saw a potential match-clinching try to Isaako pulled up for an obstruction, a cut-out pass from Toby Sexton enabled Blake Wilson (69th minute) to touch down to take a five-point lead following Burton's successful sideline conversion. Felise Kaufusi provided the Dolphins with a late opportunity to claim victory with a tackle that forced a turnover, however, despite the best efforts of Milford (78th minute) to score his second of the afternoon, Isaako's wayward conversion allowed the Bulldogs to hold on for a one-point win. Next week, the Bulldogs will have their final bye of the season, while the Dolphins will face the in-form Knights in Perth on Saturday evening. **ROB CROSBY**

GOLD COAST 22 NORTH QLD 13

A solid second half showing from hosts Gold Coast has seen them finish 22-13 victors over an in-form North Queensland at Robina on Sunday.

Behind 13-10 at the break, the Titans were able to score twice and keep their opponents scoreless - the first time they've done that to any opponent since the start

of 2022 - delivering a streak-breaking win for both themselves (after four losses) and the Cowboys (after five wins). While the Titans were first on the board - AJ Brimson scoring the opener off a Khan-Pereira break and kick - the Cowboys steamed into the lead before the 20 minute mark, taking advantage of an injury-enforced departure by Brimson to lead 12-6. Semi Valemei and Coen Hess were the visiting side's tryscorers. At the 24 minute mark, Phil Sami pegged back the margin

to two points with the hosts taking advantage of Cowboys centre Valentine Holmes being sin binned after a shoulder charge. While they still trailed by two, the Titans looked every bit in the contest, holding the Cowboys to all but a last-minute halftime field goal from Chad Townsend. That had North Queensland leading 13-10 at the change of ends.

All the remaining points were scored inside the opening ten minutes of the second stanza - Jayden Campbell scoring after just forty seconds after play resumed. When Alofiana Khan-Pereira scored at the 46th minute, the Titans were up by nine and looking solid. A classy and consistent defensive display rounded out the game, with the final half-hour an entertaining but scoreless tussle. **TIM COSTELLO**

ROUND 22 RESULTS

BRISBANE 32 (E. Mam 2, P. Carrigan, H. Farnworth, K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds 6 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 10** (B. Smith, D. Tupou tries; S. Smith goal) **AT BRISBANE CRICKET GROUND.**

Date: Thu, 27th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-0. Penalties: Brisbane 8-7. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 21,841.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Mariner, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Carrigan, Palasia. Int: Smoothy, Jensen, Hetherington, Willison.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Smith; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Butcher, Radley. Int: Turpin, Brown, May, Baker.

SOUTHS 32 (A. Johnston 3, K. Koloamatangi, C. Murray, I. Tass tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 18** (A. Koroisau, I. Papali'i, F. Pole tries; A. Koroisau 2, L. Brooks goals) **AT SCULLY PARK.**

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 20-6. Penalties: Souths 6-3. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 10,453.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, To'a, Tupou, Staines; Laurie, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Smith, Blore, Twal, James.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Arrow, Cook, Sele, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Moale, Havili, Cartwright, Burgess.

MELBOURNE 46 (H. Grant 2, J. Hughes, E. Katoa, J. King, C. Munster, M. Seve, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 7 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 16** (J. Hopgood, L. Moretti, S. Russell tries; M. Moses 2 goals) **AT MARVEL STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 24-10. Penalties: Parramatta 3-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,429.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Tonumaipea, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Eisenhuth, King. Int: MacDonald, Katoa, Wishart, Moeroa.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Blake, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Moses; Ogden, Hands, Paulo, Davey, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Ofahengaue, Lussick, Matterson.

NEWCASTLE 28 (T. Gamble, G. Marzhew, K. Ponga, D. Young tries; K. Ponga 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 6** (J. Rapana try; J. Croker goal) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 20-0. Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 15,487.

CANBERRA: Kris, Hopoate, Croker (C), Timoko, Rapana; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Jones, Hetherington, Croker.

MANLY 24 (R. Garrick, T. Koula, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 18** (B. Burns, F. Molo, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-8. Penalties: Manly 8-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 14,872.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, De Belin. Int: Muhleisen, Molo, Couchman, Musgrove.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuipulotu; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Lodge, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Trbojevic. Int: Matterson, Woods, Keppie, Bullemor.

PENRITH 28 (J. Luai, L. Martin, B. To'o, S. Turuva, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 4 goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 0** **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-0. Penalties: Penrith 6-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,694.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Smith, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Leota, Luke, Eisenhuth, Hosking.

CRONULLA: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Tracey; Trindall, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Rudolf, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Kaufusi, Williams, Hazelton, Hunt.

CANTERBURY 23 (J. Averillo, B. Burns, V. Kikau, B. Wilson tries; M. Burton 3 goals; M. Burton field goal) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 22** (A. Milford 2, J. Isaako, V. Te Whare tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) **AT SALTER OVAL.**

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 11-8. Penalties: Dolphins 9-7. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 5,130.

CANTERBURY: Averillo, Wilson, Kiraz, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Sexton; King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Kikau, Preston, Sutton. Int: Flanagan, Waddell, Edwards, Knight.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Aitken, Te Whare, Niu; Nikorima, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Ese'ese, Kerr, Milford, Wallace.

GOLD COAST 22 (A. Brimson, J. Campbell, A. Khan-Pereira, P. Sami tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 13** (C. Hess, S. Valemei tries; V. Holmes 2 goals; C. Townsend field goal) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: North QLD 13-10. Penalties: Gold Coast 9-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,516.

GOLD COAST: Brimson (C), Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fifita, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Liu, Fifita, Stimson, Clark. Int: Verrills, Campbell, Haas, Fa'asumaleaui.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Valemei, Holmes, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Finefeuiaki, Granville. Int: Cotter, Taunoa-Brown, Taumalolo, McIntyre.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 22

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	19	14	0	5	3	257	34
2	BRISBANE	20	15	0	5	2	153	34
3	WARRIORS	19	12	0	7	3	111	30
4	MELBOURNE	19	12	0	7	3	101	30
5	CANBERRA	19	11	0	8	3	-78	28
6	SOUTHS	20	11	0	9	2	90	26
7	CRONULLA	19	10	0	9	3	70	26
8	NORTH QLD	20	11	0	9	2	48	26
9	NEWCASTLE	19	9	1	9	3	76	25
10	MANLY	19	9	1	9	3	-25	25
11	PARRAMATTA	20	10	0	10	2	59	24
12	GOLD COAST	19	8	0	11	3	-43	22
13	DOLPHINS	19	8	0	11	3	-92	22
14	SYDNEY	19	8	0	11	3	-110	22
15	CANTERBURY	20	7	0	13	2	-265	18
16	ST GEO ILLA	19	5	0	14	3	-139	16
17	WESTS TIGERS	19	3	0	16	3	-213	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Patrick Carrigan (Brisbane) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1800
 Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Keon Koloamatangi (South Sydney) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1500
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 Aitasi James (Wests Tigers) Grade Careless HT: \$1000
 Davvy Moale (South Sydney) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000
 Seb Kris (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1500
 Jack de Belin (St Geo Illa) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 4 matches
 Tyrone Peachey (Penrith) Grade 3 Careless HT: 2 matches
 Braden Hamlin-Uele (Cronulla) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000
 Jake Averillo (Canterbury) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750
 Reed Mahoney (Canterbury) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$1000
 Valentine Holmes (North Qld) Grade 2 Careless HT: 4 matches

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

31 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

22 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

21 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)

20 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Kalyn Ponga (Knights)



ROUND 23

SYDNEY 26 MANLY 16

Sydney Roosters recorded a 26-16 win against the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles on a whistle-happy evening at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday.

The Roosters looked much like their usual selves with a comfortable win highlighted by a pair of tries from Daniel Tupou. There was drama with Nathan Brown being sent off in his first tackle while Sea Eagles Toafofoa Siplely went to the sin bin. This game was a big game for the Sea Eagles who still harboured

ambitions of finals football. It was a tight tussle in the opening ten minutes before the Sea Eagles posted first points from the tee to make it 2-0. From there, the Roosters clicked into gear. Daniel Tupou added to his already club leading try-scoring lead, taking a bomb and touching down in the corner to make it 6-2 for the hosts back on their home turf.

If the first four-pointer was athletic, the next was pure power. Centre Joseph Manu scooped up the ball from dummy-half after a Sua Wong run then barrelled past several Sea Eagles defenders to go over. The Sea Eagles were sinking without a trace, the closest they went for a try was Lachlan Croker

being denied his centurion game. Roosters gave themselves an 18-2 lead at the break when Tupou swept over for his second four-pointer.

Coming out of the break, the Sea Eagles tried to wrestle back momentum but were met by a brick wall. The Roosters defense harkened back to the side which was tipped pre-season to be right in the thick of the Premiership race. The Roosters delivered the knockout blow from another Sea Eagles error. The ball was flung wide to Billy Smith, who stepped past several defenders before he went over to make it 22-2 which would please Richie Benaud. Sea Eagles

only avenue to find the line was from the boot. Josh Schuster chipped for himself to get their first then he delivered another precise kick for Brad Parker to get himself on the scoresheet. Roosters kept them at arms length all evening. Another error which led to a scrum. It was a simple backline move which saw Joseph Suaalii cross in the corner which gave him ten points for the game including his three conversions. There was some late consolation for the Sea Eagles who never got going in this game. This despite a send off to Nathan Brown who just got onto the field. Tolotau Koula brought the margin back to ten with his late score from broken play. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

WARRIORS 28 GOLD COAST 18

The New Zealand Warriors have overcome a brave 12 men Gold Coast Titans side in one of the most bizarre Friday Night Football matches in recent seasons.

The home side suffered a horror blow in the dying moments of warm-up when AJ Brimson pulled out, which saw Jayden Campbell revert back to fullback. Both sides had early chances, Jackson Ford was dragged down metres from the line. On the ensuing play, the crash ball was ineffective. After some tense early moments, the referees' and Bunker's high tackle interpretation came into question. Chris Randall was only put on report for a high tackle after the Warriors challenged a knock-on ruling, the replays showed he was lucky to remain on the field 14 minutes in. Three minutes later the controversy reached DefOn levels, Mo Fotuauka wasn't so lucky when he collected Chanze Nicoll-Klokstad high and left him in Disney Land.

Fotuauka was sent from the field by Ben Cummins after an extensive delay which saw CNK come from the field and fail to return. After the following set where the Titans hung on their own line, David Fifita initiated contact with Marata Niukore before the Warriors back-rower slapped back. Niukore was quickly dispatched to the bin for "striking". After winning his side a penalty down the other end of the field. Fifita went on his own out of acting half to cross for the first try of the evening. Tanah Boyd converted for an unlikely lead for the 12 men Titans side. That lead didn't last long, however. Off the back of some rare field position, the Warriors were able to bounce back 13 minutes out from the break. Shaun Johnson continued his career reboot with some sensational footwork to beat the cover defence to score a great individual try. Johnson converted for a 6-6 ball game and it looked like the Warriors were taking control. Just before the break, the visitors who had vocal crowd support split the Titans open. Johnson broke

through some would-be tacklers before linking up with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak. DWZ got a magical ball back inside to Johnson to cross for his second try who converted his own try for a 12-6 lead. The Warriors thought they had a third on half-time but were pulled back by the Bunker for obstruction and it remained 12-6 at the break.

Gold Coast started the second half in disastrous fashion, Lofi Khan-Pereria spilt the bomb from the Warriors' first set of the second half giving the visitors prime field position. Johnson this time turned provider with an inside pass to Ford who crossed out on the left edge after being denied early in the game. Johnson converted from an easy distance to make it a two-possession lead for the visitors. That comfortable margin didn't last long due to a combination of ill-discipline and sloppy ball handling against a 12-man Titans side. Tanah Boyd looked damaging for the home side and he split the Warriors open. From the

ensuing tackle, Campbell grubber kicked for Joe Stimson who grounded the ball brilliantly in the in-goal. Campbell converted while Boyd was treated for a shoulder injury and it was back to a 6-point game. With 15 minutes to go, the Warriors were looking to seal the deal. Johnson's crossfield kick was initially batted back to Ford before his pass was picked off by Campbell who sprinted the best part of 90 metres to score. We were locked up at 18-18 after Boyd's conversion, although the Bunker seemingly missed a knock-on from the contest by Aaron Schoupp. After a rare sabbatical in the chaos. Both sides scrambled to find the killer blow. It took a great crash pass from Wayne Egan to find Tohu Harris and the big fella crashed over for his maiden try of 2023 and with Johnson's conversion it was 24-18. The Titans failed to find an answer and Johnson again put a boot to the ball and AKP couldn't collect it as DWZ collected the loose ball for number 2 and a comfortable 10-point lead. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

PENRITH 26 MELBOURNE 6

Penrith has defeated fellow premiers contenders Melbourne by 26-6 in a clinical display at BlueBet Stadium tonight.

After initially letting in the first try of the night, Penrith poured on three tries in 16 minutes to effectively take the game away from the visitors by halftime. It was their skipper Nathan Cleary who was the architect with a dominant kicking display and also having a hand in three Panthers tries to send a message out to the competition that he has put his Origin disappointment behind him as he looks for a third premiership ring. It was a disappointing performance for Melbourne who lost both halfback Jahrome Hughes and winger Xavier Coates prior to

kickoff, but it was their uncharacteristic ill discipline that cost them, particularly in the first half where they conceded a whopping eight penalties. Penrith opened the scoring through a penalty, when Marion Seve checked the run of Scott Sorenson chasing a kick. Cleary pointed to the posts and took the two points on offer to open their account. From the ensuing kickoff Penrith spread the ball wide, which was then knocked on by makeshift centre Zac Hosking and the ball was picked up in an offside position. Nick Meaney returned serve and tied the scoreline at 2 all with a penalty from in front. Melbourne then silenced the home crowd, when Young Tonumaipeta found a retreating Panthers defensive line to score the opening try of the game and take an early 6-2 lead. Penrith managed to camp themselves on the Storm line and were finally rewarded when NSW winger

Brian To'o found himself on the back of a familiar Panthers backline play to dive over in the corner to level the scores after 25 minutes. Penrith then took the game up a gear minutes later, when Cleary saw the Storm were short on numbers down the short side to create enough space for Jarome Luai to score. Cleary converted from out wide to give the home side a 12-6 lead. As the halftime break approached the Storm then gave away their sixth penalty for the match, for an accidental crusher tackle from Josh King. Nathan Cleary took the gift two points to extend the Panthers lead to 14-6. Then just as the halftime break approached, the Panthers made the Storm pay for their seventh penalty, when Nathan Cleary put Stephen Crichton over in the corner to give them a 20-6 lead at halftime.

The second half continued the theme of poor discipline from Melbourne, which was followed by a Panthers counter attack, when To'o scored his second try which again occurred through some quick hands from his inside men. While Melbourne were much better in the second half, the pressure from the Panthers defence was relentless and the Storm were continually left frustrated as they failed to find a way to break through. Penrith have a minor headache from the win, with two try hero Brian To'o looking to have a minor pectoral injury, but other than that they came through unscathed ahead of their Thursday night clash with Manly in Round 24. Melbourne will return to AAMI Park against their bogey side Canberra as they look to keep their Top 4 hopes alive with just a month left in the regular season. **SAM BOURKE**

BRISBANE 30 NORTH QLD 14

The Brisbane Broncos have asserted their credentials as the kings of Queensland with a 30-14 victory over the North Queensland Cowboys in Townsville.

In an epic encounter evoking memories of clashes between the two Queensland rivals during the mid-2010s, the Broncos held their nerve to join the Panthers on 36 competition points and all but assure a top two finish. Surviving an early scare with Kyle Feldt forced over the sideline from a scrum play, the Broncos responded in the following set through Jesse

Arthars (6th minute) who touched down in the corner. Playing in front of a sold-out Townsville crowd during a rare Saturday afternoon fixture, the Cowboys made amends for leaving points on the table with Feldt (13th minute) finishing off an attacking raid down the left edge. Holding a slender lead midway through the half, the Broncos were left to lament multiple missed opportunities with Thomas Flegler ignoring Ezra Mam in support with the try line open and Brendan Piakura becoming entangled with Kotoni Staggs close to the line. Seizing the ascendancy following a short pass from Billy Walters to Patrick Carrigan (24th minute), the Broncos appeared to go further ahead

only for Semi Valemei to hold Herbie Farnworth up in a determined tackle over the line. A penalty goal to Chad Townsend after the halftime siren saw the Broncos take a 12-6 lead to the change of ends.

Losing Arthars early in the second half with a Category 1 head knock, Kotoni Staggs re-established an eight-point buffer after Jamayne Taunoa-Brown was penalised for a crusher tackle in front of the posts. Taking the score to 20-6 after Mam (52nd minute) backed up an attacking run from Carrigan, the Cowboys hit back after Feldt (58th minute) crossed for his second of the afternoon. Securing

the result following a stellar break by Staggs from inside their own half, Reece Walsh (72nd minute) was overcome with emotion after touching down for his sixth try of the season. The Cowboys continued to rally with Heilum Luki (74th minute) narrowing the margin to ten-points, however a botched try to Feldt in the following set killed off any hope of a comeback. An intercept to Selwyn Cobbo (79th minute) on fulltime capped the result with the Broncos running out 30-14 victors. Next week, the Cowboys have their final bye of the season, while the Broncos will host the Eels at The Gabba on Friday night. **ROB CROSBY**

NEWCASTLE 30 DOLPHINS 28

Newcastle Knights move into sixth position after their 30-28 win over The Dolphins at Perth Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

It was a performance which was powered by Kalyn Ponga, who was instrumental in the Newcastle Knights win despite a first half hat-trick from Dolphins winger Jamayne Isaako which gave the Queensland side a half-time lead. The Knights struck first on a firm Perth surface. They went to the right side to open them up, Dominic Young strode free before he found the trailing Kalyn Ponga to touch

down. Their quick start was quelled when Lachlan Fitzgibbon was sent to the sin bin for a hip drop. Dolphins struck immediately through Jamayne Isaako who strolled over from close range. The Dolphins went back-to-back to take the lead at 8-6. This time it was from long range, Kodi Nikorima cut through the Knights defense then positioned Isaako to get his second four-pointer of the contest. It was the Isaako show in the first half. He showed off his leaping ability for his third try in quick succession. He dived over a stationary Greg Marzhev to notch up the milestone. Knights got back to even and quickly cut into the deficit. Kurt Mann spied a gap, as the restart

bell went and scooted over from close range. Ponga converted from mid range to make it 14-12.

Dolphins inched their advantage to four points right after the break. A high tackle allowed Isaako to kick his first goal of the afternoon to make 16-12 in the fading sun. The newest NRL team were on a roll. They marched downfield after a penalty won by who else Isaako. Dolphins stripped the numbers well on the right and Valynce Te Whare walked it over. It was a see-saw contest and the Knights struck back. Jackson Hastings shrugged off a defender and went over underneath the sticks, Ponga converted which

brought it back to 22-18. After his binning, Fitzgibbon gave some back to his side. He sliced through, fed Ponga who strided towards the line then offloaded to Phoenix Crossland who levelled up the contest. Ponga converted to put them ahead 24-22. They extended their lead again from some Ponga power. The fullback poked his nose through the line, his pass hit the ground and it fell into the path of Marzhev who has had a tough afternoon, but got on the scoresheet. Dolphins have shown they won't go down with a fight this season and set up a grandstand finish. It was a superb short pass and Connelly Lemuelu strolled over to make it 30-28. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

CRONULLA 26 SOUTH SYDNEY 16

The Cronulla Sharks have put a run of poor form behind them as they ran out 26-16 victors over the South Sydney Rabbitohs in front of nearly 50,000 fans at Perth Stadium in the second match of the double header.

The Sharks were the first side to go close to scoring when Connor Tracey was denied when he got the ball down short of the line before losing control of it. The no try didn't hurt the Sharks though as down the left again they were able to find space when a questionable pass put Mawene Hiroti into space to score. Taking advantage of the momentum, the Sharks put on some class as Sione Katoa left Latrell

Mitchell going in every direction but the right one as his footwork beat Mitchell and Cronulla extended their lead. Inside the final 10 minutes of the first half, the Sharks added a penalty goal to extend their lead out to 14-0 after Latrell Mitchell's short dropout attempt didn't go the required 10m. Souths had an effort from Alex Johnston rejected by the bunker after the superstar winger went into touch before grounding the ball.

The second half started as a repeat of the first half with the Sharks dominating and going over just five minutes into the second half as Braydon Trindall picked up the first of his double when an isolated Tyrone Munro charged out of the line and left Trindall with a stroll to the line. Trindall's second

try was both through luck and skill as his kick that was intended for the sideline was kept alive by some great work from Mawene Hiroti to keep the ball alive and then the second kick from Sifa Talakai ricocheted off Latrell Mitchell for Braydon Trindall to pick up a surprise second. The Rabbitohs continued to spread the ball left and although errors cost them more points they were able to get over as for the first time the Souths attack had a focal point and it was to go left and Alex Johnston wasn't denied for a second time. Sharks fans were left sitting nervously as Souths started to get some momentum and it was down the left hand-side again when Alex Johnston got into space before kicking back inside for Lachlan Ilias who scored and the Bunnies had closed the gap to 14 points. Neither side could complete a set over

the next five minute period although it was down the left where Souths found more joy when Isaiah Tass was able to score a much needed four pointer to close the gap even though Latrell Mitchell hit the post with his conversion. Errors stopped either side with packing a punch although the NRL's handling of foul play will come under more scrutiny after Tom Burgess was given 10 minutes in the sin bin rather than being sent off like other incidents this week for a shot on Tom Hazelton. Despite both sides getting more chances, the Sharks were able to hold on for their 26-16 victory. Next weekend, Souths have yet another interstate home game when they host the Dragons at Barlow Park in Cairns whilst the Sharks head back to the shire against the Titans on Friday night. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

PARRAMATTA 26 ST GEO ILLA 20

Dragons winger Mikael Ravalawa scored a first half hat-trick and added a fourth try early in the second half, all but putting the Dragons in a strong position to win the game... but another Eels blitz in the final 20 minutes got Parramatta home at CommBank Stadium on Sunday.

The first half saw the Eels get away to a flying start when Bailey Simonsson got a good ball over the top to the unmarked rookie, Arthur Miller-Stephen, who dives over to score on debut. Mitch Moses failed to convert from the sideline. From the restart, the Eels went the length of the field, eventually resulting in

a try to Bryce Cartwright which Moses converted. After 13 minutes, the Eels lead 10-0 and were looking keen to pile on a big score. The Dragons though got back into the game when Ravalawa tried to get across the stripe, but for the second time, Miller-Stephen denied him and took him into touch with a great tackle. In the 18th minute Tyrell Sloan made a break down the right sideline. The Dragons earned a fresh set after the next tackle, where they sent the ball out to Ravalawa and this time he did just enough to get the ball down for a try. Lomax converted from the sideline. The Dragons levelled the scores in the 26th minute when Ravalawa crashed over for his second try. Lomax couldn't convert from out wide, leaving the scores tied at 10 apiece. In the final minute of the

first half, Ben Hunt got side-on to the defence, shaped to pass to the runner coming back in-field before firing a long ball to the unmarked Ravalawa, who scores in the corner. Lomax converted from touch. At halftime, the Dragons held a narrow 16-10 lead.

Ravalawa trampled over Clint Gutherson in the 52nd minute to storm over for his fourth try of the game, which Lomax failed to convert from the sideline. Jacob Liddle went very close to scoring himself just 3 minutes later but a loose carry saw him turn the ball over just 5 metres shy of the line. Then with just 20 minutes left in the game and with the Eels attack looking rather disjointed, Eels winger Sean Russell got an early ball with plenty of defence to contend with,

but he stepped Ravalawa and snuck under the cover defence to score a much needed try. Moses failed to convert, keeping the Eels deficit at 6 points. Five minutes later, Ryan Matterson threw a brilliant flat cut-out pass which hit Junior Paulo perfectly and the big prop scored under the sticks. Moses converted to level the scores at 20 apiece. Bryce Cartwright was in the right place at the right time when, just 9 minutes from full-time, a Dylan Brown kick was fumbled in the contest, falling into the waiting hands of Cartwright and he dived over to score. Moses converted from in front and the Eels kept the Dragons from scoring for the remaining 8 minutes to hold on to a narrow 26-20 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CANBERRA 22 WESTS TIGERS 18

The Canberra Raiders chaotic season has continued, with the side from the nation's capital notching up a four point win over the lowly Wests Tigers that was anything but convincing.

The match started with both sides looking threatening on occasion but continually making silly mistakes, particularly on the last parts of plays that would've led to tries. Albert Hopoate made it over the line on a sweeping play but knocked on, while in the next set Jahream Bula won an aerial contest for the ball but did a double movement once he got to the ground. Despite all the scoring opportunities and close calls, the first try amazingly didn't come until the 26th minute when Jack Wighton opted to put a lofted chip kick in about 30 metres out from the Tigers line. The

bounce was very kind to the chasing Seb Kris, who grabbed the ball and fell to the ground to score. The Raiders looked to have shaken the cobwebs out after that; they got a penalty in the next set for a strip and scored a textbook try as a result when Hudson Young ran a good line to go through a hole and plant the ball down. With 4 minutes left in the half, the Raiders were again attacking and could've made things easy for themselves with another try before the break. Instead, Wighton threw an intercept to David Nofaloama, who ran 70 metres before stepping inside and finding Luke Brooks, who threw it wide to Charlie Staines who had enough gas in the tank to get to the line. All of a sudden, what could've been a 16-point game at half time was a four point game.

The Raiders were first on the board in the second

half in a controversial try. A pass was thrown from Wighton to Kris that allowed the outside back to get into space, but replays showed it was clearly forward. Nonetheless, Kris played on, and scored one of the great individual tries when he turned inside and used his speed to beat five separate Tigers defenders. The Tigers would strike back from nowhere about 10 minutes later, when Luke Brooks' bomb was contested by Jahream Bula, the young fullback tapping the ball back to Api Koroisau, who found David Nofaloama with a pinpoint crossfield kick to score close to the posts. The players were dropping like flies, Elliott Whitehead and Daine Laurie going off for HIAs following a head clash, joining Seb Kris on the sidelines who injured his hamstring. The Raiders extended their lead again, with Rapana stepping past a few Tigers defenders before passing a nice short

ball to Timoko, who scored with ease. With a 10-point lead against the last placed team at home, you'd think the Raiders would comfortably see it through to the end, but their job was made harder when Nick Cotric left the field for an HIA, forcing a makeshift backline to be employed by Ricky Stuart. The Tigers struck immediately, with Api Koroisau notching up another try assist off the boot when he grubbered for Luke Brooks to score under the posts. It was 22-18 and the Tigers were coming home strong, but despite several more chaotic plays and near misses, it would be the Raiders who held on for the win to set up a clash in Melbourne next week against the Storm where the winner will finish the Round in outright fourth position. The Tigers meanwhile will play a "home" game against the Warriors in New Zealand. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

ROUND 23 RESULTS

SYDNEY 26 (D. Tupou 2, J. Manu, B. Smith, J. Sua'ali'i tries; J. Sua'ali'i 3 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 16** (T. Koula, B. Parker, J. Schuster tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) **AT SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.**

Date: Thu, 3rd August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-2. Penalties: Manly 15-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 12,197.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Hutchison; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Wong, Butcher, Radley. Int: Smith, Brown, May, Baker.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuaimalo Vaega; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Lodge, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Trbojevic. Int: Trbojevic, Woods, Matterson, Bullemor.

WARRIORS 28 (S. Johnson 2, J. Ford, T. Harris, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; S. Johnson 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 18** (J. Campbell, D. Fifita, J. Stimson tries; T. Boyd 2, J. Campbell goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 4th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 12-6. Penalties: Warriors 6-5. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 20,877.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran (C), Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Liu, Fifita, Stimson, Clark. Int: Verrills, Haas, Fa'asumaleaui, Kini.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Sironen, Curran, Tevaga, Tuaupiki.

PENRITH 26 (B. To'o 2, S. Crichton, J. Luai tries; N. Cleary 5 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 6** (Y. Tonumaipaea try; N. Meaney goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 4th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-6. Penalties: Penrith 9-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 19,953.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Hosking, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Smith, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Leota, Luke, Eisenhuth, Salmon.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Tonumaipaea, Jennings; Munster, Pezet; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Eisenhuth, King. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Moeroa, Katoa, Wishart.

BRISBANE 30 (J. Arthars, P. Carrigan, S. Cobbo, E. Mam, R. Walsh tries; K. Staggs 5 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 14** (K. Feldt 2, H. Luki tries; C. Townsend goal) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6. Penalties: North QLD 7-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 22,659.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Valemei, Feldt, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Leilua, Hess, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, Luki, Taunoa-Brown.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Madden; Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell (C), Piakura, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Jensen, Palasia, Willison.

NEWCASTLE 30 (P. Crossland, J. Hastings, K. Mann, G. Marzhev, K. Ponga tries; K. Ponga 5 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 28** (J. Isaako 3, C. Lemuelu, V. Te Whare tries; J. Isaako 2, S. O'Sullivan 2 goals) **AT OPTUS STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 14-12. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 45,814.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Nikorima, Te Whare, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Milford, Ese'ese, Kerr, Wallace.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Jones, Hetherington, Croker.

CRONULLA 26 (B. Trindall 2, M. Hiroti, S. Katoa tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 16** (L. Ilias, A. Johnston, I. Tass tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) **AT OPTUS STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 5:35 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-0. Penalties: Cronulla 11-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 45,814.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Munro; Walker, Ilias; Arrow, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Chee-Kam, Murray (C). Int: Moale, Havili, Cartwright, Duncan.

CRONULLA: Tracey, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Hiroti; Trindall, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Rudolf, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Williams, Hazelton, Hunt.

PARRAMATTA 26 (B. Cartwright 2, A. Miller-Stephen, J. Paulo, S. Russell tries; M. Moses 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 20** (M. Ravalawa 4 tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 16-10. Penalties: Parramatta 6-2. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 23,596.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Miller-Stephen, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Brown, Moses; Ofahengaue, Lussick, Paulo, Matterson, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Davey, Greig, Makatoa.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Bird, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amon, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, Molo. Int: Muhleisen, Musgrove, Couchman, Murdoch-Masila.

CANBERRA 22 (S. Kris 2, M. Timoko, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 18** (L. Brooks, D. Nofoaluma, C. Staines tries; A. Koroisau 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 10-6. Penalties: Canberra 9-7. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 12,841.

CANBERRA: Rapana, Hopoate, Kris, Timoko, Cotric; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Horsburgh. Int: Trevilyan, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, To'a, Tupou, Staines; Laurie, Brooks; Twal, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Matamua, James, Seyfarth.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	20	15	0	5	3	277	36
2	BRISBANE	21	16	0	5	2	169	36
3	WARRIORS	20	13	0	7	3	121	32
4	MELBOURNE	20	12	0	8	3	81	30
5	CANBERRA	20	12	0	8	3	-74	30
6	CRONULLA	20	11	0	9	3	80	28
7	NEWCASTLE	20	10	1	9	3	78	27
8	SOUTHS	21	11	0	10	2	80	26
9	PARRAMATTA	21	11	0	10	2	65	26
10	NORTH QLD	21	11	0	10	2	32	26
11	MANLY	20	9	1	10	3	-35	25
12	SYDNEY	20	9	0	11	3	-100	24
13	GOLD COAST	20	8	0	12	3	-53	22
14	DOLPHINS	20	8	0	12	3	-94	22
15	CANTERBURY	20	7	0	13	3	-265	20
16	ST GEO ILLA	20	5	0	15	3	-145	16
17	WESTS TIGERS	20	3	0	17	3	-217	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Nathan Brown (Sydney) Grade 2 Careless HT: 1 match

Moeaki Fotuauka (Gold Coast) Grade 2 Careless HT: 1 match

Jarome Luai (Penrith) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$3000

Jake Granville (North Qld) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Newcastle) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

Tom Burgess (South Sydney) Grade 2 Careless HT: 3 matches

Blake Lawrie (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$750

Ryan Couchman (St Geo Illa) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000

Jack Wighton (Canberra) Grade 1 Contrary Conduct: \$3000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

34 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

23 POINTS

Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

22 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

21 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)



ROUND 24

PENRITH 24 MANLY 12

A stubborn Manly side have made the top-of-the-table Panthers work hard for their two premiership points in the first NRL match of Round 24.

Manly very nearly got themselves on the board within the opening 4 minutes of the game when Josh Schuster intercepted a pass from Nathan Cleary, ran up to half-way before kicking ahead for Brad Parker, but Brian To'o got to the ball first. Penrith scored in the 7th minute when Stephen Crichton intercepted a pass from Daly Cherry-Evans and then raced 70 metres to score untouched.

Cleary converted from almost in front. 11 minutes later, Cherry-Evans put in a great kick which forced Dylan Edwards back into his own in-goal, where he was trapped. At the tail-end of the repeat set for Manly, Toafofoa Siplely stormed onto a crash ball close to the Panthers line and he eventually managed to get himself across the line to score. Reuben Garrick converted to level the scores after 20 minutes. Manly took the lead shortly after when Cherry-Evans, close to the line, drew the defender before firing a hard ball to Garrick, who managed to hang onto it, twisted and then fell over the line, dunking the ball over his head for a try. Garrick converted his own try and after 29 minutes, Manly lead 12-6. Manly's defence was absolutely amazing for the following 12 minutes, while their attack was not afraid to shift the ball wide and early, often making good

metres through Jason Saab. But in the final minute of the half Penrith finally found a way through which resulted in Crichton bagging his second try for the half, as he strolled over in the left corner. Cleary converted from the sideline to level the scores at 12 all at the break.

The opening 90 seconds of the second half saw Manly lose two players - Ben Trbojevic and Brad Parker - due to head knocks which caused some major reshuffling in their backline. Then in the 45th minute, Cleary kicked long downfield to Garrick, who immediately kicked the ball back downfield. Dylan Edwards was turned around, but he cleaned up, then spotted space down the left wing and set sail down that side and then passed to Crichton, who immediately passed back inside to Sunia Turuva, who stepped one defender and then found

himself in clear space, then raced 50 metres to score under the posts. Cleary converted. In the 48th minute, Moses Leota very nearly scored after following a Cleary kick into the Manly in-goal, but the Bunker found that he bounced the ball just shy of grounding it. Nathan Cleary kicked a penalty goal in the 52nd minute to give Penrith a 20-12 lead. The Panthers extended their lead even further in the 63rd minute when Zac Hosking on the right side, performed a great catch and pass to put Brian To'o in for a try. Cleary narrowly failed to convert from the sideline. The game closed out with both sides being very solid defensively, denying each other from even getting close to extending their scores. Penrith holding on for a solid 24-12 win. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

CRONULLA 36 GOLD COAST 6

Cronulla Sharks boosted their top eight hopes with a 36-6 win over Gold Coast Titans at Shark Park on Friday night.

The Sharks did most of their damage in the first half and led 20-6 at the break. Ronaldo Mulitalo highlighted the win with a double alongside rare four-pointers from Cameron McInnes and Wade Graham in the first half as they move into the top four. Sharks flew out of the

gates and opened the scoring inside five minutes. They ran it on last which ended up with Ronaldo Mulitalo diving over in the corner to make it 4-0. The hosts doubled their delight with a long range effort. It was swung to the right which gave Jesse Ramien the space to roam, he positioned fullback Connor Tracey to stroll over. Titans struck back through their newly minted forward. Tino Fa'asuamaleaui went through a huge gap and bounced over to celebrate his decade-long contract with the Gold Coast side. The Titans thought they had levelled things up through Phillip Sami but it was called

back for a forward pass. Sharks got back into their action and put Mulitalo over for his second to make it 14-6. Sharks piled on the misery just before the break. Blayke Brailey took it to the line and found a charging Cameron McInnes who went over from close range for a rare four-pointer.

Titans came out of the break and felt just fine. Keano Kini thought he might have scored but it was ruled an error by the bunker then Sharks piled on the misery with a Wade Graham scoring on the left. Both teams had tries

chalked off by the bunker in a tight second half. David Fifita won the aerial battle but was judged to have bobbled it then Connor Tracey was guilty of a double movement for the Sharks. The Sharks went on with the job and added their sixth try of the night. Popular forward Toby Rudolf steamed over from close range to make it 32-6 and help boost their for and against. Things went from bad to worse for the Titans when Erin Clark was sin binned for a strike. They defended valiantly until late when Ramien was on the end of a hot potato passage in the corner. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

BRISBANE 54 PARRAMATTA 10

The Brisbane Broncos have farewellled the Gabba in style, running out emphatic 54-10 winners over last year's grand finalists Parramatta to send out a message to their rivals that they are going to take some beating in 2023.

Skipper Adam Reynolds led the way for the home side, having a hand in several tries and also kicking his 1,000th career goal in the victory. The Broncos backline was simply electric with a plethora of highlight reel plays in what at times looked like a training run. The loss for the Eels was further compounded for the Eels with star half Mitchell Moses failing to return from the sheds for the second half with a suspected fractured cheekbone, which could prove to be a catastrophic blow to their faint finals hopes which are now on life support.

All eyes coming into the match were on marquee prop Payne Haas, who was playing his 100th first grade match and early dominance from himself and Pat Carrigan set the tone for the Broncos early and they were first to register points when former Bronco Joe Ofahenguae was penalised for a strip. Skipper Adam Reynolds pointed to the posts and took the gift two points on offer. The Broncos then scored the first try of the night and it was all class, as star fullback Reece Walsh rushed the short side and put Kurt Capewell down the sideline. Capewell then kicked inside to find Reynolds who collected a superb bounce, evaded the cover defence and raced away to score under the posts. Brisbane then started to click into gear, when they marched upfield with ease before Billy Walters darted out of dummy half close to the line, stepping past two Eels defenders to extend the lead to 12-0. Parramatta again found themselves

unable to halt the Broncos onslaught, when skipper Clint Gutherson made an error from a kick. Off the ensuing scrum, Walsh then delivered a superb pass to an unmarked Deine Mariner who scored in the corner. With the second-placed Broncos flexing their muscle, things got worse just before halftime when Deine Mariner plucked an intercept out of thin air and found Herbie Farnworth who set sail for the line. Mitchell Moses then brought down Farnworth just short of the try line, but the England centre slipped out of the tackle and rose to his feet to 'moonwalk' his way over the line to give the home side a 24-0 lead at the break.

Brisbane picked up where they left off in the second half when Ezra Mam produced a lovely cut-out pass for Deine Mariner to score his second try. Minutes later Mam was involved again when the elusive five-eighth

collected a Kurt Capewell offload to give the home side an unassailable 36-0 lead with over half an hour left in the match. Things started to get very ugly for the Eels, when Billy Walters collected his first career double, after collecting a grubber from Deine Mariner and winning a wrestle with Mam to get the ball down. Last year's Grand Finalists were now playing for pride and finally managed to trouble the scoreboard when winger Sean Russell dived over to score a spectacular try in the corner to narrow the score slightly at 42-4. Brisbane resumed normal transmission however with a try to Kurt Capewell and another flashy try to Reece Walsh in between a late Dylan Brown try for the Eels to see the scoreline end in a 54-10 drubbing as the Broncos head into the bye next round. Parramatta now head back to CommBank Stadium where they host the Roosters next Friday night. **SAM BOURKE**

SOUTH SYDNEY 26 ST GEO ILLA 14

Rugby League returned to Cairns for a clash that won't go down in any art gallery but the South Sydney Rabbitohs took a 26-14 win over the St George Illawarra Dragons.

The first few minutes were the most crisp part of the game as Souths were able to open the scoring inside the first 11 minutes when the Red & Green opened up the Dragons defence on the right before heading back to the left and the struggling defence couldn't number up as Alex Johnston went through. Souths added a penalty

goal soon after when the Dragons short dropout attempt went out on the full to open up an 8-0 lead. The Dragons hit back soon after when off the back of a scrum they went right and with the strength of Moses Suli and Ravalawa teamed up for the latter to score.

The first half wasn't an ideal 40 minutes of football for either side but things seemed to tidy up in the second for the most part when off the back of their own scrum, Souths made it look like a training run when Cody Walker put Campbell Graham through an open gap in the defensive line. Unable to complete their set after points,

Souths found themselves defending their own line and it was a kick from Talatau Amone through the line for Ben Hunt to score under the posts and close the gap back to two points. NRL football boss Graham Annesley's headache from the weekend continued to grow on South Sydney's next try as Latrell Mitchell pulled off some brilliance in the air to snatch the ball out of the air after a Lachlan Illias bomb before finding a great pass to Cody Walker who scored. It looked fantastic but replays showed that Latrell Mitchell was offside but somehow the bunker elected to confirm the try rather than overturning the decision. The decision left everyone

frustrated but the Dragons were able to hit back with 15 minutes left to play when it was Ben Hunt doing the kicking this time for Tyrell Sloan who got through to the ball just inside the dead-ball line to score. Alex Johnston added a second try to his tally for the day inside the final 10 minutes as the Dragons started to unravel. The Rabbitohs had a try disallowed to Lachlan Illias which would've extended their margin beyond 12 but wasn't to be. Next weekend, the Rabbitohs head to Newcastle for a clash with the Knights whilst the Dragons return to Wollongong for a Saturday night clash with the Storm. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

WARRIORS 30 WESTS TIGERS 22

Warriors survive a late scare against the Tigers, 30-22 winners in a sold-out match in Waikato, Hamilton.

In front of a packed crowd at FMG Stadium, the Tigers and Warriors were giving each other a difficult time in the first half. Warriors getting off the mark in the 7th minute after a terrific play by Mitchell Barnett, running through the Tigers defensive side, passing to Luke Metcalf to seal the first points of the evening. With Shaun Johnson kicking the extras, the Warriors were in front by 6 and starting to settle. Another try by Warriors given to Adam Pompey, the Tigers defense not great in stopping the man who charges through for the Warriors second try. Adam Pompey converting his own try, Warriors settled in well after 15min in Waikato as they lead by 12. However, on the restart Mitchell Barnett lost

his lollies and Tigers came up with the ball, who score after a set restart. From a strong run by Daine Laurie, and even Referee Chris Butler ruling on-field as No Try due to a possible obstruction, the Bunker state that the defensive position to come in from the Warriors didn't deem the obstruction valid on Jackson Ford and Luke Metcalf's defensive efforts. Apisai Koroisau converts and the game is on. On the very next set, 2nd tackle, Daine Laurie runs through the Warriors defense, finds Luke Brooks who scores, Koroisau converts, and the game is evened up 12-all. A raised forearm by Stefano Utoikamanu lands him on report, and Wayne Egan removed from the field and taken to hospital to assess the injury. A late try in the first half by Dallin Watene-Zelezniak on the edge gives the Warriors a four-point lead at half time in Waikato.

The second half was also quite a workout for both teams. The Warriors given six-again after six-again. The Warriors finally see a try through Tohu Harris, conversion successful by Adam Pompey, and the lead is by 10, 22-12. The Tigers answer back through Jahream Bula and Daine Laurie to score a 70m try, the Koroisau conversion bringing the difference down to just 4 points, 22-18. Not soon after, The Tigers looked to have gotten themselves back up with Isaiah Papali'i, but the ball had bounced off his right hand, ruling a no-try. A high shot from Luke Brooks on Josh Curran saw Shaun Johnson take a Penalty Goal, and extending the Warriors lead by 8 points, 24-18. Unfortunately in a brilliant game, time called off due to another pitch invader, however the crowd of 25118 started singing to DJ Otzi's Hey Baby, still giving the game a great atmosphere and wasn't too marred by invaders on the field. A late try

by Addin-Fonua Blake, converted by Adam Pompey, saw the Warriors jump in front by 12, 30-18, however on the restart when a kick-off by Tigers didn't look to go 10 metres, Referee Chris Butler had said YES and the Tigers got the ball back. A strong run by Shawn Blore and Daine Laurie, and a quick pass to Starford To'a, the Tigers were through with under a minute to go. The conversion unsuccessful after the ball hits the posts, and Apisai Koroisau could not believe his eyes. Full time shortly after, the Warriors victorious in a late scare, 30-22 over the Tigers. The Tigers next match is back home in Commbank Stadium against the Dolphins, meanwhile the Warriors remain in New Zealand and play at Go Media Stadium, Auckland against the Manly Sea Eagles. **ANDREW TARANTO**

SYDNEY 30 DOLPHINS 14

The Sydney Roosters have soared to victory with a dominant second half to down the Dolphins 30-14 at Allianz Stadium.

Turning a halftime deficit into an emphatic result to keep their top eight hopes alive with three rounds remaining, the win held special significance for Roosters five-eighth Luke Keary who celebrated his 200th NRL appearance

in style. In an opening quarter which saw the Roosters dominate attacking opportunities and the crowd pay closer attention to the Matilda's penalty shootout heroics against France, the Dolphins struck the first blow with Ray Stone (24th minute) barging over next to the posts. Taking their lead beyond a converted try with a late penalty goal to Jamayne Isaako, which saw the rejuvenated winger bring up 200 points for the season, the visitors were dealt a blow with Connelly Lemuelu ruled out with concussion. Striking back with

an important try with seconds remaining in the half, Joey Manu (40th minute) ran onto a pass from James Fedesco to send the Roosters to the sheds trailing 8-6.

Hitting the front early in the second half after a strong run from Billy Smith (43rd minute), the Roosters capitalised on Stone being sent to the sin bin for a high tackle on Drew Hutchison with Keary executing a cross-field kick for Joseph Suaalii (51st minute) to score. Continuing the flow of points after Sandon Smith

executed a 40/20 out of dummy half, the decision to take on the line paid dividends for Hutchison (55th minute) as the Roosters extended their lead to 24-8. Sealing the result with Hutchison (64th minute) snaring his first career double, a late consolation four-pointer to Isaako (75th minute) saw the home side run out 30-14 winners. Next week, the Roosters will hope to keep their season alive against the Eels at Commbank Stadium on Friday night, while the Dolphins will face the Tigers at the same venue on Saturday afternoon. **ROB CROSBY**

MELBOURNE 48 CANBERRA 2

The Melbourne Storm have reminded people of their premiership credentials as they showed utter dominance against the Canberra Raiders with a 48-2 win at AAMI Park.

Holding an impressive record in Melbourne, the Raiders started positively opening the first few minutes with dominant field position and took advantage with an early field goal. Sadly for the Raiders and their fans, that was the last of the dominance as the Storm went on a first half scoring spree. It was an unlikely opening

try scorer for the Storm as Christian Welch carried two defenders over the line to get the ball down and open the scoring for the Storm. The home-side was denied a second minutes later when the bunker ruled that Young Tonumaiepa had lost the ball after getting it so close to the line. The Storm added three tries inside the final thirteen minutes of the first half, the first wasn't perfect when Marion Seve got over after the Raiders defence rushed up and in leaving space on the edge and even though the passing wasn't perfect the Storm got over. Reimis Smith avoided the outstretched leg from Jordan Rapana to get his way over the line before just shy of the half-time break Eli Katoa kept himself low and off the

ground to get under the Canberra defence and the Storm took a 20-2 lead at the break.

If Canberra wanted to turn things around, turning the ball over cheaply deep in their own end wasn't the way to do it and it hurt them dearly as the Storm were again not exactly perfect in attack but still did enough as Trent Loiero was able to get over. The scoreboard just kept ticking up for the Storm as they were just eating metres through the middle of the park and Harry Grant took advantage of that time and time again before finally being able to get through and score. The Storm were denied by the bunker with a held up call but it didn't stop

the scoring momentum for Melbourne as Cam Munster took advantage of soft defence that looked to give up. Things for the Raiders went from bad to worse as both Jordan Rapana and Matt Timoko finished the game in the sin bin for a professional foul and high shot. Melbourne finished the game sandwiching the sin bins with tries either side including one to Nick Meaney and one to Young Tonumaiepa who missed the chance to convert to push the score to 50. Next weekend, the Storm head to Wollongong for a clash with the Dragons, meanwhile the Raiders head back to Canberra for a clash with the Bulldogs. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

NEWCASTLE 42 CANTERBURY 6

It was a big win that could come at an even bigger price for Newcastle after Jackson Hastings was injured during the Knights 42-6 win over the Bulldogs on Sunday afternoon.

Hastings, the Knights influential halfback, left the field midway through the first half with a lower leg injury sustained during a hip drop tackle by Bulldogs forward Jacob Preston that drew the ire of the 23,464 supporters in attendance at McDonald Jones Stadium. Getting off to a fast start with Dane Gagai (6th minute) and Tyson

Gamble (9th minute) making a mockery of the Bulldogs defence through the middle of the field, Leo Thompson was cruelly denied his maiden NRL try in a tackle off the ball which saw Harrison Edwards sent to the sin bin. Adding a penalty goal against twelve men and going close to grabbing a third through Dominic Young, only for the bunker to rule an obstruction in the lead up, the collective hearts of the Hunter sank when Hastings was injured in a hip drop tackle which resulted in Preston joining his teammate in the sin bin. Forced into a reshuffle which saw Phoenix Crossland shift to first receiver, replacement hooker Kurt Mann (24th minute) made an immediate impact with a burrowing effort

close to the line. Going further in front after Gamble (30th minute) collected the first double of his career, the Knights finished the half in spectacular fashion with Crossland denying Preston a try and Enari Tuala (38th minute) picking up the ball in goal to race 100 metres to go to the sheds leading 30-0.

Returning for the second half lacking intensity in attack, the decision to revert Crossland back to hooker yielded dividends with Thompson (60th minute) getting the green light from the bunker for his first try in the top grade. In a frustrating afternoon for the Bulldogs which saw Reed Mahoney engage in a running battle with

referee Peter Gough, the Bulldogs hooker (63rd minute) burrowed over to avoid the ignominy of being held scoreless by their opponents twice in the same season. The Knights had the last say of the afternoon with Jack Hetherington (66th minute) swooping on an error by Jake Averillo to score against his former club. The result sees the Knights maintain their place in the top eight following their sixth win in succession. Next week, the Knights host the Rabbitohs on Sunday afternoon, while the Bulldogs will take on the Raiders at GIO Stadium in the final match of the round. **ROB CROSBY**

ROUND 24 RESULTS

PENRITH 24 (S. Crichton 2, B. To'o, S. Turuva tries; N. Cleary 4 goals) **DEFEATED MANLY 12** (R. Garrick, T. Sipleby tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Thu, 10th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Penrith 6-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 10,102.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Parker, Koula, Tuaimalo Vaega; Schuster, Cherry-Evans (C); Sipleby, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Matterson, Woods, Tuilagi, Bullemor, Arthur.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Hosking, Crichton, To'o; Cogger, Cleary (C); Smith, Sommerton, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Leota, Luke, Eisenhuth, Salmon.

CRONULLA 36 (R. Mulitalo 2, W. Graham, C. McInnes, J. Ramien, T. Rudolf, C. Tracey tries; N. Hynes 4 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 6** (T. Fa'asuaumaleau try; T. Boyd goal) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 11th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 20-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 9,753.

CRONULLA: Tracey, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Hamlin-Uele, Brailey, Rudolf, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Williams, Hunt, Colquhoun, Moylan.

GOLD COAST: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Jolliffe, Randall, Fa'asuaumaleau (C), Fifita, Stimson, Clark. Int: Leeming, Liu, Haas, Kini.

BRISBANE 54 (D. Mariner 2, B. Walters 2, K. Capewell, H. Farnworth, E. Mam, A. Reynolds, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds 9 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 10** (D. Brown, S. Russell tries; C. Gutherson goal) **AT BRISBANE CRICKET GROUND.**

Date: Fri, 11th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 24-0. Penalties: Brisbane 8-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 29,005.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Mariner, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Piakura, Hetherington, Palasia.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Simonsson, Penisini, Asi, Russell; Brown, Moses; Ofahengaue, Lussick, Paulo, Davey, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Moretti, Matterson, Greig, Hands, Makatoa.

SOUTHS 26 (A. Johnston 2, C. Graham, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 14** (B. Hunt, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan tries; B. Hunt goal) **AT BARLOW PARK.**

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 8-4. Penalties: Souths 5-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 8,378.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Arrow, Cook, Mitchell, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Duncan, Havili, Moale, Lovett.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Feagai, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, Murdoch-Masila. Int: Muhleisen, Couchman, Couchman, Musgrove.

WARRIORS 30 (A. Fonua-Blake, T. Harris, L. Metcalf, A. Pompey, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; A. Pompey 3, S. Johnson 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 22 (S. To'a 2, L. Brooks, D. Laurie tries; A. Korosau 3 goals) **AT FMG STADIUM WAIKATO.**

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-12. Penalties: Warriors 11-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 25,118.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, To'a, Kepaoa, Tupou; Laurie, Brooks; Utoikamanu, Korosau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Seyfarth, Twal, Blore.

WARRIORS: Tuapiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Tevaga, Sironen, Curran.

SYDNEY 30 (D. Hutchison 2, J. Manu, B. Smith, J. Sua'ali'i tries; J. Sua'ali'i 5 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 14** (J. Isaako, R. Stone tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 8-6. Penalties: Dolphins 7-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 13,704.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Hutchison; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Wong, Radley. Int: Smith, Baker, May, Napa.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Tabuai-Fidow, Te Whare, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Stone, Kerr, Milford, Wallace, Ese'ese.

MELBOURNE 48 (H. Grant, E. Katoa, T. Loiero, N. Meaney, C. Munster, M. Seve, R. Smith, Y. Tonumaiepa, C. Welch tries; N. Meaney 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 2** (J. Fogarty goal) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 20-2. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,369.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Smith, Seve, Tonumaiepa, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Garlick, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Grant, Eisenhuth, Moeroa, Asofa-Solomona.

CANBERRA: Rapana, Hopoate, Strange, Timoko, Cotric; Wighton, Fogarty; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Horsburgh. Int: Trevilyan, Guler, Saulo, Mariota.

NEWCASTLE 42 (T. Gamble 2, D. Gagai, J. Hetherington, K. Mann, L. Thompson, E. Tuala tries; K. Ponga 7 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 6** (R. Mahoney try; M. Burton goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 30-0. Penalties: Newcastle 4-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 23,464.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Tuala, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Hetherington, Croker, Saifiti, Jones.

CANTERBURY: Averillo, Wilson, Kiraz, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Sexton; King, Mahoney, Pangai Junior, Kikau, Preston, Thompson. Int: Flanagan, Knight, Waddell, Edwards.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	21	16	0	5	3	289	38
2	BRISBANE	22	17	0	5	2	213	38
3	WARRIORS	21	14	0	7	3	129	34
4	MELBOURNE	21	13	0	8	3	127	32
5	CRONULLA	21	12	0	9	3	110	30
6	CANBERRA	21	12	0	9	3	-120	30
7	NEWCASTLE	21	11	1	9	3	110	29
8	SOUTHS	22	12	0	10	2	92	28
9	NORTH QLD	21	11	0	10	3	32	28
10	PARRAMATTA	22	11	0	11	2	21	26
11	SYDNEY	21	10	0	11	3	-84	26
12	MANLY	21	9	1	11	3	-47	25
13	GOLD COAST	21	8	0	13	3	-83	22
14	DOLPHINS	21	8	0	13	3	-110	22
15	CANTERBURY	21	7	0	14	3	-237	20
16	ST GEO ILLA	21	5	0	16	3	-157	16
17	WESTS TIGERS	21	3	0	18	3	-225	12

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Dean Matterson (Manly) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$1000
 David Fifita (Gold Coast) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: \$3000
 Wiremu Greig (Parramatta) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Damien Cook (South Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$750
 Lachlan Ilias (South Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$1000
 Alex Seyfarth (Wests Tigers) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$750
 Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Ray Stone (Dolphins) Grade 2 Careless HT: 2 matches
 Jordan Rapana (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$3000
 Matt Timoko (Canberra) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$750
 Jacob Preston (Canterbury) Grade 3 Dangerous Contact: 2 matches

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



34 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

23 POINTS

Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

22 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Reece Walsh (Broncos)

21 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos)

ROUND 25

CRONULLA 32 NORTH QLD 12

Cronulla Sharks shored up their top eight hopes with a 32-12 win over North Queensland Cowboys in Townsville on Thursday night.

The Sharks continue their unbeaten record at the Cowboys new stadium and help their chances to make both the top four and top eight. It was another

good performance from their halves Nicho Hynes and Brayden Trindall. It was an important game for both teams top eight hopes, and it started in that fashion. The first ten minutes saw the two sides trade sets and wait for the first error of the contest. The Sharks blinked first conceding a penalty and the Cowboys struck. Their livewire fullback Scott Drinkwater skipped through a few tackles and dived over for the opener in this game. The visitors struck back with a good backline movement. Connor Tracey and Nicho Hynes combined on the left to set it up for

winger Ronaldo Mulitalo to score and level it up at 6-all. Once again, Sharks conceded a penalty then on the scoreboard. Chad Townsend drifted across field looking for a runner, found Peta Hiku who fed it to Semi Valemi who dug deep to put the Cowboys ahead again. It was a front row Friday for the Sharks to give them a 18-12 lead at the break. Tom Hazelton went over from Blayke Brailey then Royce Hunt planted it down quickly after for the finals chasing visitors.

The second half was a grind again between the two

sides. Sharks built their lead to double digits with Hynes putting in a kick which saw the evergreen Wade Graham to scoop it up. Sharks looked for the killer blow. Brayden Trindall kicked a wonderful 40/20 which set them up, tried to kick for himself and forced a dropout. That was taken by Valemi before the ten and Hynes made it 26-12. The visitors landed the final blow through their main man. Hynes had the ball on a string in the second half, spied the defense not chasing and sliced through to score the Sharks fifth. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

WARRIORS 29 MANLY 22

The New Zealand Warriors have paid tribute to Daniel Anderson in style with a 29-22 victory over the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles at the re-named (for one week only) Daniel Anderson Stadium.

The Warriors started this one poorly and spilt the ball on the second tackle giving Manly a golden opportunity. Manly capitalised on the Warriors' mistake and crossed off their first set. Jake Arthur showed and goes beating some poor Warriors defence to cross for the first try of the evening in a big confidence boost for the young half. Reuben Garrick converted and Manly led early. Shaun Johnson answered with a delightful pass to Tohu Harris who appeared to get the ball to the ground despite a desperate effort from Lachie Croker.

Manly were made to pay for their second cough-up of possession in their own end. Johnson and Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad combined with Rocco Berry providing quick hands to Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and DWZ provided an acrobatic finish in the right corner. Adam Pompey's conversion just missed and the Warriors held a 10-6 lead. Off the back of some more Manly misdemeanours. The Warriors were allowed to march upfield and it was Johnson and DWZ combining to cause Manly some trouble. DWZ ended up beating 6 Sea-Eagles on his way to the line. Manly hit back off the Warriors' kick-off mistake with Arthur and Daly Cherry-Evans combining to find Jason Saab who crossed in the right corner. A few minutes later, Luke Metcalf split the defence and crossed however the video referee spotted an obstruction and denied the try. Garrick was unlucky not to score his own when the Bunker denied his individual effort ruling CNK

grounded it prior to his. But, he soon turned provider. Manly capitalised on the penalty and grabbed their third try. Garrick delivered a wonderful flick to Saab who crossed for his second of the evening. Garrick's sideline conversion delivered a surprising score-line at 16 apiece. The Warriors imploded conceding a late penalty which allowed Manly to charge down field. The bounce pass from DCE found Saab who crossed for a first-half hat-trick. There were cries of a forward pass, but the ball was backwards out of the hands and the Manly flyer went over. Garrick converted and Manly had a shock 22-16 lead at the change of ends.

The second half was a frantic start with both sides struggling to maintain dominance. DWZ joined in on the right winger hat-trick club after Johnson and CHN combine with the right winger to cross spectacularly. Pompey converted from a tight angle to level it up.

The rest of the second half was a scrappy affair with both sides guilty of ill-discipline and bombing try-scoring chances. There was more controversy to come. A field-goal attempt by DCE was charged down by CNK, who chased through and collected Garrick who jumped in the air to collect the bouncing ball. Todd Smith got the decision 100% correct and the Warriors went on the attack. A perfectly timed pass to Marata Niukore sent him on his way to the try-line who beat the cover defence and Garrick to cross for the potential match-winner. Pompey converted to give his side a 6 point lead. Manly had chances to level the game, but blew several opportunities down the Warriors end but they were unable to convert. Johnson added a field goal in the final minute to seal an uncomprehensive victory at home in a game where they were made to work for the two competition points. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

SYDNEY 34 PARRAMATTA 12

The Roosters have kept their faint finals hopes alive, asserting their dominance over a very passive Eels outfit running out 34-12 winners at CommBank Stadium tonight. The win puts Trent Robinson's men on the edge of the Top 8 with remaining matches against Wests Tigers and bitter rivals South Sydney to finish the 2023 season.

Despite the Eels scoring the first try of the night, the visitors responded emphatically scoring six tries including doubles to Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii and skipper James Tedesco who left the field with a Category 1 concussion, automatically ruling him out of next week's clash with his former club. Parramatta saw their finals chances slip away in a flat performance and despite a strong start to the

match, Brad Arthur's men seemed lethargic following last week's loss of star halfback Mitchell Moses, which ultimately proved a hammer blow to the Eels getting any momentum from the remaining rounds. It was a bright start for the home side when new halfback Dylan Brown put Bryce Cartwright through a narrow gap close to the line. The lanky backrower then reached out like Inspector Gadget to score the first try of the night. With their season on the line the Roosters showed amazing desperation to repel a wave of Eels offence before finding some quality field position of their own. Skipper James Tedesco then scored off a set scrum play, bouncing away from some soft Eels defence to score the Roosters first try of the evening. The Tri-Colours then had back-to-back tries, when off another scrum play Luke Keary unlocked their dangerous backline, which saw high profile winger Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii score in the

corner to extend their lead to 12-6. Then just before the break, the Roosters made it three unanswered tries, when off yet another set play out wide saw Joseph Manu create some space. The Kiwi centre then produced a delicious offload for James Tedesco to eat up and score his second try. Suaalii nailed the sideline conversion and the Roosters led 18-6 at the break.

The visitors picked up where they left off following the halftime break, when Suaalii raced over for his second try following a great ball from James Tedesco and extend the lead to 22-6. The Roosters skipper was then collected high by Eels winger Maika Sivo and was immediately sent for a Head Injury Assessment in worrying scenes for Roosters fans. Parramatta then managed to hit back after Bailey Simonsson made a break after a wayward pass bounced off his head. Simonsson played the whistle

however and then found his captain Clint Gutherson in support who raced away to score and give the home fans some hope with 20 minutes remaining. Gutherson went from hero to villain moments later when he put down a kick deep in Roosters territory. The Tri-Colours then made the Eels pay when rookie backrower Siva Wong collected a bounce pass off the turf, to race around under the posts to capitalise off the Gutherson error to make it a 28-12 scoreline with less than ten minutes remaining. The Roosters then put a cherry on top of a great win for the Roosters when Nat Butcher crashed late to give his side a confidence-boosting 34-12 victory. The Roosters will now return to Allianz Stadium next Saturday where they face the Wests Tigers, while Parramatta will take on the Panthers at BlueBet Stadium in a replay of last year's Grand Final. **SAM BOURKE**

WESTS TIGERS 24 DOLPHINS 23

The Wests Tigers have broken through for their first win in three months with a 24-23 victory over the Dolphins in their final home game of the season.

Breaking a run of ten consecutive losses to remain a mathematical chance of avoiding the wooden spoon with two rounds to play, an immortal sideline penalty goal from Apisai Koroisau clinched the result in Benji Marshall's unofficial coaching debut. Following an error-riddled opening which saw both teams struggle with the ball in hand, a fortuitous bomb from Apisai

Koroisau allowed Fonua Pole (13th minute) to crash over after Stefano Utoikamanu offloaded close to the line. The Dolphins responded minutes later with Jamayne Isaako (17th minute) running onto a beautiful ball from Kodi Nikorima, however the 6-all scoreline was short-lived after Asu Kepaoa (22nd minute) stretched out following a dazzling display of footwork by Jahream Bula. Sean O'Sullivan exposed John Bateman in defence with a dummy before linking with Euan Aitken (27th minute) in support; Isaako's wayward conversion attempt saw the Tiger hold a two-point advantage at the end of 40 minutes.

Taking advantage of a penalty following the resumption of play, the Dolphins hit the front for the first time after a crossfield bomb from O'Sullivan allowed Jack Bostock (43rd minute) to claim his first career try. Regaining the lead with two tries in the space of four minutes, Alex Seyfarth (53rd minute) crashed through the Dolphins defence for his first four-pointer of the season before Jake Simpkin (57th minute) burrowed over to give the Tigers an eight-point buffer. Coming off the bench late in the first half, 26-year-old fullback Trai Fuller (64th minute) lit up CommBank Stadium by breaking through several tackles to touch down for a try in his first

game. Locking the scores up at 22-all after the Tigers conceded a penalty while in possession, a drop goal from Isaako seemingly clinched the result for the Dolphins with five minutes remaining. Gaining the ball back from a short kick-off and earning a penalty close to the sideline, the Tigers sealed a famous 24-23 victory with Koroisau etching his name into the history of the joint venture with an immortal penalty goal from the sideline. Next week, the Tigers will face the Roosters at Allianz Stadium on Saturday evening, while the Dolphins will return to Suncorp Stadium to take on the Cowboys on Friday night. **ROB CROSBY**

PENRITH 40 GOLD COAST 14

They completed 39 of 41 sets and even that was not enough to see the Gold Coast Titans go close to toppling the defending premiers on Saturday night, going down 40-14 to the Penrith Panthers.

The Titans made a fast start to both the first and second half, testing out the Panthers with speed on the edges and a strong return from fullback AJ Brimson. But there are a few more injury concerns for a Gold Coast side that already has a growing casualty ward, with Phillip Sami (foot) and Jayden Campbell (knee) potentially joining them. The Panthers, meanwhile, were without Brian To'o, Scott Sorensen, Mitch Kenny and Izack Tago and at times lacked patience in attack while looking flat in defence. Coach Ivan Cleary was visibly frustrated at times in Saturday's game but would have been pleased with the way Penrith finished the game, running away with a comfortable 26-point win. The victory sees the Panthers jump back into first place ahead of the Broncos on for-and-against, with the struggling Parramatta Eels up next. The Titans,

meanwhile, welcome the surging Storm to the Gold Coast. Complacency was all that was going to stop the Panthers, even if undermanned, from taking down the Titans on Saturday to record their eighth-straight win. And early signs were not good for Penrith, who lacked the usual defensive intensity we have come to expect from the back-to-back defending premiers. It was a dream start for NRL debutant Thomas Weaver as he put Klese Haas steaming past Zac Hosking before the speedy second rower then beat Dylan Edwards to score the opening try. That came after just two minutes and while it took a bit of time, Penrith eventually started to put a few strong sets together before hitting back in the 15th minute. On that occasion Nathan Cleary kicked on the last and Stephen Crichton soared above to bat it back for fullback Dylan Edwards. There wasn't much the Gold Coast defenders could've done about that try consider Crichton's freakish athleticism in the air, although the same could not be said for Penrith's next four-pointer. This time it was a simple pass from Jack Cogger to Isaah Yeo, who spun out of a few tackles to score under the posts. The Panthers had well and

truly gained ascendancy by that point and extended the lead in the 35th minute through Tyrone Peachey shortly after Titans centre Aaron Schoupp was sent to the sin bin. The Gold Coast squandered a rare chance to respond almost immediately after an error off the kick-off from Spencer Leniu, failing to ground a clever grubber kick from Kruiise Leeming. Penrith's execution, on the other hand, was perfect as the ball went to the right edge and Crichton put in a well-weighted kick for Tom Jenkins in the corner. Cleary missed the conversion attempt from the sideline, leaving the score at 22-6 heading into the sheds.

The Panthers were gifted a chance to extend the lead early in the second half after a penalty saw the ladder leaders marched up the field, although an error from Liam Martin relieved pressure on the Gold Coast. Then, like they did in the first half, the Titans opened the better of the two sides as they scored back-to-back tries to flip the script on what had looked an otherwise straightforward result. First, AJ Brimson put Alofiana Khan-Pereira over for a spectacular finish before a trick play and poor Penrith defence saw

David Fifita score after a relatively quiet opening half from the second-rower. Both attempted conversions from Campbell were unsuccessful, leaving the score at 22-14 in favour of Penrith. Brimson, who was a constant threat in his first game back from injury, then burst through a gaping hole off a brilliant Jayden Campbell pass to put the Panthers on the ropes again. He found Khan-Pereira in space on the wing but Edwards was in cover to save the day for Penrith as he batted a kick from the Titans speedster dead. The Panthers then regained possession off the dropout and almost scored immediately, only for a desperate effort in defence from Brimson seeing Turuva drop the ball as he went over in the corner. Struggling for any real spark in attack, Penrith suddenly found it deep inside its own half as Cleary spread it early and sent Crichton sprinting down the sideline. Edwards was then backing up in support to score his second of the night before Cleary produced points again moments later, this time putting it in the air for a charging Liam Martin. Crichton later iced a dominant individual performance with a try of his own to cap off the 40-14 win. **ANDREW JACKSON**

MELBOURNE 38 ST GEO ILLA 28

A try to Jahrome Hughes against the run of play with 3 minutes remaining in the game gave the Storm the match-winning lead in a contest with the Dragons which had a total of 12 tries scored.

After a safe opening to the game by both sides, the scoring began in the eighth minute when William Warbrick dived over to score in the corner. Nick Meaney failed to convert from sideline in the blustery conditions. The Dragons hit back in the 12th minute after receiving a penalty. On the last tackle, Billy Burns was given the ball at first receiver, he dummied to pass and then stepped through the lazy inside defence to score under the posts. Ben Hunt converted. In the 20th minute, Ben Hunt drifted left and then dropped a lovely short ball to lead

runner Tyrell Sloan, who burst through a small gap and scored a clever try. Hunt converted to give the Dragons an 8 point lead. Just 6 minutes later, the Dragons scored again when Talatau Amone burrowed down low and just managed to get the ball down on the tryline for a good try. Hunt's conversion gave the Dragons an 18-4 lead after 27 minutes. The Dragons had dominated field position up til this point, but then they gave away a penalty and three set restarts in the space of a minute to allow the Storm to get into the Dragons half and into the game. Then Hughes drifted right to the line, linked with Meaney, who drew the last defender before getting a good ball to Warbrick who scored in the corner. Meaney converted from the sideline. From the very next set, the Storm moved the ball right to Eliesa Katoa, who threw a beautiful cut-out pass over the top to Warbrick, who used his blistering speed to evade two tackles and score in

the corner. Meaney was unable to convert from the sideline. The Storm in the very next set continued their resurgence, when Xavier Coates received the ball and started to run back in towards the middle, breaking through the line, then brushing off the cover tackle before scoring in the right corner. Meaney again failed to convert from the difficult angle. Just as the halftime siren sounded, Cameron Munster had a shot at a field goal from halfway but it fell a long way short. At halftime, the scores were locked at 18 all.

3 minutes into the second half Billy Burns performed a one-on-one strip on Warbrick, after the Storm winger fumbled the ball close to his own line. Burns then reached out in a tackle and got the ball down for a good try. Hunt converted to give the Dragons a 6 point lead. The Storm responded just a few minutes later when Hughes dished a short ball to Katoa who

barged over for a good try. Meaney converted from almost in front to level the scores again. The Storm regained the lead just 5 minutes later when a chip kick by Hughes bounced perfectly for Katoa, who regathered and scored a clever try. Meaney converted to give the Storm a 30-24 lead after 56 minutes. With just over 5 minutes remaining in the contest, Moses Suli broke through a tackle and then got a great ball to Mikaele Ravalawa, who scored in the corner. Hunt failed to convert from the sideline. Then with just 3 minutes left in the game, Katoa hit Hunt with a perfect and powerful tackle that forced Hunt to lose the ball. Hughes picked it up and raced 30 metres to score the match winning try. Meaney converted and then kicked a penalty goal after the fulltime siren had sounded to give the Storm a 10 point victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

NEWCASTLE 29 SOUTH SYDNEY 10

The Newcastle Knights put on a clinic on Sunday, running riot over the South Sydney Rabbitohs 29-10 in front of a sell-out crowd at McDonald Jones Stadium.

The Knights were led by Kalyn Ponga, who laid on a scintillating performance, delivering winger Greg Marzhev a first half hat trick. Newcastle's attack was in full swing from the outset, scoring two tries in the

first 10 minutes. Marzhev opened the scoring in the fourth minute, before Ponga set him up again shortly after. Ponga was unable to add to either try with the boot, an 8-0 lead early. The Rabbitohs were unable to get their hands on the ball, and the Knights continued to pile on the pressure. Marzhev completed the treble three minutes before the break and the hosts led 12-0 at halftime with Ponga 0/3 on conversions.

Souths did come out firing in the second half, Damien Cook scoring off a scrum base play to bridge

the gap to eight points (Latrell Mitchell missed the conversion from next to the posts in a bizarre moment). Daniel Saifiti got Newcastle's second half surge kick started in the 56th minute with a quality try before Adam Clune scored just two minutes later. Ahead 22-4, the game looked done and dusted. With 15 minutes remaining, Shaq Mitchell crashed over to offer Bunnies fans hope, but Bradman Best countered off a Latrell Mitchell error a few minutes later and the 28-10 lead with just over ten remaining was indeed a bridge too far for the visitors. Clune nailed

a disrespectful field goal in the closing minutes to extend the margin to 19 points and send the bulk of the 29,018 in attendance home in raptures. The win was the Knights' seventh in a row, and they are now entrenched in the NRL top eight. The Rabbitohs, meanwhile, have now lost two of their last three and are in danger of missing the eight. This was a statement victory for the Knights, who showed that they are a force to be reckoned with in 2023. **TIM COSTELLO**

CANBERRA 36 CANTERBURY 24

The Canberra Raiders have put their top 8 spot in more secure footing following their 36-24 victory over the Canterbury Bulldogs at GIO Stadium in Canberra.

The first half of the contest was a topsy-turvy affair with both the sides going tit-for-tat with the tries. The Raiders opened the scoring after thirteen minutes when Jordan Rapana drew in the Bulldogs defence before finding Matt Timoko to score. The Bulldogs

were able to get onto the board on the half hour mark when Blake Wilson was able to score in the corner after the Bulldogs got into attacking position following a Josh Addo-Carr run after regathering a short dropout. Hitting back just over a minute later, Jarrod Croker was in the right spot as a high kick landed perfectly on his chest without the need to jump as he scored next to the posts. The Bulldogs then hit back a few minutes later when Jacob Kiraz scored as Canterbury's attacking raid came off a charge down from Viliame Kikau.

The second half started the same way that the first half did as the Bulldogs turned the ball over on halfway and the Raiders went into attack mode it was as again Jordan Rapana attacked the line and drew in the defence before finding Matt Timoko just like their first try. Toby Sexton then hit back for the Bulldogs with a big show and go that fooled the Raiders defence and Sexton went through to score. Matt Burton levelled the scores with his conversion. The Bulldogs lost their radar and began to give the ball away cheaply and Nick Cotric took advantage as he went through. The Raiders then added two more

tries to extend their lead out to 18 points as Jordan Rapana and Josh Papali'i went over. A consolation try to Liam Knight at the end closed the gap for the Bulldogs inside the last 2 minutes to close the gap to 36-24. The win for the Raiders gives them more secure footing for their top 8 spot with two tough games against the Broncos and Sharks coming up. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs have their final home game of 2023 next week when they host the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles before heading to the Gold Coast. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ROUND 25 RESULTS

CRONULLA 32 (W. Graham, T. Hazelton, R. Hunt, N. Hynes, R. Mulitalo tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 12** (S. Drinkwater, S. Valemei tries; S. Drinkwater 2 goals) **AT QUEENSLAND COUNTRY BANK STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 17th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-12. Penalties: North QLD 7-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 17,318.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Taulagi, Hiku, Valemei; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Leilua, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Hess, Luki, Neame.

CRONULLA: Tracey, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Williams, Hunt, Hazelton, Moylan.

SYDNEY 34 (J. Sua'ali'i 2, J. Tedesco 2, N. Butcher, S. Wong tries; J. Sua'ali'i 5 goals) **DEFEATED PARRAMATTA 12** (B. Cartwright, C. Gutherson tries; C. Gutherson 2 goals) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Sydney 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,076.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Paulo, Hopgood, Cartwright, Ofahengaue. Int: Moretti, Matterson, Greig, Hands.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Hutchison; Baker, Smith, Collins, Wong, Butcher, Radley. Int: Smith, May, Crichton, Napa.

WARRIORS 29 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 3, T. Harris, M. Niukore tries; A. Pompey 4 goals; S. Johnson field goal) **DEFEATED MANLY 22** (J. Saab 3, J. Arthur tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) **AT DANIEL ANDERSON STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 22-16. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 24,112.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Sironen, Curran, Lussick.

MANLY: Garrick, Saab, Koula, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Tuilagi, Trbojevic. Int: Schuster, Matterson, Woods, Bullemor.

WESTS TIGERS 24 (A. Kepa, F. Pole, A. Seyfarth, J. Simpkin tries; A. Koroisau 4 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 23** (E. Aitken, J. Bostock, T. Fuller, J. Isaako tries; J. Isaako 3 goals; J. Isaako field goal) **AT COMMBANK STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 12-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers 7-6. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 9,245.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, Reilly, Kepa, Tupou; Laurie, Koroisau (C); Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Twal, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Klemmer, Seyfarth, Blore, Matamua.

DOLPHINS: Nikorima, Isaako, Bostock, Jennings, Niu; Katoa, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Graham, Ese'ese, Kaufusi, Aitken, Nicholls. Int: Collins, Kerr, Wallace, Fuller.

PENRITH 40 (D. Edwards 2, S. Crichton, T. Jenkins, L. Martin, T. Peachey, I. Yeo tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 14** (D. Fifita, K. Haas, A. Khan-Pereira tries; J. Campbell goal) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 19,101.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Sami; Campbell, Weaver; Fotuika, Randall, Liu, Fifita, Haas, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Jolliffe, Leeming, Stimson, Alick.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Peachey, Crichton, Jenkins; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Cogger, Fisher-Harris, Hosking, Martin, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Garner, Leniu.

MELBOURNE 38 (W. Warbrick 3, E. Katoa 2, X. Coates, J. Hughes tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 28** (B. Burns 2, T. Amone, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan tries; B. Hunt 4 goals) **AT WIN STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 8,326.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Feagai, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Muhleisen, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, Molo. Int: Liddle, Couchman, Murdoch-Masila, Musgrove.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Tonumaiepa, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Garlick, Eisenhuth, Moeroa, Asofa-Solomona.

NEWCASTLE 29 (G. Marzhev 3, B. Best, A. Clune, D. Saifiti tries; K. Ponga 2 goals; A. Clune field goal) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 10** (D. Cook, S. Mitchell tries; L. Mitchell goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 2:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 29,018.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Clune; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

SOUTHS: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Arrow, Cook, Mitchell, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Duncan, Havili, Sele, Tatola.

CANBERRA 36 (M. Timoko 2, N. Cotric, J. Croker, J. Papalii, J. Rapana tries; J. Croker 6 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 24** (J. Kiraz, L. Knight, T. Sexton, B. Wilson tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Canberra 6-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 12,402.

CANBERRA: Rapana, Hopoate, Croker, Timoko, Cotric; Frawley, Fogarty; Guler, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Horsburgh. Int: Papalii, Starling, Schiller, Mariota.

CANTERBURY: Averillo, Wilson, Kiraz, Burns, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Sexton; Thompson, Mahoney, Knight, Kikau, Waddell, Edwards. Int: King, Flanagan, Pangai Junior, Okunbor.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	PENRITH	22	17	0	5	3	315	40
2	BRISBANE	22	17	0	5	3	213	40
3	WARRIORS	22	15	0	7	3	136	36
4	MELBOURNE	22	14	0	8	3	137	34
5	CRONULLA	22	13	0	9	3	130	32
6	CANBERRA	22	13	0	9	3	-108	32
7	NEWCASTLE	22	12	1	9	3	129	31
8	SOUTHS	23	12	0	11	2	73	28
9	NORTH QLD	22	11	0	11	3	12	28
10	SYDNEY	22	11	0	11	3	-62	28
11	PARRAMATTA	23	11	0	12	2	-1	26
12	MANLY	22	9	1	12	3	-54	25
13	GOLD COAST	22	8	0	14	3	-109	22
14	DOLPHINS	22	8	0	14	3	-111	22
15	CANTERBURY	22	7	0	15	3	-309	20
16	ST GEO ILLA	22	5	0	17	3	-167	16
17	WESTS TIGERS	22	4	0	18	3	-224	14

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Semi Valemei (North Qld) Grade 1 Careless HT: \$750
 Bunty Afoa (Warriors) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Sean O'Sullivan (Dolphins) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$750
 James Fisher Harris (Penrith) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1000
 Latrell Mitchell (South Sydney) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match
 Jordan Rapana (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$3000
 Matt Burton (Canterbury) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800

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36 POINTS
 Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

26 POINTS
 Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

25 POINTS
 Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

22 POINTS
 Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)

ROUND 26

PARRAMATTA 32 PENRITH 18

The Parramatta Eels will have six months to wonder what could have been after running out 32-18 victors in a match set to have major ramifications for the Penrith Panthers hopes of going three-in-a-row.

Winning their final match of the regular season to remain the most optimistic of mathematical chance of featuring in September, the Eels stole the show with winger Maika Sivo crossing for four tries, while the Panthers face an anxious wait with playmaker Jarome

Luai at risk of missing the remainder of the season with a dislocated shoulder. Beginning the first half ambush from a scrum play presented by an early Penrith error, Dylan Brown managed to get a flick pass away before being taken over the sideline, allowing Sivo (4th minute) to open the scoring. Going close to hitting double figures inside the opening ten minutes, Daejarn Asi split the defence with a dummy and found Ryan Matterson in support; the bunker overruled the on-field call with debutant Jesse McLean deemed to have dislodged the ball from Matterson's grasp before reaching the try line. The Panthers were quick to capitalise on their good fortune with Tyrone Peachey (12th minute) finishing off a left-side shift, however the side's luck soon took a turn for the worse. The Eels continued to attack down

the left edge and were rewarded with a possible eight-point try to Sivo (19th minute) following high contact from McLean while scoring. Extending the lead out to 18-4 after Sivo (23rd minute) collected his hat-trick, the Panthers were dealt the biggest blow of the night with Luai dislocating his shoulder over the try-line. Completing a stunning first half by denying Isaah Yeo a certain four-pointer, the Eels took a 22-4 lead to the shed with Clinton Gutherson (36th minute) exposing the home side's defence on the right side of the field.

Continuing the one-way flow of points after the break with Gutherson (42nd minute) collecting his second, the Panthers tried to get back into the contest only to be thwarted by the Parramatta captain repeatedly

executing short line drop-outs to perfection. The Panthers finally hit double figures after Nathan Cleary (65th minute) streaked onto a short drop out, but any chance of a comeback was extinguished after Sivo (72nd minute) crashed over for his fourth try of the night. Late tries to Liam Martin (75th minute), playing his 100th game for the club in first grade, and Thomas Jenkins (78th minute) provided little consolation for the 21,525 strong crowd as the Eels finished their season with a 32-18 victory. Next week, the Panthers face the Cowboys at home on Saturday evening, while the Eels will lament what could have been during their final bye.

ROB CROSBY

WARRIORS 18 ST GEO ILLA 6

The New Zealand Warriors have secured a top 4 spot with a scrappy and unconvincing 18-6 win over a determined and brave St George Illawarra Dragons side at Go Media Stadium.

The Warriors started poorly for the second week in a row after failing to get to the ball off the kick-off. Fortunately, Zac Lomax failed to gather it in cleanly and the Dragons were unlucky not to cross inside the first 15 seconds of action. Off the back of a last tackle set-restart. The Warriors have built some field position and crossed for the first try after 13 minutes. A clever Luke Metcalf pass found Adam Pompey who hit the gap perfectly and stepped inside some poor Dragons defence to score his 5th of the season. Pompey converted for an

early 6-0 lead. However, as has been the case so often in recent weeks, mistakes on their own end gave the home side some tackling practice on their own line. Six minutes later, the Warriors punished the visitors for a cheap error from Connor Muhleisen. Wayde Egan combined with Shaun Johnson to send Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad away, and CNK beat a pathetic attempt of tackle from Lomax to cross out-wide for the home side. Pompey's conversion was waved away. St George imploded when Moses Suli lost the ball coming out of yardage, subjecting the Dragons to more goal-line defence. Egan went within inches of the line before being denied by the Bunker and would hold them out for the remainder of the set. Things went from bad to worse with debutant Sione Finau carried from the field injured and Zac Lomax leaving for a HIA. Despite these setbacks, the Warriors didn't add to their advantage with Addin

Fonua-Blake dropping the ball over the line and only led by 10 at the change of ends.

The second half began horribly for the home side with Luke Metcalf coming off with a hamstring injury. Metcalf was looking a dejected figure on the sideline it looks serious for the young 5/8 who's worked so hard to come back into the side this season. Both sides had early chances but each time, the attack came away without points. Off the back of some sloppy discipline from the Warriors. St George Illawarra capitalised, and it was Jacob Liddle who found the Warriors asleep at the wheel at marker and crossed for what appeared to be the visitors first of the evening... But the Bunker found a knock on and denied Liddle's try on this occasion. From the penalty that came off that knock-on, Ryan Couchman spilt possession and the attacking charge

came to an end. Despite that setback, the Dragons ended up crossing at last after an hour of being on 0. After a spirited carry from Suli, Ben Hunt went to the skies which saw Dallin Watene-Zelezniak put it down, recovered by Billy Burns and find Lomax for their first try of the evening. Lomax converted to reduce the gap to just 4 points. With time running out, the Dragons had chances to draw level or even take the lead, but the final pass and moments were going away from the visitors. The game was secured through a moment of madness at the back. Johnson's grubber appeared to be grounded by Tyrell Sloan but he was going to pick it up and couldn't. Fonua-Blake redeemed his earlier sins to cross for the home side. Pompey's kick was successful for a 10-point lead before adding a penalty goal on full-time as the Warriors escaped in a game that will be quickly forgotten by many. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

NORTH QLD 34 DOLPHINS 10

The North Queensland Cowboys season remains alive after a convincing 34-10 win over the Dolphins at Suncorp Stadium.

The Cowboys were superb running in six tries to two, with fullback Scott Drinkwater and five eighth Tommy Deardon the stars for the visitors with the win leaving the Townsville based side on the edge of the eight, needing a win over the premiers Penrith and hope other results go their way in the final round of the season to progress to the finals. The Dolphins were never in the match but can take some solace into the final round with star winger Jamayne Isaako racing over for two late tries to take the Kiwi flyer to the summit of both

the top pointscorer and tryscorer list with one round remaining. North Queensland scored the first try of the match through rookie centre Zac Laybutt, who was the beneficiary of a Dolphins dropped ball which saw halfback Chad Townsend pick up the scraps to shift the ball and give Laybutt an easy run to the try line. The Cowboys made it back-to-back tries minutes later when Kyle Feldt touched down in the corner following some slick hands from the Cowboys outside backs. Scott Drinkwater nailed his second conversion from the sideline to make it 12-0. The visitors took it up a notch when Tom Deardon put Murray Taulagi away down the sideline. The hulking winger then found Drinkwater on the spot who raced away to score the Cowboys third try. The Redcliffe based side just couldn't get into the match

and were further hindered when interchange prop Josh Kerr was sent to the Sin Bin for a hip drop tackle. The Cowboys made the 12-man Dolphins pay when Laybutt scored his second try, hitting a great line and beating two would be tacklers to extend the lead to 24-0 at halftime.

North Queensland picked up where they left off after the break, and after earning back-to-back repeat sets, Tom Deardon then threw a superb cut out pass for Murray Taulagi to race away to score and extend the lead to 28-0. The Dolphins finally gave the home fans something to cheer about with 15 minutes remaining, when Kodi Nikorima put Jamayne Isaako away down the right wing. The explosive Kiwi winger then beat

two Cowboys defenders to score and become the outright leading NRL tryscorer. The Cowboys respond immediately to the Dolphins try, when interchange forward Kulikefu Finefeuiaki produced a superb offload for Peta Hiku to score in NRL game 200 and put the visitors out to a commanding 34-6 lead. The Dolphins finished a disappointing game on a positive note when Isaako scored his second try of the night following a superb cut out ball from Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow to narrow the scoreline to 34-10 at fulltime. North Queensland now face an enormous task in Round 27, needing to beat the Panthers at Penrith next Saturday to advance to this year's finals series. While the Dolphins will finish their inaugural season back at Suncorp Stadium where they host the Warriors. **SAM BOURKE**

MELBOURNE 37 GOLD COAST 16

Melbourne Storm triumphed 37-16 in their win over Gold Coast Titans in front of 18,072 fans at AAMI Park on Saturday afternoon.

This result helps the Storm in their chase for a top four finish for the regular season. It was a dominant performance from the hosts with Xavier Coates scoring a hat-trick alongside another wonderful display from Harry Grant. It was a big game for the Storm's top four hopes and they started in fine fashion. Jahrome Hughes

punched a kick low, while falling, which saw Will Warbrick add another four-pointer to his tally. Titans were marched downfield after some errors and penalties which saw them lead 6-4. Chris Randall scooped up the ball after a firm carry from Jaimin Joliffe to slam the ball down. Xavier Coates has a fantastic record scoring against the Titans and continued it in this contest. He was on the end of a superb pass from Nick Meaney to stroll over in the corner. Gold Coast Titans revelled in their role as spoiler and brought the game back to 10-all. Brian Kelly kept running and running before he found the line and touched down in the left corner. Storm

restored their lead from the tee. Meaney piloted through the kick to make it 12-10. Cameron Munster then sliced through and sent Coates over for his second for an eight-point lead at half-time.

Titans needed a quick start in the second half. They broke upon the arm wrestle through AJ Brimson. He sliced through the line, flicked it to Jojo Fifita who touched down for 18-16. The moment everyone in purple had waited for came in the 61st minute. Ryan Papenhuyzen is back! He was involved in their fourth score, getting a quick play-the-ball for Harry Grant to find Christian

Welch to go over. Grant was on fire in the second half, after shaking off a shoulder injury. He provided another try assist from the boot this time, seeing Eli Katoa plant the ball down for 30-16. Storm rounded off their display with another aerial act. Coates out-jumped his opposite number and swooped to get his hat-trick and make it 36-16 for the top four chasing Storm. Munster decided to add one final cherry on top. Grant spun around like a top before he found the halfback, who kicked a field goal to give us the unusual scoreline of 37-16 on a happy afternoon for the Storm. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

SYDNEY 32 WESTS TIGERS 8

The Sydney Roosters have kept their outside chances of finals alive with a 32-8 win over the Wests Tigers at Allianz Stadium.

Things started brightly for the Tigers as they opened the scoring in the seventh minute when with crisp hands they spread the ball right and in game two, Triston Reilly was able to get his first NRL try. Koroisau converted for a 6-0 lead. Sam Walker was able to dart through some

soft defence from the Tigers as he couldn't be stopped from close range and after the Suaalii conversion the sides were locked up at 6-6. The Tigers and Roosters then matched each other with penalty goals to level the scores at 8-8. A late try to the Roosters just shy of the half-time break gave them a 14-8 lead when Daniel Tupou went over in the corner after the Tricolours shifted the ball and the Tigers defence was left in two minds what to do and Joseph-Aukuso Sualii converted from wide out.

The second half was all Red, Blue and White as the Roosters dominated with three unanswered tries in the 40 minutes. Roosters forward Terrell May went over from close range as the field position favoured the home side and May had too much power to be stopped. Some poor defence again from the Tigers hurt them as Joseph-Aukuso Sualii went through after he was allowed to run and brush through some soft defence to score. The Roosters youngster converted his own try to extend the lead to 26-8. Victor Radley was able to pounce on some skill and luck off a Luke Keary kick as his kick to the in-

goal came off the upright and despite the presence of Tigers defenders, the deflection favoured Radley. The 32-8 win for the Roosters didn't come without major issues though with Sam Walker, Victor Radley and Billy Smith all failing to finish the game after coming off through the HIA system whilst Jared Warea-Hargreaves was sent to the sin bin for a high shot and was placed on report for that and a headbutt. The Roosters have a big potential top 8 deciding contest against arch-rivals the South Sydney Rabbitohs as the Tigers finish their season with a clash against Manly. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

BRISBANE 29 CANBERRA 18

Brisbane and Canberra put on a brilliant hour of football before the Broncos eventually got the upper hand and ran away with the victory in a very physical contest in Canberra.

The Broncos got the scoring started after just 5 minutes when Reece Walsh fired a cut-out pass across to Selwyn Cobbo, who scored out wide. Koton Staggs failed to convert from out wide. Almost 10 minutes of persistent pressure by the Raiders eventually saw them respond in the 18th minute when Elliot Whitehead got a great

offload away to Matt Frawley and the Raiders half scored. Jamal Fogarty converted the try. The Broncos reclaimed the lead in the 28th minute when Staggs got a superb inside run to score on the right edge for the Broncos, before converting his own try. The Broncos play became sloppy, inviting the Raiders back into the game and in the 32nd minute, they took full advantage when Nick Cotric took advantage of some weak Broncos defence to score on the left side. Fogarty failed to convert. Brisbane immediately hit back when Ezra Mam crossed 4 minutes before the break. His try was converted by Staggs to give the Broncos a 6 point lead. Canberra locked the scores up just before the

break when Hudson Young broke through the Broncos defence to score on the left edge. Fogarty converted and at halftime, the scores were locked at 16 all.

4 minutes into the second half, Fogarty landed a penalty goal to give the Raiders the lead. The Raiders defence proved impenetrable for the next 20 minutes, but eventually the Broncos created an overlap which allowed Selwyn Cobbo to score out wide, leaping over Jordan Rapana, whose cover tackle attempt was deemed to be an attempted trip and he was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Staggs failed to convert from out wide. Reece Walsh made a brilliant kick return 6 minutes

later, evading defenders and running almost 40 metres to get into the Raiders half. On the next tackle, the Broncos shifted the ball quickly out to Cobbo who used his blistering speed to outpace the defence to score in the corner. Staggs was again unable to convert. Walsh then calmly potted a field goal in the 73rd minute to give the Broncos an important 7 point lead. Three minutes later, the Broncos went right again, but this time it was Walsh who outpaced the defence to score. Staggs failed to convert again, but the victory was now secured by the Broncos. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MANLY 42 CANTERBURY 24

The Manly Sea Eagles took a while to get going on Sunday afternoon at Accor Stadium but once they did the floodgates opened and points came plenty. Manly ran in 7 tries for the day in the end comfortably taking care of the Bulldogs 42-24.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring in the 5th minute when Blake Wilson made a linebreak down the right wing and set up Corey Waddell to score on his inside. From there Manly scored 28 unanswered points with tries to Jason Saab, Toafofoa Siple, Ray Tuaimalo-Vaega, Haumole Olakau'atu and captain Daly Cherry-Evans. Cherry-Evans

was instrumental all day continuing his great form across the 2023 season. He scored a great try dazzling the markers out of dummy half and running 40 metres to score as well as putting Olakau'atu through a gaping hole for his try.

The Bulldogs hit back in the 59th minute when Wilson cleaned up an errant pass from Cherry-Evans and put Averillo away and from there the points came thick and fast. Lachlan Croker barged over in the 64th minute and then Manly combined for a lovely long range try off the kickoff in the very next set. Olakau'atu laid a perfect inside ball to send Koula through the line who then found Saab for his second backing up on the inside.

The Dogs then scored two tries in two minutes through Toby Sexton and Kyle Flanagan to give fans a glimmer of hope but it was too little too late. Gordon Chan Kum Tong added a late penalty goal in front of 70 family and friends that were in attendance for his debut. With both teams out of the finals race there was plenty attacking footy as expected. Manly had 11 linebreaks on the day with Canterbury contributing 5 of their own. The Bulldogs also had 11 offloads and at times were throwing the ball around like second phase play was going out of fashion. Both teams made 10 errors and 45 missed tackles for the Bulldogs effectively sums up their day. Tolutau Koula was outstanding at fullback for Manly filling in for the injured Reuben Garrick. Koula set up 3 tries, made 3 line

breaks of his own and ran for 297 metres. He is truly a sight to see in open space with his electric speed giving the Bulldogs headaches all afternoon long. Siple was also very good for Manly setting the tone early on and scored a try for the 2nd time in 3 weeks even if the pass from Lachlan Croker was dubious. Speaking of Croker he was also influential for the Sea Eagles setting up a try, scoring one of his own, and chipping in a 40/20. Both teams will look to finish the season on a high note next week with the Bulldogs playing Gold Coast at 2pm Sunday afternoon while Manly have the Tigers on Friday night at home at 6pm. **NICK BOYS**

NEWCASTLE 32 CRONULLA 6

The Newcastle Knights have booked themselves a home final with a dominant second half performance with a 32-6 win over the Cronulla Sharks at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Things didn't start perfectly for the home-side with Dom Young initially opening the scoring before having his effort overturned by the bunker after going into touch as he went to put the ball down. The salt was rubbed into the wounds by the Sharks who were able to go up the

other end and score through Connor Tracey. It took some time but the Knights were able to equalise through some Kalyn Ponga magic as he saw a gap in the defensive line and took advantage as Matt Moylan could not make the needed tackle. The Sharks thought they had put themselves in front when Briton Nikora went over but couldn't get the ball down as the bunker had to again overturn a live decision and the scores remained at 6-6.

Domination was the way to describe the second half as the Knights just commanded control of the second half as anything they did turned to gold and held so

much possession in the second half. The Knights hit the scoreboard early in the second stanza when a run from Kalyn Ponga put the Knights into attacking position off a kick return and the Knights took advantage when Bradman Best scored. Gifted possession by the Sharks, the Novocastrians took advantage again when Dom Young finally got his four pointer as the defence put all their focus on Kalyn Ponga in attack which left the space open for Dom Young to score. Things were going well for the Knights but they were left with a scary moment when Kalyn Ponga was hit extremely hard as he was passing in a legal tackle by Jesse Ramien leaving

him with a shoulder injury as the home-side were able to get over through Bradman Best again. Some soft defence from Cronulla gifted the Knights their last two tries when Greg Marzhew was able to get through even with defenders on him while Dylan Lucas took advantage of the lack of interest from the Sharks to get his first NRL try in the dying minutes. Next weekend, the Knights head south for a clash with the Dragons meanwhile the Cronulla Sharks are left with a must win clash against the Canberra Raiders for a top 8 spot. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

ROUND 26 RESULTS

PARRAMATTA 32 (M. Sivo 4, C. Gutherson 2 tries; C. Gutherson 4 goals) **DEFEATED PENRITH 18** (N. Cleary, T. Jenkins, L. Martin, T. Peachey tries; N. Cleary goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 24th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 22-4. Penalties: Parramatta 4-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 21,525.

PENRITH: McLean, Jenkins, Peachey, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Cogger, Fisher-Harris, Hosking, Martin, Yeo. Int: Luke, Smith, Leniu, Garner.

PARRAMATTA: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Asi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Greig, Matterson, Cartwright, Ofahengau. Int: Paulo, Hopgood, Moretti, Lane.

NORTH QLD 34 (Z. Laybutt 2, S. Drinkwater, K. Feldt, P. Hiku, M. Taulagi tries; S. Drinkwater 5 goals) **DEFEATED DOLPHINS 10** (J. Isaako 2 tries; J. Isaako goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: North QLD 24-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 33,449.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Niu, Aitken, Bostock; Nikorima, O'Sullivan; Wallace, Graham, Nicholls, Kaufusi (C), Lemuel, Bromwich. Int: Kerr, Ese'eese, Collins, Katoa.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Laybutt, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Leilua, Luki, Cotter. Int: Granville, Hess, Neame, Finefeuiaki.

WARRIORS 18 (A. Fonua-Blake, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, A. Pompey tries; A. Pompey 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 6** (Z. Lomax try; Z. Lomax goal) **AT GO MEDIA STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 10-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 10-7. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 25,095.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Curran, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Ford, Sironen, Lussick.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Finau, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Muhleisen, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, Molo. Int: Liddle, Couchman, Murdoch-Masila, Musgrove.

MELBOURNE 37 (X. Coates 3, E. Katoa, W. Warbrick, C. Welch tries; N. Meaney 6 goals; C. Munster field goal) **DEFEATED GOLD COAST 16** (S. Fifita, B. Kelly, C. Randall tries; A. Schoupp, T. Weaver goals) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 18-10. Penalties: Melbourne 9-7. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 18,072.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Tonumaiepa, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Garlick, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, Asofa-Solomona. Int: Grant, Eisenhuth, Moeroa, Papenhuyzen.

GOLD COAST: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Fifita; Foran, Weaver; Liu, Randall, Jolliffe, Fifita, Haas, Fa'asumaleaui (C). Int: Leeming, Stimson, Alick, Kini.

SYDNEY 32 (T. May, V. Radley, J. Sua'ali'i, D. Tupou, S. Walker tries; J. Sua'ali'i 6 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 8** (T. Reilly try; A. Koroisau 2 goals) **AT ALLIANZ STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-8. Penalties: Wests Tigers 9-5. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 22,511.

SYDNEY: Manu, Tupou, Smith, Allan, Sua'ali'i; Keary (C), Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Wong, Butcher, Radley. Int: Smith, Baker, May, Butcher.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Nofoaluma, Reilly, Kepaoa, Tupou; Laurie, Smith; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Matamua, Blore, Seyfarth, James.

BRISBANE 29 (S. Cobbo 3, E. Mam, K. Staggs, R. Walsh tries; K. Staggs 2 goals; R. Walsh field goal) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 18** (N. Cotric, M. Frawley, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) **AT GIO STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Brisbane 7-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 19,400.

CANBERRA: Wighton, Rapana, Kris, Timoko, Cotric; Frawley, Fogarty; Guler, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead, Horsburgh. Int: Croker (C), Papalii, Starling, Mariota.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Madden; Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell (C), Riki, Palasia. Int: Smoothy, Piakura, Hetherington, Jensen.

MANLY 42 (J. Saab 2, D. Cherry-Evans, L. Croker, H. Olakau'atu, T. Siple, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; D. Cherry-Evans 6, G. Chan Kum Tong goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 24** (J. Averillo, K. Flanagan, T. Sexton, C. Waddell tries; M. Burton 4 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 16-6. Penalties: Canterbury 6-5. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 13,074.

CANTERBURY: Averillo, Wilson, Perham, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Sexton; Thompson, Mahoney, Knight, Kikau, Waddell, Edwards. Int: King, Flanagan, Pangai Junior, Okunbor.

MANLY: Koula, Saab, Parker, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Tuilagi, Woods, Bullemor.

NEWCASTLE 32 (B. Best 2, D. Lucas, G. Marzhew, K. Ponga, D. Young tries; K. Ponga 3, D. Gagai goals) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 6** (C. Tracey try; B. Trindall goal) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Newcastle 8-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 29,423.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Clune; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker, Brown.

CRONULLA: Tracey, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Moylan, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Williams, Hunt, Hazelton, Colquhoun.

2023 NRL LADDER AFTER ROUND 26

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	23	18	0	5	3	224	42
2	PENRITH	23	17	0	6	3	301	40
3	WARRIORS	23	16	0	7	3	148	38
4	MELBOURNE	23	15	0	8	3	158	36
5	NEWCASTLE	23	13	1	9	3	155	33
6	CRONULLA	23	13	0	10	3	104	32
7	CANBERRA	23	13	0	10	3	-119	32
8	SOUTHS	23	12	0	11	3	73	30
9	NORTH QLD	23	12	0	11	3	36	30
10	SYDNEY	23	12	0	11	3	-38	30
11	PARRAMATTA	24	12	0	12	2	13	28
12	MANLY	23	10	1	12	3	-36	27
13	GOLD COAST	23	8	0	15	3	-130	22
14	DOLPHINS	23	8	0	15	3	-135	22
15	CANTERBURY	23	7	0	16	3	-327	20
16	ST GEO ILLA	23	5	0	18	3	-179	16
17	WESTS TIGERS	23	4	0	19	3	-248	14

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Jesse McLean (Penrith) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1000

Josh Kerr (Dolphins) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

Luke Keary (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$2500

Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 4 matches

Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Sydney) Grade 1 Striking: 3 matches

Kotoni Staggs (Brisbane) Grade 2 Dangerous Contact: 1 match

Zac Woolford (Canberra) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$3000

Jordan Rapana (Canberra) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact (trip): \$3000

Corey Horsburgh (Canberra) Grade 1 Shoulder Charge: 4 matches

Thomas Hazelton (Cronulla) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1500

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD

37 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

29 POINTS

Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

25 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Reece Walsh (Broncos/Maroons)

22 POINTS

Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Nathan Cleary (Panthers)

ROUND 27

MELBOURNE 32 BRISBANE 22

Despite both sides resting a host of their stars, the Broncos and Storm still turned on a very entertaining and high quality contest, capped by stellar performances from each sides rookie fullbacks - Melbourne's Sualauvi Faalogo and Brisbane's Tristan Sailor.

Brisbane opened the scoring after just 3 minutes when Tyson Smoothy sent a crash ball to Thomas Flegler who crashed over through no defence for a try. Joshua Rogers converted. The Broncos extended their lead in the 12th minute when Tristan Sailor threw a long ball to the unmarked Jordan Pereira, but the winger had to stop and turn to catch it before he

stumbled his way to the line and eventually fell over the line to score. Rogers converted from the sideline. Melbourne got themselves into the contest in the 18th minute when Jayden Nikorima's grubber into the Broncos in goal, was pounced on by Grant Anderson. Ryan Papenhuyzen failed to convert. Just five minutes later, Nikorima sent a great ball to Anderson to put him away down the sideline and the winger looked certain to have scored, but his foot touched the sideline before got the ball down. Anderson snapped up an intercept and ran 70 metres to score a good try in the 33rd minute. Papenhuyzen converted and the Broncos lead had been reduced from 12 to 2. Anderson was again involved just a few minutes later when he struggled to get his arms free in a tackle, then he got a great offload away to Sualauvi Faalogo who got into space, then linked with Papenhuyzen who headed for the corner before dishing back to

Faalogo who scored a great try. Papenhuyzen failed to convert from the sideline. At halftime, the Storm held a narrow 14-12 lead.

The Broncos wasted no time to reclaim the lead in the second half, when Sailor cleanly caught an attacking bomb and then flicked a brilliant ball out to Pereira who scored in the corner. Rogers converted from the sideline. Rogers landed a penalty goal a few minutes later to give the Broncos a 20-14 lead. The Storm hit back in the 54th minute when Tyrann Wishart scooted, dummied, got into space, drew Sailor and then sent a ball to Papenhuyzen in support who scores a good try. Papenhuyzen converted his try to get the scores levelled again. Shortly after, a magnificent kick return by Sailor saw him get out of his own in-goal area and then produce some glorious broken field running before eventually being tackled just past halfway

by Reimis Smith, who holds on to the tackle for too long, resulting in him being sin binned. Rogers kicked another penalty goal to give the Broncos a 22-20 lead with 19 minutes remaining in the game. Just over a minute after Smith returned to the field, he received a good ball and raced to the corner and just managed to get to the line for a try, despite the attention of three defenders. Papenhuyzen nailed the sideline conversion. In the 72nd minute Faalogo received the ball on the left side, deep inside the Broncos half, he drifted left, shaped to pass to his winger, but then sliced through to score out wide. Papenhuyzen landed another sideline conversion to give the Storm a 32-22 lead. Tariq Sims (held up), Bronson Garlick (dropped ball) and Corey Oates (forward pass) all were denied tries in the final 8 minutes, closing out a highly entertaining game. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

MANLY 54 WESTS TIGERS 12

The Sea Eagles show lots of pride in their jersey by handing the Wests Tigers their second-biggest loss of the season with a 54-12 win.

The Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles came out firing, with fullback Tolutau Koula going over for the first four-pointer of the game in the first minute. It looked like they were going to go back-to-back through Brad Parker, however, a dropped ball saw the Wests Tigers get their first proper use of the ball in the fifth minute. Not long after, Wests Tigers captain, Api Koroisau, got the Wests Tigers on the board after a Manly knock-on. Scores were squared at 6 a piece after Api converted his own try. After some solid end-to-end footy, Manly

was the next to score with Koula getting his double in the 19th minute thanks to a linebreak and quick play the ball from the youngest Trbojevic brother. DCE was able to convert his second to give the Sea Eagles a 12 - 6 lead. Some messy attack and poor ball handling saw not much happen until the Sea Eagles eventually extended their lead through winger, Jason Saab, who ran in two tries in two minutes. This pushed Manly out by 14 points with 7 minutes left of the first half, but they weren't finished with adding to the scoreboard before the break. In the 40th minute, Ethan Bullemor, crossed for his first try of the 2023 season, getting him off the nudie run at the last minute!

Manly started the second half almost as good as

the first, however, Jakob Arthur bounced the ball. It didn't take long though before Manly were the first to score through Haumole Olakau'atu - who had been in everything up until this point, except for bagging his own four-pointer. Although he was surrounded by Wests Tigers jerseys, it didn't look like he had to work too hard to get the ball down over the line - showing how poor the Tigers' defence was up to this point in the game. Between the 57th and 67th minutes of the game, Manly ran in four unanswered tries, just completely toying with the Wests Tigers side. The first over the line was Milestone Man, Jake Trbojevic, who was gifted a try by his captain. Five minutes later, winger Ray Tuaimalo-Vaega scored his first for the night before crowd favourite, Gordon Chan Kum

Tong, added his name to the scoresheet with another gifted try, this time from Saab. The Manly captain decided he wasn't going to end the night without his own try, considering he'd given one to Jurbo, and crossed in the 67th minute to blow out the score to 54 - 6. It was beginning to look like the Tigers weren't going to get much more of the ball before the final whistle as Manly were just throwing it around for fun, but by some miracle, Asu Kepaoa was able to get the ball down at the end of an acrobatic jump and King Koroisau absolutely NAILED the sideline conversion. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite enough and the Tigers just couldn't get the 42 points they needed in the last 90 seconds! The 2023 season is now over for both sides, with neither making the top 8. **KELLY HOLLIS**

SYDNEY 26 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

The Sydney Roosters have produced slightly better polish in execution to record a tough victory over bitter rivals Souths, to keep their finals chances alive for one more day.

Both sides entered this match knowing that a loss would end their season immediately, while a win would keep them in the game, depending on results in 2 other games yet to be played. The Roosters opened the scoring in just the fifth minute of the game when Sam Walker kicked to the right corner. Alex Johnston juggled the ball three times, eventually losing it into

the Rabbitohs in-goal and Corey Allan planted it down for a try. Joseph Aukoua Suaalii failed to convert the try. Souths took the lead in the 21st minute when Cameron Murray stormed onto a short ball, close to the Roosters line and he burst through a big gap to score near the posts. Lachlan Ilias to give Souths a 2 point lead. Five minutes later, Suaalii landed a penalty goal to level the scores. Just before the half time siren sounded, Walker sent a beautiful long ball out to Fetalaiga Pauga, who dived and scored in the corner. Suaalii failed to convert from the sideline. The Roosters held a narrow 10-6 lead at the break.

Six minutes into the second half saw Pauga receive a lovely ball from Luke Keary, then raced down the sideline before throwing a poor pass inside to James Tedesco, who had to stop and turn to catch the ball before a determined run through the defence saw him somehow get to the line to score a good try. Suaalii converted. In the 57th minute, Michael Chee Kam crashed over between two defenders to score. Ilias converts to get the Rabbitohs back within a try. Both sides were both determined and ill-disciplined as they worked to score again and manufacture a victory in the dying stages of the game. In the 70th minute it was the Roosters who took the opportunity, when Campbell Graham missed a tackle on Billy

Smith and the Roosters centre crossed to score. Suaalii failed to convert, but the Roosters now held an 8 point lead with just 8 minutes left. Five minutes before the end of the game, Sam Walker went to the line, grubbered for himself, then the ball bounced off the outstretched hand of Jai Arrow and deflected back into Walker's hands and he dived over to score, before a brief scuffle ensued. Once the players calmed down, Suaalii converted. From the restart, Egan Butcher made a break down the sideline and very nearly went the distance but was tackled 12 metres shy of the Rabbitohs line. Neither side managed to add to their respective scores and at fulltime, the Roosters were victorious 26-12. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

DOLPHINS 34 WARRIORS 12

The Dolphins won their ninth game of the NRL season in a 34-12 win over New Zealand Warriors in front of 35,438 fans at Brisbane Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

It has been a pass mark first year for the Dolphins who had plenty of memorable moments along the way to nine wins. The Dolphins put the game to bed with a 22-0 first half which was orchestrated by Sean O'Sullivan. On a bright afternoon, the Dolphins looked

to finish on a high. The hosts struck first through winger Jack Bostock who finished off a quick short side play with a typical winger finish. The Dolphins had a few opportunities to double their delight. Tesi Niu went close but the final pass was forward then Sean O'Sullivan scooped it up from dummy-half and sent it forward. They lacked polish on their sets which cost them points. Halfback O'Sullivan took it upon himself, sold the Warriors defense a dummy and sliced through to make it 12-0 for the Dolphins. The hosts were in fine fettle to end the first half. Another bust started by O'Sullivan had them in prime

position. Jarrod Wallace produced a superb inside ball for Isaiya Katoa to dive over. It isn't a Dolphins game without Jamayne Isaako on the scorelist. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow opened up the Warriors defense then the winger who will be top pointscorer and possibly try-scorer touched down for a 22-0 lead.

The second half was an arm wrestle for the first 15 minutes. Warriors did get themselves on the board through Freddy Lussick. The substitute hooker scooted over from close range. Warriors went back-to-back and got the crowd back in the contest. Josh

Curran broke through from the kick-off and it was finished off by Marcelo Montoya who made it 22-10. The Dolphins absorbed the Warriors best shot and put the game to bed. Kodi Nikorima weaved around the defense before he laid one the four-pointer to Max Plath to get his first ever in the NRL. It has been a good season for the Dolphins and they signed off in style. Tesi Niu sliced through the tired Warriors line and found Kenny Bromwich who enjoyed himself a four-pointer. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

PENRITH 44 NORTH QLD 12

The Penrith Panthers secure their third J.J. Giltinan Shield in four years with a try-scoring masterclass over the North Queensland Cowboys.

It didn't take long for the Premiership favourites to get on the board with Stephen Crichton going over in the fifth minute. A metre-chewing break from Sunia Turuva helped the Panthers gain great field position before a superb pass from a tripping Jack Cogger saw Crichton add another four-pointer to his tally. The next 15 minutes saw a lot of end-to-end football with both sides even with possession but the Cowboys' completion dropped to 65%, with a number of errors including an error from Cohen Hess that saw all of the momentum that the Cowboys had been building deflate. In the 22nd minute of the game, Stephen Crichton showed some incredible aerial skills with an absolutely phenomenal leap to tap the ball back. Jack Cogger was in the right place at the right time and was able to get the ball out to a fast-moving Sunia Turuva to cross for the Panthers' second try in the corner and Cogger's second try assist of the night. The kick was from almost the same place as the

first, but this time Nathan Cleary made no mistake to give the Panthers a 10-point lead. Only a minute later the Cowboys were caught offside and gifted the Panthers fantastic field position. As we've seen many times before, handing the Penrith side field position never ends well and Jack Cogger linked with Liam Martin for his third try assist of the night, this time on the other side of the field. The crowd only had to wait another 5 minutes before the Penrith Panthers added even more points to their tally. Another error from the Cowboys gave the Panthers the scrum feed inside the Cowboy's territory and it didn't take long for Nathan Cleary to get his first try assist, sending his winger Brian To'o over in the corner. To'o didn't have it easy though, literally carrying three Cowboys across the line with him. Cleary's first attempt at goal from the other side of the field was waved away and the score was 20 - 0 after 34 minutes. The Mountain Men weren't ready to go into half-time and when Kyle Feldt tackled Sunia Turuva in the air, the Panthers were once again given a full set on their 10-metre line. After his first attempt to get across cross the line was denied by the Cowboys' defence, young hooker, Luke Sommerton, scored his first NRL try in his second

game with a superb scoot from dummy half. Cleary didn't miss from almost right in front sending the Penrith side into the sheds with a 26 - 0 lead.

The second half started very differently to the first with the Cowboys scoring two quick tries to bring the score to 26 - 12 after 50 minutes. Their first try came through Griffin Neame and their second from Zac Laybutt. In the lead-up to the second try, almost every player in the team touched the ball - twice - as they went coast-to-coast and back again before Laybutt broke the line and got the ball down. Drinkwater converted both of the tries to help reduce the deficit they were chasing. It was as if the two sides switched during the break because the Cowboys were throwing everything at the Panthers and the Penrith side seemed to lack the same spark that they had in the opening 40 minutes. Unfortunately, it wasn't long before more poor handling from the Cowboys saw the Panthers get the ball back and throw a lot at the Cowboys' line defence. The defence could only hold on for so long before we saw Sunia Turuva flirt with the sideline before fending off Kyle Feldt for his second try of the game. The Panthers were almost awarded

a penalty try when Reece Robson grabbed at Dylan Edwards' jersey while he was attempting to score, but the fact that Kyle Feldt was in close proximity meant that it was only a professional foul and Robson missed 10 out of the last 13 minutes of the game. It didn't take long for the Panthers to take advantage of having an extra man when Nathan Cleary reached out and planted the ball. The referee sent it up as a no try, but the Bunker was happy that the ball both touched the line and wasn't lost, so Cleary was able to add his own try to the growing tally as well as converting it to restore the Panthers' 26-point lead. The Panthers weren't finished with the points when Crichton intercepted the ball 20 metres out from their line and saw the side run the whole length of the field on a zero tackle. At the end of the Crichton run, it was the lovely hands from Dylan Edwards that sent his winger through as Brian To'o strolled across for his second try of the night. By this point in the game, Sweet Caroline was ringing out across the stadium and the Mexican wave made it through at least 5 rounds! The Panthers crowd were enjoying every minute of what their team was putting on. **KELLY HOLLIS**

NEWCASTLE 32 ST GEO ILLA 12

Newcastle winger Dominic Young has produced a pair of extraordinary acrobatic tries in the final 5 minutes of the game to give the Knights a comfortable 20 point victory over a mostly determined but non-threatening Dragons outfit.

The Knights wasted almost no time, (115 seconds to be precise) before they got on the board, when Jacob Saifiti spun out of a tackle close to the Dragons line, and then strolled over to score a far too easy try. Lachlan Miller converted from almost in front. They extended their lead further in the 7th minute when Tyson Gamble skipped out of a feeble tackle

effort, ran 35 metres before passes inside to Enari Tuala in support, who raced away to score under the posts. Miller converted again. After 9 minutes the Knights had a 12-0 lead. To the Dragons credit, they smartened up and were rewarded in the 17th minute when Ben Hunt performed a chip and chase, then regathered and scored a glorious solo try. Zac Lomax converted from in front. The Knights replied in the 32nd minute when Greg Marzhew steamrolled over the top of Mikaele Ravalawa and scored a powerful try. Miller failed to convert from the sideline. At halftime the Knights had a 16-6 lead.

The second half started much like the first, with the Knights crossing within the first few minutes,

this time where Fa'amanu Brown was tackled low, close to the Dragons line and he fell forwards and gets the ball down on the line for a strong try. Miller converted from almost in front. In the 66th minute, it looked like Gamble had scored a brilliant solo try. He shaped to kick on the last, then ran before putting in a chip which Riley Jones regathered and passed back to Gamble all in one motion as he was tackled by the defender. Gamble then raced 40 metres to score. The Bunker then ruled that Jones was narrowly in front of Gamble when he kicked the ball. No try. In just over a minute later, the Bunker was again called upon to review another try, this time at the other end of the field. Ravalawa somehow grounded the ball while tackled in the air over the sideline. Lomax

converted from the sideline to reduce the margin to 10. Shortly after, Miller was sin binned for tackling a player without the ball and three minutes later, Blake Lawrie was also binned for the same reason. Gamble slotted a penalty goal. In the 75th minute Dominic Young scored the first of two spectacular tries. His first saw him hit by Suli, who slung him upside down, yet Young still managed to stretch out and plant the ball in a remarkable effort. Gamble failed to convert from the sideline. Three minutes later he scored again, this time, the tackle saw him flying feet first over the sideline, yet he still managed to get the ball down for a try. Miller failed to convert from the sideline, but the Knights had done enough to run away with a 32-12 victory. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

GOLD COAST 34 CANTERBURY 30

Kieran Foran scores first career hat-trick as Gold Coast defeat Canterbury 34-30 in a sloppy Sunday afternoon affair at Cbus Super Stadium.

The Gold Coast Titans didn't play their best footy on Sunday afternoon at home but they still did enough to beat Bulldogs. Both sides struggled mightily with their handling and defence but enough moments of

individual brilliance got the job done for the Titans. Kieran Foran scored the first two tries of the match slicing open the Bulldogs defence with a couple of solo runs. The Bulldogs hit back with a strong solo effort by Josh Addo-Carr in the 33rd minute where he made a break in his own half and then beat some lacklustre cover defence to go over and score. AJ Brimson hit back almost immediately in the 37th minute following up some second phase play and beating the fullback nicely to score.

Foran added his third try in the 53rd minute again another strong show and go to barge over. Foran had five career doubles up to date but this was the first time he has ever crossed for three tries in a match. Not to be outdone, Addo-Carr added his second and third in the 60th and 71st minute. His third try was a great counter attack as Hayze Perham made a break off the kick return and then chipped for Addo-Carr who juggled the ball off the bounce before regathering to score. Both teams made a plethora of

errors throughout the game, maybe an early peak behind the curtain into what they will be training to fix this offseason. The Bulldogs finished with 14 errors and 47 missed tackles while the Titans had 12 errors and 36 missed tackles. The flowing stream of errors led to plenty of points that would have kept the fans in attendance happy. The Titans finish their season on 9 wins and 14th on the ladder while the Bulldogs will finish 15th. **NICK BOYS**

CRONULLA 24 CANBERRA 6

The Cronulla Sharks have secured a home final with a 24-6 victory over the Canberra Raiders 24-6 in a match which saw Sebastian Kris sent from the field for a dangerous tackle.

The Sharks held a 10-6 lead approaching the hour mark when the Raiders outside back was sent from the field for a dangerous tackle on Sione Katoa; the home side, buoyed by their extra man advantage, finished strongly with three late tries to the delight of 12,750 supporters in Wade Graham's final regular

season appearance at home. Jordan Rapana (4th minute) gave the visitors a dream start by outleaping his opposite number Connor Tracey for a try in his 200th NRL game; the 34-year-old outside back became the fourth player alongside Brett Mullins, Jason Croker and Jarrod Croker to score 100 tries for Canberra in first grade. Making the most of field position afforded by a successful challenge, the Sharks responded with Jesse Ramien (15th minute) finishing off a right-side shift close to the sideline. In a closely fought opening which saw both sides struggle to gain ascendancy, the visitors came closest to adding to the scoreboard with Rapana and Zac

Woolford denied by the barest of margins, while a wayward field goal attempt from Matt Frawley as the siren sounded saw the Raiders take a 6-4 lead to the sheds.

Striking a crucial blow following a powerhouse set which saw Cronulla players dominate through the middle of the field, an inside pass from Nicho Hynes allowed Jack Williams (53rd minute) to put the home side in front for the first time. With the match poised to go either way heading into the final quarter, a dangerous tackle from Kris on Katoa saw the Canberra winger sent from the field and the Raiders hopes of

hosting a home final evaporate. Taking immediate advantage with Braydon Trindall (60th minute) touching down underneath the posts, the Sharks guaranteed a home final when Ronaldo Mulitalo (63rd minute) touched down wide. A late try to Katoa (71st minute) saw the Sharks run out winners to give captain Wade Graham one final appearance at PointsBet Stadium next weekend before retirement. Next week, the Sharks will host the Roosters at home in an Elimination Final on Saturday evening, while the Raiders will face the Knights at Newcastle in an Elimination Final on Sunday afternoon. **ROB CROSBY**

ROUND 27 RESULTS

MELBOURNE 32 (G. Anderson 2, S. Faalogo 2, R. Papenhuyzen, R. Smith tries; R. Papenhuyzen 4 goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 22** (J. Pereira 2, T. Flegler tries; J. Rogers 5 goals) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 31st August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 14-12. Penalties: Brisbane 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 43,271.

BRISBANE: Sailor, Dates, Arthars, Hoeter, Pereira; Rogers, Madden; Flegler (C), Smoothy, Jensen, Piakura, Riki, Palasia. Int: Mozer, Paix, Willison, Taupau.

MELBOURNE: Papenhuyzen (C), Anderson, Olam, Tonumaiepa, Smith; Nikorima, Wishart; Sims, Garlick, Moeroa, Lewis, Howarth, King. Int: Faalogo, MacDonald, Pene, Chan.

MANLY 54 (T. Koula 2, J. Saab 2, E. Bullemor, G. Chan Kum Tong, D. Cherry-Evans, H. Olakau'atu, J. Trbojevic, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; D. Cherry-Evans 7 goals) **DEFEATED WESTS TIGERS 12** (A. Kepaoa, A. Koroisau tries; A. Koroisau 2 goals) **AT 4 PINES PARK.**

Date: Fri, 1st September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 26-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 16,503.

MANLY: Koula, Saab, Parker, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Croker, Keppie, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Matterson, Woods, Bullemor.

WESTS TIGERS: Bula, Kepaoa, Reilly, Feledy, Tupou; Laurie, Koroisau (C); Twal, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Blore, Pole. Int: Matamua, Laulilii, Seyfarth, Da Silva.

SYDNEY 26 (C. Allan, J. Pauga, B. Smith, J. Tedesco, S. Walker tries; J. Sua'alii 3 goals) **DEFEATED SOUTHS 12** (M. Chee-Kam, C. Murray tries; L. Ilias 2 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 1st September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 10-6. Penalties: Sydney 6-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 36,263.

SOUTHS: Taaffe, Johnston, Tass, Graham, Thompson; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Mitchell, Koloamatangi, Chee-Kam, Murray (C). Int: Arrow, Duncan, Sele, Moale.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Pauga, Smith, Allan, Sua'alii; Keary, Walker; Butcher, Smith, Collins, Wong, Butcher, Radley. Int: Baker, Smith, May, Crichton.

DOLPHINS 34 (J. Bostock, K. Bromwich, J. Isaako, I. Katoa, S. O'Sullivan, M. Plath tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 10** (F. Lussick, M. Montoya tries; A. Pompey goal) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 22-0. Penalties: Dolphins 5-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 35,438.

DOLPHINS: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Niu, Te Whare, Bostock; Nikorima, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Graham, Nicholls, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Wallace, Katoa, Plath, Ese'ese.

WARRIORS: Tuapiki, Kosi, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Volkman; Afoa, Lussick, Barnett, Curran, Niukore, Walker (C). Int: Sironen, Ale, Going, Roache.

PENRITH 44 (B. To'o 2, S. Turuva 2, N. Cleary, S. Crichton, L. Martin, L. Sommerton tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED NORTH QLD 12** (Z. Laybutt, G. Neame tries; S. Drinkwater 2 goals) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 26-0. Penalties: Penrith 7-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 21,525.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Cogger, Cleary (C); Leota, Sommerton, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo. Int: Peachey, Smith, Leniu, Hosking.

NORTH QLD: Drinkwater, Feldt, Laybutt, Hiku, Taulagi; Dearden, Townsend (C); McLean, Robson, Hess, Leilua, Luki, Cotter. Int: Taumalolo, Granville, Neame, Finefeuiaki.

NEWCASTLE 32 (D. Young 2, F. Brown, G. Marzhev, J. Saifiti, E. Tuala tries; L. Miller 3, T. Gamble goals) **DEFEATED ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA 12** (B. Hunt, M. Ravalawa tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) **AT NETSTRATA JUBILEE STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 16-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 5-3. Referee: Ben Cummins. Crowd: 10,137.

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA: Sloan, Feagai, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Amone, Hunt (C); Molo, Muhleisen, Lawrie, Burns, Russell, De Belin. Int: Little, Molo, Murdoch-Masila, Couchman.

NEWCASTLE: Miller, Young, Tuala, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Clune; Saifiti (C), Brown, Hetherington, Lucas, Jones, Elliott. Int: Jones, Saifiti, Croker, Keeley.

GOLD COAST 34 (K. Foran 3, A. Brimson, A. Khan-Pereira, K. Leeming tries; A. Schoupp 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANTERBURY 30** (J. Addo-Carr 3, K. Morrin, B. Wilson tries; M. Burton 5 goals) **AT CBUS SUPER STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 18-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 3-2. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 14,942.

GOLD COAST: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Brimson, Schoupp; Foran, Weaver; Fotuaka, Leeming, Stimson, Fifita, Haas, Fa'asuamaleaui (C). Int: Jolliffe, Alick, Fa'asuamaleaui, Vuna.

CANTERBURY: Perham, Wilson, Averillo, Alamoti, Addo-Carr; Burton (C), Sexton; Thompson, Mahoney (C), Knight, Kikau, Waddell, Sutton. Int: King, Flanagan, Morrin, Okunbor.

CRONULLA 24 (S. Katoa, R. Mulitalo, J. Ramien, B. Trindall, J. Williams tries; B. Trindall 2 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 6** (J. Rapana try; J. Fogarty goal) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 6-4. Penalties: Cronulla 6-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 12,750.

CRONULLA: Tracey, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hamlin-Uele, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Williams, Hunt, Hazelton, Kaufusi.

CANBERRA: Rapana, Kris, Wighton, Timoko, Cotric; Frawley, Fogarty; Mariota, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Puru. Int: Guler, Starling, Saulo, Mooney.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Brendan Piakura (Brisbane) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1000

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Fletcher Baker (Sydney) Grade 1 Dangerous Throw: \$1000

Adam Elliott (Newcastle) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$3000

Paul Alamoti (Canterbury) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1000

Sebastian Kris (Canberra) Grade 3 Dangerous Throw: 5 matches

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37 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

29 POINTS

Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

27 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

25 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Reece Walsh (Broncos)

22 POINTS

Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

21 POINTS

Payne Haas (Broncos), James Tedesco (Roosters)

20 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

2023 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP LADDER

Pos	Team	Home								Away								Overall								Stats	
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	Bye	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG	
1.	PENRITH PANTHERS	12	9	3	-	334	149	185	12	9	3	-	311	163	148	24	18	6	-	3	645	312	42	+333	26.88	13.00	
2.	BRISBANE BRONCOS	12	7	5	-	306	219	87	12	11	1	-	333	206	127	24	18	6	-	3	639	425	42	+214	26.63	17.71	
3.	MELBOURNE STORM	12	9	3	-	355	196	159	12	7	5	-	272	263	9	24	16	8	-	3	627	459	38	+168	26.13	19.13	
4.	WARRIORS	12	8	4	-	234	194	40	12	8	4	-	338	254	84	24	16	8	-	3	572	448	38	+124	23.83	18.67	
5.	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	12	9	3	-	346	210	136	12	5	6	1	280	241	39	24	14	9	1	3	626	451	35	+175	26.08	18.79	
6.	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	12	7	5	-	354	207	147	12	7	5	-	265	290	-25	24	14	10	-	3	619	497	34	+122	25.79	20.71	
7.	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	12	8	4	-	254	238	16	12	5	7	-	218	258	-40	24	13	11	-	3	472	496	32	-24	19.67	20.67	
8.	CANBERRA RAIDERS	12	7	5	-	249	334	-85	12	6	6	-	237	289	-52	24	13	11	-	3	486	623	32	-137	20.25	25.96	
9.	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	12	4	8	-	217	286	-69	12	8	4	-	347	219	128	24	12	12	-	3	564	505	30	+59	23.50	21.04	
10.	PARRAMATTA EELS	12	7	5	-	275	248	27	12	5	7	-	312	326	-14	24	12	12	-	3	587	574	30	+13	24.46	23.92	
11.	NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS	12	8	4	-	333	247	86	12	4	8	-	213	295	-82	24	12	12	-	3	546	542	30	+4	22.75	22.58	
12.	MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES	12	6	5	1	295	243	52	12	5	7	-	250	296	-46	24	11	12	1	3	545	539	29	+6	22.71	22.46	
13.	DOLPHINS	12	5	7	-	250	294	-44	12	4	8	-	270	337	-67	24	9	15	-	3	520	631	24	-111	21.67	26.29	
14.	GOLD COAST TITANS	12	6	6	-	293	347	-54	12	3	9	-	234	306	-72	24	9	15	-	3	527	653	24	-126	21.96	27.21	
15.	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	12	4	8	-	222	403	-181	12	3	9	-	216	366	-150	24	7	17	-	3	438	769	20	-331	18.25	32.04	
16.	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	12	5	7	-	274	332	-58	12	-	12	-	200	341	-141	24	5	19	-	3	474	673	16	-199	19.75	28.04	
17.	WESTS TIGERS	12	3	9	-	245	289	-44	12	1	11	-	140	386	-246	24	4	20	-	3	385	675	14	-290	16.04	28.13	

2023 NRL STATS LEADERS

TRIES

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	PL	T
1	Dominic YOUNG	NEW	25	25
2	Jamayne ISAAKO	DOL	24	24
3	Dallin WATENE-ZELEZNIAK	WAR	20	24
4	Greg MARZHEW	NEW	22	22
5	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	23	21
6	Ronaldo MULITALO	CRO	23	21
7	Mikaele RAVALAWA	SGI	21	21
8	Brian TO'O	PEN	23	21
9	Selwyn COBBO	BRI	24	20
10	Alofiana KHAN-PEREIRA	GLD	23	20
11	Maika SIVO	PAR	20	20
12	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	23	19
13	Ezra MAM	BRI	25	18
14	Will WARBRICK	MEL	25	17
15	Xavier COATES	MEL	21	16
16	Campbell GRAHAM	SOU	21	16
17	Stephen CRICHTON	PEN	24	15
18	Hamiso TABUAI-FIDOW	DOL	20	15
19	Herbie FARNWORTH	BRI	26	15

POINTS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	PL	T	G	FG	PTS
1	Jamayne ISAAKO	DOL	24	24	73	2	244
2	Nick MEANEY	MEL	25	10	91	-	222
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	22	8	89	6	216
4	Adam REYNOLDS	BRI	23	5	94	4	212
5	Nicho HYNES	CRO	21	5	83	1	187
6	Shaun JOHNSON	WAR	25	8	71	2	176
7	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	21	12	63	-	174
8	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	18	8	68	2	170
9	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	19	7	69	3	169
10	Tanah BOYD	GLD	21	2	69	1	147
11	Latrell MITCHELL	SOU	16	9	53	1	143
12	Zac LOMAX	SGI	20	7	57	-	142
13	Matt BURTON	CBY	23	4	60	2	138
14	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	15	3	59	-	130
15	Kalyn PONGA	NEW	20	9	46	-	128
16	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I	SYD	21	8	46	-	124
17	Clinton GUTHERSON	PAR	23	19	16	-	108
18	Stephen CRICHTON	PEN	24	15	21	-	102
19	Dominic YOUNG	NEW	25	25	-	-	100

GOALS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	PL	G	ATT	%	GPG
1	Adam REYNOLDS	BRI	23	94	115	82%	4.1
2	Nick MEANEY	MEL	25	91	116	78%	3.6
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	22	89	106	84%	4.0
4	Nicho HYNES	CRO	21	83	105	79%	4.0
5	Jamayne ISAAKO	DOL	24	73	101	72%	3.0
6	Shaun JOHNSON	WAR	25	71	89	80%	2.8
7	Tanah BOYD	GLD	21	69	86	80%	3.3
8	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	19	69	87	79%	3.6
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	18	68	82	83%	3.8
10	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	21	63	83	76%	3.0
11	Matt BURTON	CBY	23	60	71	85%	2.6
12	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	15	59	68	87%	3.9
13	Zac LOMAX	SGI	20	57	83	69%	2.9
14	Latrell MITCHELL	SOU	16	53	73	73%	3.3
15	Kalyn PONGA	NEW	20	46	60	77%	2.3
16	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I	SYD	21	46	59	78%	2.2
17	Jamal FOGARTY	CAN	24	28	32	88%	1.2
18	Brandon WAKEHAM	WST	15	27	33	82%	1.8
19	Lachlan MILLER	NEW	12	26	37	70%	2.2

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PLAYER	PL	T	G	FG	PTS	PLAYER	PL	T	G	FG	PTS	PLAYER	PL	T	G	FG	PTS
Cameron SMITH	430	48	1295	4	2786	Scott PRINCE	300	67	389	8	1054	Greg ALEXANDER	265	111	351	14	1160
Cooper CRONK	372	101	5	21	435	Michael JENNINGS	298	154	-	-	616	John CROSS	265	53	-	-	212
Darren LOCKYER	355	122	341	21	1191	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	298	16	-	-	64	Brett KENNY	265	110	-	-	410
Terry LAMB	350	164	386	44	1442	Wade GRAHAM	297	50	-	2	202	Jacob LILLYMAN	265	9	-	-	36
Steve MENZIES	349	180	1	-	722	Jamie LYON	294	122	531	-	1550	Luke BURT	264	124	646	5	1793
Paul GALLEN	348	63	2	1	257	Willie MASON	292	48	-	-	192	Jake FRIEND	264	27	-	1	109
Corey PARKER	347	39	586	-	1328	Andrew RYAN	291	68	1	-	274	Stephen KEARNEY	264	37	-	-	148
Benji MARSHALL	346	96	416	16	1232	Kevin WALTERS	291	74	-	-	296	Michael BUETTNER	263	96	77	-	538
Chris HEIGHINGTON	338	42	-	-	168	Darren SMITH	290	115	1	-	462	Luke DOUGLAS	263	14	-	-	56
Darius BOYD	337	87	-	-	348	Des HASLER	289	83	1	-	333	Craig FITZGIBBON	263	42	718	-	1604
Brad FITTLER	336	122	14	10	526	Braith ANASTA	288	88	122	18	614	Bob FULTON	263	147	26	59	600
John SUTTON	336	61	7	1	259	Issac LUKE	286	50	205	-	610	Greg INGLIS	263	149	9	4	618
Cliff LYONS	332	87	9	7	373	Bob O'REILLY	286	37	-	-	111	Alan THOMPSON	263	62	-	2	199
Adam BLAIR	331	14	-	-	56	Geoff TOOVEY	286	35	-	-	140	Simon WOOLFORD	262	36	1	-	146
Nathan HINDMARSH	330	60	1	-	242	Greg FLORIMO	285	72	3	1	295	Colin BEST	261	109	-	-	436
Andrew ETTINGSHAUSEN	328	166	1	-	666	Alex GLENN	285	58	-	-	232	Michael GORDON	261	92	681	-	1730
Geoff GERARD	327	37	18	-	151	Kevin PROCTOR	283	46	1	-	186	Stacey JONES	261	77	176	14	674
Ryan HOFFMAN	325	72	1	-	290	Kieran FORAN	282	57	8	1	245	Bill HAMILTON	260	25	-	-	75
Josh MORRIS	325	158	-	-	632	Robbie KEARNS	282	31	2	-	128	Nathan CAYLESS	259	28	-	1	113
Luke LEWIS	324	122	-	-	488	Josh PAPALII	282	62	-	-	248	Josh MCGUIRE	259	13	-	-	52
Gavin COOPER	323	79	3	-	322	Luke PATTEN	282	100	-	-	400	John McMARTIN	259	17	-	-	51
Johnathan THURSTON	323	90	923	16	2222	Shaun KENNY-DOWALL	277	139	3	-	562	Mark MINICHELLO	259	48	-	-	192
Billy SLATER	319	190	-	-	760	Nathan FIEN	276	41	-	4	168	Todd PAYTEN	259	19	-	-	76
Jason CROKER	318	120	1	-	482	Ashley HARRISON	276	56	-	-	224	David GILLESPIE	258	17	-	-	68
EL MASRI Hazem	317	159	891	-	2418	Brett MORRIS	276	176	-	-	704	Allan LANGER	258	100	8	6	422
Aiden TOLMAN	317	16	-	-	64	Jason TAYLOR	276	47	942	35	2107	Ray PRICE	258	78	-	-	258
Jesse BROMWICH	316	33	-	-	132	Owen CUNNINGHAM	275	24	-	-	96	Danny BUDERUS	257	61	1	-	246
Luke PRIDDIS	315	63	-	-	252	Mario FENECH	275	22	-	1	88	Ron COOTE	257	88	-	-	264
Paul LANGMACK	314	43	-	-	172	Matt SING	275	159	-	-	636	David PEACHEY	257	117	-	-	468
Brent KITE	313	21	-	-	84	Michael HANCOCK	274	120	2	-	484	Sam PERRETT	256	93	1	-	374
Steve PRICE	313	35	-	-	140	Adam REYNOLDS	274	49	1015	28	2254	Frank PRITCHARD	256	57	-	-	228
Ben HUNT	312	80	30	1	381	Michael ENNIS	273	36	110	1	365	Craig WING	256	86	1	-	346
Ruben WIKI	311	72	-	-	288	Ben HORNBY	273	59	12	2	262	Paul DUNN	255	8	-	-	32
Petero CIVONICEVA	309	25	-	-	100	Steve MORTIMER	273	79	-	5	270	Andrew GEE	255	12	-	-	48
Andrew McCULLOUGH	309	36	1	1	147	Steve WALTERS	271	49	-	-	196	Norm PROVAN	255	64	1	-	194
Mitchell PEARCE	309	77	-	11	319	Phil BLAKE	270	138	8	15	574	Glenn LAZARUS	254	21	1	-	86
James TAMOU	308	27	-	-	108	Matt BOWEN	270	130	36	5	597	Shane WEBCKE	254	18	-	-	72
Jarrold CROKER	307	136	915	-	2374	Ben CREAGH	270	54	-	-	216	Fred ANDERSON	253	21	-	-	63
Brett KIMMORLEY	307	82	196	11	731	Brett FINCH	270	66	1	12	278	Chris LAWRENCE	253	84	3	-	342
Mitch AUBUSSON	306	68	-	-	272	Ian SCHUBERT	270	63	126	1	450	Matt PRIOR	253	14	-	-	56
Daly CHERRY-EVANS	305	85	171	26	708	Luke BAILEY	269	20	-	-	80	Shaun JOHNSON	252	80	530	18	1398
Sam THAIDAY	304	40	1	-	162	Craig COLEMAN	268	30	-	8	128	Jason TAUMALOLO	252	38	-	-	152
Robbie FARAH	303	70	12	16	320	Dane GAGAI	268	77	12	-	332	Andrew FARRAR	251	49	34	3	266
Anthony WATMOUGH	303	73	-	-	292	Matt GEYER	268	113	105	-	662	Andrew FIFITA	251	40	-	-	160
Anthony MINICHELLO	302	139	-	1	557	Matthew SCOTT	268	19	-	-	76	Kurt GIDLEY	251	80	452	4	1228
Simon MANNERING	301	63	-	-	252	Preston CAMPBELL	267	86	279	1	903	Justin HODGES	251	99	1	-	398
Luke RICKETSON	301	40	1	-	162	Aaron WOODS	267	18	-	-	72	Bob McCARTHY	251	119	-	1	358
John MORRIS	300	49	10	5	221	Jason NIGHTINGALE	266	110	-	-	440	Chris MORTIMER	251	35	41	1	209

FINALS WEEK 1

QUALIFYING FINAL 2 (2ND V 3RD) BRISBANE 26 MELBOURNE 0

The Brisbane Broncos have swept into their first Preliminary Final since 2017 after thrashing the Storm 26-0 in front of a sold-out Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Kevin Walters' men were simply clinical, as they raced in four unanswered tries and importantly keeping the Storm to nil to send out a message to the competition that not only is their attack slick but their defence is also resolute enough to lift the Provan-Summons trophy on the first Sunday in October. Brisbane's big guns all came to the fore this evening, with the up-front fire power of Patrick Carrigan, Tom Flegler and Payne Haas laying the platform to allow Adam Reynolds and Reece Walsh to wreak havoc in the second half and get their side one step

closer to the big dance Melbourne had one of the worst nights in their history, failing to fire a shot in a clunky display from the renowned high performing and disciplined club. The loss was made so much worse with a catastrophic compound fracture to Ryan Papenhuyzen and a potential serious ankle injury to Xavier Coates who will be in doubt for next week's elimination final. Despite their vast finals experience, it was the Storm who started nervously producing two handling errors to give the home side an excellent opportunity to open their account. Brisbane cashed in through blockbusting centre Kotoni Staggs, who charged through four Storm defenders to power over the try line and bring the home fans to their feet. Adam Reynolds converted and it was 6-0. The game was being played at a frenetic semi-final pace, with quick play the balls and ferocious defence from both sides. Melbourne then looked to have hit back when the Broncos defence played a dangerous game by rushing Cameron Munster close to the

line. Munster then stepped off his left foot and flung a long pass to Xavier Coates who looked as though he had muscled his way over the line. However replays showed the Storm winger lost possession in the grounding of the ball and it was ruled no try. Brisbane continued to build pressure nearing halftime through a neat Billy Walters kick that saw the home side earn a repeat set. However, the Storm got things wrong when Ryan Papenhuyzen put the dropout over the sideline on the full and Brisbane took the gift two points on offer through Reynolds to extend their lead to 8-0.

Following the break, hometown hero Reece Walsh made his presence known when received the ball in some space. The dynamic fullback then sliced through three Storm defenders to blow the roof off Suncorp Stadium and give his side a 14-0 lead following the conversion. Brisbane then made it back-to-back tries, with this time Walsh holding up the ball for

his backrower Jordan Riki who steamed onto the ball to slide over the try line and give the Broncos a commanding lead. The nightmare evening got even worse for Melbourne with an ankle injury to Xavier Coates which then was further compounded when Ryan Papenhuyzen then went down with a compound fracture to his lower leg in just his third NRL game after returning from a serious knee injury after 14 months on the sideline. Brisbane then went into party mode moments later, as Selwyn Cobbo raced over to score a late try following a superb pass from Adam Reynolds. Reynolds converted to send the Broncos into the preliminary final with a dominant 26-0 win ending the Storm's 14-year hoodoo over the home side at Suncorp Stadium. Brisbane now enjoy the week off and are just one win away from a Grand Final. Melbourne will now return south of the border where they will host the winner of the Sharks vs Roosters game in an Elimination Final next week. **SAM BOURKE**

QUALIFYING FINAL 1 (1ST V 4TH) PENRITH 32 WARRIORS 6

The Penrith Panthers are 80 minutes away from the opportunity to defend their title after punishing an error-prone New Zealand Warriors with a 32-6 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Getting out to an early lead and making the most of repeated opportunities to use the ball in attack, the defending premiers confirmed a place in the preliminary final for the fourth consecutive season to the delight of a sold-out crowd. Posting an eighth consecutive victory against their opponents, the reigning premiers

were well served by their biggest names with captain Nathan Cleary producing a personal tally of 16 points. The home side wasted little time in asserting their dominance with Brian To'o (4th minute) finishing off an early opportunity provided after Marcelo Montoya dropped a bomb inside his own half. Surviving a scare moments later when stand-in halfback Dylan Walker was denied a try in response due to Adam Pompey obstructing Luke Garner in the lead up, the Panthers made their opponents pay for further errors with Cleary sending Liam Martin (20th minute) into space to establish a double-digit lead. Continuing the one-way flow of points after a poor last-tackle kick from Tohu

Harris was compounded by Rocco Berry's failed intercept attempt, a left-side shift saw Sunia Turuva (27th minute) dive over for his tenth try of the season. The Warriors managed to repel several sets in succession on their own line late in the half, however a penalty goal to Cleary as the siren sounded saw the Panthers take a 20-0 halftime lead.

Needing to be first to score to have any chance of mounting a comeback, the Warriors weathered pressure after the resumption and were rewarded with Penrith alumni Wayde Egan (56th minute) supporting a long-range break by Dallin Watene-Zelezniak. Securing the

result after an inconclusive captain's challenge gave the Panthers an attacking scrum 30 metres out from the try line, Turuva (62nd minute) finished off a left-side sweep before Cleary (72nd minute) did it all himself with a solo effort. The 32-6 result - a record margin in finals football for Penrith - was the third time the Panthers prevailed over the Warriors in finals football following victories in 2003 and 2018. Next week, the Warriors will return to New Zealand to host the winner of the Elimination Final between the Knights and Raiders, while the Panthers will rest up ahead of a Preliminary Final. **ROB CROSSBY**

ELIMINATION FINAL 2 (6TH V 7TH) SYDNEY 13 CRONULLA 12

A late Sam Walker field-goal has secured one of the bravest finals victories in the Roosters' proud history, eliminating the Cronulla Sharks by 13-12 at PointsBet Stadium.

It was a frantic start from the home side, despite a defensive stronghold in the first minute. Ronaldo Mulitalo spilled the kick and were under immediate pressure. However, they held firm with Joey Manu denied thanks to an obstruction ruling with Siva Wong taking out Braydon Trindall. Cronulla had their own early chance off a Roosters error with Cam McInnes denied by the man upstairs. Despite an early too and frow start. Cronulla camped down the Roosters end and after a four minute extended run at the Roosters line, Nicho Hynes turned

provider with a lovely cut-out pass to Sione Katoa to cross. Trindall did however miss a relatively easy shot at goal, the score remained at 4-0. More territory came for the home side and points came. Sam Walker took Trindall high and after the disaster of the first kick from him, he gave the penalty shot to Hynes who converted for 6-0. The rest of the first half saw the Roosters have some attacking chances, but due to some sheer bad luck and attacking incompetence. They remained on a duck egg for the remainder of the first half despite some defensive resilience.

It would become a hard task in the second half with Joey Suaalii failing his HIA and not returning forcing a reshuffle. Billy Smith was hit high by Tom Hazleton and the big cult hero was placed on-report. On the ensuing set, Terrell May made his presence felt drawing multiple

defenders across before finding Walker who got a rainbow pass out to Manu to cross for the tri-colours. Worst luck would continue for the visitors with Manu leaving the field shortly after with a hamstring injury. This was compounded when Braydon Trindall sprinted away after a poor last tackle kick. Tedesco was guilty of a professional foul and sent to the sin-bin by referee Gerard Sutton on the advice of touch-judge Wyatt Raymond. Their was all of a sudden a distinct lack of troops and lack of positional familiarity for the Roosters. This saw Sandon Smith revert to full-back where he played a handful of NSW Cup matches. Cronulla capitalised, quick hands down the left saw Hynes combine with Mulitalo down the left hand side and it looked as if the Sharks were going to run away with it. However, the tenacious and gritty Roosters hung in there, despite several try-scoring chances which would prove costly,

especially a knock on by Blayke Brailey. They only conceded a further penalty goal when Nat Butcher picked up a ball batted down in an offside position. The decision to go for goal will be talked about all off-season for the Sharks faithful and coaching staff. The Roosters hung in the contest and were rewarded when Sandon Smith put in a grubber which was played at by the Sharks. The loose ball went straight to Siva Wong who crashed over to score for the visitors. Billy Smith landed the goal, and we were into a field-goal shoot-out. Following a set after points which was perfect, Walker delivered the dagger to give the Roosters their first lead of the night. Hynes had two attempts which were charged down and the Roosters wound down the clock to secure a trip to Melbourne next weekend. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

ELIMINATION FINAL 1 (5TH V 8TH) NEWCASTLE 30 CANBERRA 28

It took them a full 90 minutes but the Newcastle Knights have extended their winning streak to 10 in a row and booked themselves a trip to New Zealand as they pick up a 30-28 extra time win over the Canberra Raiders.

The home side started the game strongly and had early dominance but they could only manage one the one four pointer and that came inside the first five minutes when the Knights found their groove on the left with Greg Marzhew going over in the corner. Despite being dominated, the Raiders had an Ata Mariota effort denied by the bunker who couldn't overturn the live Held Up ruling from Ashley Klein. That didn't stop the Raiders though and it was an error from the Knights that gifted the Green Machine possession and they took advantage of their overlap with James Schiller

going into score. The Raiders added a second try when the Knights couldn't regroup a short dropout and Trey Mooney forced his way to the line and got the ball down to score. The third Raiders try came again through James Schiller when yet another Newcastle error gifted Canberra field position and they took advantage out wide. Jamal Fogarty added a conversion from the sideline to push the Green Machine out to a 16-6 lead at half time.

Newcastle needed to find something in the second half and Jack Wighton gave them the fire when the Raiders star allegedly bit Tyson Gamble much to the furore of the Knights and the crowd. The referees took their time as Adam Gee in the bunker couldn't determine conclusively that there was a definite bite so the incident went on report as procedures state it should do. The Knights were fired up as Kalyn Ponga left his mark on the game as he got the ball and ran straight to the line and got the ball

down. With a fired up crowd behind them, the Knights set the game alight as they started to take advantage of the fragilities of the Raiders on the right as first it was Dom Young and then Dane Gagai who took advantage as they scored. The Raiders had a rare attacking opportunity but they were left to watch the ball go back the other way as an attacking kick ended up with the Knights as Tyson Gamble swooped on the ball before finding Dom Young who was unstoppable racing away. Newcastle had opened up 28-16 lead but things weren't done. As possession mounted in favour of the Raiders, Matt Frawley elected not to put the ball to boot but running the ball paid off as he was able to get the ball over the try line. Jamal Fogarty converted from close range to close the gap to six points. The Canberrans continued to attack with the ball as they eventually cracked the line inside the final two minutes when Tom Starling was able to go over. Fogarty converted to level the scores. An 80th minute penalty put the

Raiders into field goal range but they couldn't take advantage of the two shots and extra time awaited. The Green Machine started the first half of Extra Time with the better of the field position but elected not to go for a one-point advantage until the last few seconds of the half which was charged down. The second half was all Newcastle as they were gifted field position after a Jamal Fogarty kick went out on the full as the Knights went on the attack as a result. The home side went on the attack late but it was a penalty against Hudson Young that decided the game when he was clearly offside and penalised for it. Ponga kicked the field goal to give the home side the match-winning 30-28 lead. Next week, the Knights will look for 11 in a row when they head to New Zealand for a clash against the Warriors for a slot in the preliminary finals whilst the Raiders will again think of what could have been as their season ends. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

FINALS WEEK 1 RESULTS

BRISBANE 26 (S. Cobbo, J. Riki, K. Staggs, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 0 AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 8-0. Penalties: Brisbane 10-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 50,197.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthurs, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Piakura, Hetherington, Palasia.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Tonumaipea, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant, Welch (C), Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Eisenhuth, Asofa-Solomona, Papenhuyzen, Sims.

PENRITH 32 (S. Turuva 2, N. Cleary, L. Martin, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 6** (W. Egan try; A. Pompey goal) **AT BLUEBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-0. Penalties: Penrith 6-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 21,525.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Garner, Crichton, To'o; Cogger, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Peachey, Smith, Leniu, Hosking.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Walker, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Tevaga, Sironen, Curran, Lussick.

SYDNEY 13 (J. Manu, S. Wong tries; B. Smith, S. Walker goals; S. Walker field goal) **DEFEATED CRONULLA 12** (S. Katoa, R. Mulitalo tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) **AT POINTSBET STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 6-0. Penalties: Cronulla 6-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 12,570.

CRONULLA: Tracey, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Graham (C), McInnes. Int: Williams, Hazelton, Kaufusi, Colquhoun.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Pauga, Smith, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Keary, Walker; Butcher, Smith, Collins, Wong, Butcher, Radley. Int: Baker, Smith, May, Crichton.

NEWCASTLE 30 (D. Young 2, D. Gagai, G. Marzhew, K. Ponga tries; K. Ponga 5 goals) **DEFEATED CANBERRA 28** (J. Schiller 2, M. Frawley, T. Mooney, T. Starling tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) **AT MCDONALD JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 16-6. Penalties: Canberra 7-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 29,548.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Fitzgibbon, Elliott. Int: Mann, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

CANBERRA: Rapana, Schiller, Wighton, Timoko, Cotric; Frawley, Fogarty; Mariota, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Puru. Int: Starling, Guler, Saulo, Mooney.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Tohu Harris (Warriors) Grade 1 Crusher Tackle: \$1000
Sam Walker (Sydney) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1000
Briton Nikora (Cronulla) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800
Wade Graham (Cronulla) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1800
Tom Hazelton (Cronulla) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1800
Jack Wighton (Canberra) Dangerous Contact - referred (alleged bite): 3 matches
Adam Elliott (Newcastle) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$3000

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR LEADERBOARD



37 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

32 POINTS

Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

28 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

26 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

25 POINTS

Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

SEMI FINALS

SEMI FINAL 2 MELBOURNE 18 SYDNEY 13

A last minute try from rookie Storm winger Will Warbrick has seen the Melbourne Storm scrape home against a fast-finishing Roosters side by 18-13 at AAMI Park tonight.

A brave Roosters side looked to have pulled off a shock win, following a cool and calm Sam Walker field goal late in the match. However, the Storm turned to their marquee man Cameron Munster, who produced a pin point kick for his rangy winger who collected the ball cleanly in the air and then sensationally slammed the ball over the try line to give the Storm a win for the ages in front of their delirious fans. The win sets up a Preliminary Final against Penrith at Accor Stadium next weekend for a place in this year's NRL Grand Final. It was a heartbreaking loss for

Trent Robinson's men who charged home after being down 10-6 at halftime before a superb try to prop Lindsay Collins and late field goal from Walker had the visitors on the brink of an upset win, however it was cruelly snatched away at the death. Both sides came into the match missing some notable stars, however it was second-string halfback Tyran Wishart got Melbourne off to a brilliant start, when he stepped off the right foot close to the line and raced through the retreating Roosters defensive line to score the first try of the night. Nick Meaney missed the conversion, however, was able to redeem himself when the Storm fullback was gifted a penalty goal following a Victor Radley high tackle on Wishart and Melbourne extended their lead to a converted try early. Wishart was involved again in the Storm's second try, when he combined with surprise interchange hooker Harry Grant close to the line. The Australian hooker then found Marion

Seve who crashed over and give the home side a 10-0 lead with fifteen minutes remaining in the first half. The Roosters desperately needed to get in the match, and they did so when hooker Brandon Smith produced a trademark charge over from dummy half against his former club to score a vital try before the break to narrow the score to 10-6.

With 40 minutes left in the season for the loser, the game became an arm wrestle early in the second half and finally after several raids, Melbourne managed to jag a penalty from in front. Nick Meaney then kicked his second penalty goal to give his side a 12-6 lead. The Tricolours needed a hero and an unlikely one emerges in utility Sandon Smith, who made a break and found Victor Radley who was brought down just short of the try line by Cameron Munster. Smith then jumped into dummy half and threw an excellent cut

out pass to hit Lindsay Collins on the chest and the Queensland front rower scored untouched under the posts. Sam Walker converted the try to tie up the scores. The Roosters continued their late charge, marching towards the posts to allow Sam Walker to kick a field goal to give the Roosters the lead for the first time in the match to stun the home fans. Melbourne however wasn't finished, and with the clock counting down it was their marquee man Cameron Munster who produced a last-ditch kick across field high for his wingman in Will Warbrick. And the rookie winger didn't let him down collecting the ball cleanly and then managing to reach out to score the match winner. Meaney then converted from out wide to give the Storm an 18-13 lead, which they turned into a win thirty seconds later. Melbourne now travel to Sydney where they face off against Penrith for a place in the 2023 Grand Final, while the Roosters 2023 season ends in heartbreak. **SAM BOURKE**

SEMI FINAL 1 WARRIORS 40 NEWCASTLE 10

The New Zealand Warriors are off to Brisbane for a Preliminary final as they booked their spot with a 40-10 win over the Newcastle Knights in Auckland.

The Knights needed to silence the crowd early if they wanted to make an impact but they did the complete opposite as they turned the ball over on their very first set and the Warriors made a big impact straight away with three tries in the opening 15 minutes. It was just inside the third minute that the home side was able to cross when Shaun Johnson's attacking magnetism brought in the defence to focus on him before a

short ball put Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad through to open the scoring. The home side were left disappointed when referee Adam Gee and Grant Atkins in the bunker denied Wayde Egan an effort from dummy half. The Warriors were only a couple of plays away from scoring again when Addin Fonua-Blake went through some soft Newcastle defence. Failing to complete a set when they did have a rare opportunity with the ball hurt the Knights and the Wahs took advantage when they went left and took advantage and Marcelo Montoya went over in the corner just keeping his feet inside the field of play to score. The Knights had a 16-0 deficit staring at them as they slowly began to even things out in possession but they could only put a minor dent into the scoreboard when

the Warriors defence was caught infield as the Knights went left and Greg Marzhev got on the board.

Adding to the scoreboard again was important for the Knights and they did just that when Dylan Lucas went in after Adam Clune ran at the line and got the important offload away. Things were starting to look good for the Knights but it was short lived as the Warriors took advantage of the pressure they began to put on and Dylan Walker went through soft Newcastle defence. It was one-way traffic from there as Rocco Berry got a reprieve from the Bunker when his efforts were initially rejected on-field by Adam Gee who believed there was a double movement. Berry was able to keep the ball off the ground and get

it to the line for a four pointer. The Warriors took advantage twice more as the Knights looked to switch off late when DWZ got his first try of the finals series when he was left in open space after the Newcastle defence had rushed in and left DWZ unmarked. The Wah's then went over inside the final five minutes when Bayley Sironen was in the right sport after the home-side goes over a play after Kalyn Ponga lost the high ball. The New Zealand Warriors will continue their fairy-tale story into Brisbane next year whilst the Knights will no doubt be disappointed but they still managed to beat many of the expectations on them this season and will look back with pride. **JOSH ROBERTSON**

SEMI FINAL RESULTS

MELBOURNE 18 (M. Seve, W. Warbrick, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) **DEFEATED SYDNEY 13** (L. Collins, B. Smith tries; S. Walker 2 goals; S. Walker field goal) **AT AAMI PARK.**

Date: Fri, 15th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 10-6. Penalties: Melbourne 8-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 19,534.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Olam, Smith; Munster, Wishart; Kamikamica, Garlick, Asofa-Solomona, Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Grant, Welch (C), Eisenhuth, Sims.

SYDNEY: Tedesco (C), Puga, Momirovski, Allan, Paulo; Keary, Walker; Butcher, Smith, Collins, Wong, Butcher, Radley. Int: Baker, Smith, May, Crichton.

WARRIORS 40 (R. Berry, A. Fonua-Blake, M. Montoya, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, B. Sironen, D. Walker, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; A. Pompey 6 goals) **DEFEATED NEWCASTLE 10** (D. Lucas, G. Marzhev tries; K. Ponga goal) **AT GO MEDIA STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 6:05 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-4. Penalties: Warriors 3-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 26,083.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Tevaga, Sironen, Curran.

NEWCASTLE: Ponga (C), Young, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Clune; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Mann, Hetherington, Croker, Jones.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Tyson Frizell (Newcastle) Grade 1 Careless High Tackle: \$1000

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40 POINTS
Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

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25 POINTS
Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nathan Cleary (Panthers), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

PRELIMINARY FINALS

PRELIMINARY FINAL 1 PENRITH 38 MELBOURNE 4

A hat-trick by Brian To'o has capped a dominating team effort by the Penrith Panthers to book their place in the 2023 NRL Grand Final, thrashing Melbourne by 38-4.

Both sides engaged in early warfare with Melbourne answering the call in the opening sets of play. Off the back of a sloppy penalty, Penrith were able to advance up field and threw questions at Melbourne's suspect left edge after just three minutes. Nathan Cleary drew in the defence before finding Dylan

Edwards who drew in Justin Olam to find Brian To'o to cross for the first try of the evening. Cleary's conversion hit the posts and it was a slender lead for the home side. Melbourne hit back soon after following a rare mistake from Edwards who dropped a regulation high ball. Nick Meaney linked up with Olam who got some revenge on the outside of the returning Izack Tago to cross for the visitors. Meaney's conversion also hit the posts and it was tied at 4-4. Nelson Asofa-Solomona was pinned for a late shot and despite Adam Gee wanting a sin-bin, the bunker correctly confirmed the contact wasn't as forceful and illegal as first thought. Cleary knocked over a penalty goal for a 6-4 lead. Penrith's championship qualities came to the forefront when they again capitalised on

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2 BRISBANE 42 WARRIORS 12

The Brisbane Broncos have stormed into the Grand Final after an emphatic display of attacking football saw them absolutely dominate the Warriors, who simply couldn't keep up with the fast moving Broncos attack.

The Warriors opened the scoring in just the fourth minute courtesy of a beautiful set play on the short side. Shaun Johnson at first receiver, linked with the trailing runner Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad who drew the defender early before sending a nice ball to the unmarked Dallin Watene-Zelezniak who scored in the corner. Adam Pompey failed to convert from the sideline. The Broncos wasted no time to respond, hitting back in the 8th minute. On the first tackle after getting a set restart and just 5 metres from the Warriors line, Billy Walters at dummy half threw a dummy and then dived over near the posts to score a classic rake's try. Adam Reynolds converted to give the Broncos a 6-4 lead. The points kept flowing when Watene-Zelezniak snatched a brilliant intercept near

halfway and raced 55 metres to score. Pompey again failed to convert from out wide. After 13 minutes the Warriors were back in front 8-6. 4 minutes later the Broncos hit back again. Reece Walsh on the left side took the ball to the line, shaped to pass long but then hit Herbie Farnworth with a beautiful short ball and the big centre stretched out and scored, despite being tackled around the boot. Reynolds converted and the Broncos were back in front 12-8. In the 20th minute, the Broncos went quickly on the attack courtesy of a great run by Payne Haas. On the next play, they shifted to the left quickly where Kurt Capewell got out of a tackle and then put Jesse Arthars over for a try in the corner. Reynolds converted from the sideline, to extend their lead by 10 points. The Broncos kept piling the misery onto the Warriors just 4 minutes later when Ezra Mam linked with the fast moving Walsh who exploded through a gap, drew the defender and then put Walters over for his second try. Reynolds converted. The Warriors stopped the Broncos onslaught in the 29th minute when they shifted the ball left to Johnson who passed out the back to Te Maire Martin, who drew and passed to Pompey

some poor Melbourne handling out of their own end. It was a similar shift that saw To'o beat the sliding cover defence for his second try. Cleary converted from touch and it was a 12-4 lead.

Seven minutes later, Penrith went down a narrow blind-side off yet another cheap penalty. Jarome Luai did all the work engaging the line before Cleary put Warbrick in two minds and Sunia Turuva crosses outside. Penrith's star half added the extras and despite some late chances from the visitors it was 18-4 at the change of ends.

After a tense opening to the second fourth Jarome Luai decided to put his exclamation point on the second half in the 53rd minute. Luai skipped and danced his way through some Storm

who shuffled the ball quickly along to Marcelo Montoya and the winger evaded a tackle before diving over in the left corner. Pompey failed to convert from the sideline. The final ten minutes of the half saw both sides ball control drop off and subsequently, the points stopped flowing. A Warriors turnover with 8 seconds remaining in the half gave Adam Reynolds an opportunity to pot a 2 point field goal from halfway, but it was deflected and only travelled 20 metres. At halftime, 7 tries were scored and the Broncos held a 24-12 lead.

The Broncos went close to scoring twice in the opening 10 minutes of the second half, through Jordan Riki in the 42nd minute, when he made a break but was brought down and wrapped up just inches short of the line on the last tackle and then in the 48th minute when a Kurt Capewell offload put Farnworth over, but the pass was ruled forward. Brisbane finally got the scoreboard moving in the second half in the 62nd minute with a controversial try. Walsh made a break through the line and then threw a very obvious but unintentional forward pass that finds Cobbo, whose pass back inside to

defence before sending Liam Martin through a yawning gap before passing to Cleary in support to score. Cleary converted to extend the margin out to 20. Off the ensuing set, Stephen Crichton produced a magical flick outside to Turuva who broke free before finding Edwards to cross. Cleary added the extras for a 30-4 lead. With just over 20 to go, Jarome Luai was put on ice for the remainder of the game and it didn't disrupt their flow. Brian To'o crossed for his hat-trick after a strong bust from Isiah Yeo with 11 to go. From the ensuing tackle, Cleary and Tago combined with To'o to cross for his third. Cleary added the conversion and a later penalty goal to secure their grand final place. **AJ LUCANTONIO**

Riki also looked forward, and Riki raced away to score under the posts. Reynolds converted to give Brisbane a 30-12 lead. On the 59th minute, Koni Staggs was obstructed from chasing a Reynolds grubber by Pompey which resulted in the Warriors centre being sent to the sin bin for ten minutes. In the following set, Ezra Mam received the ball out wide on the left, stepped back inside, beating Bayley Sironen, gets through a gap before getting bumped over in a tackle attempt, before rolling over the tryline to score. Reynolds converts. Brisbane brought up 40 points in the 70th minute when, off the back of a great run by Haas on the previous play, they sent the ball left to Walsh who quickly passed along to Farnworth running back in against the grain and he strolled through a big gap to score. Walsh converted. Watene-Zelezniak tries to barge over from dummy half in the 75th minute but he was held up. Some open footy closed out the final 5 minutes of the game, but neither side could improve their score, Brisbane victorious 42-12 and advancing to the Grand Final. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

PRELIMINARY FINAL RESULTS

PENRITH 38 (B. To'o 3, N. Cleary, D. Edwards, S. Turuva tries; N. Cleary 7 goals) **DEFEATED MELBOURNE 4** (J. Olam try) **AT ACCOR STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-4. Penalties: Penrith 9-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 35,578.

PENRITH: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Cogger, Smith, Leniu, Garner.

MELBOURNE: Meaney, Warbrick, Seve, Olam, Smith; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Garlick, Asofa-Solomona, Loiero, Katoa, King. Int: Grant, Welch (C), Eisenhuth, Sims.

BRISBANE 42 (H. Farnworth 2, B. Walters 2, J. Arthars, E. Mam, J. Riki tries; A. Reynolds 6, R. Walsh goals) **DEFEATED WARRIORS 12** (D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, M. Montoya tries) **AT SUNCORP STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 24-12. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 52,273.

BRISBANE: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Piakura, Hetherington, Palasia.

WARRIORS: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Niukore, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Tevaga, Sironen, Curran.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contract: \$1000
Josh King (Melbourne) Grade 1 Dangerous Contract: \$750

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2023 NRL GRAND FINAL



Cleary magic delivers Penrith triple titles

PENRITH 26 BRISBANE 24

The Penrith Panthers have capped off the largest comeback in Grand Final history to record a third straight Premiership win by defeating the Broncos 26-24 in the 2023 Grand Final decider.

Nathan Cleary put in one of the all time greatest Grand Final performances in dragging his side to the most unlikely of wins!

Cleary's 76th minute try and conversion capped off a comeback that needs to be seen to be believed!

Ezra Mam's 10 minute hatrick looked certain

to have set the Broncos on their way to ending their title drought with 25 minutes to go. He had the Clive Churchill medal in his grasp until Cleary's aforementioned try.

A magnificent, and tense, first half saw Penrith dominate for large portions, yet only lead 8-6 at halftime. Tom Flegler's 38th minute try completely changed the momentum of the game and looked to be the moment Brisbane started their path to Premiership glory.

The Broncos crossed early in the second half via a brilliant, individual effort by Ezra Mam. He would cross for his second just eight minutes later, and for his third on the very next set.

Reece Walsh awoke from his first half slumber and looked set to make those of us who suggested he was playing below par, look

foolish in the second stanza. His break to put Mam over looked like the moment the title was won. Nathan Cleary's break in the 62nd minute put Moses Leota over. He then kicked a 40/20 before having a huge hand in Stephen Crichton's 67th minute try.

Cleary himself scored the match winner in the 76th minute sending half of the 80,000 in attendance into raptures.

There was no way to do this game justice in a review. If you haven't seen this game, you need to source the replay right away!

Nathan Cleary! Penrith! What a night!

This was the best Grand Final since 2015 and I am really leaning toward it being better.
DAN NICHOLS

PENRITH 26 (N. Cleary, S. Crichton, M. Kenny, M. Leota tries; N. Cleary 4, S. Crichton goals) **DEFEATED BRISBANE 24** (E. Mam 3, T. Flegler tries; A. Reynolds 4 goals) **AT ACCOR STADIUM**. Date: Sun, 1st October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 8-6. Penalties: Brisbane 3-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 81,947. **PENRITH:** Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Crichton, To'o, Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Cogger, Smith, Leniu, Garner. **BRISBANE:** Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Farnworth, Cobbo; Mam, Reynolds (C); Flegler, Walters, Haas, Capewell, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Piakura, Hetherington, Palasia.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Payne Haas (Brisbane) Grade 1 Dangerous Contact: \$1800





40 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors)

32 points - Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

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29 points - Reece Walsh (Broncos)

28 points - Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

25 points - Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Adam Reynolds (Broncos)

23 points - Payne Haas (Broncos)

22 points - Cameron Munster (Storm)

21 points - James Tedesco (Roosters)

20 points - Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

19 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels)

17 points - Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

16 points - Ben Hunt (Dragons)

15 points - Harry Grant (Storm), Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

14 points - AJ Brimson (Titans)

13 points - David Fifita (Titans), Corey Horsburgh (Raiders), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs)

12 points - Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), Matt Burton (Bulldogs), Blayne Brailey (Sharks)

11 points - Hudson Young (Raiders), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles)

10 points - Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Kieran Foran (Titans), Izack Tago (Panthers), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins)

9 points - Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Dane Gagai (Knights), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Nick Meaney (Storm), Brian To'o (Panthers)

8 points - Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins), J'maine Hopgood (9494Eels), Greg Marzhew (Knights), Tolutau Koula (Sea Eagles), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Campbell Graham (Rabbitohs), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Jahream Bula (Wests Tigers), William Kennedy (Sharks)

7 points - Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Tyson Gamble (Knights), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Lachlan Croker (Sea Eagles), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Dylan Brown (Eels), Jeremy Marshall-King (Dolphins), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Ezra Mam (Broncos)

6 points - Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Alofiana Khan-Pereira (Titans), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Keaton Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers), Jarome Luai (Panthers), Eliesa Katoa (Storm), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Sean O'Sullivan (Dolphins), Sam Walker (Roosters), Luke Keary (Roosters), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Anthony Milford (Dolphins), Tom Dearden (Cowboys), Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Bradman Best (Knights), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Wayde Egan (Warriors)

5 points - Phoenix Crossland (Knights), Phillip Sami (Titans), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Jackson Hastings (Knights), Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii (Roosters), Tristan Sailor (Broncos), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Jarrod Wallace (Dolphins), Tanah Boyd (Titans), Brandon Smith (Roosters), Jacob Liddle (Dragons), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Dominic Young (Knights), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Warriors), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos)

4 points - Siva Wong (Roosters), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Scott Sorensen (Panthers), Taane Milne (Rabbitohs), William Warbrick (Storm), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Starford To'a (Wests Tigers), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Egan Butcher (Roosters), Jack Cogger (Panthers), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Jacob Preston (Bulldogs), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Jonah Pezet (Storm), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Reed Mahoney (Bulldogs), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Xavier Coates (Storm), Brandon Wakeham (Wests Tigers)

3 points - Heilum Luki (Cowboys), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Viliami Penisini (Eels), Jacob Saifiti (Knights), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Drew Hutchison (Roosters), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans), Junior Tupou (Wests Tigers), Tyrone Peachey (Panthers), Billy Smith (Roosters), Lachlan Miller (Knights), Isaiah Tass (Rabbitohs), Luke Metcalf (Warriors), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Tevita Pangai Junior (Bulldogs), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs)

2 points - Tom Gilbert (Dolphins), Isaiah Papali'i (Wests Tigers), Tepai Moeroa (Storm), Jaeman Salmon (Panthers), Joey Lussick (Eels), Sunia Turuva (Panthers), Victor Radley (Roosters), Junior Paulo (Eels), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), Felise Kaufusi (Dolphins), Luciano Leilua (Cowboys), Cameron McInnes (Sharks), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Keenan Palasia (Broncos), Valynce Te Whare (Dolphins), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Adam Elliott (Knights), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Kurt Capewell (Broncos), Braidon Burns (Bulldogs), Moses Leota (Panthers), Connelly Lemuelu (Dolphins), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), Maika Sivo (Eels), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Jackson Ford (Warriors), Young Tonumaipea (Storm), Tesi Niu (Dolphins), Marcelo Montoya (Warriors), John Bateman (Wests Tigers), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Liam Martin (Panthers)

1 point - Arthur Miller-Stephen (Eels), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Adam Pompey (Warriors), Billy Burns (Dragons), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Terrell May (Roosters), Jack Williams (Sharks), Sualauvi Faalogo (Storm), Kenny Bromwich (Dolphins), Blake Wilson (Bulldogs), Sione Katoa (Sharks), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Thomas Hazelton (Sharks), Tautau Moga (Dragons), Charlie Staines (Wests Tigers), Jazz Tevaga (Warriors), Edward Kosi (Warriors), Brendan Hands (Eels), Tevita Tatola (Rabbitohs), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Josh Reynolds (Bulldogs), Cory Paix (Broncos), Jaxson Paulo (Roosters), Ethan Bullemor (Sea Eagles), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Mason Teague (Dolphins), Leo Thompson (Knights), Hayze Perham (Bulldogs), Jayden Sullivan (Dragons), Freddy Lussick (Warriors), Albert Hopoate (Raiders), Dale Finucane (Sharks), Tyrone Munro (Rabbitohs), Lachlan Fitzgibbon (Knights), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Brendan Piakura (Broncos), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Josh King (Storm), Wiremu Greig (Eels), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Josh Curran (Warriors), Junior Pauga (Roosters), Lindsay Smith (Panthers), Semi Valemei (Raiders), Chris Randall (Titans), Tyran Wishart (Storm)

AUSTRALIAN FIRST GRADE HONOUR ROLL

NSWRL 1908-1994, ARL 1995-1997, SUPER LEAGUE 1997, NRL 1998-present

NSWRFL PREMIERSHIP - COMMENCED 1908.

Balmain, Cumberland, Eastern Suburbs, Glebe, Newcastle, Newtown, North Sydney, South Sydney and Western Suburbs were inaugural teams.

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NSWRFL 1908	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney	9
		<u>Cumberland</u> disbanded at the conclusion of the 1908 season.	
NSWRFL 1909	South Sydney	South Sydney	8
		<u>Newcastle</u> left the premiership at the conclusion of the 1909 season.	
		<u>Annandale</u> joined the premiership ahead of the 1910 season.	
NSWRFL 1910	Newtown	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1911	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1912	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1913	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1914	South Sydney	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1915	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1916	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1917	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1918	South Sydney	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1919	Balmain	N/A	8
		<u>University</u> joined the premiership ahead of the 1920 season.	
NSWRFL 1920	Balmain	N/A	9
		<u>Annandale</u> left the premiership after the 1920 season.	
		<u>St George</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1921 season.	
NSWRFL 1921	North Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRFL 1922	North Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRFL 1923	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	9
NSWRFL 1924	Balmain	N/A	9
NSWRFL 1925	South Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRFL 1926	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
NSWRFL 1927	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
NSWRFL 1928	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs, St George	9
NSWRFL 1929	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
		<u>Glebe</u> left the premiership after the 1929 season.	
NSWRFL 1930	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	8
NSWRFL 1931	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRFL 1932	South Sydney	South Sydney	8
NSWRFL 1933	Newtown	Newtown	8
NSWRFL 1934	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs, Eastern Suburbs	8
		<u>Canterbury</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1935 season.	
NSWRFL 1935	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	9
NSWRFL 1936	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	9
NSWRFL 1937	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	9
		<u>University</u> left the premiership after the 1937 season.	
NSWRFL 1938	Canterbury	Canterbury	8
NSWRFL 1939	Balmain	Balmain	8
NSWRFL 1940	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRFL 1941	St George	N/A	8
NSWRFL 1942	Canterbury	Canterbury	8
NSWRFL 1943	Newtown	Newtown	8
NSWRFL 1944	Balmain	Newtown	8
NSWRFL 1945	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRFL 1946	Balmain	St George	8
		<u>Manly</u> and <u>Parramatta</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1947 season.	
NSWRFL 1947	Balmain	Canterbury	10
NSWRFL 1948	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	10
NSWRFL 1949	St George	South Sydney	10
NSWRFL 1950	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRFL 1951	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRFL 1952	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	10
NSWRFL 1953	South Sydney	South Sydney	10

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NSWRFL 1954	South Sydney	Newtown	10
NSWRFL 1955	South Sydney	Newtown	10
NSWRFL 1956	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1957	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1958	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1959	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1960	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1961	St George	St George, Western Suburbs	10
NSWRFL 1962	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1963	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1964	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1965	St George	St George	10
NSWRFL 1966	St George	St George	10
		<u>Cronulla</u> and <u>Penrith</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1967 season.	
NSWRFL 1967	South Sydney	St George	12
NSWRFL 1968	South Sydney	South Sydney	12
NSWRFL 1969	Balmain	South Sydney	12
NSWRFL 1970	South Sydney	South Sydney	12
NSWRFL 1971	South Sydney	Manly	12
NSWRFL 1972	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRFL 1973	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRFL 1974	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRFL 1975	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRFL 1976	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRFL 1977	St George	Parramatta	12
NSWRFL 1978	Manly	Western Suburbs	12
NSWRFL 1979	St George	St George	12
NSWRFL 1980	Canterbury	Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRFL 1981	Parramatta	Eastern Suburbs	12
		<u>Canberra</u> and <u>Illawarra</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1982 season.	
NSWRFL 1982	Parramatta	Parramatta	14
NSWRFL 1983	Parramatta	Manly	14
		<u>Newtown</u> left the premiership after the 1983 season.	
NSWRFL 1984	Canterbury	Canterbury	13
NSWRFL 1985	Canterbury	St George	13
NSWRFL 1986	Parramatta	Parramatta	13
NSWRFL 1987	Manly	Manly	13
		<u>Brisbane</u> , <u>Gold Coast</u> and <u>Newcastle</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1988 season.	
NSWRFL 1988	Canterbury	Cronulla	16
NSWRFL 1989	Canberra	South Sydney	16
NSWRFL 1990	Canberra	Canberra	16
NSWRFL 1991	Penrith	Penrith	16
NSWRFL 1992	Brisbane	Brisbane	16
NSWRFL 1993	Brisbane	Canterbury	16
NSWRFL 1994	Canberra	Canterbury	16
		<u>Auckland</u> , <u>North Queensland</u> , <u>South Queensland</u> and <u>Western Reds</u> joined the premiership ahead of 1995 season, during which the NSWRL transferred control of the competition to the ARL.	
ARL 1995	Sydney Bulldogs	Manly	20
ARL 1996	Manly	Manly	20
		For the 1997 season, eight teams moved to Super League: Auckland, Brisbane, Canberra, Canterbury, Cronulla, North Queensland, Penrith and Western Reds.	
		They were joined by new clubs <u>Adelaide</u> and <u>Hunter</u> .	
Super League 1997	Brisbane	Brisbane	10
		The remaining twelve clubs continued in the ARL competition: Balmain, Gold Coast, Illawarra, Manly, Newcastle, North Sydney, Parramatta, St George, South Queensland, South Sydney, Sydney City and Western Suburbs	
ARL 1997	Newcastle	Manly	12
		The Super League and ARL competitions were reunified in 1998.	
		<u>Hunter</u> , <u>South Queensland</u> and <u>Western Reds</u> folded after 1997.	
		<u>Melbourne</u> joined the premiership ahead of the 1998 season.	
NRL 1998	Brisbane	Brisbane	20
		<u>Adelaide</u> and <u>Gold Coast</u> left the premiership after the 1998 season.	
		<u>St George</u> and <u>Illawarra</u> merged to form <u>St George Illawarra</u> ahead of the 1999 season	

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NRL 1999	Melbourne	Sharks	17
	<i>South Sydney</i> were removed from the premiership after the 1999 season.		
	<i>Balmain</i> and <i>Western Suburbs</i> merged to form <i>Wests Tigers</i> ahead of the 2000 season.		
	<i>Manly</i> and <i>North Sydney</i> merged to form <i>Northern Eagles</i> ahead of the 2000 season.		
NRL 2000	Brisbane	Brisbane	14
NRL 2001	Newcastle	Parramatta	14
	<i>South Sydney</i> were reinstated ahead of the 2002 season.		
NRL 2002	Sydney	Warriors	15
	<i>Northern Eagles</i> were disbanded after the 2002 season..		
	<i>Manly</i> were reinstated ahead of the 2003 season.		
NRL 2003	Penrith	Penrith	15
NRL 2004	Bulldogs	Sydney	15
NRL 2005	Wests Tigers	Parramatta	15
NRL 2006	Brisbane	<i>Withdrawn</i>	15
	Melbourne's minor premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.		
	<i>Gold Coast Titans</i> joined the premiership ahead of the 2007 season		
NRL 2007	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	16
	Melbourne's premiership & minor premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.		
NRL 2008	Manly	<i>Withdrawn</i>	16
	Melbourne's minor premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.		
NRL 2009	<i>Withdrawn</i>	St George Illawarra	16
	Melbourne's premiership was withdrawn in 2010 due to salary cap breaches.		
NRL 2010	St George Illawarra	St George Illawarra	16
NRL 2011	Manly	Melbourne	16
NRL 2012	Melbourne	Canterbury	16
NRL 2013	Sydney	Sydney	16
NRL 2014	South Sydney	Sydney	16
NRL 2015	North Queensland	Sydney	16

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NRL 2016	Cronulla	Melbourne	16
NRL 2017	Melbourne	Melbourne	16
NRL 2018	Sydney	Sydney	16
NRL 2019	Sydney	Melbourne	16
NRL 2020	Melbourne	Penrith	16
NRL 2021	Penrith	Melbourne	16
NRL 2022	Penrith	Penrith	16
	<i>Dolphins</i> joined the premiership ahead of the 2023 season.		
NRL 2023	Penrith	Penrith	17

PREMIERSHIP LEADERBOARD:

South Sydney Rabbitohs 21, Sydney Roosters 15, St George Dragons 15, Balmain Tigers 11, Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 8, Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles 8, Brisbane Broncos 6, Penrith Panthers 5, Western Suburbs Magpies 4, Parramatta Eels 4, Melbourne Storm 4, Newtown Jets 3, Canberra Raiders 3, North Sydney Bears 2, Newcastle Knights 2, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 1, North Queensland Cowboys 1, St George Illawarra Dragons 1, Wests Tigers 1.

CURRENT TEAMS WITH NO PREMIERSHIP:

Warriors, Gold Coast Titans.

DEFUNCT TEAMS WITH NO PREMIERSHIPS:

Cumberland, Newcastle Rebels, Glebe Dirty Reds, Annandale Dales, Sydney University, Illawarra Steelers, Gold Coast Giants/Seagulls/Chargers, South Queensland Crushers, Western Reds, Adelaide Rams, Hunter Mariners, Northern Eagles.



NRL WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP HONOUR ROLL

NRLW PREMIERSHIP - COMMENCED 2018. Brisbane, St George Illawarra, Sydney, Warriors.

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NRLW 2018	Brisbane	Brisbane	4
NRLW 2019	Brisbane	Brisbane	4
NRLW 2020	Brisbane	Brisbane	4
	<i>Warriors</i> withdrew at the conclusion of the 2020 season.		
	<i>Gold Coast</i> , <i>Newcastle</i> and <i>Parramatta</i> joined the premiership ahead of the 2021 season.		
	The 2021 season was played in 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.		
NRLW 2021	Sydney	St George Illawarra	6
NRLW 2022	Newcastle	Sydney	6
	<i>Canberra</i> , <i>Cronulla</i> , <i>North Queensland</i> and <i>Wests Tigers</i> joined the premiership ahead of the 2023 season.		
NRLW 2023	Newcastle	Newcastle	10

PREMIERSHIP LEADERBOARD:

Brisbane Broncos 3
Newcastle Knights 2
Sydney Roosters 1

NO PREMIERSHIP:

Canberra Raiders, Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Gold Coast Titans, North Queensland Cowboys, Parramatta Eels, St George Illawarra, Wests Tigers

DEFUNCT TEAMS WITH NO PREMIERSHIPS:

Warriors



BRISBANE BRONCOS

ANDREW JACKSON

After a year that ended in the Broncos entering the history books for all the wrong reasons, there were plenty of reasons to believe Brisbane would just take another step backwards in 2023.

But there was also cause for optimism, headlined by the return of fullback Reece Walsh while the Broncos also boasted one of the best young forward packs in the competition and a halves pairing that perfectly blended youthful flair and dependable experience.

Really, the biggest question mark hanging over Brisbane surrounded coach Kevin Walters and whether he was more than a lovable larrikin, capable of adapting his game plan under pressure.

He certainly proved that in 2023 and had the Broncos firing at the right time, winning seven of their last eight games with their only loss coming as both Brisbane and Melbourne rested its big names in Round 27.

If you need any proof of just how different this version of the Broncos was under Walters it came the following week as the team ended its hoodoo against the Storm, shutting out Melbourne in a statement 26-0 win to book a spot in the preliminary finals.

While it did not ultimately end in a premiership, the Broncos still have a relatively young squad that is heading in the right direction after the team's first grand final appearance since 2015.

TURNING POINT

It is hard to pinpoint any specific turning point given Brisbane's consistency throughout the season, although you can probably single out the 18-12 loss to the Gold Coast.

It could have been very easy for the Broncos to follow a similar path to the one they took last year after that defeat, tumbling down the ladder and struggling to capitalise on a successful start to the season.

That is especially true when you consider it also coincided with Reece Walsh being rubbed out for three games for his tirade at referee Chris Butler in that game.

Losing the team's main spark plug in attack could have easily destabilised the team but instead Brisbane went on another winning run to prove itself a serious title contender in 2023.

WHAT WORKED

Ranking second in the league for both points scored and conceded, clearly a lot worked. That's obvious.

Digging a bit deeper though, it was the form of five-eighth Ezra Mam and hooker Billy Walters that really lifted the ceiling of this team.

Adam Reynolds and Reece Walsh were obviously two of the most in-form players at their position too, although there was always some level of expectation that they would perform well.

Mam and Walters, on the other hand, were hardly sure things and viewed before the season as reasons to question Brisbane's premiership credentials.

Mam enjoyed his best season in the NRL, taking home Dally M Five-eighth of the Year honours after finishing the year with 10 linebreak assists, nine try assists, 13 linebreaks and 47 tackle busts.

The 20-year-old was the perfect complement to the more composed and experienced Reynolds while his defence was also much-improved.

As he proved in the grand final, Mam's speed off the mark and evasive running game also made him a constant threat in attack.

As for Walters, he exceeded expectations and only grew in confidence as the season progressed, picking his moments well when it came to running out of dummy-half.

Without the kind of leaps both Mam and Walters made in their game, Brisbane don't go as far as it did.

WHAT DIDN'T

Not a whole lot. You don't get to a grand final unless a lot of things went right.

If anything, some of Brisbane's younger players - namely Selwyn Cobbo and Reece Walsh - finally had the forgettable moments that we had been waiting for all season long.

For the majority of the season though their performances had largely been unblemished and while it was a shame that both players had a few nervous moments in the biggest game of the year it should not take away from what they put together throughout the whole season.

The Broncos don't have to look far either to see how quickly they could find themselves with another shot at a premiership.

After all, it was only in 2020 that the Panthers lost to the Storm in that year's decider.

That young Penrith group seemed to be a bit overawed by the occasion and at times early in the grand final the same seemed true for Brisbane.

The way the Broncos responded in the early stages of the second half, led by Mam, proves this team has the talent to blow any other away. Maybe the old saying is true and you do need to lose one to win one.

BEST PLAYERS

Having won the team's player of the year award every season except for his rookie campaign, where he played only three games, front rower Payne Haas obviously headlines this list.

Although lock forward Patrick Carrigan also had his best season in the NRL, rewarded with a spot in the Dally M Team of the Year after averaging 125 metres and 30 tackles per game.

The Broncos workhorse also offered a passing option through the middle that proved particularly lethal close to the line, whether he was playing it short to another forward or out the back to halfback Reynolds.

Speaking of, Reynolds' leadership and calming influence on the field cannot be understated and while he was the perfect halves partner for Mam he also helped balance out the attack with the electric Walsh out the back.

Walsh is another Bronco who enjoyed a career-best season, setting a new Broncos record for most try assists (30).

ROOKIES

The standout has to be fullback Tristan Sailor, who was handed a lifeline by Brisbane and took it with both hands while filling in for Walsh.

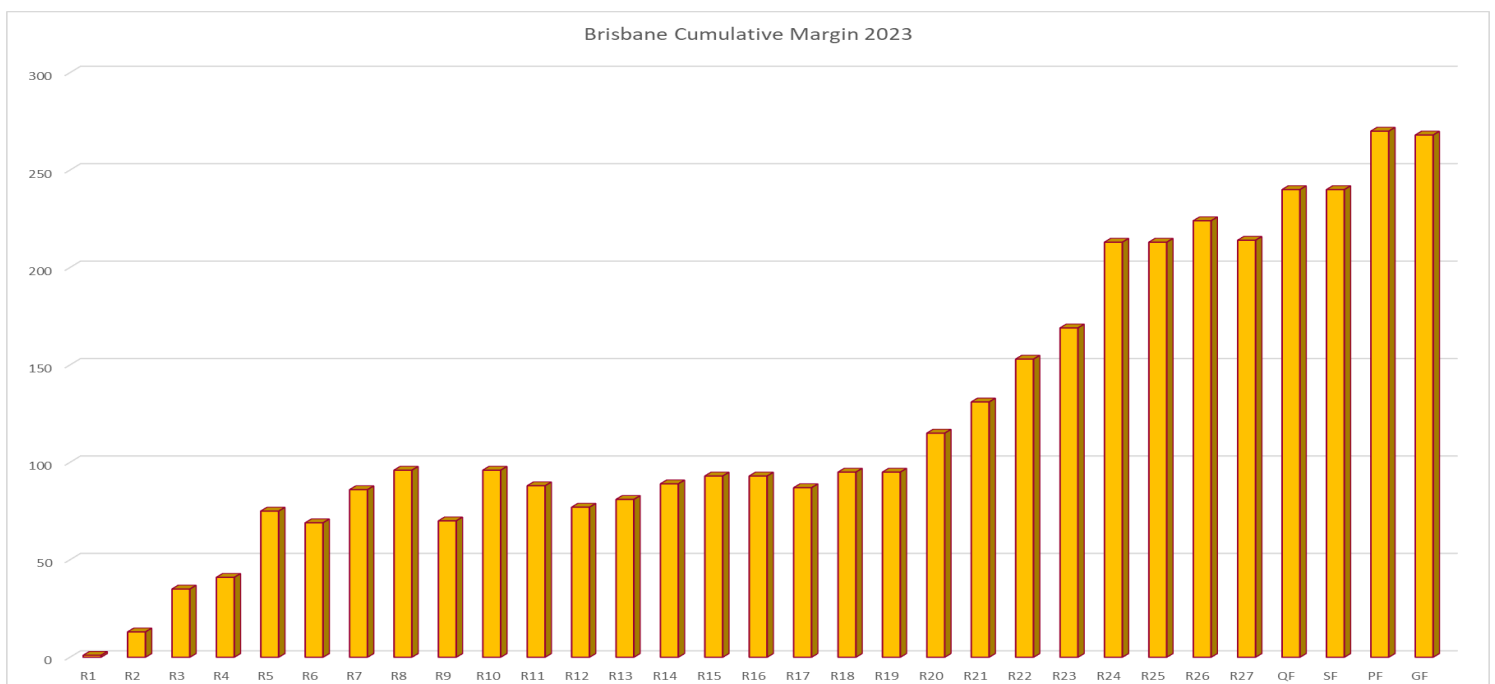
Sailor averaged 125 metres to go with six try assists, six linebreak assists and 13 tackle busts across his four starts in 2023 and shapes as the kind of player who is simply too good to be a back-up and may be on the lookout for a new team in the near future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Another top-four finish is on the cards, although the losses of Herbie Farnworth and Tom Flegler (Dolphins) leave significant holes while Keenan Palasia is also off to the Gold Coast.

For the time being, Reynolds is showing no signs of slowing down and as long as that remains the case the Broncos will be in premiership contention.

Brisbane Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: BRISBANE

POSITION 2ND (GRAND FINALISTS)
COACH KEVIN WALTERS
CAPTAINS ADAM REYNOLDS (24), KURT CAPEWELL (3), THOMAS FLEGLER (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 43,271 (VS. MELBOURNE IN ROUND 27)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 33,793
TOP POINTSCORER ADAM REYNOLDS (212)
TOP TRYSCORER EZRA MAM (22)

PAUL MORGAN MEDAL - PLAYER OF THE YEAR: PAYNE HAAS
CYRIL CONNELL AWARD - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: TRISTAN SAILOR
KEVIN WALTERS AWARD - MOST CONSISTENT: PAYNE HAAS
ALLAN LANGER AWARD - BEST BACK: REECE WALSH
SHANE WEBCKE AWARD - BEST FORWARD: PAYNE HAAS
WALLY LEWIS AWARD - PLAY OF THE YEAR: KOTONI STAGGS (ROUND 4 TRY V REDCLIFFE)
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: PAT CARRIGAN
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: SIMON SCANLAN
GARY BALKIN AWARD - PLAYERS' PLAYER: PAYNE HAAS

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	26	27	LF	PF	GF	SEASON STATS								
Opponent	PE	NQ	SI	DO	WT	CR	GC	PA	SS	MW	MS	PE	WR	CS	NK	GC	DO	CB	SS	SR	NQ	PA	CR	MS	MS	WR	PE	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off	
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HAAS, Payne	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	23	-	1	-	-	4	-	-	
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 3rd	Penrith	W 13 12	BlueBet Stadium	17,125
2	Mar 10th	North Queensland	W 28 16	Suncorp	43,162
3	Mar 18th	St George Illawarra	W 40 18	Suncorp	26,612
4	Mar 24th	Dolphins	W 18 12	Suncorp	51,047
5	Apr 1st	Wests Tigers	W 46 12	Suncorp	27,553
6	Apr 8th	Canberra	L 14 20	Suncorp	31,962
7	Apr 15th	Gold Coast	W 43 26	Cbus	26,563
8	Apr 21st	Parramatta	W 26 16	TIO Stadium	11,864
9	Apr 28th	South Sydney	L 6 32	Suncorp	40,102
10	May 5th	Manly	W 32 6	Suncorp	50,077
11	May 11th	Melbourne	L 16 24	AAMI Park	16,043
12	May 18th	Penrith	L 4 15	Suncorp	33,343
13	May 27th	Warriors	W 26 22	McLean Park	16,195
14	Jun 3rd	Cronulla	W 20 12	Pointsbet	12,318
15	Jun 10th	Newcastle	W 24 20	Suncorp	35,814

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
16		BYE			
17	Jun 25th	Gold Coast	L 12 18	Suncorp	42,249
18	Jul 1st	Dolphins	W 24 16	The Gabba	30,606
19		BYE			
20	Jul 15th	Canterbury	W 44 24	Belmore	17,103
21	Jul 21st	South Sydney	W 36 20	Sunshine Coast	8,931
22	Jul 27th	Sydney	W 32 10	The Gabba	21,841
23	Aug 5th	North Queensland	W 30 14	QLD Country Bank	22,659
24	Aug 11th	Parramatta	W 54 10	The Gabba	29,005
25		BYE			
26	Aug 26th	Canberra	W 29 18	GIO Stadium	19,400
27	Aug 31st	Melbourne	L 22 32	Suncorp	43,271
QF	Sep 8th	Melbourne	W 26 0	Suncorp	50,197
PF	Sep 23rd	Warriors	W 42 12	Suncorp	52,273
GF	Oct 1st	Penrith	L 24 26	Accor	81,947

CANBERRA RAIDERS

SAM BOURKE

The Green Machine came into the 2023 season as one of the more settled sides in the NRL. Off the back of a superb finish to season 2022, where the Raiders won 8 of their last 10 matches left Raiders fans feeling that while they were not considered marquee contenders by the bookies, the successful addition of halfback Jamal Fogarty to complement superstar Jack Wighton could be the combination to lead a strong forward pack deep into September and perhaps beyond.

That optimism quickly shifted on the eve of the season, when the Raiders lost young gun Xavier Savage to a broken jaw in a trial game, which led to their resolve being tested early on. Coach Ricky Stuart played an unexpected hand in giving the custodian role to centre Sebastian Kris and the dynamic effect was unfortunately not immediate. The Raiders started the season slow, only winning one of their first five matches and the red marker was being put through the Milk by most pundits. In Round 6, the Raiders flew north to tackle the resurgent Broncos at Suncorp Stadium, to make matters worse Jack Wighton was ruled out of the game day 17. With their season at the crossroads Ricky's boys stepped up. Not only did they stun the Broncos against the odds, but went onto win 7 of their next 8 matches to find themselves knocking on the door of consecutive finals appearances.

This period culminated in Origin call ups for both Hudson Young (NSW) and Corey Horsburgh (QLD) and a spot even opened up in the Raiders backline for club legend Jarrod Croker to make his long awaited 300th NRL match for the club. Unfortunately this event coincided with where the rollercoaster descended, when Coach Stuart made a somewhat controversial decision to 'rest' Croker against the last placed Tigers, in order to give their skipper the royal treatment in the nation's capital against the Warriors in Round 15. This saw unwanted attention in the press and led to an embarrassing performance at GIO Stadium where they were belted by New Zealand by 36-14 and then humbled by the Cowboys in their following game. Canberra again managed to rescue their season from Round 17, winning their next three to sit comfortably in the Top 8 before again having fans sweat out the final rounds, after they were thumped 48-6 by Melbourne and then limped into the finals with losses to Brisbane and Cronulla to cling onto 8th spot and secure a

ticket to finals football.

Canberra travelled to Newcastle for a sudden death final against Kalyn Ponga's Knights and put up an almighty performance to go down narrowly by 30-28 in a thrilling performance to conclude their rollercoaster of a season.

TURNING POINT

Canberra came into Round 6 on the slide, after being thumped by 41 points at the hands of the defending premiers Penrith the week before and with only one win on the board for the season it looked a mere speed bump for the then undefeated Broncos at Suncorp. To make matters worse, the Raiders then lost their marquee man in Jack Wighton and the mountain became Everest before a ball was kicked. What was glossed over however was that this was the backs to the wall mentality a Ricky Stuart coached side historically thrived on, and from the kick-off the Raiders rocked the highly fancied Broncos pack with veteran Josh Papali'i turning back the clock with some rocking hits. The tone was set and gladly picked up a notch by the Raiders aggressive pack. A double to Jordan Rapana in the first half, followed by a try to Albert Hopoate had the Broncos scrambling and despite a late try to Jesse Arthurs, the Raiders were too good as they held on to a well-deserved 20-14 victory. As mentioned above, the win then triggered a superb run for Canberra and showed on their day they were contenders when the right elements came together.

WHAT WORKED

The Raiders forward pack was heralded at the commencement of the 2023 season, however excitingly for Raiders fans the depth they have now built is now very deep. For the past few seasons there has been a reliance on their two internationals in Josh Papali'i and Joseph Tapine whose consistent performances went a long way to ensuring the Green Machine have been in the Top 8. This season saw both Hudson Young and Corey Horsburgh play State of Origin for their respective states but even more importantly a plethora of young talent in the engine room are now pushing for starting spots, leaving mainstays likes Elliott Whitehead and Corey Harawira-Naera (whose season was shattered by a nasty head knock) needing big off seasons to guarantee not only a starting spot but a place in the Raiders 17.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The Raiders defence what not at its finest this year as they conceded on

average 26 points per game. In a bizarre statistic, Canberra managed to hang on to a Top 8 spot despite having a woeful for and against of -127pts. The big knock on the Raiders in recent seasons is their seemingly inability to close out tight contests, however out of their 13 wins this season, all of them were by 12 points or less, with 9 of those wins being by 6 points or less. Now that they seemingly have a handle on grinding out a win, they desperately need to turn their attention to having some defensive resolve in order to compete with the elite sides come September.

BEST PLAYERS

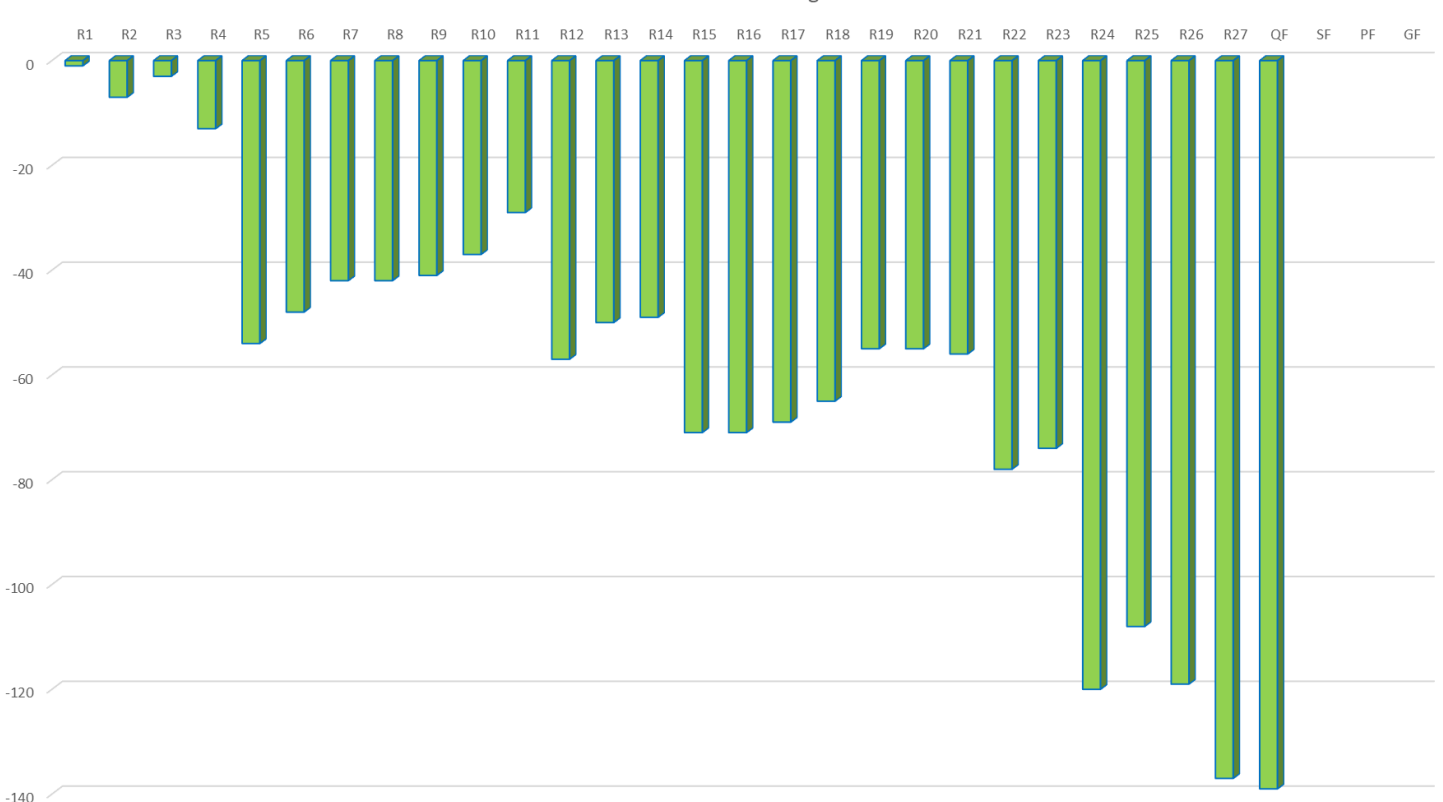
Corey Horsburgh at the start of the season was not a resounding pick in the Raiders starting pack, in fact it wasn't until the Raiders Round 6 upset over the Broncos that saw the fiery red head start and play over 70 minutes. From there Horsburgh was dominant, making the #13 jersey his own, with this burst of consistent form leading to a maiden Maroons jersey. It was quite the rise for the long-time fan favourite, who was rewarded with a 3 year extension and is now a walk up start for Canberra providing a follow me mentality that would please the coaching staff to no end.

Matt Timoko was another who impressed for the Green Machine, with the blockbusting centre having a breakout year with 11 tries, 14 line breaks and a massive 118 tackle busts. The Raiders centre's form culminated in his selection for the Kiwi national side. For those who have been watching closely, they will have noticed that Timoko has been outstanding for his native New Zealand and provided he isn't merely shovelled the ball in desperation and can get quality possession from his inside men, then Timoko has the potential to be one of the NRL's elite centres.

LOOKING AHEAD

The well-publicised loss of Jack Wighton hurts the Raiders heading into 2024 and with the majority of the key components that led the Raiders to a Grand Final in 2019 starting to depart, with Wighton, Jarrod Croker and Josh Hodgson recently finishing their time, they look soon to be joined by Rapana, Whitehead and Papali'i which means the Raiders need some new stars. Season '24 could see the unearthing of future stars in Chevy Stewart, Ethan Strange, Ata Mariota and Hohepa Puru, but how quick that will take effect is anyone's guess. The fact remains the Raiders have a strong starting pack and enough strike out wide to still be a threat of playing finals football again next season.

Canberra Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: CANBERRA

POSITION	8TH, ELIMINATION FINALISTS
COACH	RICKY STUART
CAPTAINS	JARROD CROKER (14), ELLIOTT WHITEHEAD (10), JOSEPH TAPINE (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	21,082 (VS. WARRIORS IN ROUND 15)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	15,300
TOP POINTSCORER	JARROD CROKER (130)
TOP TRYSCORERS	JORDAN RAPANA, MATTHEW TIMOKO (11)

MENINGA MEDAL - JOE TAPINE

NRLW PLAYER OF THE YEAR - SIMAIMA TAUFA
NRL COACHES AWARD - SEBASTIAN KRIS
NRLW COACHES AWARD - JANELLE WILLIAMS
PETER MULHOLLAND NRL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - ATA MARIOTA
NRLW ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - CHEYELLE ROBINS-RETI
FRED DALY CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - JAMAL FOGARTY
GEOFF CALDWELL WELFARE AND EDUCATION AWARD - HOHEPA PURU

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	QG	SEASON STATS								
Opponent	NQ	DO	CS	NK	PE	BB	SG	DO	CB	PA	MW	SS	WT	WR	SR	GC	SG	WR	NK	WT	MS	CB	BB	CS	NK	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off	
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 4th	North Queensland	L 18 19	QLD Country Bank	19,855
2	Mar 11th	Dolphins	L 14 20	Kayo Stadium	10,023
3	Mar 19th	Cronulla	W 24 20	GIO Stadium	14,134
4	Mar 26th	Newcastle	L 14 24	McDonald Jones	15,106
5	Mar 31st	Penrith	L 12 53	GIO Stadium	15,334
6	Apr 8th	Brisbane	W 20 14	Suncorp	31,962
7	Apr 16th	St George Illawarra	W 20 14	GIO Stadium	13,817
8		BYE			
9	Apr 29th	Dolphins	W 31 30	McDonalds Park	10,445
10	May 5th	Canterbury	W 34 30	Suncorp	50,077
11	May 13th	Parramatta	W 26 18	GIO Stadium	17,414
12	May 21st	Manly	L 14 42	GIO Stadium	14,730
13	May 27th	Souths	W 33 26	Accor	12,382
14	Jun 2nd	Wests Tigers	W 20 19	Campbelltown	11,201

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 9th	Warriors	L 14 36	GIO Stadium	21,082
16		BYE			
17	Jun 25th	Sydney	W 20 18	Allianz	13,326
18	Jul 1st	Gold Coast	W 26 22	GIO Stadium	11,659
19	Jul 7th	St George Illawarra	W 36 26	WIN Stadium	9,369
20		BYE			
21	Jul 21st	Warriors	L 20 21	Go Media	19,112
22	Jul 29th	Newcastle	L 6 28	GIO Stadium	15,487
23	Aug 6th	Wests Tigers	W 22 18	GIO Stadium	12,841
24	Aug 13th	Melbourne	L 2 48	AAMI Park	17,369
25	Aug 20th	Canterbury	W 36 24	GIO Stadium	12,402
26	Aug 26th	Brisbane	L 18 29	GIO Stadium	19,400
27	Sep 3rd	Cronulla	L 6 24	Pointsbet	12,750
EQ	Sep 10th	Newcastle	L 28 30	McDonald Jones	29,548

CANTERBURY- BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

LACHLAN McINTYRE

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs entered the new 2023 season with hope, as they have done for the past few years. With promising off-season after promising off-season, the Bulldogs have always seemed like the sleeping giants heading into the new year.

Yet, it's been a long time since they've delivered on any potential. So would 2023 finally be the year where the arrival of big name signings, including new head coach Cameron Ciraldo, could lift them back into the top eight?

A promising start to the season gave fans yet another spoonful of hope, before it all came crashing down as the year wore on.

Four straight losses rounded the season out, and saw the Bulldogs drop all the way down to their final ladder position of 15th.

Under-achieving yet again, Ciraldo and the club have a lot of work to do to finally turn their NRL side around.

TURNING POINT

The Bulldogs' loss to the Sydney Roosters in Round 14 was a crucial point in their season. Heading into the game off a bye, and before that an important win over the Titans, Canterbury looked up for the challenge against Easts.

They went down 25-24 in a thriller on the Central Coast, a knife to the heart of the fans. This loss would turn into a four game losing streak, culminating in an embarrassing 66-0 loss to Newcastle. It very much spelled the end of

any finals hopes.

WHAT WORKED

The Bulldogs' first five rounds of the season showed some promising signs. Despite a heavy loss to a strong Manly side to open their campaign, Canterbury-Bankstown shocked the rugby league world with a comfortable second round 26-12 victory over the Melbourne Storm in Melbourne - the only away side to record victory at AAMI Park in 2023.

They backed this up with a narrow victory against the Wests Tigers, and were unlucky not to record a third straight victory when they went down by only two points to the Warriors in round four.

A one point round five victory against the North Queensland Cowboys rounded out the best five game record of the season for the Bulldogs.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Defence, which was pretty atrocious throughout the entire season. They easily amassed the worst defensive record across the regular season, letting in a total of 769 points, nearly 100 more than the second worst, wooden spooners the Wests Tigers.

Rarely a game passed in which the Bulldogs didn't concede near to or more than 30, and this meant that even when Canterbury-Bankstown won, the game was incredibly high-scoring, in one case recording a 36-32 win when they took down Souths in Round 19.

BEST PLAYERS

Belrose junior Jacob Preston made a mark with the Bulldogs in his first season of first grade footy. After making his debut in round one, and playing 52 minutes off the bench, he was instantly upgraded to a starting position which he would come to make his own across the course of the year.

Rarely playing less than eighty minutes, Preston was a consistent and talented surprise for the Bulldogs forward pack. He has been extended with the club until 2027, and if this was what he could dish up in just his first season, then fans should be excited to see him improve as his experience in the NRL grows.

In his second season in the NRL, Jacob Kiraz continued his upward trajectory. Making 19 appearances, with the majority of those on the wing, he was often very involved in games, especially for an outside back.

The 21 year old had his praises sung by the rugby league world as he made his way through the junior ranks, and with a handful of International appearances under his belt as well, Kiraz has heaps of potential. He is currently signed until the end of 2024, so keep an eye out for a possible extension or any other clubs who might want to pinch him.

ROOKIES

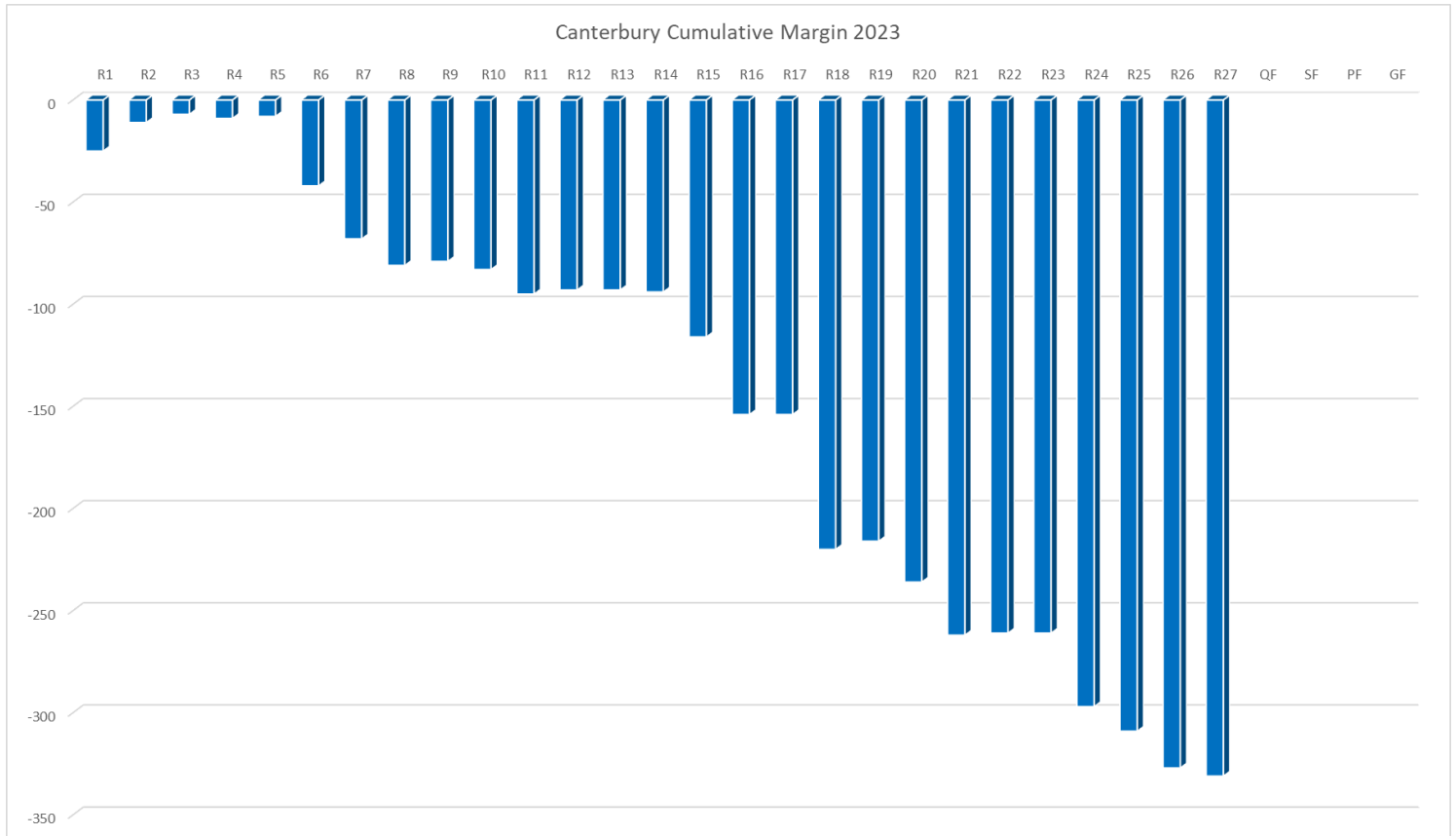
Bankstown junior Khaled Rajab has a very bright future ahead of him. Although he is not currently on an NRL contract with the Bulldogs, it is expected that he will stay there for the duration of the 2024 season.

Rajab made his NRL debut off the interchange in round 14, and partnered up with Matt Burton in the halves just a few weeks later. The Lebanon international will want to earn a few more top flight appearances in 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD

Some very handy signings have already been confirmed for the Bulldogs in 2024, with Stephen Crichton the headline act. Not too many big names are departing, giving fans yet again reason to hope in 2024.

With Ciraldo now well and truly settled into his role, the Bulldogs really need some results. Unfortunately for them, I don't see them improving much in 2024.



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: CANTERBURY

POSITION 15TH
COACH CAMERON CIRALDO
CAPTAINS MATT BURTON (24), REED MAHONEY (2)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 35,211 (VS. SOUTHS IN ROUND 6)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 17,355
TOP POINTSCORER MATT BURTON (138)
TOP TRYSCORER JAKE AVERILLO (12)

DR GEORGE PEPONIS PLAYER OF THE YEAR - JACOB PRESTON
COACHES AWARD - JACOB KIRAZ
MEMBERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR - JACOB PRESTON
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - VILILAME KIKAU
STEVE MORTIMER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - JACOB PRESTON

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS								
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD	RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD	RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 4th	Manly	L 6 31	4 Pines	17,278	10	May 5th	Canberra	L 30 34	Suncorp	50,077	19	Jul 8th	South Sydney	W 36 32	Accor	16,166
2	Mar 11th	Melbourne	W 26 12	AAMI Park	17,248	11	May 12th	Warriors	L 12 24	Accor	14,294	20	Jul 15th	Brisbane	L 24 44	Belmore	17,103
3	Mar 19th	Wests Tigers	W 26 22	Belmore	16,404	12	May 21st	Gold Coast	W 20 18	Accor	10,815	21	Jul 23rd	Penrith	L 18 44	BlueBet	21,525
4	Mar 26th	Warriors	L 14 16	Mt Smart	18,595	13		BYE				22	Jul 30th	Dolphins	W 23 22	Salter	5,130
5	Apr 2nd	North Qld	W 15 14	Accor	9,626	14	Jun 4th	Sydney	L 24 25	Gosford	18,338	23		BYE			
6	Apr 7th	South Sydney	L 16 50	Accor	35,211	15	Jun 12th	Parramatta	L 12 34	Accor	33,866	24	Aug 13th	Newcastle	L 6 42	McD. Jones	23,464
7	Apr 16th	Parramatta	L 4 30	CommBank	27,655	16	Jun 18th	Cronulla	L 10 48	Pointsbet	11,901	25	Aug 20th	Canberra	L 24 36	GIO	12,402
8	Apr 22nd	Cronulla	L 20 33	Accor	12,148	17		BYE				26	Aug 27th	Manly	L 24 42	Accor	13,074
9	Apr 30th	St Geo Illa	W 18 16	WIN	16,678	18	Jul 2nd	Newcastle	L 0 66	Accor	11,004	27	Sep 3rd	Gold Coast	L 30 34	Cbus	14,942

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

ANDREW FERGUSON

The 2022 season saw Cronulla defy all pundits when they finished the season in second place, spearheaded by new recruit, halfback Nicho Hynes who won the Dally M Halfback and Player of the Year awards as well as the Provan Summons medal.

They then meekly exited the finals series with back-to-back losses, saving their absolute worst for last when South notched a dominant 38-12 victory to eliminate the Sharks.

Despite this, hopes were high within the Sharks club that 2023 would build upon their 2022 performance and see them as one of the genuine contenders for the Premiership. They kept the majority of their squad intact, basically putting themselves in the perfect position for a strong 2023 campaign.

They opened the season with 5 different performances in a row, scoring wins in Rounds 2 and 4 against Parramatta by 4 and the Dragons by 32 respectively. They lost the other 3 games against Souths by 9, Canberra by 4 and the Warriors by 2. They then won 5 of their next 6 games between 2 byes to move them into second place.

After two strong wins against cellar dwellers Dragons and Tigers, Cronulla lost 3 straight games to drop down to 7th. They then went on to win 4 of their last 5 games to finish sixth. They then suffered a narrow 1 point loss to the Roosters in the first week of the finals, ending their season disappointingly.

The Sharks 2023 season, at first glance, looked solid, but a closer look shows a complete failure to compete with the top sides. Their record against the teams that finished in the top 8 at the end of the season was a miserly 3 wins from 10 games.

TURNING POINT

Round 21 - It may seem odd, but the Sharks Round 21 game against Manly, which the Sharks lost by just 4 points, also saw the Sharks lose captain and lock Dale Finucane to a bicep injury, ruling him out for the rest of the season. Finucane's loss had an immediate impact on the Sharks, particularly their middle defence.

The following week the Sharks also lost gun fullback William Kennedy, for the rest of the season to injury, as Cronulla went down to defending premiers Penrith 28-0.

WHAT WORKED

The Sharks attack was genuinely improved in 2023, scoring on average 2 extra points per game, ranking them fifth for attack. 2023 was the Sharks second best season in their history in regards to points scored, behind their 2002 season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Their defence. In 2022 Cronulla's defence was the third best in the NRL, conceding a stingy 15.17 points per game, but in 2023 they conceded almost a converted try more per game, which completely negated the improvement in their attack. This was the sole reason why they consistently struggled against the top sides for the whole season.

BEST PLAYERS

William Kennedy seems to improve every year. He was in career-best try scoring form, crossing for 14 tries in just 19 games, while being safe at the back, making good yardage from kick returns and playing a pivotal

role in backline plays.

Ronaldo Mulitalo was also in brilliant try scoring form in 2023, scoring 21 tries in 23 games. It was also his best season defending kicks making him one of the top wingers in the game.

Blayke Brailey continues to improve every year pairing his already good attacking game with a bigger focus on his defence this year. His durability has also seen him play every game for the last 3 seasons.

ROOKIES

Cronulla didn't introduce any rookies into the NRL in 2023, but prior to the season starting they would have almost certainly been planning to integrate Kade Dykes into the NRL side, to be the long term halves partner of Nicho Hynes.

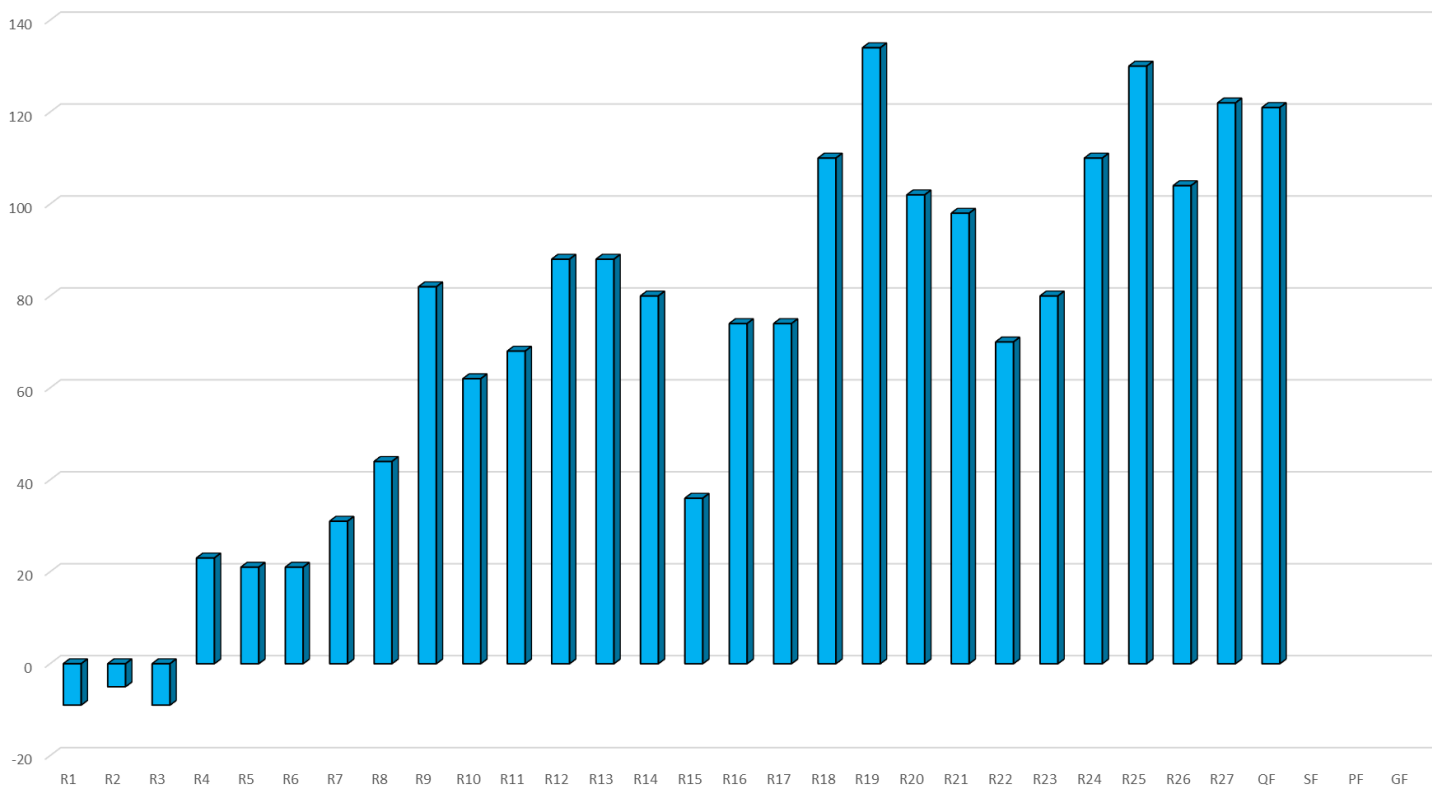
Dykes though suffered a season-ending knee injury during the pre-season. He will be ready to fire in 2024 and keen to make up for the time he lost this year.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Sharks are again opting to go into the upcoming season with barely any changes to their roster. In fact, the only change to their 2023 squad is the loss of Wade Graham who has retired. With Finucane and Kennedy back from injury, the Sharks will be keen to get Dykes into the playmaking duties, via a specialist bench role in 2024 most likely.

Their attack will continue to be very strong but you can be assured that they will again be focusing most of their efforts in the off-season rectifying their defensive failings. There's no reason why they cannot retain their place in the top 8 and they have the potential and capabilities to go deep into the finals.

Cronulla Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: CRONULLA

POSITION 6TH, ELIMINATION FINALISTS
COACHES CRAIG FITZGIBBON (24), JOSH HANNAY (1)
CAPTAINS DALE FINUCANE (13), WADE GRAHAM (7), NICHU HYNES (5)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 12,757 (VS. SOUTHS IN ROUND 1)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 11,090
TOP POINTSCORER NICHU HYNES (187)
TOP TRYSCORER RONALDO MULITALO (22)

PORTER GALEN MEDAL - PONTIFEX PLAYER OF THE YEAR - BLAYKE BRAILEY
STEVE ROGERS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - TOM HAZELTON
MEMBERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR - WILL KENNEDY
TOMMY BISHOP PLAYER'S PLAYER - BLAYKE BRAILEY
ANDREW ETTINGSHAUSEN CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - JESS ADAMS
IRON MAN AWARD - BLAYKE BRAILEY, BRITON NIKORA, SIONE KATO, JESSE RAMIEN
NRLW PLAYER OF THE YEAR - TIANA PENITANI
NRLW PLAYER'S PLAYER - ANNESSA BIDDLE
NRLW ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - ANNESSA BIDDLE
SHARKS HAVE HEART COMMUNITY AWARD - NRL - TOBY RUDOLF; NRLW - JADA TAYLOR

Round	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	QG	SEASON STATS									
Opponent	SS	PA	CR	SG	WR	SR	CB	NQ	DO	MW	NK	BB	MS	CB	SG	WT	WR	MW	PE	SS	GC	NQ	NK	CR	SR	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off		
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 4th	South Sydney	L 18 27	Pointsbet	12,757
2	Mar 10th	Parramatta	W 30 26	CommBank	16,663
3	Mar 19th	Canberra	L 20 24	GIO Stadium	14,134
4	Mar 26th	St George Illawarra	W 40 8	Netstrata	15,126
5	Apr 2nd	Warriors	L 30 32	Pointsbet	10,878
6		BYE			
7	Apr 14th	Sydney	W 22 12	Pointsbet	11,489
8	Apr 22nd	Canterbury	W 33 20	Accor	12,148
9	Apr 27th	North Queensland	W 44 6	Pointsbet	8,148
10	May 6th	Dolphins	L 16 36	Suncorp	50,183
11	May 14th	Manly	W 20 14	4 Pines Park	10,358
12	May 20th	Newcastle	W 26 6	C.ex Coffs	10,156
13		BYE			
14	Jun 3rd	Brisbane	L 12 20	Pointsbet	12,318

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 11th	Melbourne	L 10 54	AAMI Park	20,253
16	Jun 18th	Canterbury	W 48 10	Pointsbet	11,901
17		BYE			
18	Jun 29th	St George Illawarra	W 52 16	Pointsbet	10,267
19	Jul 6th	Wests Tigers	W 36 12	CommBank	9,215
20	Jul 16th	Warriors	L 12 44	Go Media	24,012
21	Jul 23rd	Manly	L 26 30	Pointsbet	10,634
22	Jul 29th	Penrith	L 0 28	BlueBet Stadium	20,694
23	Aug 5th	South Sydney	W 26 16	Optus Stadium	45,814
24	Aug 11th	Gold Coast	W 36 6	Pointsbet	9,753
25	Aug 17th	North Queensland	W 32 12	QLD Country Bank	17,318
26	Aug 27th	Newcastle	L 6 32	McDonald Jones	29,423
27	Sep 3rd	Canberra	W 24 6	Pointsbet	12,750
EQ	Sep 9th	Sydney	L 12 13	Pointsbet	12,570

DOLPHINS

KELLY HOLLIS

Before a ball had even been kicked, rugby league pundits had been arguing whether the Dolphins would sink or swim.

The media closely followed the recruitment drive that was spearheaded by Wayne Bennett and as marquee-player after marquee-player turned down opportunities to move to Redcliffe and don the Dolphins' jersey, questions were raised about whether the super coach had what he needed to create a dominant football side.

After piecing together their 30-man squad, the Dolphins made a splash in their inaugural match. The the NRL season with an emphatic win over the Sydney Roosters in front of over 30,000 spectators at Suncorp Stadium. The fairytale continued with a victory over the Canberra Raiders and a third-round win against the Newcastle Knights. With a 3-0 start to the season, rugby league fans across the country were all shouting 'Phins Up!'

The following weeks saw the team ride the rollercoaster of the rugby league season, experiencing the highs of second-half comebacks and heartbreaking one-point defeats. It was in Round 10 when the joy returned, the team from Redcliffe thrashing the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks in a 36-16 Magic Round win at Suncorp Stadium, in what was possibly their best game of the year, showcasing the debut of young Valynce Te Whare who instantly rocketed to rugby league cult status!

That magic, however, was only short-lived when the 'Phins were decimated by injury, and went on to win only three of their remaining 14 games. The team had lost Jeremy Marshall-King for a number of weeks with a shoulder injury and Tom Gilbert suffered a season-ending injury during his Origin campaign. These key injuries, along with niggles for other players, saw the Dolphins' depth tested and unfortunately, it didn't meet that test. The Dolphins had one last opportunity to celebrate 'Phins Up!' when they beat a fast-finishing Warriors in the final round of the year in front of a sizeable home crowd at Suncorp Stadium.

TURNING POINT

Heading into the Round 15 game against the Manly Sea Eagles, the Dolphins were 7 - 7 and sitting in 8th position. A trip to 4 Pines Park turned out not to be a good one for the side from Redcliffe, with Manly running in ten tries to three to ruin the side's even standing on the table.

Bennett was quoted as saying 'We need to make sure that's our last bad day', but unfortunately, it wasn't. From that point on the team was only victorious on two more occasions and they never returned to the top eight.

WHAT WORKED

Although the Dolphins are the new kids on the NRL block, their predecessor Redcliffe was born in 1947 and had a lot of eager fans waiting to see their region take the field in the NRL.

Runners-up in the 2022 Queensland Cup, the team was joining the 'big boys' with a mixture of experience and raw talent. The opportunity to play the Sydney Roosters in the inaugural 'Arthur Beetson Cup' in Round 1 at Suncorp gave over 30,000 Dolphins supporters the opportunity to get their Phins Up! A win in this game kick-started their season and made the league stand up and take notice of the newest club.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Although the Dolphins came out of the blocks firing, losing key players in Marshall-King and Gilbert for extended periods of time meant that the clubs' depth was tested early in their existence. Being a new side that struggled to recruit in the year leading up to Round 1, the lack of players with first-grade experience was not kind to the team.

Needing to rely on development players and players with minimal experience at the top level, the side only experienced three wins in the final 14 games and only one in the last 12.

BEST PLAYERS

Fullback Jamayne Isaako reunited with his first NRL coach and produced the season of his career. Playing every game of the year, he scored 24 tries in 24 games including five doubles and two hat tricks. Combining this with a 72.3% conversion rate, Isaako not only finished the top try scorer in the league, but he was also crowned the top point scorer with 244 points. This made him the first player to be awarded both accolades in the same season since Mal Meninga in 1990.

To wrap up a stellar 2023 season, Isaako has confirmed his long-term future, signing a three-year extension that will see him remain at Redcliffe until the end of the 2026 season.

ROOKIES

Valynce Te Whare debuted in Magic Round at Suncorp Stadium against the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks in the centres. At 23, Te Whare is not your usual NRL centre physique, but man could the kid play. In his debut match, he scored two tries and quickly became a fan favourite of not only Dolphins supporters but rugby league fans everywhere.

After his debut he played 11 of the 14 remaining games and scored another 4 tries, bringing his season tally to 6 tries in 12 games. The young centre is contracted to the Dolphins for another season, so it will be great to see how he continues to improve as time goes on.

DISAPPOINTING PLAYERS

It's hard to point out individual players, but when the coach is questioning the integrity and commitment of a player with Anthony Milford's experience it's hard not to list him in this category.

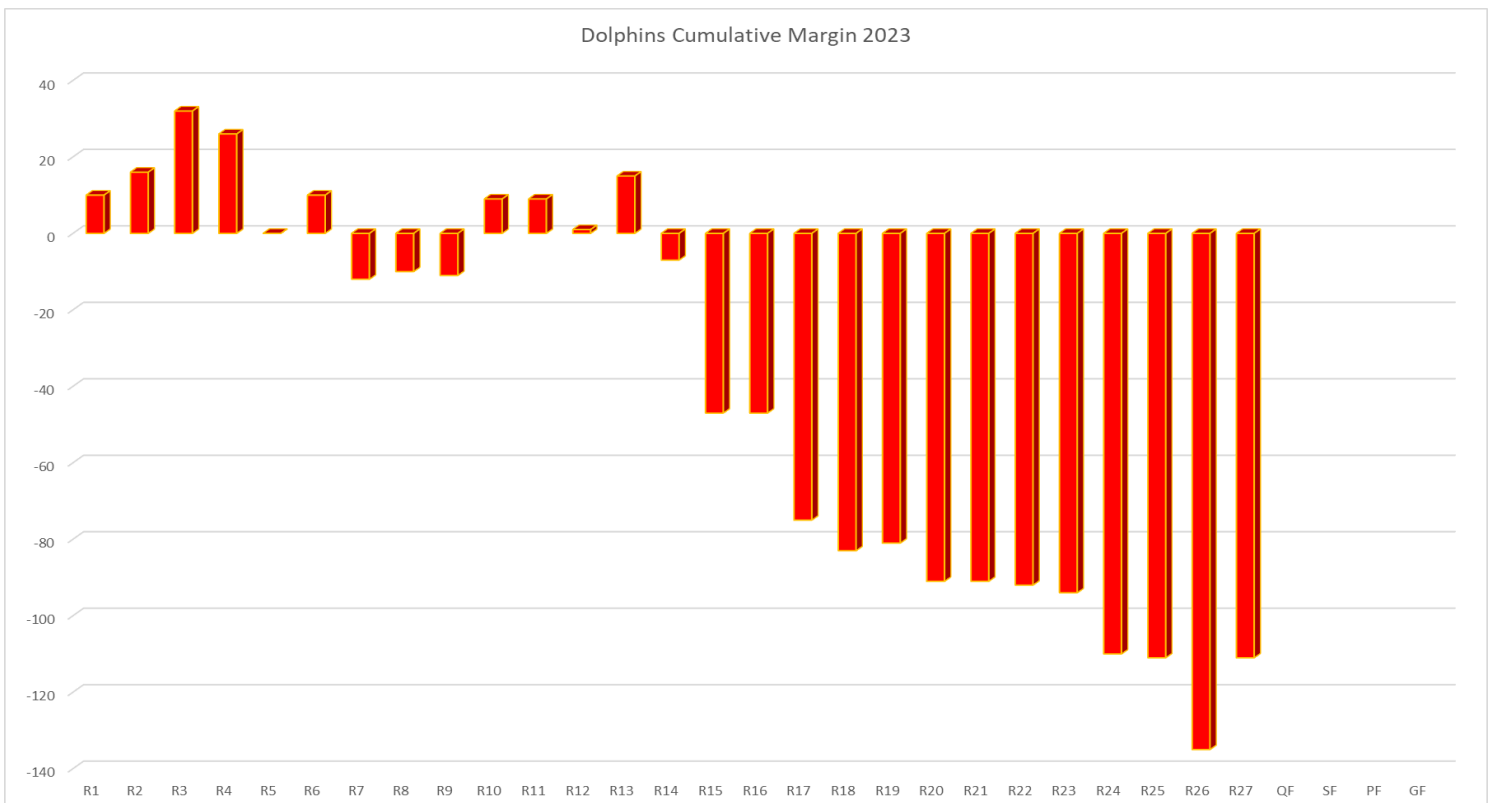
With over 200 appearances under his belt, Milford should have been leading from the front, inspiring his teammates and controlling the team from the halves. Instead, he arrived for pre-season out of shape and was in and out of the side throughout the year as he was unable to lock down a regular start.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bennett has done well in recruiting for the 2024 season bringing Herbie Farnworth and Tom Flegler across from the Broncos and young centre, Jake Averillo, from the Bulldogs. Each of these recruits has extensive NRL experience, helping to improve the Dolphins' depth greatly. 20-year-old second-rower Oryn Keeley from the Newcastle system will also pull on a Dolphins jersey in the second row after joining the side until 2026.

It has been confirmed that Herman Ese'ese, Brenko Lee, Oliver Gildart and Poasa Faamausili will not be returning to Redcliffe for the 2024 season, while three other players are off-contract at this stage. Bennett will no doubt want to continue to develop the depth of his squad to avoid a similar result in their second season.

Dolphins Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: DOLPHINS

POSITION	13TH
COACH	WAYNE BENNETT
CAPTAINS	JESSE BROMWICH (24), FELISE KAUFUSI (2), MARK NICHOLLS (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	51,047 (VS. BRISBANE IN ROUND 4)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	25,589
TOP POINTSCORER	JAMAYNE ISAAKO (244)
TOP TRYSCORER	JAMAYNE ISAAKO (24)

ARTHUR BEETSON MEDAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR - JAMAYNE ISAAKO

ADVENTURE KINGS FAN-VOTED MVP - HAMISO TABUAI-FIDOW
ACADEMIC AWARD - EUAN AITKEN
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - ISAIYA KATOA
BEST BACK - JAMAYNE ISAAKO
BEST FORWARD - MARK NICHOLLS
MOST CONSISTENT - JAMAYNE ISAAKO
PLAYERS' PLAYER - JAMAYNE ISAAKO
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - SHANE MORRIS

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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 5th	Sydney	W 28 18	Suncorp	32,177
2	Mar 11th	Canberra	W 20 14	Kayo Stadium	10,023
3	Mar 17th	Newcastle	W 36 20	McDonald Jones	20,093
4	Mar 24th	Brisbane	L 12 18	Suncorp	51,047
5	Apr 1st	St George Illawarra	L 12 38	WIN Stadium	16,472
6	Apr 7th	North Queensland	W 32 22	QLD Country Bank	22,811
7	Apr 13th	South Sydney	L 14 36	Suncorp	23,280
8	Apr 23rd	Gold Coast	W 28 26	Suncorp	22,034
9	Apr 29th	Canberra	L 30 31	McDonalds Park	10,445
10	May 6th	Cronulla	W 36 16	Suncorp	50,183
11		BYE			
12	May 20th	Melbourne	L 16 24	Suncorp	28,325
13	May 25th	St George Illawarra	W 26 12	Kayo Stadium	10,047
14	Jun 3rd	Warriors	L 8 30	Go Media	23,686

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 9th	Manly	L 18 58	4 Pines Park	14,598
16		BYE			
17	Jun 24th	Parramatta	L 20 48	Sunshine Coast	8,821
18	Jul 1st	Brisbane	L 16 24	The Gabba	30,606
19	Jul 9th	Gold Coast	W 23 21	Cbus	18,335
20	Jul 16th	Penrith	L 14 24	Kayo Stadium	10,065
21		BYE			
22	Jul 30th	Canterbury	L 22 23	Salter Oval	5,130
23	Aug 5th	Newcastle	L 28 30	Optus Stadium	45,814
24	Aug 12th	Sydney	L 14 30	Allianz	13,704
25	Aug 19th	Wests Tigers	L 23 24	CommBank	9,245
26	Aug 25th	North QLD	L 10 34	Suncorp	33,449
27	Sep 2nd	Warriors	W 34 10	Suncorp	35,438

GOLD COAST TITANS

AJ LUCANTONIO

One coach walks the plank for the mad scientist

Coming into 2023, improvement was expected for the Gold Coast Titans. After the disappointment and under-achieving that under-mined their 2022 campaign. Big things were expected for the boys from Surfers Paradise.

This season for the Gold Coast Titans, much like their performances this season was half-successful. It was a trying year for the second youngest club in the premiership with the hard decision made to send Holbrook packing in the middle of the year. The way the club managed to keep their affairs in-house deserves kudos, but their on-field performance needs to take a seismic improvement in 2024 under the Mad Scientist Des Hasler if they want to keep to their bold and contentious 10 year plan.

After a mixed start to the year which saw them narrowly inside the 8 after 11 rounds, the wheels came off the Titans express and despite a Round 15 win and still in the 8. Holbrook was sacked in a power-move by Steve Mitchell. Despite Jim Lenihan's best efforts which included a shock upset win over the Broncos, the Titans would only win three of their remaining matches to end the season in a disappointing fourteenth position.

As an outsider watching the Titans, they are an exciting attacking team. No doubt, there will be some flair missing in their attack as Holbrook is long gone. The pressure will be on assistants Lenihan and Michael Monaghan to keep the attack in function as it's been one noticeable problem in Des Hasler coached sides in his recent coaching years (2021 excluded with PVL ball). Defensively again, they were disappointing conceding on average 27.21 points a game.

TURNING POINT

It's easy to put the season down to one factor. The second half collapse against the Dolphins at Suncorp Stadium. A comfortable lead was completely squandered in one half and would set the trend for the remainder of the season.

After this, collapses against Newcastle, Canterbury and Souths sealed Holbrook's faith and the Titans season was in full and utter free-fall.

WHAT WORKED

Their forward pack at times looked incredible. They boasted 3 of QLD's pack with Moaeki Fotuauka, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui and David Fifita all representing the Maroons in 2023.

This, combined with an exciting young backline which included Alofiana Khan-Pereria and Keano Kini chiming in along with AJ Brimson and Kieran Foran showing the experience required.

WHAT FAILED

The decision to fire Justin Holbrook. For all the Titans flaws, Holbrook was far from the problem. Considering some of the coaching hires around the club which included the decline in defence which was expected to be fixed by Brett White.

Replacing him with Hasler could be a defining moment in the Titans short history to improve the flaws. Resilience needs to improve considerably, way too often this side seems to give up when the going gets tough and it's been a habit at the club since 2021.

BEST PLAYERS

Mo Fotuauka was declared the season's best player in 2023 for the Titans. His constant charges continued to give the Titans energy in 2023.

Also, Tino Fa'asuamaleaui's decision to commit long term seemed to give

him new energy as he ran for an average of 168 metres a game which is a career high.

Elsewhere, AJ Brimson continued to shine with an abundance of attacking flair and skill which kept sides on edge all season.

Phil Sami was unlucky not to make the Origin scene with a strong season on the wing, his carries out of yardage continued to give the Titans a boost up-field.

ROOKIES

Alofiana Khan-Pereria debuted in Round 1 and set the Titans record for most tries in a season with 20 in just his first campaign. This saw him rewarded with a spot in the PM XII to play PNG. Also to debut was Keano Kini, the excitement machine has lit up QLD Cup for a while and got a shot first off the bench before making his run-on debut in Round 14. His spot long-term is unknown given the troubling fullback puzzle.

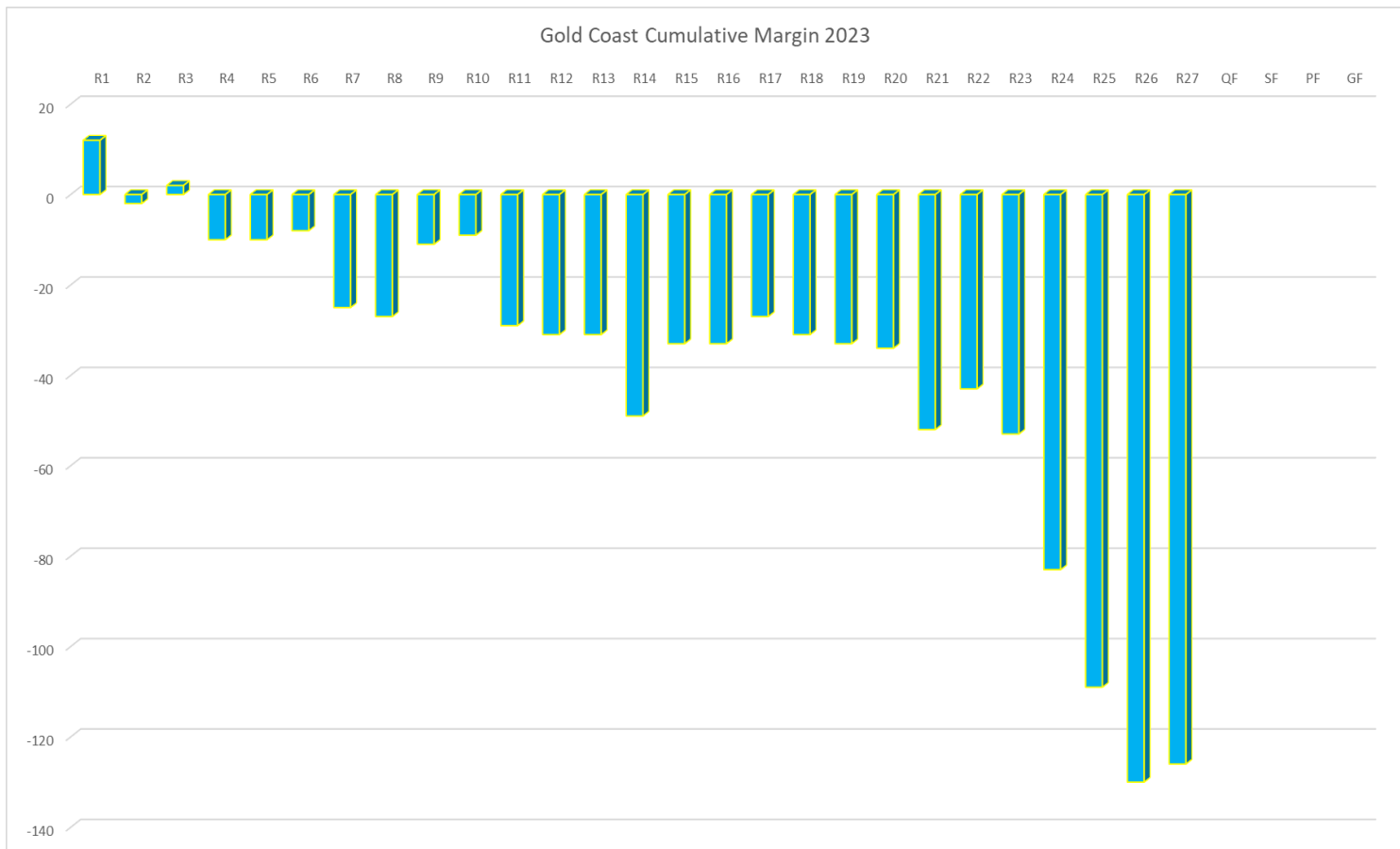
Jacob Alick finally debuted in Round 19 and was strong in his carries up field playing across a variety of positions. A consistent spot is what he needs and if he can find it with a strong pre-season, we can see what so many have wanted to see.

Tom Weaver got a crack towards the end of the season and got thrown to the wolves against Penrith, but held his own in his limited NRL run and will push Tanah Boyd all the way this pre-season.

LOOKING AHEAD

This side really depends on their defence for mine. They've recruited a strong front-rower in Palasia which will reduce the overreliance on Tino and Mo. It will be a strong test for AJ Brimson too who we predict will move to centre in 2024 to make way for the excitement machine of Jayden Campbell. This side is quality and with Beau Fermor poking holes through the edge (something they missed SO MUCH last season). It will be interesting to see if they can cross the finals again!

Gold Coast Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: GOLD COAST

POSITION	14TH
COACHES	JUSTIN HOLBROOK (13), JIM LENIHAN (11)
CAPTAINS	TINO FA'ASUAMALEAUI (20), AJ BRIMSON (4), KIERAN FORAN (2)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	26,563 (VS. BRISBANE IN ROUND 7)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	17,054
TOP POINTSCORER	TANAH BOYD (147)
TOP TRYSCORER	ALOFIANA KHAN-PEREIRA (20)

PAUL BROUGHTON MEDAL: MOEAKI FOTUAIKA
NRL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: ALOFIANA KHAN-PEREIRA
NRLW ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: CHANTAY KIRIA-RATU
MEMBERS' NRL MVP: DAVID FIFITA
MEMBERS' NRLW MVP: EVANIA PELITE
NRL COACHES AWARD: CHRIS RANDALL
NRLW COACHES AWARD: GEORGIA HALE
NRLW PLAYER OF THE YEAR: SHANNON MATO

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VERRILLS, Sam	H	H										B	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	B					8	3	1	-	-	4	-	-			
VUNA, Joseph			B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B												B		-	9	1	-	-	4	-	-			
WEAVER, Thomas																						HB	HB	HB	3	-	-	1	-	2	-	-			

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 5th	Wests Tigers	W 22 10	Leichhardt	14,667
2	Mar 12th	St George Illawarra	L 18 32	Netstrata	8,538
3	Mar 18th	Melbourne	W 38 34	Cbus	14,483
4	Mar 25th	North Queensland	L 12 24	QLD Country Bank	16,426
5		BYE			
6	Apr 9th	St George Illawarra	W 20 18	Cbus	12,452
7	Apr 15th	Brisbane	L 26 43	Cbus	26,563
8	Apr 23rd	Dolphins	L 26 28	Suncorp	22,034
9	Apr 29th	Manly	W 26 10	4 Pines Park	10,107
10	May 7th	Parramatta	W 26 24	Suncorp	46,835
11	May 14th	Newcastle	L 26 46	McDonald Jones	13,064
12	May 21st	Canterbury	L 18 20	Accor	10,815
13		BYE			
14	Jun 3rd	South Sydney	L 28 46	Cbus	18,736

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 8th	Wests Tigers	W 28 12	Cbus	10,232
16		BYE			
17	Jun 25th	Brisbane	W 18 12	Suncorp	42,249
18	Jul 1st	Canberra	L 22 26	GIO Stadium	11,659
19	Jul 9th	Dolphins	L 21 23	Cbus	18,335
20	Jul 16th	Parramatta	L 24 25	CommBank	12,599
21	Jul 22nd	Sydney	L 18 36	Cbus	15,362
22	Jul 30th	North Queensland	W 22 13	Cbus	16,516
23	Aug 4th	Warriors	L 18 28	Cbus	20,877
24	Aug 11th	Cronulla	L 6 36	Pointsbet	9,753
25	Aug 19th	Penrith	L 14 40	Cbus	19,101
26	Aug 26th	Melbourne	L 16 37	AAMI Park	18,072
27	Sep 3rd	Canterbury	W 34 30	Cbus	14,942

MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

LACHY MacCORQUODALE

The Manly Warringah Sea Eagles entered the 2023 season with high hopes. The club had a new coach at the helm in Anthony Seibold, a fit and firing Tom Trbojevic in the number one jersey and were determined to make amends for their poor finish to the 2022 season.

It looked as though the Sea Eagles were bound for a return to finals football after a strong start to the season, with four wins and a draw from their opening seven fixtures. They knocked off Parramatta and the Melbourne in that run, as they sat in fourth place after the opening third of the season.

However, Manly began to falter. Losses to Gold Coast, Brisbane and Cronulla followed as they tumbled down the ladder and a season ending injury to Tom Trbojevic in Game 11 of State of Origin was an all too familiar feeling for the fans from the northern beaches. Without Trbojevic, the Sea Eagles struggled to pose an attacking threat, scoring just 36 points in four matches between Round 16 and 20. After a great start to the season, Manly were now three points outside the eight with seven matches to play.

It was now or never for the Sea Eagles and wins against Cronulla and St. George Illawarra gave them a real chance of making the top eight. They met a just as desperate Sydney Roosters in Round 23 and failed to come away with the two points and with fixtures against the barnstorming Penrith Panthers and the Warriors over the following two weeks, their prospects took an almighty hit. They played valiantly but to no avail against the two eventual top four sides, finishing the year without finals football for the second season running.

The Sea Eagles finished the season with two dominant victories against Canterbury and the Wests Tigers, but it was too little too late as Seibold's first season with the club ended in disappointment. It may have been a 'what could've been' season as Manly were yet again haunted by an injury to their superstar fullback.

TURNING POINT

The Sea Eagles showed positive signs during the first third of the season, sitting in fourth place after eight rounds. The next 15 games, a calamity that

coincided with another season ending injury to Tom Trbojevic. From Round Nine to 25, Manly won just five of their 15 games with their superstar fullback appearing in just four of those. It's been a common theme for the Sea Eagles over the past five seasons, when Trbojevic is fit, it's all well and good, yet when he is injured, the club struggles to perform.

With Trbojevic absent for the back half of the season, the Sea Eagles struggled to come up with points against the better sides in the competition and were thrice held to below 10 points in that stretch. Every year it's said that Manly's hopes rely on Trbojevic's availability, and this season was no different.

WHAT WENT RIGHT

Results wise, 2023 didn't go well for the Sea Eagles, yet the continued development of their young players gives the club hope for the 2024 season. Haumole Olakau'atu and Tolutau Koula impressed in the maroon and white this season, with the former not far away from a State of Origin call up.

Club legend and skipper, Daly Cherry-Evans must be given credit for once again displaying his immense quality as a halfback and cementing himself as a Manly Warringah Sea Eagles legend, after becoming just the second player to play 300 games for the club.

WHAT WENT WRONG

Manly's overreliance on Tom Trbojevic once again haunted the club. This season, the club won six of their 11 games with the fullback in the side and just five out of 13 without him. It was the second straight season which Trbojevic has failed to play more than 11 games, taking his game tally over the last five seasons to 55.

In those 55 games, the Sea Eagles possess a win percentage of 65.5% and in the 61 games without their star, that number falls to 34.4%. Having said that, any club will perform worse without their best player, yet the discrepancy in the Sea Eagles performances is drastic. If the club is to have a successful 2024, they'll need to find a way to play without Trbojevic.

Alongside the absence of Trbojevic, 22-year-old Josh Schuster struggled to find his feet at five-eighth this season. There are high hopes for the young gun, yet he has failed to live up to the hype. Time is still on Schuster's side, but those glimpses of skill need to become more consistent.

BEST PLAYERS

Despite the disappointing season, two of Manly's players really stepped up this year. Firstly, Haumole Olakau'atu was a destructive force at best and has shown the potential for higher honours in the future. The 25-year-old edge

forward scored 10 tries in his 24 appearances and was a menace running at opposition edges, breaking the line 11 times, and averaging a whopping 3.7 times per match. Only 73 games into his career, Olakau'atu still has some progress to make, but the Tongan international demonstrated why the Sea Eagles think so highly of him.

The other Sea Eagle to make a real impression in 2023, was none other than Daly Cherry-Evans. The 34-year-old captain has been a constant performer in his 13 seasons in the NRL and this year was no different, as the Queenslander scored nine tries and assisted 18 in his 22 appearances. When all seems lost, it's always Cherry-Evans trying to carry his side over the line, and whilst he isn't getting any younger, the halfback continues to be the best footballer in the northern beaches.

ROOKIES

The Sea Eagles didn't field many rookies in Anthony Seibold's first season at the helm, however, 21-year-old Kao Weekes was one to find some game time in 2023. The utility back featured in three games during the 2022 season, and was used sparingly as a rotation player, fullback and five-eighth over the course of 2023.

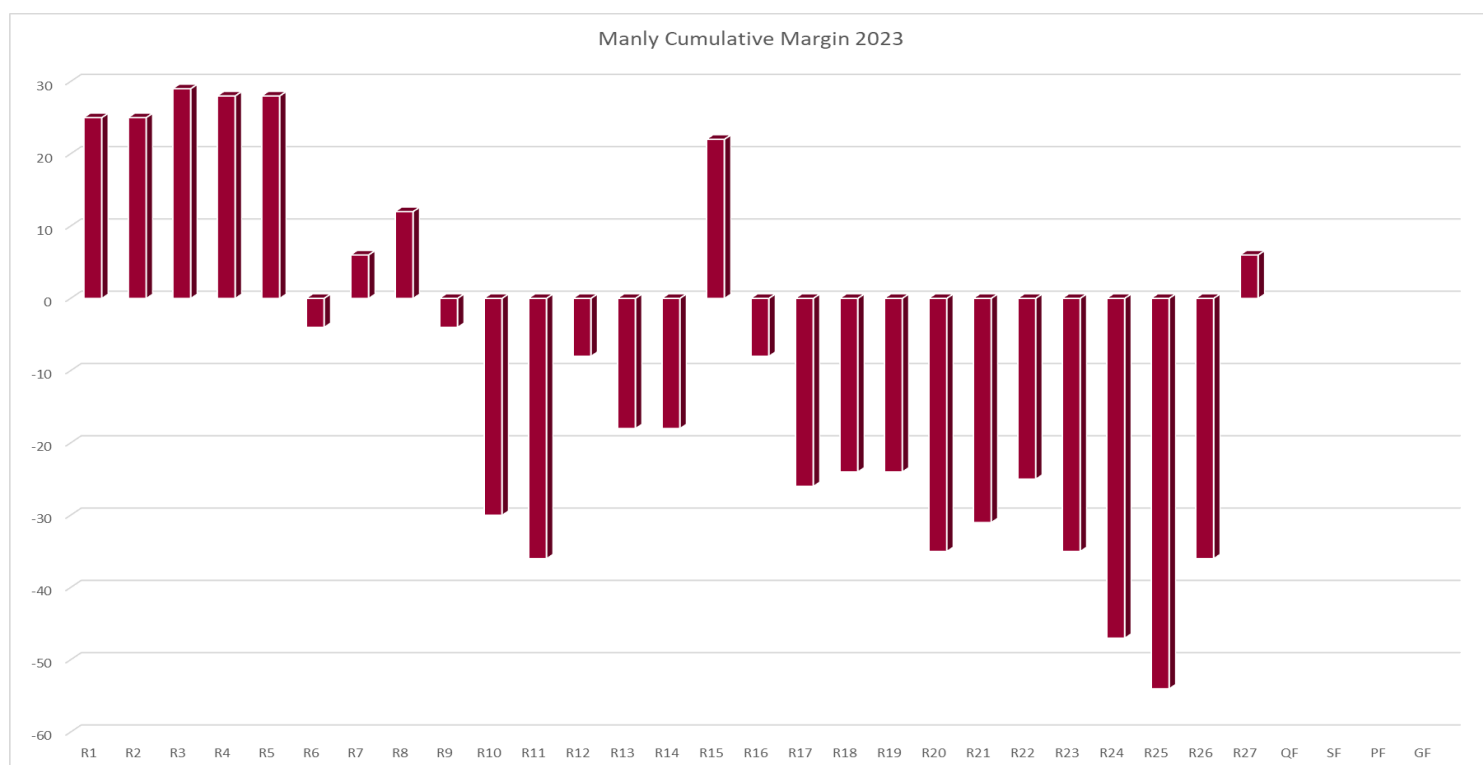
Weekes featured in nine games and struggled to find a spot in the side yet showed glimpses of his skill in his limited playing time. He is still quite raw, so time will tell whether Weekes can break into the Sea Eagles regular 17.

Keep an eye out for Gordon Chan Kum Tong in 2024, an up-and-coming youngster at Manly who made his debut in Round 26 and played in the final two games of the season.

LOOKING AHEAD

What Manly really need is Trbojevic to be fit for most of the season. That was the case in 2021, and the Sea Eagles were Preliminary Finalists. However, given his track record with injury, it seems likely that the superstar fullback will spend time on the sidelines in 2024, and when he does, the Sea Eagles need to be better prepared for his absence than they have in the previous five years.

The signings of Luke Brooks, Jaxson Paulo and Tommy Talau give them some extra options in the backline and if Brooks, in particular, can fire, it may go a long way to helping Manly be less reliant on Trbojevic. If everything goes to plan, the Sea Eagles can be a top eight side in 2024, however, if Trbojevic misses a big chunk of the season, and the club fails to perform in that period, then their fate will likely be similar to 2023.



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: MANLY

POSITION 12TH
COACH ANTHONY SEIBOLD
CAPTAINS DALY CHERRY-EVANS (22), LACHLAN CROKER (2)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 17,385 (VS. SYDNEY IN ROUND 18)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 13,651
TOP POINTSCORER REUBEN GARRICK (174)
TOP TRYSCORER JASON SAAB (14)

NRL ROY BULL BEST AND FAIREST: DALY CHERRY-EVANS
NRL PLAYERS' PLAYER AWARD: DALY CHERRY-EVANS
NRL LEADING POINT SCORER AWARD: REUBEN GARRICK
NRL LEADING TRY SCORER AWARD: JASON SAAB
KEN ARTHURSON RISING STAR AWARD (ROOKIE OF THE YEAR): DEAN MATTERSON
MENZIES MEDAL FOR THE PLAY OF THE YEAR: JOSH ALOIAI AND HAUMOLE OLAKAU'ATU
GORDON WILLOUGHBY MEDALLION (MEMBERS' VOTED): DALY CHERRY-EVANS
MANLY MENTALITY AWARD: JAKE TRBOJEVIC

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Opponent	CB	PA	SS	NK	PE	MS	WT	GC	BB	CS	CR	NK	DO	PA	MS	SR	NQ	CS	SG	SR	PE	WR	CB	WT	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off	
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ARTHUR, Jakob												B		HB								FE	FE	FE	4	2	1	-	-	4	-	-	
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CHAN KUM TONG, Gordon																							B	B	-	2	1	1	-	-	6	-	-
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FAINU, Samuela							B					B	2R	B	B										1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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KEPIE, Sean	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	FR	FR	FR	L	L	L	B			B	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	10	10	1	-	-	4	1	-	
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PARKER, Brad	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	19	-	5	-	-	20	-	-	
PASEKA, Taniela	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SAAB, Jason					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	19	-	14	-	-	56	-	-	
SCHUSTER, Josh		FE	FE				FE				FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	B		14	1	2	-	-	8	-	-	
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TRBOJEVIC, Ben	B	B	B	B					B	B	2R					B					B	2R		2R	4	8	2	-	-	8	-	-	
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WOODS, Aaron					B	B		B	B					B	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 4th	Canterbury	W 31 6	4 Pines Park	17,278
2		BYE			
3	Mar 16th	Parramatta	W 34 30	4 Pines Park	13,363
4	Mar 25th	South Sydney	L 12 13	Accor	18,379
5	Apr 1st	Newcastle	D 32 32	Glen Willow	9,024
6	Apr 8th	Penrith	L 12 44	BlueBet Stadium	20,312
7	Apr 14th	Melbourne	W 18 8	4 Pines Park	13,573
8	Apr 23rd	Wests Tigers	W 22 16	Campbelltown	10,033
9	Apr 29th	Gold Coast	L 10 26	4 Pines Park	10,107
10	May 5th	Brisbane	L 6 32	Suncorp	50,077
11	May 14th	Cronulla	L 14 20	4 Pines Park	10,358
12	May 21st	Canberra	W 42 14	GIO Stadium	14,730
13	May 28th	Newcastle	L 18 28	McDonald Jones	20,661
14		BYE			

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 9th	Dolphins	W 58 18	4 Pines Park	14,598
16	Jun 17th	Parramatta	L 4 34	CommBank	21,296
17	Jun 24th	Melbourne	L 6 24	AAMI Park	13,198
18	Jul 2nd	Sydney	W 18 16	4 Pines Park	17,385
19		BYE			
20	Jul 15th	North Queensland	L 8 19	4 Pines Park	13,240
21	Jul 23rd	Cronulla	W 30 26	Pointsbet	10,634
22	Jul 29th	St George Illawarra	W 24 18	WIN Stadium	14,872
23	Aug 3rd	Sydney	L 16 26	SCG	12,197
24	Aug 10th	Penrith	L 12 24	4 Pines Park	10,102
25	Aug 18th	Warriors	L 22 29	Daniel Anderson	24,112
26	Aug 27th	Canterbury	W 42 24	Accor	13,074
27	Sep 1st	Wests Tigers	W 54 12	4 Pines Park	16,503

MELBOURNE STORM

BETH NICHOLLS

Was the 2023 campaign a success or failure for the Melbourne Storm?

Melbourne Storm: the high-achieving club that sees a top four finish the norm, being a highly successful club since their establishment.

It was a rough and rocky year, but despite numerous challenges they slotted into third position come Round 27. After bombing out of the 2022 season during an elimination final loss against the Raiders - the first time since 2014 - making it to the preliminary finals in 2023 was an achievement that certainly made this season a success for the club.

16 wins and eight losses was the final tally from the Storm's regular season campaign, and they survived the Origin period where they were missing several integral players due to representative duties. However, after the first ten rounds, Melbourne was sitting in sixth place with a 5-4 record. While it's something most clubs would be happy with, that isn't how it's done south of the border.

Come Round 11, it was time for their first clash of the season against the Broncos - which was a controversial one for both sides - however the Storm came out on top winning 24-16, extending a painful losing streak for Brisbane.

All still wasn't well for this Melbourne outfit, with a brutal 45-10 loss by the Cowboys in Round 15, which was an eye opener for them. You could say the classic post-match Bellamy spray worked though, with the Storm convincingly winning their next game against Cronulla, a walloping 54-10 victory.

Over the next few rounds there was lack of consistency, and Bellamy's men just couldn't seem to find their footing. They would play a good game and secure a win, then following that with a poor performance which was not top eight worthy.

The final month of the home-and-away season however, saw Melbourne win four of the last five games, only succumbing one loss - to the 2022 reigning premiers.

Here comes the electric Storm, right? No, wrong.

Melbourne headed up to Suncorp Stadium for a qualifying final against Brisbane, who they had just defeated the previous week, albeit with both sides fielding a mostly second-grade side in that final-round clash.

Finals underway, the Broncos put on a masterclass - ending the Storm's 5285 day winning streak over their northern rivals, along with Ryan Papenhuyzen going out with a compound ankle fracture, after just returning to the NRL three weeks prior.

This qualifying final loss saw the Storm then go head-to-head with the Roosters in a second finals match, which they were destined to lose until a perfect final minute cross field kick from Cameron Munster for Will Warbrick delivered the match winning try.

Unfortunately, Melbourne's 2023 campaign came to an abrupt end when they played the Panthers in a preliminary final - and nothing was seeming to click, the reigning premiers just too clinical.

TURNING POINT

Round 21 saw the Storm beaten away from home by the Knights, in an embarrassing game that ended 26-18.

On paper, this game should have been an easy win but instead they struggled, especially after playing with only twelve men for ten minutes, conceding three tries. Melbourne needed to make a shift, with only five weeks until finals, if they didn't turn their defence and attack around they didn't deserve to be playing finals footy.

WHAT WORKED

Like always, Craig Bellamy continued to show why he is one of the greatest coaches in the game. This season marked the Storm's 23rd finals campaign (they have only missed out three times in their history), and eighth time within nine years qualifying for the top four (after minorly missing out last year when they finished in fifth place).

Although there is still slight inconsistencies week to week, this side is a dominant and overall consistent side in the NRL, and it doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon.

WHAT FAILED

The 2023 season saw the loss of Jesse Bromwich, Kenny Bromwich, and Felise Kaufusi, all of which joined the Dolphins for their inaugural season. With this, Melbourne was lacking a dominant and strong forward pack. No matter how good NAS, Josh King and 2023 Storm debutant Eliesa Katoa were, it just wasn't enough fire in the tank, and you could really see at times how much they missed the Bromwich brothers and Kaufusi.

There were also times where although Cameron Munster and Harry Grant were physically on the field, you just didn't sense their presence. Moments of magic weren't as often as you would have liked, and their absence in some games really did cost the side.

BEST PLAYER

Nick Meaney was the glue of the Melbourne side and easily one of their best players of the year. Meaney played in the fullback position for the entirety of the year, with Ryan Papenhuyzen out due to injury. He also served a goal kicker, something the Storm have very few of, and finished first in the regular season for goals kicked.

A standout for the Storm, he scored ten tries and assisted with eleven, continuing to shine in the fullback position that was previously filled by 'Paps'. It'll be interesting to see in 2024 whether Meaney stays as their regular fullback or is moved to either the wing or centre - pending Papenhuyzen's fitness.

ROOKIES

Will Warbrick made his NRL debut during Round 1 against the Parramatta Eels, previously playing rugby union having won a silver medal with the All Black Sevens at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Warbrick is tall, athletic, and speedy, with the 2023 season showing the potential this outside back has, and the asset he is to the Storm. Having played in 25 of 27 Melbourne games, he scored 17 tries across eleven games, including his first double against Brisbane in Round 11, and four tries in one game against the Wests Tigers in Round 16.

Playing for the Sunshine Coast Falcons in the Qld Cup for majority of the year, Sua Faalogo made his NRL debut against the Broncos in Round 27 and has only played the one NRL match. However, during this debut he scored two tries and made his mark in the first-grade arena. Alongside many other talented backs, he will be fighting for his spots in the starting 17 next year.

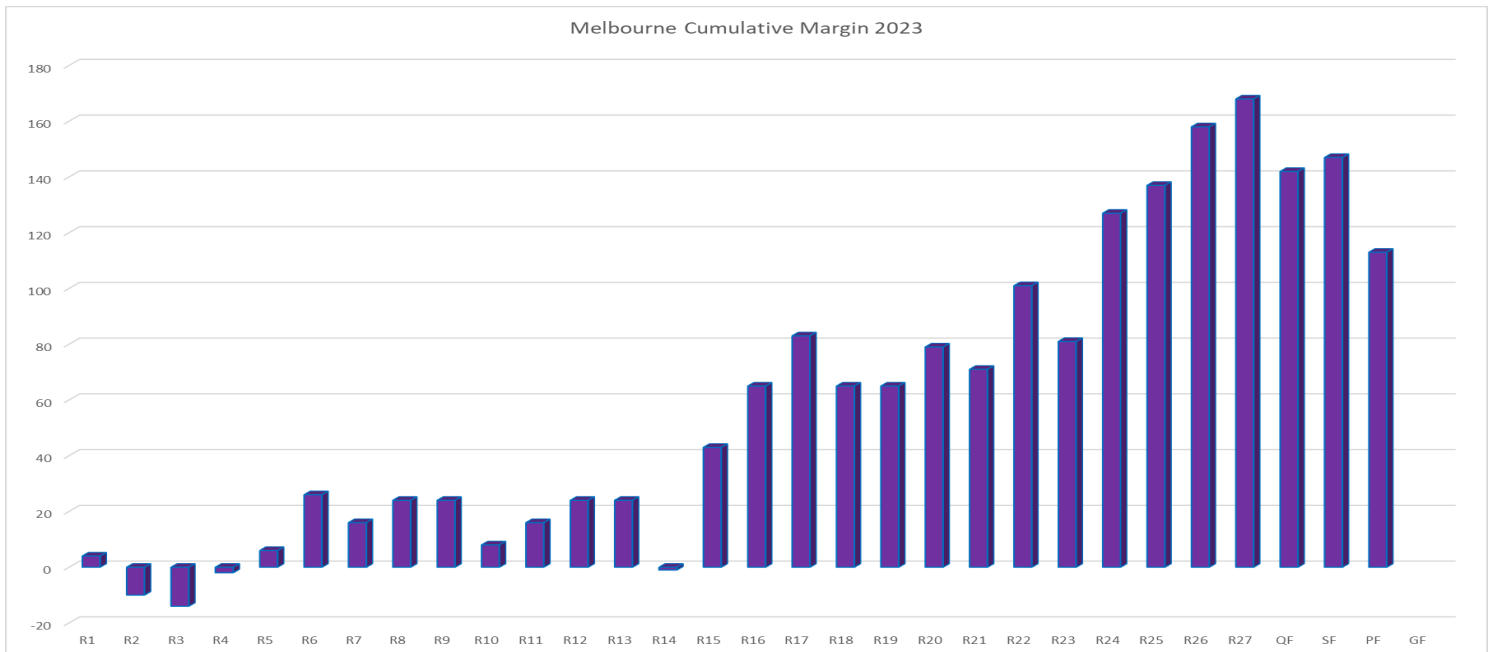
LOOKING AHEAD

With Craig Bellamy confirmed to continue as head coach for the 2024 season, the side will be looking to continue to stay dominant and build on their 2023 season, looking for more consistency and form. The squad also has no major changes, with all their key players locked down with a future at the club.

There is however a battle for the fullback position, with Ryan Papenhuyzen set to return from his injury in time for Round 1, and Nick Meaney putting on an exceptional performance during 2023 - plus Sua Faalogo coming through as a developing player. There could be some movement around starting 17 though, with Bellamy likely to tinker with the lineup to find who is best suited where across the park.

An ideal 2024 season sees the Storm have a more consistent year, finish yet again in the top four and hopefully make it one step further and have a Grand Final finish.

Melbourne Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: MELBOURNE

POSITION 3RD, PRELIMINARY FINALISTS
COACH CRAIG BELLAMY
CAPTAINS CHRISTIAN WELCH (24), JAHROME HUGHES (2), RYAN PAPHENHUYZEN (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 23,469 (VS. WARRIORS IN ROUND 8)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 17,072
TOP POINTSCORER NICK MEANEY (222)
TOP TRYSCORER WILL WARBRICK (18)

CAMERON SMITH PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD: XAVIER COATES

REDZED MEMBERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: NICK MEANEY
BILLY SLATER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: WILL WARBRICK
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: BRONSON GARLICK
BEST FORWARD OF THE YEAR: JOSH KING
BEST BACK OF THE YEAR: WILL WARBRICK
TRY OF THE YEAR: SUA FA'ALOGO (ROUND 27)

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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 2nd	Parramatta	W 16 12	CommBank	17,301
2	Mar 11th	Canterbury	L 12 26	AAMI Park	17,248
3	Mar 18th	Gold Coast	L 34 38	Cbus	14,483
4	Mar 24th	Wests Tigers	W 24 12	AAMI Park	11,669
5	Mar 31st	South Sydney	W 18 10	Accor	11,239
6	Apr 6th	Sydney	W 28 8	AAMI Park	16,323
7	Apr 14th	Manly	L 8 18	4 Pines Park	13,573
8	Apr 25th	Warriors	W 30 22	AAMI Park	23,469
9		BYE			
10	May 6th	South Sydney	L 12 28	Suncorp	50,183
11	May 11th	Brisbane	W 24 16	AAMI Park	16,043
12	May 20th	Dolphins	W 24 16	Suncorp	28,325
13		BYE			
14	Jun 4th	North Queensland	L 20 45	QLD Country Bank	18,867
15	Jun 11th	Cronulla	W 54 10	AAMI Park	20,253

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
16	Jun 17th	Wests Tigers	W 28 6	Campbelltown	8,517
17	Jun 24th	Manly	W 24 6	AAMI Park	13,198
18	Jun 30th	Penrith	L 16 34	Marvel Stadium	26,829
19		BYE			
20	Jul 15th	Sydney	W 30 16	SCG	12,021
21	Jul 22nd	Newcastle	L 18 26	McDonald Jones	20,392
22	Jul 28th	Parramatta	W 46 16	Marvel Stadium	20,429
23	Aug 4th	Penrith	L 6 26	BlueBet Stadium	19,953
24	Aug 13th	Canberra	W 48 2	AAMI Park	17,369
25	Aug 19th	St George Illawarra	W 38 28	WIN Stadium	8,326
26	Aug 26th	Gold Coast	W 37 16	AAMI Park	18,072
27	Aug 31st	Brisbane	W 32 22	Suncorp	43,271
QF	Sep 8th	Brisbane	L 0 26	Suncorp	50,197
SF	Sep 15th	Sydney	W 18 13	AAMI Park	19,534
PF	Sep 22nd	Penrith	L 4 38	Accor	35,578

NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

ROB CROSBY

Restoring pride in a record-breaking year

There were few scenes more stirring in 2023 than the sea of red and blue on hand to witness the Newcastle Knights prevail in an epic elimination final played before a sold-out home crowd.

On a Sunday afternoon, 17 years in the making, the Knights emerged victorious at the end of an absorbing 90-minute contest that wrote Adam O'Brien's side into the history books with a club record tenth consecutive victory.

In a year that promised little and at times threatened to deliver even less, it was a high watermark that not only evoked memories of past glories but gave hope that new ones lay ahead. Beginning the year without expectation following a disastrous 2022 campaign, on-field victories initially proved hard to come by for coach O'Brien with the side managing five wins and a draw from their first 15 matches to languish in the bottom four at the beginning of July. Coming into the Round 18 contest against the Bulldogs in the knowledge a loss would almost certainly see O'Brien dismissed, the Knights responded with a club record 66-0 victory that sparked a fire that burned brightly over the next ten weeks as the side, led with distinction by Kalyn Ponga, surged up the ladder to secure a home final for the first time since 2006.

Reaching the finals for the third time in four seasons under O'Brien, the Knights recorded their first finals victory in a decade to defeat the Raiders with Ponga landing a decisive penalty goal in extra time. Having come from 14th a season earlier to finish the home-and-away campaign in fifth position, the ecstasy of the home final turned to disappointment as the fire that burned so brightly finally went out at the hands of the Warriors the following week. It was an ending that showed how far the Knights had come - yet how far they still have to go. After breaking multiple records on the field in 2023, the Knights will have their sights set on ending one that will have stood for 23 years by the time next season kicks off.

TURNING POINT

The success Kalyn Ponga achieved in 2023 was all the more remarkable given how close the Newcastle captain came to being forced out of the game. Suffering a sickening concussion barely two minutes into the side's Round 2 visit to Leichhardt Oval, initial fears of time being prematurely called on his career were quelled following treatment overseas that saw him return to the field six weeks later.

Struggling for consistency as a five-eighth upon his return, an underwhelming performance on the eve of State of Origin selection saw the incumbent Queensland fullback, who claimed Man of the Match honours in the epic 2022 decider, elect to make himself unavailable for the entire series in order to put his club first. The decision, coinciding with a move back to fullback, changed the course of Newcastle's fortunes with Ponga leading the Knights from 14th at the start of July to fifth by the end of the regular season.

Finishing the year with 21 try assists, 96 tackle breaks, 19 linebreaks and nine tries, Ponga's form culminated in a stunning Dally M result which saw him pip favourite Shaun Johnson by one point to become the third Newcastle player to receive the most prestigious individual honour in the game.

WHAT WORKED

The Knights frequently played with ascendancy as a result of the remarkable work of Dominic Young and Greg Marzhev with the ball in hand.

Combining to form arguably the best wing pairing in the league, the duo used their attributes as part of a powerhouse yardage strategy that allowed the side to get out of their own end and provide space for the likes of Ponga, Tyson Gamble, Jackson Hastings and Phoenix Crossland to operate on the front foot. Announcing his decision to depart the club at season's end to join the Roosters, Young silenced his detractors to finish the year as the league's leading try-scorer - setting a club record in the process - while producing remarkable results for linebreaks (32), tackle breaks (120), post-contact metres (997) and running metres (3,807).

Signing with Newcastle as part of a swap deal that saw hooker Chris Randall head to the Gold Coast, Marzhev enjoyed a career best year that yielded a try per game on average (22) and the most tackle breaks in the league (177), along with phenomenal statistics for running metres (4,415), post-contact metres (1,440) and linebreaks (27).

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

While the Knights finished with their highest regular season standing since the retirement of Andrew Johns, the side struggled to deliver a killer blow in matches against the premier teams of the league.

Winning five out of 11 matches against all top eight sides - and two out of six against top four adversaries - the Knights were rarely embarrassed against the likes of Penrith, Brisbane and New Zealand during the regular season, but lacked the steel needed to make a statement in September. After escaping with an extra time victory against the Raiders off the

back of cacophonous home ground support, the Knights were found wanting as a finals-hardened team with a catastrophic opening against the Warriors that saw the side lose the game not from conceding three early tries but in chasing the scoreboard under duress and coming up with self-inflicted errors.

BEST PLAYER

Adam O'Brien produced an inspired move that changed the trajectory of the Knights campaign when he shifted a player with unrealised potential to a key spine position during the first half of the season. That player was Phoenix Crossland. Mostly known as an interchange utility since coming into first grade four years ago, the former junior representative halfback flourished as a hooker after Jayden Brailey sustained a season-ending knee injury on Easter Sunday. Growing in confidence following an extended run in the starting side, Crossland saved one of his finest performances for when it mattered most with 60 tackles during an unbroken 90-minute effort in the elimination final win over the Raiders.

ROOKIES

Debuting four players in first grade throughout the year, including three off the bench for their first home match against the Dolphins, the pick of the new faces was outside-back turned second-rower Dylan Lucas. Making the most of seven appearances in the top grade to earn a new deal and Rookie of the Year honours at the Club's presentation night, Lucas will be aiming to fill the void created by Lachlan Fitzgibbon's departure with a strong off-season.

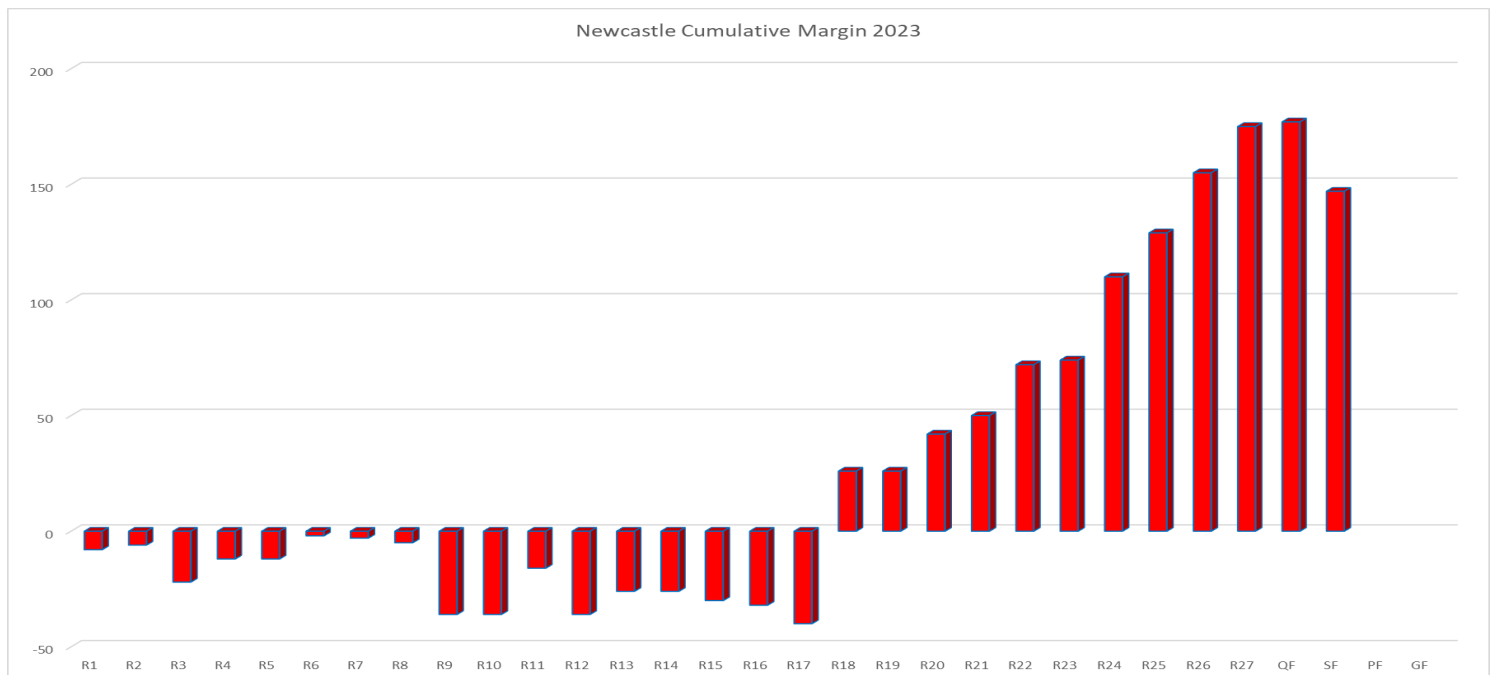
Versatile forward Thomas Cant and playmaker Ryan Rivett both appeared once early in the year, while Riley Jones got his chance in the final round of the regular season at hooker.

LOOKING AHEAD

Set to benefit from a largely consistent playing roster and a rejuvenated supporter base salivating at the prospect of continued success, the biggest challenge facing the Knights will be remaining consistently strong for the duration of the season. The departure of Dominic Young will leave a major void in the yardage strategy that served the side so well, while striking the right balance to get the best out of Jayden Brailey and Phoenix Crossland could be the making or breaking of the side's campaign.

New recruits include English young guns Kai Pearce-Paul and Will Pryce, edge forward Jed Cartwright, outside back Thomas Jenkins and halfback Jack Cogger who returns to the club as a premiership winner. The Knights played a brilliant brand of football without expectations for half a season - whether they can be as effective under pressure for the duration of 2024 remains to be seen.

Newcastle Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: NEWCASTLE

POSITION	5TH, SEMI FINALIST
COACH	ADAM O'BRIEN
CAPTAINS	KALYN PONGA (20), JAYDEN BRAILEY (3), TYSON FRIZELL (2), DANE GAGAI (1) JACKSON HASTINGS (1), JACOB SAIFITI (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	29,423 (VS. CRONULLA IN ROUND 26)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	21,312
TOP POINTSCORER	KALYN PONGA (128)
TOP TRYSCORER	DOMINIC YOUNG (27)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (DANNY BUDERUS MEDAL) - KALYN PONGA

NRL PLAYERS' PLAYER - TYSON FRIZELL
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - DYLAN LUCAS
COMMUNITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR - JACOB SAIFITI
KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR - LEO THOMPSON
GLADIATOR OF THE YEAR - PHOENIX CROSSLAND

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	QG	SF	SEASON STATS								
Opponent	WR	WT	DO	CR	MW	WR	PE	NQ	PA	GC	CS	MW	BB	SR	PE	CB	WT	MS	CR	DO	CB	SS	CS	SG	CR	WR	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off	
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 3rd	Warriors	L 12 20	Sky Stadium	16,676
2	Mar 12th	Wests Tigers	W 14 12	Leichhardt	13,214
3	Mar 17th	Dolphins	L 20 36	McDonald Jones	20,093
4	Mar 26th	Canberra	W 24 14	McDonald Jones	15,106
5	Apr 1st	Manly	D 32 32	Glen Willow	9,024
6	Apr 9th	Warriors	W 34 24	McDonald Jones	18,007
7	Apr 15th	Penrith	L 15 16	McDonald Jones	26,084
8	Apr 22nd	North Queensland	L 16 18	QLD Country Bank	17,970
9	Apr 28th	Parramatta	L 12 43	CommBank	15,875
10		BYE			
11	May 14th	Gold Coast	W 46 26	McDonald Jones	13,064
12	May 20th	Cronulla	L 6 26	C.ex Coffs	10,156
13	May 28th	Manly	W 28 18	McDonald Jones	20,661
14		BYE			
15	Jun 10th	Brisbane	L 20 24	Suncorp	35,814

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
16	Jun 17th	Sydney	L 16 18	McDonald Jones	21,966
17	Jun 24th	Penrith	L 12 20	BlueBet Stadium	18,589
18	Jul 2nd	Canterbury	W 66 0	Accor	11,004
19		BYE			
20	Jul 14th	Wests Tigers	W 34 18	McDonald Jones	18,470
21	Jul 22nd	Melbourne	W 26 18	McDonald Jones	20,392
22	Jul 29th	Canberra	W 28 6	GIO Stadium	15,487
23	Aug 5th	Dolphins	W 30 28	Optus Stadium	45,814
24	Aug 13th	Canterbury	W 42 6	McDonald Jones	23,464
25	Aug 20th	South Sydney	W 29 10	McDonald Jones	29,018
26	Aug 27th	Cronulla	W 32 6	McDonald Jones	29,423
27	Sep 2nd	St George Illawarra	W 32 12	Netstrata	10,137
EQ	Sep 10th	Canberra	W 30 28	McDonald Jones	29,548
SF	Sep 16th	Warriors	L 10 40	Go Media	26,083

NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

ADAIN EDGECOMB

After an excellent 2022 campaign, where they finished in 3rd place and came agonisingly close to a Grand Final, the North Queensland Cowboys were well-hyped coming into the 2023 season.

With some pundits having them pushing for a premiership - it's safe to say expectations were high.

With all the expectation, defensive grit and relentlessness from the previous year seemingly disappeared, they lost 5 of their first 7 games and looked well off the pace. With a near-identical squad led by Todd Payten - the 2022 coach of the year - something wasn't quite right.

The awful start to the year which had them 16th by round 13 ultimately cost them. Though a mid-season resurgence put them back in finals frame, the compounding pressure proved too much, as they spectacularly collapsed just short of the finish line.

They showed promise in fragments, and I wouldn't count them out to turn it around in 2024, but the regression in the space of 12 months leaves plenty of room for concern.

TURNING POINT

The Cowboys season can be split into three sections: rounds 1-13, rounds 14-21 and rounds 22-27. A 45-20 thumping of the Storm in Round 14 began a 6-game winning streak. From golden point heroics against Penrith, to a 74-0 decimation of the Tigers, they looked to be back.

The hope didn't last long, however, with the spectacular run that saw

them climb to 7th on the ladder proving short lived. A round 22 upset loss to the Gold Coast Titans was the beginning of the end, then they failed to bounce back and lost four of their last five games.

WHAT WORKED

The combination between Tom Dearden and Scott Drinkwater was electric at times, as they split teams open down the middle from inside their own half. Throw in some nippy runs from Reece Robson, positive signs were there.

Emerging outside backs Tom Chester, Zac Laybutt and Semi Valemei also looked the goods, showing they'll have speed to burn for years to come.

WHAT FAILED

It's safe to say the Cowboys forward pack let them down this year. Losing Luciano Leilua to domestic violence charges hurt them early, and key players failed to step up in his absence. Gun second-rower Jeremiah Nanai was plagued with injuries, as was veteran lock Jason Taumalolo, making it difficult for them to compete.

The lack of minutes for Reuben Cotter also left fans scratching their heads, as a sub-par bench featuring Coen Hess and an aging Jake Granville failed to provide impact.

BEST PLAYERS

Unsurprisingly, Scott Drinkwater claimed the Paul Bowman Medal for the Cowboys best and fairest player. With 11 tries and 25 try assists, he was instrumental in their attack.

Joining him near the top was Tom Dearden, who rarely looked out of place, and continued an upward trajectory in just his third year at the club.

Despite being arguably underutilised, Reuben Cotter still performed consistently strong, solidifying himself as the leader of the Cowboys forward pack.

ROOKIES

Young forward Riley Price was the first debutant for the Cowboys this year, getting a crack in round 5. He only played once more all season but will be pushing for game time come 2024.

Second rower Kulikeyu Finefeuiaki debuted in round 10 aged only 19 and looked imminently comfortable in first grade. He scored two tries in the 12 games he played and has a strong chance of snagging a bench spot next year.

Winger Robert Derby played his first and only game in round 13. At 21 years of age, he has long term potential but falls behind in the pecking order after the signing of Viliami Vailea from the Warriors.

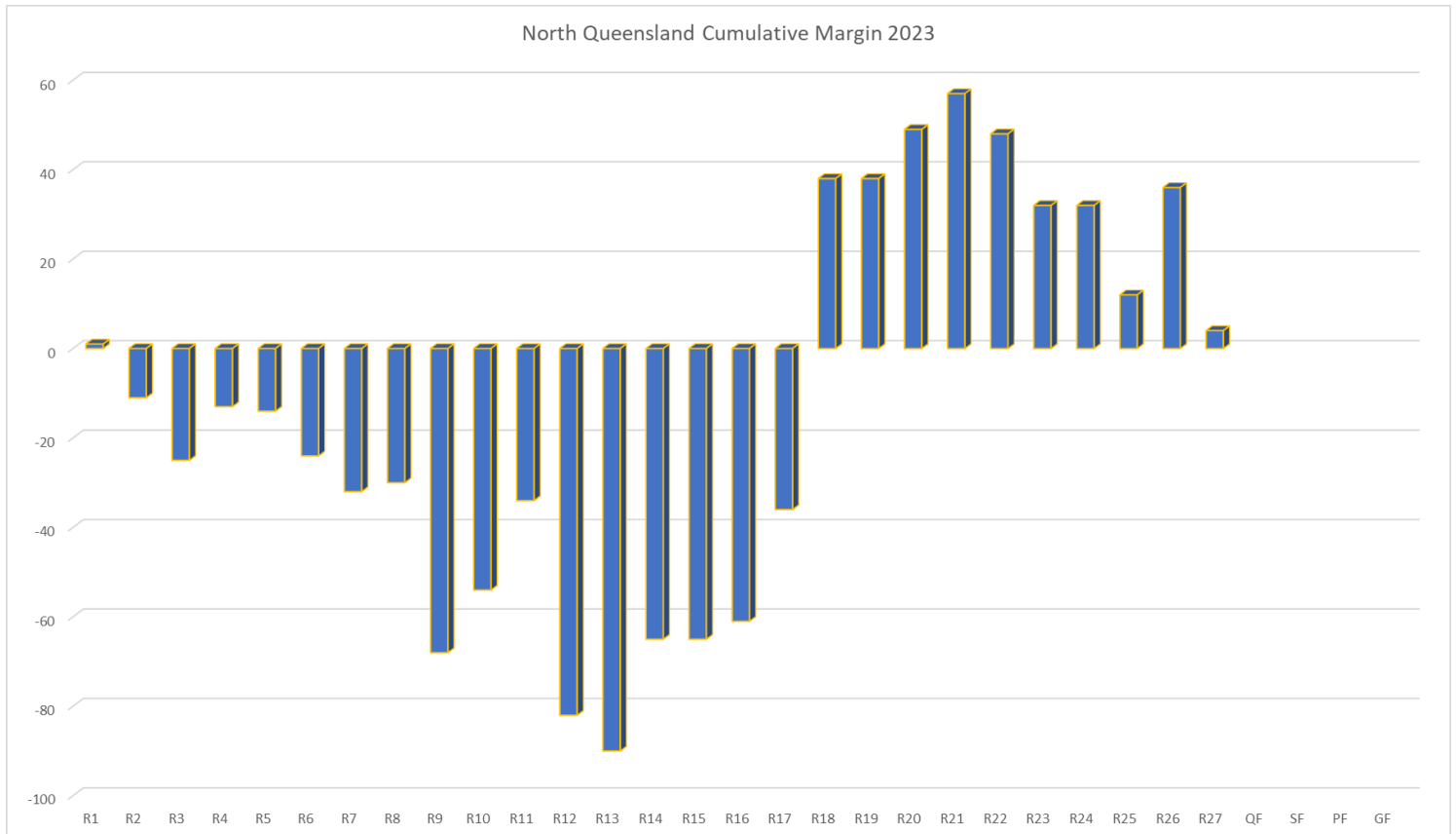
Perhaps the most exciting of the debutants was Papua New Guinean centre Zac Laybutt. Despite only playing four games, he scored three tries and made an immediate impact. His strong form puts him in contention for a starting spot in 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD

Very few expected the fall from grace the Cowboys experienced this year, and a lack of competitiveness at crucial moments makes you wonder whether they can bounce back in 2024.

Halfback and co-captain Chad Townsend was disappointing this season. Though he's younger than top halfbacks Shaun Johnson, Adam Reynolds and Daly Cherry-Evans, his age is showing, as his speed and ball-playing ability deteriorates.

Still, with a relatively young roster and promising talents, I wouldn't count this Cowboys side out of the picture. They'll have plenty to prove, as will the returning Jake Clifford who will look to pressure Townsend for the halfback jersey. It will be an uphill battle, but I'll back the boys from up north for a top 8 finish in 2024.



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: NORTH QUEENSLAND

POSITION 11TH
COACH TODD PAYTEN
CAPTAINS CHAD TOWNSEND (24), JASON TAUMALOLO (7)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 22,811 (VS. DOLPHINS IN ROUND 6)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 19,175
TOP POINTSCORER VALENTINE HOLMES (170)
TOP TRYSCORER KYLE FELDT (13)

PAUL BOWMAN MEDAL: SCOTT DRINKWATER
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: JAMES TAMOU
YOUNG GUNS COWBOYS WAY AWARD: WIL SULLIVAN
TOWNSVILLE BULLETIN FAN CHOICE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: KIRRA DIBB & REUBEN COTTER
JCU EDUCATION AWARD: REUBEN COTTER
ROOKIES OF THE YEAR: FRAN GOLDTHORP & KULIKEFU FINEFEUIAKI
PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR: EMMA MANZELMANN & SCOTT DRINKWATER
COWBOYS WAY AWARD: CHINA POLATA & JORDAN MCLEAN
COWBOY OF THE YEAR (NRLW): EMMA MANZELMANN

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	SEASON STATS									
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 4th	Canberra	W 19 18	QLD Country Bank	19,855
2	Mar 10th	Brisbane	L 16 28	Suncorp	43,162
3	Mar 18th	Warriors	L 12 26	QLD Country Bank	17,818
4	Mar 25th	Gold Coast	W 24 12	QLD Country Bank	16,426
5	Apr 2nd	Canterbury	L 14 15	Accor	9,626
6	Apr 7th	Dolphins	L 22 32	QLD Country Bank	22,811
7	Apr 15th	Warriors	L 14 22	Mt Smart	23,695
8	Apr 22nd	Newcastle	W 18 16	QLD Country Bank	17,970
9	Apr 27th	Cronulla	L 6 44	Pointsbet	8,148
10	May 7th	Sydney	W 20 6	Suncorp	46,835
11	May 13th	St George Illawarra	W 42 22	QLD Country Bank	17,852
12	May 20th	Wests Tigers	L 18 66	Leichhardt	12,247
13	May 26th	Parramatta	L 16 24	CommBank	14,810
14	Jun 4th	Melbourne	W 45 20	QLD Country Bank	18,867

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15		BYE			
16	Jun 16th	Penrith	W 27 23	QLD Country Bank	17,277
17	Jun 25th	South Sydney	W 31 6	Accor	11,262
18	Jul 1st	Wests Tigers	W 74 0	QLD Country Bank	20,535
19		BYE			
20	Jul 15th	Manly	W 19 8	4 Pines Park	13,240
21	Jul 22nd	Parramatta	W 24 16	QLD Country Bank	20,710
22	Jul 30th	Gold Coast	L 13 22	Cbus	16,516
23	Aug 5th	Brisbane	L 14 30	QLD Country Bank	22,659
24		BYE			
25	Aug 17th	Cronulla	L 12 32	QLD Country Bank	17,318
26	Aug 25th	Dolphins	W 34 10	Suncorp	33,449
27	Sep 2nd	Penrith	L 12 44	BlueBet Stadium	21,525

PARRAMATTA EELS

ELEMENTARY

"Nervous excitement" - that is the phrase that this reviewer would have used to characterise Eels fans' feelings heading into season 2023.

While the club was hot on the heels of making its first Grand Final appearance in thirteen years - a cause of excitement, in anyone's book - several key players signed deals to play elsewhere for 2023, and beyond, questions lingered over their replacements.

Parramatta began season 2023 hampered by the absences of Ryan Matterson (chosen suspension - he could've paid a fine), Shaun Lane (injury), and Sean Russell (injury), and lost their opening three matches of the season by 4 points or less. In those matches, Mitchell Moses kicked 3/5 conversions against the Sharks, and 3/6 against Manly, before pulling off a Golden Point win over the Panthers in Round 4.

Their next five games read loss-win-win-loss-win (their biggest victory margin coming against Newcastle, in an emphatic 43 to 12 win).

They lost their next two games, before beating South Sydney 36-16, which began a resurgence, of sorts - Parramatta won their next four consecutive games, with two byes scattered among them, before being crushed 46-10 by the Warriors.

They never recovered after that loss, winning only three of their final seven games, to finish the season in tenth.

And thus ended the Eels' 2023 campaign - not with a bang, but a whimper. Injuries, suspensions, and poor roster management took its toll on the club.

TURNING POINTS

It's disingenuous to state there would be a positive turning point, given the team's inconsistent performances throughout 2023, but a bright light was the continued development of J'maine Hopgood, and the emergence of Brendan Hands as a bench utility.

Dylan Brown's seven-game suspension incurred at the Eels' round 14 bye though, ensured a hitherto-inconsistent season would continue, as the Eels resorted to using Matterson and Daejarn Asi in the halves to partner Mitchell Moses. Shortly after, Asi and Matterson found themselves at times being the Eels' starting halves pairing, due to Moses' unavailability through injury.

Despite playing Origin this season, Junior Paulo had arguably his poorest

season in Eels colours to date, and his decline added more burden on his front-row partners' shoulders.

WHAT WORKED

Simply put, this is a football team built to overpower opponents through the middle third with power running. When this tactic worked, and when the flow of possession favoured the Eels, they were effective at winning the yardage battle, and scoring points; certainly, attack has not been Parramatta's weakness for a number of seasons.

The tactics generally employed were to feed the ball to their powerful forward pack, and let them run amok.

Aside from the odd outlier (in Round 1, Parramatta out-ran Melbourne to the tune of 210 runs to 200, but made 17,01 metres to Melbourne's 1,949 metres), when Parramatta got their power running right, it took some stopping.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Teams figured out the Eels' gameplan, and loaded up the ruck in defence.

The Eels did not have a plan B, save from throwing offloads, hoping they would stick - when teams got in Parramatta's face, and compressed their defence, the Eels had no answer.

Parramatta's back three have their own strengths - Gutherson is skilful, and defensively excellent; Sivo is powerful; and Russell and Simonsson are quick - but their collective weakness is returning the ball from kicks.

Using Round 1 again as an example, Parramatta's average set distance was 37.81 metres (compared to Melbourne's 40.61 metres), and the Eels returned kicks for 126 metres (compared to Melbourne's 277 metres).

To put this into further perspective, Melbourne kicked the ball 20 times, and Parramatta totalled 126 metres from it - a return of 6.3 metres per return.

Parramatta kicked the ball 26 times, and Melbourne made 277 metres - an average of 10.65 metres per return.

Over the 48 sets Melbourne had, that equates to 51.38 metres (as compared to Parramatta's 45 sets, and 283.5 metres).

BEST PLAYERS

Clinton Gutherson is a player that can be relied upon, no matter the occasion. He was once again defensively excellent, commanding his defensive line, and creating in attack - he played 23 games, scored 19 tries, had 14 try assists, 71 tackle breaks, 15 linebreaks, and averaged 162

metres per game.

J'maine Hopgood continued his impressive rise to star player, throwing an astonishing 56 offloads in 2023, and making 965 tackles at an efficiency of 93.4%.

ROOKIES

Brad Arthur gave his Parramatta debuts to Daejarn Asi, Brendan Hands, and Luca Moretti in 2023.

All three players showed glimpses of potential, and stepped in for key positions throughout the season, and were able to hold their own.

DISAPPOINTING PLAYERS

Junior Paulo is the Eels co-captain, a NSW regular, and a Samoan stalwart - but his 2023 season was below average by his standards.

He finished with an average 147 metres per game, but his involvement was low; he averaged 12.8 hitups per game (Hopgood averaged 12.8 hitups per game), and 22 tackles per game, at 92.6% efficiency in the middle.

But rugby league is a team game, and you would be hard-pressed to find too many Eels in 2023 who shone bright.

LOOKING AHEAD

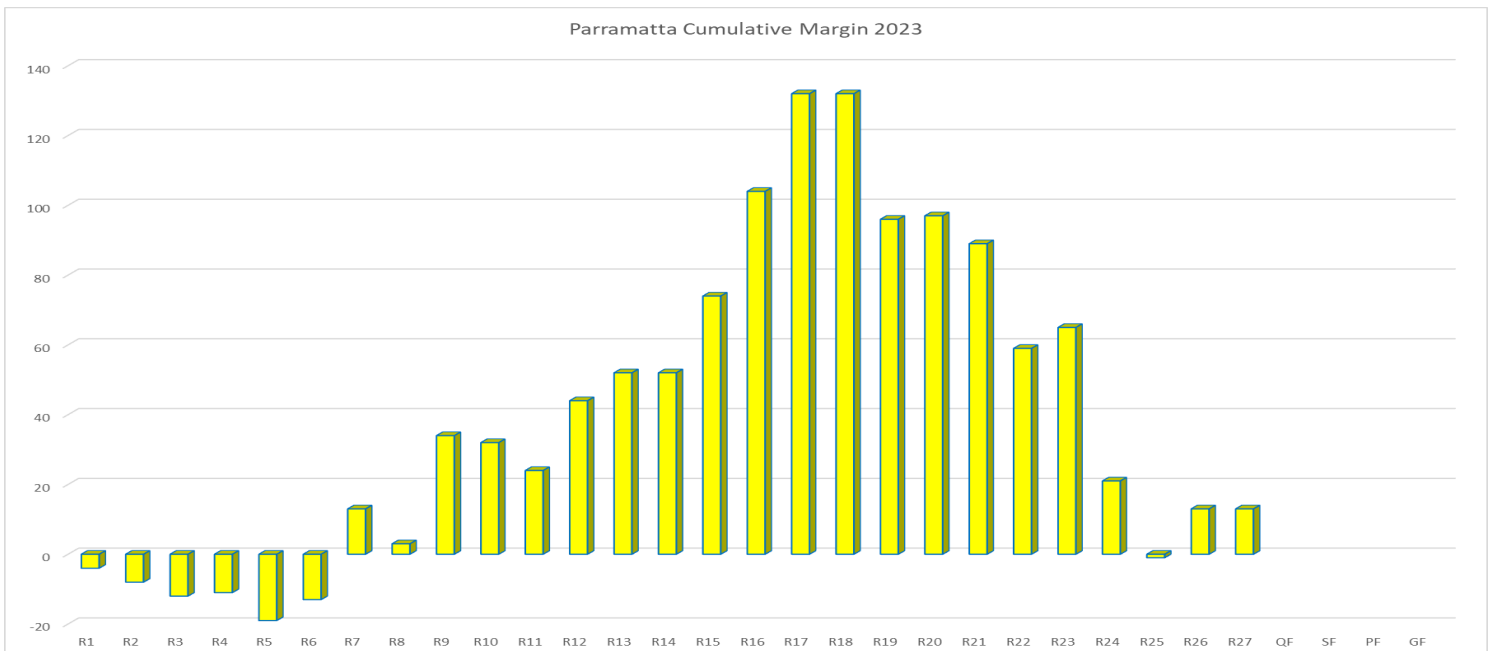
The Parramatta club, and its fans, have been starved of meaningful success for almost 4 decades; it is not unreasonable to say that patience is beginning to wear thin with the Eels faithful.

Missing the Finals after making a Grand Final appearance the prior season should not be considered as acceptable.

The Eels saw two medical retirements in 2023 - Josh Hodgson, and Andrew Davey - and were quick to add centre Morgan Harper to their books.

The real challenge will be to see if Brad Arthur can instil a steely resolve into this team to play with power, tempo, and aggression for the full 80 minutes.

There have not been any significant roster changes to date, and so the hope is that the Eels can have some luck with injuries in 2024, show some discipline on, and off, the field to avoid unnecessary suspensions, and give the competition a genuine shake; certainly, the one club that has seemingly caused reigning Premiers Penrith some headaches in recent seasons is Parramatta, and so if Brad Arthur can unlock the sleeping giant potential within this club...who knows where it may lead?



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: PARRAMATTA

POSITION 10TH
COACH BRAD ARTHUR
CAPTAINS CLINTON GUTHERSON (23), JUNIOR PAULO (5)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 27,655 (VS. CANTERBURY IN ROUND 7)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 18,901
TOP POINTSCORER MITCHELL MOSES (169)
TOP TRYSCORER MAIKA SIVO (20)

KEN THORNETT MEDAL (NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR): CLINT GUTHERSON
NATHAN HINDMARSH PLAYERS' PLAYER: CLINT GUTHERSON
JACK GIBSON COACHES' AWARD: WILL PENISINI
ERIC GROTHE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: WIREMU GREIG
RAV PRICE COMMUNITY AWARD: JUNIOR PAULO
MICHAEL CRONIN CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: STEVE MURPHY & MONIQUE AUSTIN

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	SEASON STATS								
Opponent	MS	CS	MW	PE	SR	WT	CB	BB	NK	GC	CR	SS	NQ	CB	MW	DO	WR	GC	NQ	MS	SG	BB	SR	PE	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off	
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 2nd	Melbourne	L 12 16	CommBank	17,301
2	Mar 10th	Cronulla	L 26 30	CommBank	16,663
3	Mar 16th	Manly	L 30 34	4 Pines Park	13,363
4	Mar 23rd	Penrith	W 17 16	CommBank	16,342
5	Mar 30th	Sydney	L 20 28	Allianz	20,886
6	Apr 10th	Wests Tigers	W 28 22	Accor	28,611
7	Apr 16th	Canterbury	W 30 4	CommBank	27,655
8	Apr 21st	Brisbane	L 16 26	TIO Stadium	11,864
9	Apr 28th	Newcastle	W 43 12	CommBank	15,875
10	May 7th	Gold Coast	L 24 26	Suncorp	46,835
11	May 13th	Canberra	L 18 26	GIO Stadium	17,414
12	May 19th	South Sydney	W 36 16	Allianz	27,432
13	May 26th	North Queensland	W 24 16	CommBank	14,810
14		BYE			

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 12th	Canterbury	W 34 12	Accor	33,866
16	Jun 17th	Manly	W 34 4	CommBank	21,296
17	Jun 24th	Dolphins	W 48 20	Sunshine Coast	8,821
18		BYE			
19	Jul 8th	Warriors	L 10 46	CommBank	21,696
20	Jul 16th	Gold Coast	W 25 24	CommBank	12,599
21	Jul 22nd	North Queensland	L 16 24	QLD Country Bank	20,710
22	Jul 28th	Melbourne	L 16 46	Marvel Stadium	20,429
23	Aug 6th	St George Illawarra	W 26 20	CommBank	23,596
24	Aug 11th	Brisbane	L 10 54	The Gabba	29,005
25	Aug 18th	Sydney	L 12 34	CommBank	20,076
26	Aug 24th	Penrith	W 32 18	BlueBet Stadium	21,525
27		BYE			

PENRITH PANTHERS

JOSH ROBERTSON

"Two plays left in the set, it goes to Cleary... NATHAN CLEARY... WOW.... He's done it all himself!"

It's a piece of commentary that will go down in NRL history, as the Penrith Panthers blew up the record books, pulling off the greatest comeback in Grand Final history. 24-6 down, the mountain men surged late to win 26-24, snatching a third successive NRL Telstra Premiership.

History has been against the Panthers in each of their three premiership victories this decade.

In 2021, they had to go the long route after losing Week 1, then in 2022, had to become one of the few sides to go back-to-back in the modern game. Never mind having to try and become the first side in 40 years to win three straight in 2023 - and having to come from 16 points behind to win it.

Let's rewind. There were ominous signs for the Panthers and what was about to happen in 2023, when their first real competitive match came under torrential rain, the consistent rumbling of thunder and some of the best lightning you will ever see as they hosted St Helens in the World Club Challenge. They struggled for most of the contest, and it might have been a premonition of the season to come, because they needed a comeback. They pulled that off to draw level - only to lose in Golden Point.

The season commenced and Penrith were off their game in Round 1, leading many to ask whether this was the same team as in recent years, with the defending premiers slipping to one win from their first three games. After that early shock, they righted the ship, with the 'Panthers of old' going on a second-half blitz against the Raiders in Canberra to notch up a 53-12 win. Despite big wins against Canberra and Manly, struggles were still evident, with a come from behind win away to Newcastle, where it was not one but two Nathan Cleary field goals that sealed the deal, the latter coming in Golden Point.

The Panthers then had back-to-back defeats where they fell late to South Sydney - after being in the position to win the game - and then a night to forget in torrential rain at Bathurst's Carrington Park, when they fell to a 12-8 loss against the Tigers. While they did return to the winners circle in Magic Round, it was a scrappy win over the Warriors, and following that the Mountain Men sat in third spot, still four points behind clubhouse leaders South Sydney and Brisbane. Penrith were starting to find form as they picked up a very impressive win over the Roosters, then got revenge for Round 1 against the Broncos with a scrappy 15-4 win.

TURNING POINT

The Origin period loomed as a banana peel for the Panthers and it was the biggest one that the defending premiers had faced in recent years. Returning from Origin camp after Game 1, Panthers coach Ivan Cleary elected to play his stars including Nathan Cleary, who subsequently

midway through the first half suffered a hamstring injury that kept him out for the remainder of the Origin series. Penrith's season looked like it had the potential to be a boulder rolling down Old Bathurst Road going down dangerously fast.

Up stepped Jack Cogger, the unlikely hero - seamlessly filling in the role at halfback and the Panthers impressed again, first of all in a very heated clash with the Roosters at Allianz Stadium. The Origin-impacted the Panthers then went down to the Cowboys before picking up a surprise win against the Knights, which left even Melbourne captain Christian Welch surprised by the Panthers' win from some 900km away.

In my view, the best performance of the season came under the roof of Marvel Stadium, when the Panthers - led by Jarome Luai and Jack Cogger - looked a long way from the game early trailing 14-0. It seemed implausible they would lead 16-14 at the break, yet they did and then went on to win 34-16. The 'Pink Panthers' that night showed that even without Cleary, they were still a major force in the competition. Once again assuming the mantle as the 'team to beat', they added another six straight wins to their season tally. With their grip on the minor premiership tightening, the Panthers had a major slip-up when they suffered an embarrassing loss to the Eels, losing 32-18 at home to their nearest rivals. A big final-round win against the Cowboys steadied the ship and with Brisbane losing the night before, the Minor Premiership returned to Penrith for the third time in four seasons. The finals were about as close to a cakewalk for the Panthers as they could get, outscoring the Warriors and Melbourne by a combined 70 points to 10 on their way to a fourth consecutive Grand Final berth.

The Grand Final was a different story altogether. Far from their best as they dominated possession in the opening half, they could only manage one lucky try through fan favourite Mitch Kenny, and a penalty goal. Things really went downhill as the Broncos picked up momentum off a late first-half try and then a huge 20 minutes from Ezra Mam after the break put Brisbane ahead 24-6. Things looked gone for the reigning champions, Brisbane dominating everything and having lost Jarome Luai and Izack Tago. It looked as if any hopes of the elusive three-peat was gone. Nathan Cleary flipped the switch, and the rest - as they say - is history, as the Panthers stamped themselves as arguably the best team of the modern era.

WHAT WORKED

Depth. Despite not having as successful a season in the lower grades compared to 2022, the Panthers again used their depth successfully across the season when they needed it.

The signing of Jack Cogger was a masterstroke, and although it looked odd at the start of the season he was the 'Cog' that set the side rolling mid-season when without Nathan - then without Jarome, especially in the Grand Final. Without Cogger, the Panthers probably don't win their third straight title.

WHAT DIDN'T

The rain. This might be an odd take, but the Panthers seemed to struggle in wet weather games, especially in the worst of the conditions against

St Helens in the World Club Challenge, but then again they struggled in the pouring rain in Bathurst. If the Panthers did have an Achilles heel, it might be from the sky, not on the field.

DEFINING PLAYERS

Every single player was a defining player this season, and I could write so much about each one. But instead of looking at the adding to the countless column inches already dedicated to big names like Cleary, Luai, Edwards, or Fisher-Harris, I wanted to have a quick mention of some of the other names that don't get the plaudits that they should.

Mitch Kenny is the big one. The unsung hero is a fan favourite and there was criticism about his game being considered a massive downgrade from Api Koroisau, who departed at the end of 2022. Whilst Kenny doesn't have the expansive game of his predecessor, his job in the team isn't the same and he delivered it strongly, picking up the Grand Final try - and threw the key pass to Cleary for the winner.

A signing questioned by many, Jack Cogger arguably could have been buy of the year, because there was no guarantee that he would be anything more than an NSW Cup halfback. He was so much more, and was the steady hand that the Panthers needed at key times.

The final player to mention is the unsung work of Scott Sorensen, the Panthers' second rower doesn't get the plaudits that he should because he does everything you want and more. He has the running power that you need from a second rower but also has speed and strong ball-handling skills.

ROOKIES

For a club that produces some of the strongest junior talent in the game, the Panthers only had two debutants this season. Jesse McLean - who had a less-than-ideal debut against the Eels coming up against Maika Sivo in all his powerful glory. The other debutant was hooker Luke Sommerton, who made his debut against Manly in the rare number 26 jersey, and as a late call-up and impressed in his time on the field before playing in Round 27 against the Cowboys and picking up a try.

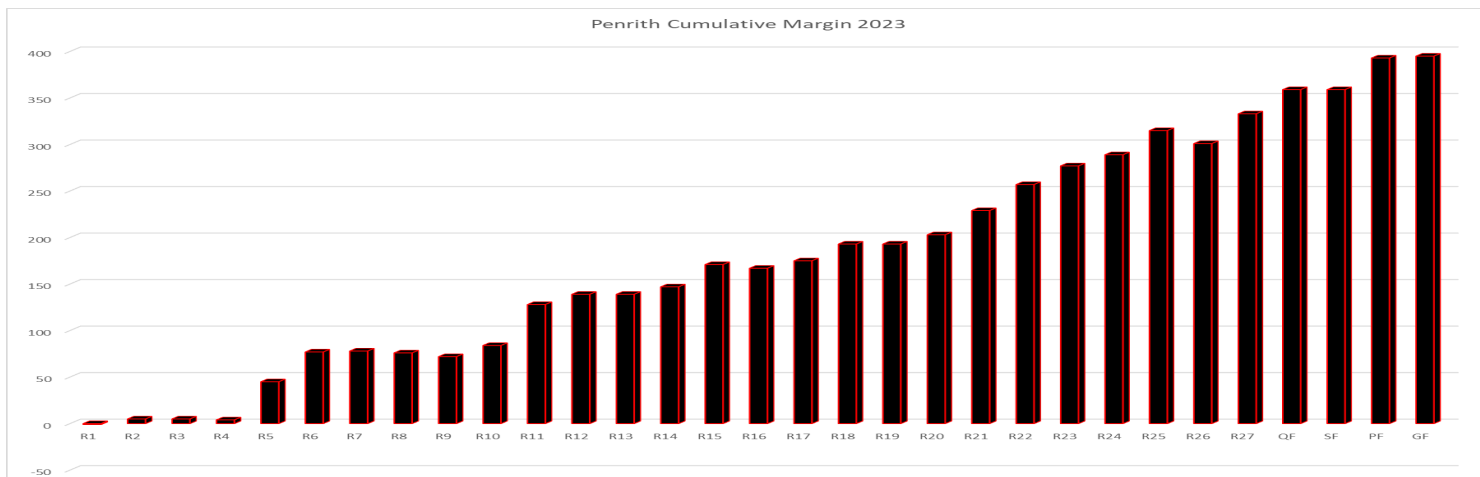
The other rookie that needs looking at is one who you forget was technically a rookie, the player who took home Dally M Rookie of the Year - Sunia Turuva. The Fijian international wasn't even guaranteed a start in 2023 but when a season-ending injury came to Taylan May during the pre-season, he booked himself a spot on the wing. Turuva became a safe figure for the Panthers both in defence, and then the huge metres that he can make in attack when teams kick wide to try to avoid Edwards.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Panthers are going to look for a rare fourth premiership and any questions about the desire for it can't be questioned. The talk out of the club is all about going for that fourth, which is what you want to hear.

The loss of several key players again could be a big issue but with the Panthers' "next man-up" attitude, this could only be a drop in the puddle for them.

Penrith Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: PENRITH

POSITION 1ST, PREMIERS
COACH IVAN CLEARY
CAPTAINS NATHAN CLEARY (22), ISAAH YEO (8), DYLAN EDWARDS (3)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 21,525 (VS. CANTERBURY IN ROUND 21)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 19,100
TOP POINTSCORER NATHAN CLEARY (220)
TOP TRYSCORER BRIAN TO'O (26)

MERV CARTWRIGHT MEDAL - ISAAH YEO
JOHN FARRAGHER AWARD FOR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION - MOSES LEOTA
MKJ PROJECTS MEMBERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR - DYLAN EDWARDS
BEN ALEXANDER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - SUNIA TURUVA
CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - HENRY WARD
SENIOR EDUCATION AWARD - JACK COGGER
OAK PLUS TRY OF THE YEAR - IZACK TAGO



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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
WCC	Feb 18th	St Helens	L 12 13	BlueBet Stadium	13,873
1	Mar 3rd	Brisbane	L 12 13	BlueBet Stadium	17,125
2	Mar 9th	Souths	W 16 10	BlueBet Stadium	16,906
3		BYE			
4	Mar 23rd	Parramatta	L 16 17	CommBank	16,342
5	Mar 31st	Canberra	W 53 12	GIO Stadium	15,334
6	Apr 8th	Manly	W 44 12	BlueBet Stadium	20,312
7	Apr 15th	Newcastle	W 16 15	McDonald Jones	26,084
8	Apr 20th	South Sydney	L 18 20	Accor	19,548
9	Apr 29th	Wests Tigers	L 8 12	Carrington	11,055
10	May 6th	Warriors	W 18 6	Suncorp	50,183
11	May 12th	Sydney	W 48 4	BlueBet Stadium	20,255
12	May 18th	Brisbane	W 15 4	Suncorp	33,343
13		BYE			
14	Jun 4th	St George Illawarra	W 26 18	BlueBet Stadium	16,912
15	Jun 10th	Sydney	W 30 6	Allianz	23,610

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
16	Jun 16th	North Queensland	L 23 27	QLD Country Bank	17,277
17	Jun 24th	Newcastle	W 20 12	BlueBet Stadium	18,589
18	Jun 30th	Melbourne	W 34 16	Marvel Stadium	26,829
19		BYE			
20	Jul 16th	Dolphins	W 24 14	Kayo Stadium	10,065
21	Jul 23rd	Canterbury	W 44 18	BlueBet Stadium	21,525
22	Jul 29th	Cronulla	W 28 0	BlueBet Stadium	20,694
23	Aug 4th	Melbourne	W 26 6	BlueBet Stadium	19,953
24	Aug 10th	Manly	W 24 12	4 Pines Park	10,102
25	Aug 19th	Gold Coast	W 40 14	Cbus	19,101
26	Aug 24th	Parramatta	L 18 32	BlueBet Stadium	21,525
27	Sep 2nd	North QLD	W 44 12	BlueBet Stadium	21,525
QF	Sep 9th	Warriors	W 32 6	BlueBet Stadium	21,525
PF	Sep 22nd	Melbourne	W 38 4	Accor	35,578
GF	Oct 1st	Brisbane	W 26 24	Accor	81,947

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

JUSTIN DAVIES

Well, that was another year for the Dragons. The joint venture was once again an afterthought in the NRL competition and really only made headlines for the wrong reasons. They also turfed another coach in Anthony Griffin midway through the campaign.

St George Illawarra started the season off with a home win against the Gold Coast Titans then it all went downhill quickly. There were brief flashes of brilliance in their wins over the Dolphins, Roosters and Rabbitohs intertwined with demoralising losses which made you question why you ever chose rugby league or supporting the Dragons.

The Dragons had to constantly battle rumours that their star halfback - Ben Hunt - would leave the club to return home, which didn't help their morale in 2023.

Hunt stayed, but 'for how long?' might be the question, because he did look one of the few bright sparks for the joint venture and a departure of that gravity would leave them back to square one again.

They did avoid the spoon, which... congrats? But since the 2010 premiership, it seems like the Dragons have just spiraled down

with only a handful of finals appearances which haven't seen them get past the second week.

Now we're onto another coach, another chance for redemption and the hope that it won't be another gut punch for a Red V team who will likely already be without another star - Talatau Amone - due to off-field discretions.

TURNING POINT

That first month. Dragons won their opening game, but then had 40 points put on them by the Broncos and Sharks, which set the tone for the season.

The turning point in terms of effort from the team came when interim coach Ryan Carr took over from the deposed Anthony Griffin. He seemed to get some more juice from the squad, seeing them beat the Roosters in his debut at the helm, but it petered out late in the season as they limped towards the finish line.

WHAT WENT RIGHT

Keeping Ben Hunt is probably the best thing for the Dragons from 2023 maybe also avoiding the wooden spoon. The best win for the team was their last second win against the Roosters but otherwise, it was a year to forget, and the Dragons hope they won't be enduring more pain next season and can move forward.

WHAT WENT WRONG

Everything else. The Dragons won five games all season and were depressing to watch for most of the year alongside the "will he? wont he?" drama around Hunt going home.

They chopped and changed all season and finished with six straight losses. It wasn't a fun time for Dragons fans who have some key questions to answer before next season.

BEST PLAYERS

It seems we're mentioning Ben Hunt a lot but the halfback was one of the few Dragons who turned up every week and tried his guts out.

Blake Lawrie had some solid contributions and got to captain the club in one game, and was named the club's player of the year.

ROOKIES

There weren't many debuts for the Dragons in 2023. One of the few was Sione Finau who got injured before half-time in his only appearance and hooker Connor Muhleisen who was apart of the rotation alongside Jacob Liddle in parts of the season.

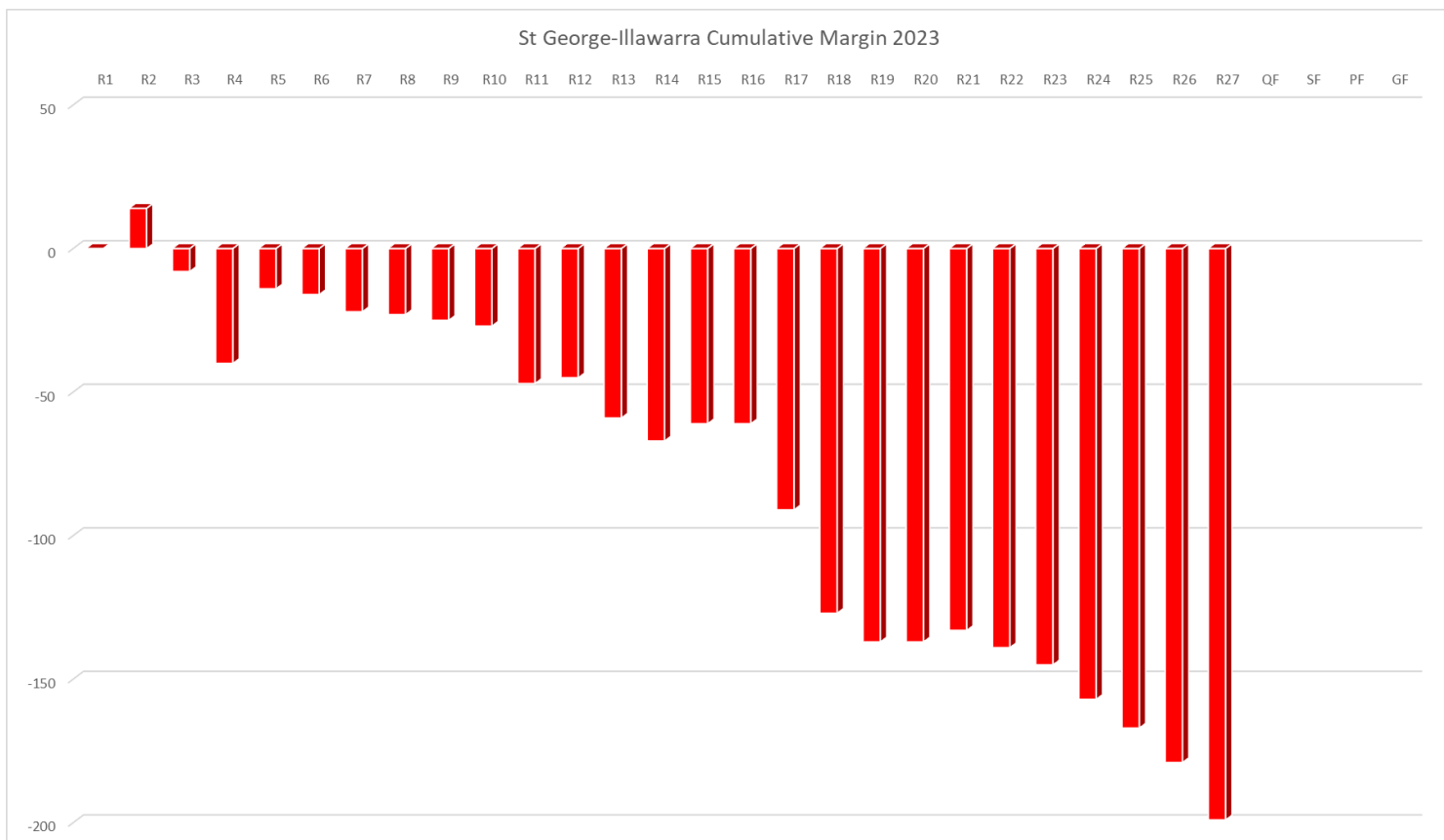
Shoutouts to mature rookie Dan Russell and the Couchman brothers (Toby and Ryan) who had some solid games in first grade.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dragons move onto another head coach and hopefully this time it sticks. Shane Flanagan served his time and goes into the hot seat at the joint venture.

The club needs to overhaul the roster and start moving forward because they have been stuck in neutral for too long and further waste might see the fans become apathetic to the team.

St George-Illawarra Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA

POSITION	16TH
COACHES	RYAN CARR (14), ANTHONY GRIFFIN (10)
CAPTAIN	BEN HUNT (22), JACK DE BELIN (1), BLAKE LAWRIE (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	17,357 (VS. SOUTHS IN ROUND 15)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	11,867
TOP POINTSCORER	ZAC LOMAX (142)
TOP TRYSCORER	MIKAELE RAVALAWA (21)

DRAGONS MEDAL - BLAKE LAWRIE

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR - SCOTT STEWART
IMMORTALS TROPHY - JACK DE BELIN
GEOFF SELBY MEMORIAL TROPHY: NRL EMERGING TALENT - TOBY COUCHMAN
RED V MEMBERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR - BLAKE LAWRIE
MARK COYNE TROPHY FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT - TYRELL FUIAMOANO
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD - BLAKE LAWRIE

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WOODS, Aaron																									-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1		BYE			
2	Mar 12th	Gold Coast	W 32 18	Netstrata	8,538
3	Mar 18th	Brisbane	L 18 40	Suncorp	26,612
4	Mar 26th	Cronulla	L 8 40	Netstrata	15,126
5	Apr 1st	Dolphins	W 38 12	WIN Stadium	16,472
6	Apr 9th	Gold Coast	L 18 20	Cbus	12,452
7	Apr 16th	Canberra	L 14 20	GIO Stadium	13,817
8	Apr 25th	Sydney	L 26 27	Allianz	40,191
9	Apr 30th	Canterbury	L 16 18	WIN Stadium	16,678
10	May 7th	Wests Tigers	L 16 18	Suncorp	46,835
11	May 13th	North Queensland	L 22 42	QLD Country Bank	17,852
12	May 19th	Sydney	W 24 22	Netstrata	9,007
13	May 25th	Dolphins	L 12 26	Kayo Stadium	10,047
14	Jun 4th	Penrith	L 18 26	BlueBet Stadium	16,912

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 10th	South Sydney	W 36 30	Netstrata	17,357
16		BYE			
17	Jun 23rd	Warriors	L 18 48	WIN Stadium	9,275
18	Jun 29th	Cronulla	L 16 52	Pointsbet	10,267
19	Jul 7th	Canberra	L 26 36	WIN Stadium	9,369
20		BYE			
21	Jul 20th	Wests Tigers	W 18 14	WIN Stadium	7,246
22	Jul 29th	Manly	L 18 24	WIN Stadium	14,872
23	Aug 6th	Parramatta	L 20 26	CommBank	23,596
24	Aug 12th	South Sydney	L 14 26	Barlow Park	8,378
25	Aug 19th	Melbourne	L 28 38	WIN Stadium	8,326
26	Aug 25th	Warriors	L 6 18	Go Media	25,095
27	Sep 2nd	Newcastle	L 12 32	Netstrata	10,137

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

ANDREW JACKSON

Entering the 2022 season, there was a sense that Adam Reynolds' departure signalled the start of the end for the Rabbitohs.

That their premiership window, while not slammed shut, was in the process of being closed and that it would take a few years for the young Lachlan Ilias to develop into the kind of halfback South Sydney needed to compete against the best of the best. Instead, Ilias showed glimpses in his rookie season - certainly enough to keep the Rabbitohs competitive - as Jason Demetriou's side fell one game short of qualifying for another grand final.

It was another case of what could have been for South Sydney but with a year of experience under his belt and key components of the squad intact, the expectation was the Rabbitohs could go one better in 2023. Instead, a historic collapse saw Souths become the first team in the NRL era to lead the competition through the first 11 rounds and later miss the top eight.

A one-game suspension to Latrell Mitchell rubbed the Rabbitohs fullback out of the must-win clash with the Roosters, summing up a season that promised so much but failed to deliver.

TURNING POINT

It is hard to look past Mitchell's injury midway through the season given it coincided with South Sydney's form slump.

Mitchell injured his calf in Blues training following Round 12 and while early suggestions were that NSW was being cautious in ruling him out, it proved a far more serious setback than first thought. The 26-year-old would end up not returning until Round 22.

Before Mitchell entered Origin camp the Rabbitohs were sitting on top of the ladder with eight wins. By the time he was healthy enough to suit up again they had slid to sixth with just three more victories to their name.

Of course, looking at that period from a broader scope, it also coincided with Mitchell's Origin teammates also being in and out of the line-up. So in that sense the Rabbitohs were always going to be facing disruptions and Mitchell's injury just made what was already going to be a tough few months even harder.

WHAT WORKED

So much was always made of South Sydney's lethal left edge but it was

the right side of the field where the Rabbitohs found success, at least early in the season when they sat on top of the ladder.

Heading into Round 12, Demetriou's side had the most tries (21) scored down the right flank in the competition - constituting 46 per cent of their four-pointers overall. That number ranked them third in the league compared to the season prior where they had scored just 35 of 120 tries on the right, which was the third-lowest percentage in the competition. Similarly, back in 2021 they had scored just 27 per cent of their tries on the right edge (second-lowest in the league).

All of that is to say that the Rabbitohs found a way to adapt and reinvent their attack, which in turn made the job that much tougher for opposition defences who would have likely spent the summer studying how to stop their left edge. Even by the end of the year as their season slipped away, South Sydney only needed 9.1 tackles inside the opposition 20 before scoring - ranking them fourth-best in the league. That spoke to the efficiency of the Rabbitohs' attack when in prime attacking territory. South Sydney was also the second-best defensive team in the competition before Mitchell's injury.

WHAT DIDN'T

Speaking earlier about South Sydney's effectiveness in attacking territory, one of the biggest problems at times was getting there in the first place.

The Rabbitohs averaged the second-worst completion rate in the league last year while ranking 13th for incomplete sets inside their own half.

That both made it difficult for South Sydney to apply pressure and get more opportunities inside the opposition red zone while also obviously gifting other teams shots at their own try line.

BEST PLAYERS

On a whole it was another impressive season for veteran five-eighth Cody Walker, who put himself back in the State of Origin frame with a standout opening to his 2023 campaign.

Walker's success at club land translated across to the representative arena too as he took home man of the match honours, helping unleash debutant centre Bradman Best while finishing with a try assist and linebreak assist.

Back at South Sydney, the 33-year-old went on to lead the Rabbitohs in try assists for the seventh consecutive season with 24 to go alongside 37 linebreak assists.

Elsewhere, Campbell Graham hit career-high numbers in tries (16) and linebreaks (20) but also continued to establish himself as one of the league's best defensive centres.

Meanwhile, one of the club's more underrated success stories was Shaquai Mitchell, who played just three games in 2022 but emerged as a key impact forward either in a starting role or off the bench.

Mitchell averaged 74 metres per game and while injury disrupted his strong start to the season it was still promising to see his improved workrate and general commitment in defence.

ROOKIES

The Rabbitohs already have enough strike out wide but it looks like they have even more pace to add in the years to come after debuting Tyrone Munro this season.

The young speedster was electric in his few NRL appearances, scoring three tries to go with seven linebreaks, 11 tackle busts and 378 metres.

While very much still a raw prospect, Munro is also 18 years old so it is hardly realistic to expect him to be anywhere close to a complete product at this point anyway.

Having lost Blake Taaffe to the Bulldogs, the Rabbitohs could do with another versatile back to add into the mix.

Although given the way he would turn half opportunities into genuine try-scoring chances, there is a strong possibility Munro could be in line for a starting spot on the wing come round one next year.

Up front, 21-year-old Tallis Duncan looks like a younger clone of star teammate Cameron Murray and showed flashes of his potential in seven first-grade games for South Sydney.

Duncan certainly knows how to hit a hole with pace and power, doing so off the kick-off in South Sydney's tight loss to the Bulldogs earlier in the year as he scored his first NRL try.

The high workrate and involvement is there with Duncan, who averaged 65 metres and 17 tackles from just 29 minutes.

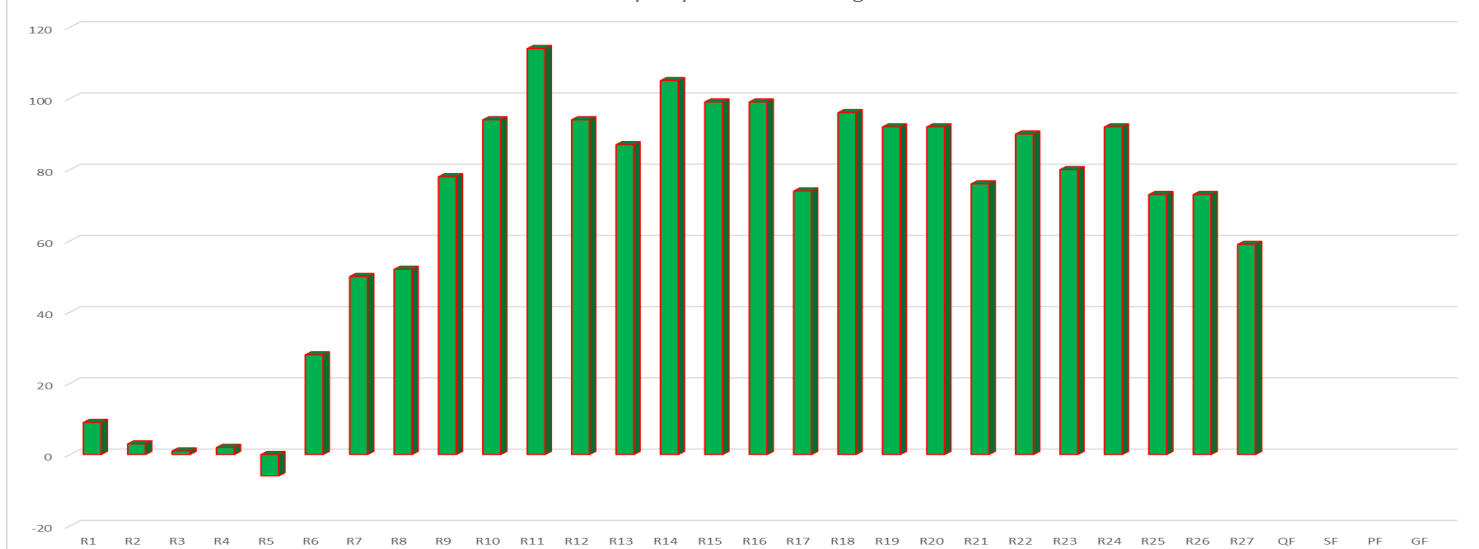
He also looks to have the versatility in his game to either play lock forward, second row or even prop at a pinch - giving coach Demetriou a real selection headache to ponder over the summer.

LOOKING AHEAD

This is still a team that should be pushing the top contenders - at least on paper. Although the biggest question surrounds the development of Ilias and his long-range kicking game in particular.

If that improves and Mitchell can stay on the field longer than he did in 2023, this is a squad that should be pushing not just for the top eight but realistically the top four.

South Sydney Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: SOUTH SYDNEY

POSITION 9TH
COACH JASON DEMETRIOU
CAPTAINS CAMERON MURRAY (21), CODY WALKER (2), THOMAS BURGESS (1), DAMIEN COOK (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 36,263 (VS. SYDNEY IN ROUND 27)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 18,282
TOP POINTSCORER LATRELL MITCHELL (143)
TOP TRYSCORER ALEX JOHNSTON (21)

GEORGE PIGGINS MEDAL (NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR): CAMPBELL GRAHAM
JACK RAYNER PLAYERS' PLAYER: CODY WALKER
JASON CLARK AWARD: ALEX JOHNSTON
JOHN SATTLER ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: TYRONE MUNRO
THE BURROW APPRECIATION AWARD: CAMPBELL GRAHAM
ROY ASOTASI MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD: CAMERON MURRAY

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	27	SEASON STATS							
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ARROW, Jai	B							B	FR	FR	B	B	2R		L					2R	FR	FR	FR	B	9	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 4th	Cronulla	W 27 18	Pointsbet	12,757
2	Mar 9th	Penrith	L 10 16	BlueBet Stadium	16,906
3	Mar 17th	Sydney	L 18 20	Allianz	36,639
4	Mar 25th	Manly	W 13 12	Accor	18,379
5	Mar 31st	Melbourne	L 10 18	Accor	11,239
6	Apr 7th	Canterbury	W 50 16	Accor	35,211
7	Apr 13th	Dolphins	W 36 14	Suncorp	23,280
8	Apr 20th	Penrith	W 20 18	Accor	19,548
9	Apr 28th	Brisbane	W 32 6	Suncorp	40,102
10	May 6th	Melbourne	W 28 12	Suncorp	50,183
11	May 13th	Wests Tigers	W 20 0	Accor	21,013
12	May 19th	Parramatta	L 16 36	Allianz	27,432
13	May 27th	Canberra	L 26 33	Accor	12,382
14	Jun 3rd	Gold Coast	W 46 28	Cbus	18,736

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 10th	St George Illawarra	L 30 36	Netstrata	17,357
16		BYE			
17	Jun 25th	North Queensland	L 6 31	Accor	11,262
18	Jun 30th	Warriors	W 28 6	Go Media	22,612
19	Jul 8th	Canterbury	L 32 36	Accor	16,166
20		BYE			
21	Jul 21st	Brisbane	L 20 36	Sunshine Coast	8,931
22	Jul 28th	Wests Tigers	W 32 18	Scully Park	10,453
23	Aug 5th	Cronulla	L 16 26	Optus Stadium	45,814
24	Aug 12th	St George Illawarra	W 26 14	Barlow Park	8,378
25	Aug 20th	Newcastle	L 10 29	McDonald Jones	29,018
26		BYE			
27	Sep 1st	Sydney	L 12 26	Accor	36,263

SYDNEY ROOSTERS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Riding the waves at Bondi

Season 2023 was expected to be one that saw the side return to being a competition force. With the signing of Brandon Smith and critical depth pieces, it's one that had many high hopes for the boys from Bondi.

Before a ball was kicked, problems arose with Connor Watson getting hurt and not playing a single second, as well as Angus Crichton's well-documented mental health problems. The side was up against the wall from the moment their plane departed for Brisbane.

With that being said, the Roosters embarked on their traditional Round 1 loss, this time more embarrassing than the past, losing to the expansion side from the north in the Dolphins. The Tricolours quickly rebounded to win their next three, before a two game skid saw cracks emerge. Sam Walker was made collateral damage and didn't return after suffering an injury in NSW Cup until Round 26.

This saw a halves combination by-committee with Joey Manu, Sandon Smith and Drew Hutchison taking turns partnering Luke Keary in the halves. This combined with the slump in form from senior players such as James Tedesco and Victor Radley on-top of Brandon Smith's hand injury saw the Chooks as low as 14th with seven weeks to go.

They rallied and somehow, somewhere made the finals (thanks in large part to South Sydney's demise) and gave it a decent showing in the semis before bowing out in controversial circumstances against Melbourne.

TURNING POINT

While everyone will point to the victory over the Titans as the moment the fortunes changed. I am looking at it differently, for the first two months of the year. The defensive structure was absolutely horrific.

The side was far too often collapsing in a heap, completely going away from the Bondi Wall which saw the side win three premierships in seven seasons.

This saw them losing to an inconsistent Cowboys side and the Dragons, following which the Roosters fired Jason Ryles and bring in recently retired club legends Boyd Cordner and Jake Friend join the staff to fix the mess of a defensive structure Ryles left behind. The defence improved seemingly overnight, and the boys enjoyed their football again. It improved quickly, and it was the moment they needed to make the finals.

WHAT WORKED

The return of Brandon Smith back to his best in Round 20 saw the Roosters play a much better brand of attacking football. This saw a return to straight up attack and go-forward which allowed Keary and Hutchison to get the Chooks back to where they wanted to get to in Rounds 23-25.

Also, the trust in fringe players such as Sua Wong, Terrell May, Fletcher Baker, Sandon Smith, Junior Pauga and Naufahu Whyte gave the side a boost, knowing anyone could come in and do their job.

WHAT DIDN'T

Once again, the first half of a season was an absolute mess. This side was too good to be in the position they were with so little time to fix it. Coming off a World Cup and having to rejig the spine for a THIRD consecutive season with so little time was a disaster waiting to happen.

It showed through the first few months as the Roosters were consistently the worst attack in the NRL. Fortunately, it improved towards the end of the year and it will be the same spine in 2024. Roosters fans are praying new assistant Justin Holbrook gets it right.

BEST PLAYERS

There were times this year that the performances of Lindsay Collins were so super-human they seem unrealistic. Last season, a lot of fans were critical of Collins after doing so well at QLD level and then being

mixed at club land. This year saw that QLD form carry into his Roosters performances on a weekly basis with the individual efforts being amazing on a weekly basis.

Also to shine was Billy Smith, the modern day Brett Papworth managed to stay healthy this season and turned in a spectacular year always ranging as one of the Chooks best in every match. Luke Keary played every game and was the victim of the collateral damage around him, but gave 100% every single week and deserves kudos. Terrell May proved his worth, earning a Samoan jumper with a strong end of the season and with JWH's inability to keep his discipline, the starting spot will be his in Round 1 and might be for the remainder of the season.

ROOKIES

The Roosters saw the NRL debut of two players in 2023. Sandon Smith and Sua Wong. Sandon played anywhere and everywhere for the Roosters in what was a troubling year, from hooker to half and even a stint at fullback in the finals when every other option went down... He has a lot of upside and with a strong off-season, could cement that 14 spot.

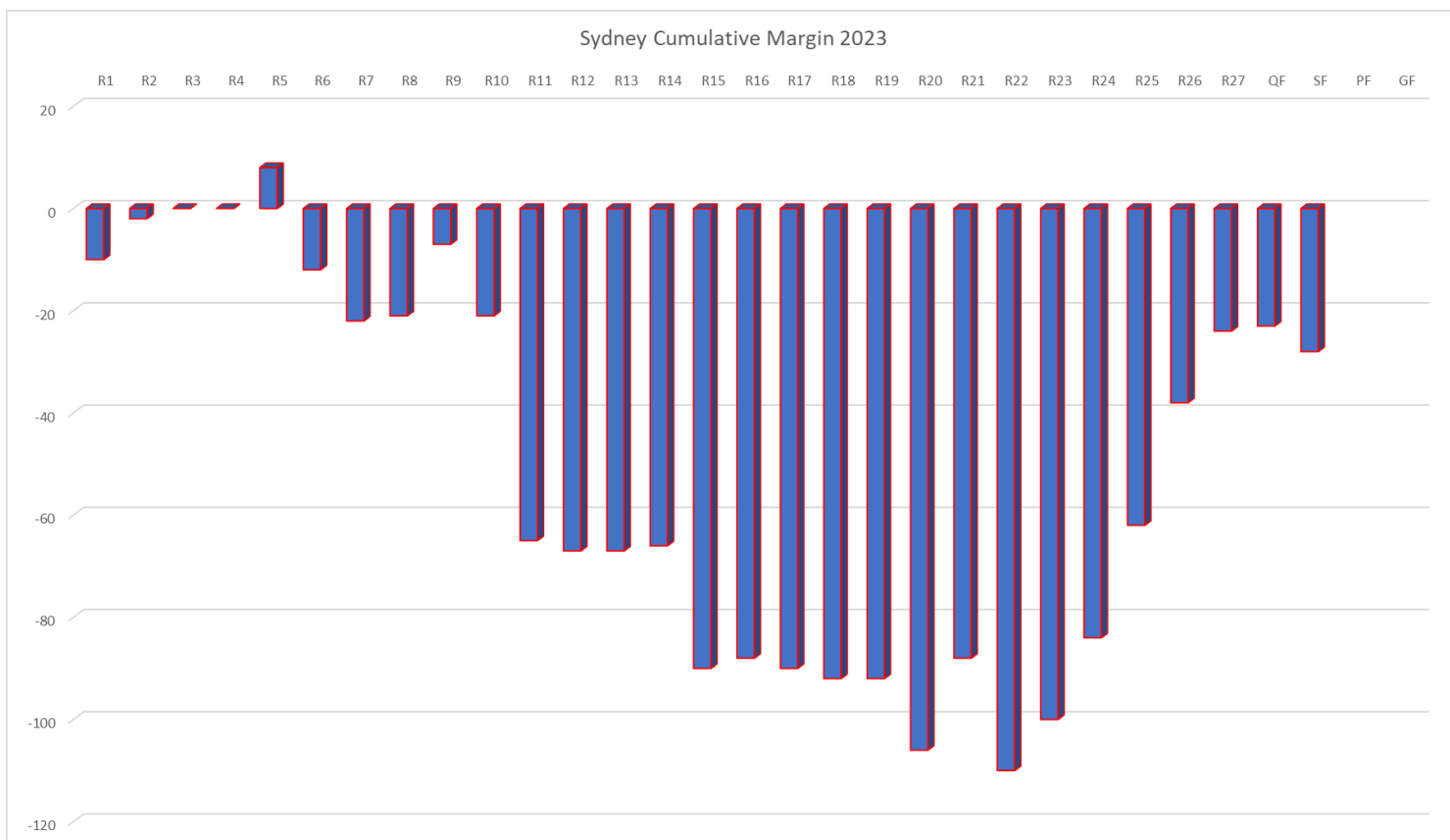
Sua Wong has emerged as the Boyd Cordner replacement the Roosters have been asking for, for years. Wong never disappointed every time he started, first it was out of need. Then with strong performances, he earned the start keeping the likes of Egan Butcher and Angus Crichton on the bench and in the middle. His spot is his to lose in 2024 after this strong run to end the season.

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking at the year ahead, the backline puzzle will be keen to watch. I've opted for Suaalii at centre to start the year with Young on the wing but that could easily change pending circumstances. So watch that battle closely.

They need to start strong in 2024 to avoid the disasters of last season. If they can get the results done, then they definitely have the roster to end the Panthers dynasty.

Sydney Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: SYDNEY

POSITION	6TH
COACH	TRENT ROBINSON
CAPTAINS	JAMES TEDESCO (23), LUKE KEARY (3)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	40,191 (VS. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA IN ROUND 1)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	22,868
TOP POINTSCORER	JOSEPH-AUKUSO SUA'ALI'I (124)
TOP TRYSCORER	JAMES TEDESCO (12)

JACK GIBSON MEDAL: LINDSAY COLLINS

STEGGLES TRY OF THE YEAR: SAM WALKER

MEMBERS PLAYER OF THE YEAR: LINDSAY COLLINS

BARRY VAN HEEREN 'MOCCA' AWARD: RYAN SANSON

ROOSTERS OUR COMMUNITY AWARD: JAMES TEDESCO

CHRIS SYKES JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD: DE LA SALLE VA'A

HARRY PHIPPS RISING STAR AWARD: SIUA WONG

NSW CUP PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD: SIUA WONG

JAMES MATHEWS CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR: LUKE KEARY

Round	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	QG	SF	SEASON STATS								
Opponent	DO	WR	SS	PA	MS	CS	SG	WR	NQ	PE	SG	CB	PE	NK	CR	MW	MS	GC	BB	MW	DO	PA	WT	SS	CS	MS	\$13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	Bin	Off	
ALLAN, Corey				B	B			W	W	W	W	W	C	C									C	C		C	11	2	2	-	-	8	-	-	
BAKER, Fletcher	B	FR	FR	B	B			B		B								B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	3	13	1	-	-	4	-	-	
BROWN, Nathan											B	B	B	B	B	L	L	L	B	B							3	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	
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COLLINS, Lindsay	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	25	-	3	-	-	12	-	-
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LODGE, Matt	FR					B	B	FR	FR	B	FR	B	B														4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
MANU, Joseph		C	C		FB	C	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FB	C	C	FB	C	C	C	C	C	C	FB		C	21	-	8	-	-	32	1	-	
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 5th	Dolphins	L 18 28	Suncorp	32,177
2	Mar 11th	Warriors	W 20 12	Allianz	16,267
3	Mar 17th	South Sydney	W 20 18	Allianz	36,639
4		BYE			
5	Mar 30th	Parramatta	W 28 20	Allianz	20,886
6	Apr 6th	Melbourne	L 8 28	AAMI Park	16,323
7	Apr 14th	Cronulla	L 12 22	Pointsbet	11,489
8	Apr 25th	St George Illawarra	W 27 26	Allianz	40,191
9	Apr 30th	Warriors	W 14 0	Mt Smart	20,395
10	May 7th	North Queensland	L 6 20	Suncorp	46,835
11	May 12th	Penrith	L 4 48	BlueBet Stadium	20,255
12	May 19th	St George Illawarra	L 22 24	Netstrata	9,007
13		BYE			
14	Jun 4th	Canterbury	W 25 24	Industree Group	18,338
15	Jun 10th	Penrith	L 6 30	Allianz	23,610

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
16	Jun 17th	Newcastle	W 18 16	McDonald Jones	21,966
17	Jun 25th	Canberra	L 18 20	Allianz	13,326
18	Jul 2nd	Manly	L 16 18	4 Pines Park	17,385
19		BYE			
20	Jul 15th	Melbourne	L 16 30	SCG	12,021
21	Jul 22nd	Gold Coast	W 36 18	Cbus	15,362
22	Jul 27th	Brisbane	L 10 32	The Gabba	21,841
23	Aug 3rd	Manly	W 26 16	SCG	12,197
24	Aug 12th	Dolphins	W 30 14	Allianz	13,704
25	Aug 18th	Parramatta	W 34 12	CommBank	20,076
26	Aug 26th	Wests Tigers	W 32 8	Allianz	22,511
27	Sep 1st	Souths	W 26 12	Accor	36,263
EQ	Sep 9th	Cronulla	W 13 12	Pointsbet	12,570
SF	Sep 15th	Melbourne	L 13 18	AAMI Park	19,534

WARRIORS

ANDY P

It was the feel-good story of the 2023 NRL season.

The New Zealand Warriors were stuck in Australia for several years due to COVID-19, and finally, the homesick players and coaching staff could get in front of the home fans, but the odds seemed stacked against them. The loss of gun talent Reece Walsh would leave a void. With a rookie coach at the helm and a dismal performance in the last season, the Warriors were rebuilding and would have to endure the hardships that come with that.

But something else happened, and it was amazing to watch. The team of tired players and staff that had arrived back in Auckland came out firing and maintained an impressive consistency that managed to win the hearts and minds of rugby league fans in New Zealand and across the Tasman. The pre-season thrashing dished out to the Wests Tigers was an omen; their round 3 win against the 2022 prelim finalists, North Queensland Cowboys, was to break a 13-game losing streak in Australia.

April's Round 5 gave us the birth of the catch cry of 2023, 'Up the Wahs', which came hot off the excitement of the Warriors coming back from 20 points down against Cronulla at PointsBet Stadium to win 32-20. This may have been where their belief was born. But the belief seemed to trickle over the Tasman, with many Aussies taking Webster's Wahs as their second team for the season.

With 16 wins and 8 losses, the Warriors propelled themselves into 4th on the ladder, winning 10 of their last 12 games. They reached their first preliminary since 2011, but the records and achievements didn't stop there. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak's breakout season saw him get 24 tries to shatter the club's 20-year-old record of 23. Andrew Webster was Dally M Coach of the Year, Shaun Johnson missed Dally M Player of the Year by a whisker, but the honours ran deep in the Warriors ranks. Johnson, Addin Fonua-Blake and Dallin Watene-Zelezniak were all named in the Dally M Team of the Year. Tohu Harris was also a finalist for Prop and Captain of the Year, while Wayde Egan was a finalist for Hooker of the Year. This was a testament to a team that found career-best form, with 12 Warriors players selected across six squads for the end-of-season Internationals.

The team had the belief, but it wasn't enough to beat a near-perfect Brisbane Broncos side in the Preliminary finals; they did so much for the game in New Zealand and a sense of excitement for a team not felt for a while.

TURNING POINT

It was a dark and stormy night at Points Bet Stadium, and the Warriors were down 20, but the players all asked themselves if this was something they could tell their grandkids if they won, and they did. In what must be one of the best full-time interviews, Shaun Johnson pulled no punches

when he mentioned what the team said to themselves at halftime and that everyone watching could see the difference; they were no longer the unknown.

After a patch of back-to-back losses culminating in a 26-22 loss to Brisbane in Napier over the Origin period, the Warriors had to do some soul-searching again. From that round on, they would not lose back-to-back games again for the rest of the regular season.

WHAT WORKED

Shaun Johnson found his career-best form to inspire a team of talented individuals. And Andrew Webster was able to get the lads onboard to the belief that they could make it. A robust forward pack laid a foundation for victory two-thirds of the time the whistle blew game on for the Warriors. Tohu Harris was leading up front, and standing next to him shoulder to shoulder were Addin Fonua-Blake and Wayde Egan. This hard work allowed the halves to send it to their eager outside backs like Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad.

What worked was the team all finding their best form and harmony with everyone else to have the club's best performance since 2011. Webster got them to believe.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The Warriors fans held their breath as Shaun Johnson was ruled out with a calf injury for the first week of the finals. Leading the 2023 NRL competition in try assists, line break involvement and one of the best kicking games, Johnson was crucial to guiding his team, but with the loss to Penrith, it was apparent they missed his leadership and energy. And even though that energy and leadership galvanised the team to beat Newcastle in the next round, it would take a mighty effort to stop the momentum of the Brisbane Broncos - one that was beyond a team that had given so much throughout the year.

A blight in the season came off the field with the wrong kind of attention. CEO of major sponsor One New Zealand, Jason Paris, made comments questioning the referring decisions. Paris felt the Warriors had been dealt a harsh hand in Magic Round with an 18-6 loss to Penrith, almost alluding that a conspiracy was afoot. Paris cooled his jets quickly, and it was a minor blemish to the Warrior's best season in a decade.

DEFINING PLAYERS

With a team like the Warriors firing on all cylinders, we could easily just put the team's list in here now and be done with it. It would be an easy way out, and I think you would all agree, but we do have some notable mentions. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak decided it was time to smash his season try-scoring record and the club's record, going over 20 times in the regular season and ending the full season with 24. Addin Fonua-Blake's rampaging season through the middle saw him top the charts for most post-contact meters. A pillar of consistency AFB was the forward that teams had to consider in their plan of attack against the Warriors. Shaun Johnson's contribution to the team this year has never been doubted. And even though he was pipped at the post by Kalyn Ponga for the Dally M

Medal, he still made the Dally M team of the year. His peers still voted him as The Players Champion for 2023. The Warriors awarded him the Simon Mantering Medal as the club's best player for the year. For the 33-year-old, it was indeed a year to remember.

There may have been one more worthy of a mention, and that was the collective force of the Warriors fan base. With the highest average attendance since their inaugural 1995 campaign, the support did not go unnoticed by the playing group. Coach Webster praised the fans' impact and how integral they were in the run to the finals.

ROOKIES

Taine Tuapiki was given the mantle of rookie of the year for the Auckland-based team. Tuapiki gave us a glimpse of what he could do as part of the 48-12 thumping of Wests Tigers in an NRL trial. Round 3 was his first-grade debut, which was one to remember. The Warriors took down 2022 preliminary finalists North Queensland 26-12, on their Townsville home ground no less. We must mention a particular rookie, coach Andrew Webster, who won his rookie season as Head Coach, taking what people would see as a team of misfits and turning them into one of the more respected teams of the 2023 NRL competition.

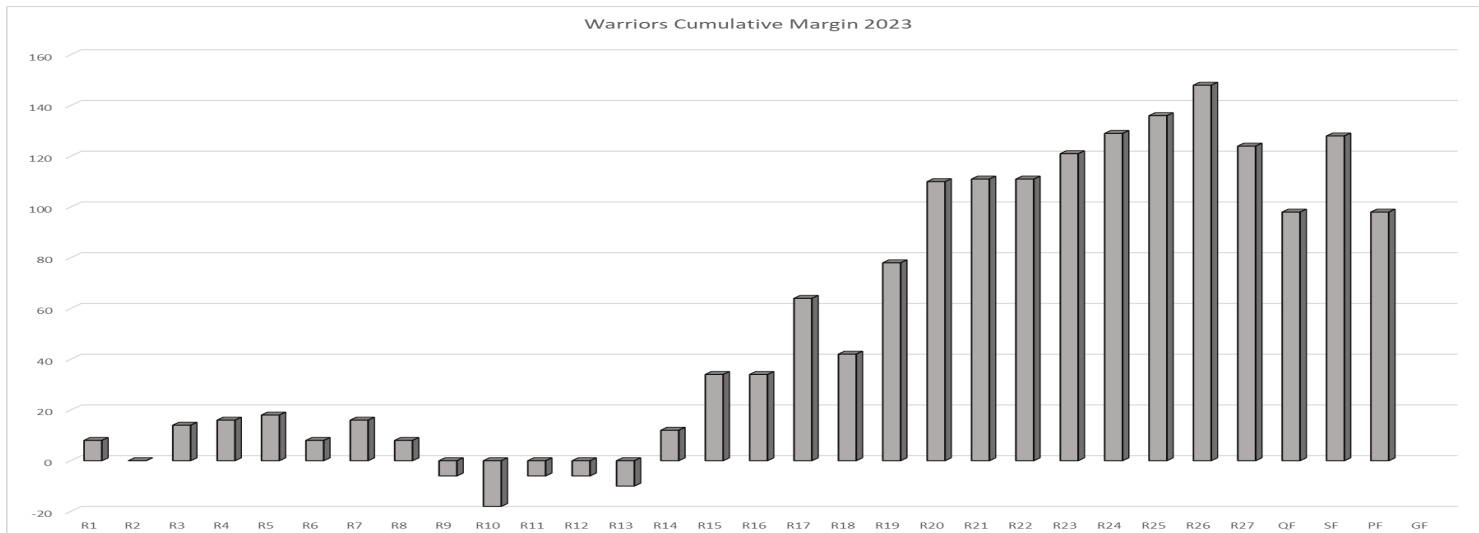
LOOKING AHEAD

It is primarily good news for the team and fans. Hot off the back of his Dally M achievement, Andrew Webster's contract as coach was extended by three years to the end of the 2028 season. The contract extensions didn't stop there, with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak inking in one more year with the New Zealand outfit, which will see him and his fabulous locks of hair at the club till the end of 2025. Chanel Harris-Tavita and one of the Warriors' favourite sons, Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, will come back into the club. This may raise a few eyebrows for the fans and some problems with selection after the scintillating form Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad showed, but it's a good problem to have.

Some more prominent names to depart the New Zealand team include Bailey Sironen, Villiami Vailea and Josh Curran. After five seasons, Curran was off contract at the end of 2024. The club gave Curran the option to leave if he found something, and he will cross paths with his teams wearing Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs colours in 2024. The only bad news may have been the situation with star forward Addin Fonua-Blake, who had requested a release from the club for compassionate reasons. With this news, it didn't take long for other clubs to send out feelers, as would be expected. Both parties came to an agreement at the 11th hour, and the class forward will run one more year for the Warriors at this stage.

The only other point of interest for this team will be the ANZAC Day match to be played in New Zealand. Being part of the ANZAC Day schedule since 2009, the Warriors have failed to win the prestigious clash against Melbourne since 2014. In 2024, the Warriors will host the Gold Coast at home to kick off ANZAC Round, their first local match on April 25 since 2015.

Warriors Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WARRIORS

POSITION 4TH, PRELIMINARY FINALISTS
COACH ANDREW WEBSTER
CAPTAINS TOHU HARRIS (23), WAYDE EGAN (3), DYLAN WALKER (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 25,095 (VS. ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA IN ROUND 26)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 22,368
TOP POINTSCORER SHAUN JOHNSON (176)
TOP TRYSCORER DALLIN WATENE-ZELEZNIAK (27)

SIMON MANNERING MEDAL | SHAUN JOHNSON
ONE NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS PEOPLE'S CHOICE | SHAUN JOHNSON
NRL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR | TAINE TUAUPIKI
NRL CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR | CHARNZE NICOLL-KLOKSTAD
NRL PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR | SHAUN JOHNSON

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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 3rd	Newcastle	W 20 12	Sky Stadium	16,676
2	Mar 11th	Sydney	L 12 20	Allianz	16,267
3	Mar 18th	North Queensland	W 26 12	QLD Country Bank	17,818
4	Mar 26th	Canterbury	W 16 14	Mt Smart	18,595
5	Apr 2nd	Cronulla	W 32 30	Pointsbet	10,878
6	Apr 9th	Newcastle	L 24 34	McDonald Jones	18,007
7	Apr 15th	North Queensland	W 22 14	Mt Smart	23,695
8	Apr 25th	Melbourne	L 22 30	AAMI Park	23,469
9	Apr 30th	Sydney	L 0 14	Mt Smart	20,395
10	May 6th	Penrith	L 6 18	Suncorp	50,183
11	May 12th	Canterbury	W 24 12	Accor	14,294
12		BYE			
13	May 27th	Brisbane	L 22 26	McLean Park	16,195
14	Jun 3rd	Dolphins	W 30 8	Go Media	23,686
15	Jun 9th	Canberra	W 36 14	GIO Stadium	21,082

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
16		BYE			
17	Jun 23rd	St George Illawarra	W 48 18	WIN Stadium	9,275
18	Jun 30th	South Sydney	L 6 28	Go Media	22,612
19	Jul 8th	Parramatta	W 46 10	CommBank	21,696
20	Jul 16th	Cronulla	W 44 12	Go Media	24,012
21	Jul 21st	Canberra	W 21 20	Go Media	19,112
22		BYE			
23	Aug 4th	Gold Coast	W 28 18	Cbus	20,877
24	Aug 12th	Wests Tigers	W 30 22	FMG Stadium	25,118
25	Aug 18th	Manly	W 29 22	Daniel Anderson	24,112
26	Aug 25th	St George Illawarra	W 18 6	Go Media	25,095
27	Sep 2nd	Dolphins	L 10 34	Suncorp	35,438
QF	Sep 9th	Penrith	L 6 32	BlueBet Stadium	21,525
SF	Sep 16th	Newcastle	W 40 10	Go Media	26,083
PF	Sep 23rd	Brisbane	L 12 42	Suncorp	52,273

WESTS TIGERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

The Wests Tigers came into the 2023 season having finally picked up the wooden spoon that they'd been destined to collect for several seasons, on the back a miserable 2022 campaign which saw them axe yet another coach, replaced by yet another interim coach. By the end of 2022 the coach-toll was at 8 in the 2012-22 period.

Tigers coaching director Tim Sheens, in a surprise to nobody, decided he would be the best person to move this club forward and - also in a surprise to nobody - wasn't. Sheens decided during the year that he would not continue beyond 2023 and that his replacement would be someone who has never coached in his life previously - assistant coach Benji Marshall.

And so by the end of the 2023 season, the Wests Tigers became the second club, behind the Wests Magpies of 1987-88, to fall further down the ladder after winning a wooden spoon the previous year (thanks, Dolphins).

The Tigers ended the year with the same win-loss record as they did in 2022: 4 wins and 20 losses. On the upside, their attack scored 1.38 more points per game and conceded 0.17 less points per game in 2023 than in 2022 - so there's that.

They go into 2024 without knowing who their halves combination will be for Round 1, and with depth issues across the park.

If it all sounds like a chaotic miserable mess, it isn't. It's worse.

This year, they started the season with seven straight losses, but it was only their Round 5 loss to Brisbane by 46-12 that was really poor out of that list. The other six were all by a margin of 12 points or less. Then it got exciting, albeit briefly.

After a Round 7 bye, they recorded three wins from their next four games - against Penrith (Round 9), Dragons (Round 10) and then on Luke Brooks' 200th NRL game, a 66-18 demolition of the Cowboys, followed by the bye. It was a run that saw the Tigers rack up 10 competition points in 7 weeks, moving them from last to third last and two wins away from the 8th-placed Warriors (or in more typical Tigers form from past years, two wins from the 9th placed Titans).

But then the Tigers lost 10 straight, including a 74-0 shellacking in a return of favour from the Cowboys, before snapping the streak by recording a 1-point win over the Dolphins in Round 25. The year ended with yet another heavy loss to the Roosters 32-8, and a 54-12 loss to Manly, cementing them in last place.

TURNING POINT

Hiring Tim Sheens in 2022. Nothing improved, no structures changed, no genuine roster improvements were made - and in the end, he dug a hole under the sunken ship and then handed it over to a rookie coach.

Everything about his return has been an absolute mess and has made things worse for everyone involved.

WHAT WORKED

The first half of the season they looked to be marginally better defensively.

Aside from that, Api Koroisau managed to have another great season despite everything that was going on, or not going on, around him.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The constant changes to the spine. In 2023 they used 4 different fullbacks, 5 different five-eighths, 4 different halfbacks and 2 different hookers.

David Klemmer was the only player to appear in every game for the year, while half of their squad played 14 games or less. The constant changes made it impossible for the attack to have any cohesion, while their frail defence had no chance to improve.

BEST PLAYERS

Koroisau was clearly their best player, with the star rake splitting his time in attack between halfback and hooker at the back-end of the season, not too dissimilar to what former club great Robbie Farah used to have to do.

Starford To'a was also solid throughout the year, topping the club's tryscoring list with seven, while rookie Jahream Bula was a great find, making the fullback spot his own.

ROOKIES

Jahream Bula was the absolute standout, finishing the season being nominated for Dally M Rookie of the Year. He looks right at home in the custodian role, is good fielding kicks, has a great kick return and is developing a nice passing game too. He will only go from strength to strength.

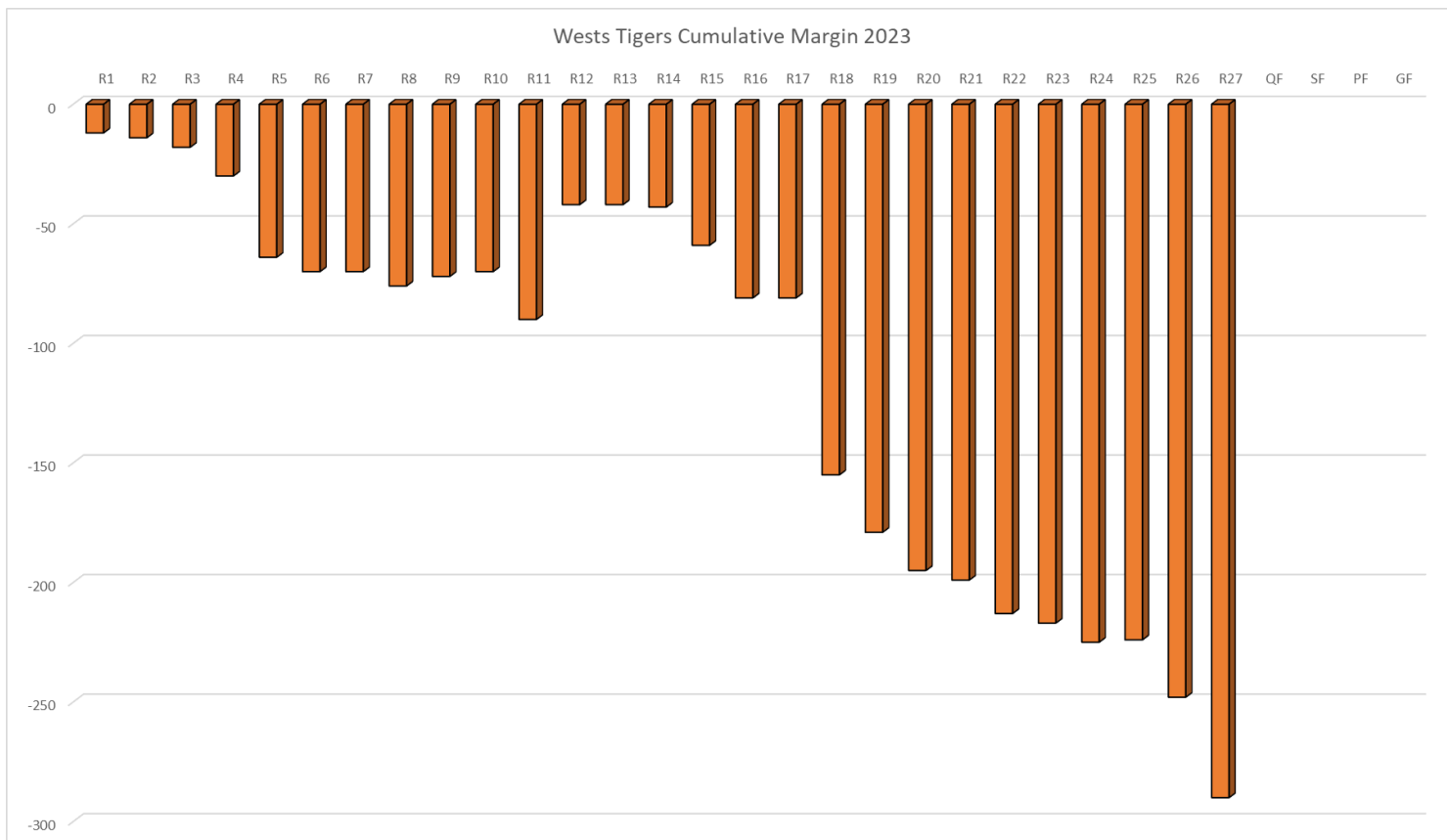
Tallyn Da Silva is just 18 and played 5 games off the bench and looks to be the Tigers long-term hooker, but in the meantime, he is going to benefit immensely under the tutelage of both Koroisau and assistant coach Robbie Farah.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Tigers recruitment has been disappointingly quiet, given their shortcomings and losses moving forward. Currently, they have Api Saukuru, Brandon Wakeham and Charlie Staines off-contract and next year will have 7 more players off-contract. They have little depth in all 4 spine roles, as well in the three-quarter line. Their defensive structures and systems are non-existent and need immense work and should almost be their entire focus during the off-season.

It's hard to see the Tigers improving by enough to get themselves away from the wooden spoon for a third consecutive season, especially with an unknown entity as a coach, boardroom discontent and an inability to attract elite players. They will be playing more games at Campbelltown and Leichhardt in 2024 which is one of the very very few good decisions this club has made in the last decade.

Wests Tigers Cumulative Margin 2023



2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WESTS TIGERS

POSITION 17TH
COACH TIM SHEENS
CAPTAINS API KOROISAU (21 GAMES), JOHN BATEMAN (3 GAMES)
TOP POINTSCORER BRANDON WAKEHAM (62)
TOP TRYSCORER STARFORD TO'A (7)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD 11,042
BIGGEST HOME CROWD 14,667 V TITANS, ROUND 1, LEICHHARDT OVAL

KELLY-BARNES MEDAL – JAHREAM BULA
NRL PLAYERS' PLAYER – JAHREAM BULA
NRL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR – JAHREAM BULA
WAYNE PEARCE COMMUNITY AWARD – BRENT NADEN
WESTS TIGERS CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR – JOHN SKANDALIS

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS								
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RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
1	Mar 5th	Gold Coast	L 10 22	Leichhardt	14,667
2	Mar 12th	Newcastle	L 12 14	Leichhardt	13,214
3	Mar 19th	Canterbury	L 22 26	Belmore	16,404
4	Mar 24th	Melbourne	L 12 24	AAMI Park	11,669
5	Apr 1st	Brisbane	L 12 46	Suncorp	27,553
6	Apr 10th	Parramatta	L 22 28	Accor	28,611
7		BYE			
8	Apr 23rd	Manly	L 16 22	Campbelltown	10,033
9	Apr 29th	Penrith	W 12 8	Carrington	11,055
10	May 7th	St George Illawarra	W 18 16	Suncorp	46,835
11	May 13th	South Sydney	L 0 20	Accor	21,013
12	May 20th	North Queensland	W 66 18	Leichhardt	12,247
13		BYE			
14	Jun 2nd	Canberra	L 19 20	Campbelltown	11,201

RND	DATE	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
15	Jun 8th	Gold Coast	L 12 28	Cbus	10,232
16	Jun 17th	Melbourne	L 6 28	Campbelltown	8,517
17		BYE			
18	Jul 1st	North Queensland	L 0 74	QLD Country Bank	20,535
19	Jul 6th	Cronulla	L 12 36	CommBank	9,215
20	Jul 14th	Newcastle	L 18 34	McDonald Jones	18,470
21	Jul 20th	St George Illawarra	L 14 18	WIN Stadium	7,246
22	Jul 28th	South Sydney	L 18 32	Scully Park	10,453
23	Aug 6th	Canberra	L 18 22	GIO Stadium	12,841
24	Aug 12th	Warriors	L 22 30	FMG Stadium	25,118
25	Aug 19th	Dolphins	W 24 23	CommBank	9,245
26	Aug 26th	Sydney	L 8 32	Allianz	22,511
27	Sep 1st	Manly	L 12 54	4 Pines Park	16,503

NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP 2023

ROUND 1

Gold Coast (W) 16 (Z. Canfield, D. Mino-Sinapati, E. Pelite tries; L. Brown, C. Kiria-Ratu goals) defeated North QLD (W) 6 (E. Manzelmann try; K. Dibb goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 12:50 PM. Halftime: North QLD (W) 6-4. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 7,926.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Mino-Sinapati, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Fuimaono, Kiria-Ratu; Mato, Brown, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Breayley-Nati, Hancock, Clarke, Phillips. North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Polata, Peters, Long, Middleton; Blackwell, Dibb (C); Mooka, Manzelmann, Raftstrand-Smith, Power, Chester, Weale. Int: Harden, Koroi, Ngatupuna, Naikore, Faifua.

ROUND 2

Gold Coast (W) 17 (E. Bass, J. Elliston, E. Pelite tries; L. Brown, C. Kiria-Ratu goals; L. Brown field goal) defeated Brisbane (W) 16 (G. Broughton, L. Dam, H. Maddick tries; A. Briggingshaw 2 goals) at Brisbane Cricket Ground.

Date: Thu, 27th July. Kickoff: 5:40 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 7,279.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Dam, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Fogavini; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Eales, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Lenarduzzi, Ferguson, Clark, Gould.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Mino-Sinapati, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Kiria-Ratu, Lofipo; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Jorgensen, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Brown, Hancock, Phillips, Perese.

ROUND 3

Sydney (W) 30 (I. Kelly 2, T. Aiken, J. Fressard, B. Parker, O. Pule tries; J. Kelleher 3 goals) defeated St George Illa (W) 0 at Sydney Cricket Ground.

Date: Thu, 3rd August. Kickoff: 5:40 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 12-0. Penalties: Sydney (W) 9-7. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 4,201.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Fotu-Moala, Pasikala, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Hamilton, Kiriwi, Pule.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Browne, Law, Te Pou; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Cowan, Murdoch-Masila, Sautia, Lendill, Tauaneai. Int: Clancy, Koster, McGrath-West, Weatherall.

Newcastle (W) 32 (Y. Clydsdale, T. Predebon, A. Roache, K. Romaniuk, J. Southwell, J. Strange tries; J. Southwell 4 goals) defeated St George Illa (W) 16 (T. Berry 2, T. Nathan-Wong tries; J. Bright, T. Nathan-Wong goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 18-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 5-4. Referee: Darian Furner. Crowd: 8,109.

Newcastle (W): Upton (C), Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Moran, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Butler, Johnston, Clydsdale, Jones. Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Karpani, Tinao, Leati. St George Illa (W): Berry, Mapusua, Browne, Law, Lendill; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Targett, McGrath-West, Sautia, Murdoch-Masila, Tauaneai. Int: Hopkins, Koster, Bright, Weatherall, Clancy.

Canberra (W) 24 (G. Kemp, C. Robins-Reti, M. Soliola, S. Taufa tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) defeated Sydney (W) 14 (T. Aiken, K. Davis, B. Parker tries; J. Kelleher goal) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 6-0. Penalties: Sydney (W) 6-4. Referee: Cameron Paddy. Crowd: 8,034.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Reinke.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Fressard, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Hopoate, Kiriwi, Fotu-Moala.

Brisbane (W) 40 (M. Hufanga 4, A. Briggingshaw, L. Dam, T. Gray, T. Hunt tries; A. Briggingshaw 4 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 12 (S. Long, A. Ngatupuna tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 12:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 18-12. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 7-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave. Crowd: 22,659.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Naikore, Peters, Long, Stephens-Daly; Blackwell, Dibb (C); Polata, Manzelmann, Raftstrand-Smith, Power, Chester, Weale. Int: Harden (C), Koroi, Mooka, Ngatupuna.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Dam, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Hunt; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Hanisi, Lenarduzzi, Fogavini.

Sydney (W) 36 (C. Baxter 2, J. Sergis 2, M. Elliott, K. Joseph, J. Morris tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated Brisbane (W) 18 (T. Gray 2, A. Briggingshaw tries; A. Briggingshaw 3 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 22-18. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 2,832.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Lenarduzzi, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Hanisi, Dam, Eales, Fogavini. Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Hill-Moana, Hall, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Hopoate, Pule, Morris, Fotu-Moala.

St George Illa (W) 38 (T. Berry 2, C. Te Pou 2, M. Vella 2, R. Murdoch-Masila, T. Nathan-Wong tries; T. Nathan-Wong 3 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 12 (M. Donovan, M. Murphy, C. Tohi-Hiku tries) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 20-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 5,872.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Browne, Law, Te Pou; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Targett, Murdoch-Masila, Sautia, Lendill, Tauaneai. Int: Cowan, Koster, McGrath-West, Weatherall.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Murphy, Tohi-Hiku, Donovan; Berryman-Duff, Beckett; Quinn, Cherrington, Kennard, Mafi, Stowers, Cherrington (C). Int: Jones, Paekau, Davis-Welsh, Muru.

Gold Coast (W) 10 (S. Bent, H. Maunsell tries; L. Brown goal) defeated Cronulla (W) 8 (A. Robinson, K. Takairangi tries) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 8-0. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Darian Furner. Crowd: 3,021.

Cronulla (W): Robinson, Takairangi, Penitani (C), Biddle, Staples; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Saunders, Holmes, Foliaki, Anderson. Int: Naitokatoka, Jahnke, Dymock, Wheeler. Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Mino-Sinapati, Maunsell, Williams-Guthrie, Brown; Kiria-Ratu, Lofipo; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Brown, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese.

West's Tigers (W) 36 (L. Tufuga 2, J. Whitfield 2, R. Horne, S. Togatuki, B. Vette-Welsh tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 4 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 8 (Z. Fay 2 tries) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 8-4. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 2,095.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Murphy, Stowers, Tohi-Hiku; Berryman-Duff, Fonua; Jones, Cherrington, Kennard, Mafi, Quinn, Cherrington (C). Int: Paekau, Muru, Donovan, Simon.

West's Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz; Piliae-Rasabale, Curtain; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps, Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Lutu, Osborne, Vaki, Pollard.

North QLD (W) 31 (V. Naikore 2, B. Chester, J. Faifua, S. Mooka, J. Peters tries; K. Dibb 3 goals; K. Dibb field goal) defeated Newcastle (W) 20 (S. Gallagher 2, R. Butler, S. Parker tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: North QLD (W) 12-10. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 9-5. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 1,584.

Newcastle (W): Upton (C), Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Moran, Southwell; Karpani, Higgins, Butler, Johnston, Clydsdale, Romaniuk. Int: Predebon, Maynard, Davison, Tinao.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Polata, Peters, Long, Naikore; Blackwell, Dibb (C); Weale, Manzelmann, Faifua, Power, Chester, Raftstrand-Smith. Int: Harden, Koroi, Mooka, Ngatupuna.

Newcastle (W) 38 (Y. Clydsdale, S. Gallagher, O. Higgins, T. Predebon, A. Roache, K. Romaniuk, T. Upton tries; J. Southwell 5 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 4 (K. Cherrington try) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 12:03 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 18-4. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 7-6. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 23,596.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Hunt, Tohi-Hiku, Donovan; Berryman-Duff, Beckett; Quinn, Cherrington, Jones, Mafi, Murphy, Cherrington (C). Int: Kennard, Paekau, Simon, Clark.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Karpani, Higgins, Butler, Johnston, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Jones, Predebon.

Cronulla (W) 28 (Q. Dodd 2, V. Foliaki, E. Johnston, T. Penitani, E. Tonegato tries; T. Preston 2 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 14 (M. Bartlett 2, E. Barnes tries; Z. Temara goal) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 14-4. Penalties: Canberra (W) 8-6. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 10,634.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Biddle, Penitani (C), Takairangi, Robinson; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Butler, Holmes, Foliaki, Anderson. Int: Naitokatoka, Byers, Tupou-Witchman, Saunders.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Reinke, Ingram

West's Tigers (W) 10 (K. Apps, J. Whitfield tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale goal) defeated Cronulla (W) 0 at Belmore Sports Ground. Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: West's Tigers (W) 10-0. Penalties: West's Tigers (W) 8-7. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 2,196.

West's Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz; Piliae-Rasabale, Curtain; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps, Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Lutu, Osborne, Vaki.

Cronulla (W): Robinson, Biddle, Penitani (C), Takairangi, Staples; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Butler, Holmes, Foliaki, Anderson. Int: Naitokatoka, Dymock, Saunders, Tupou-Witchman

Canberra (W) 28 (H. Dodd, A. Quinlan, C. Robins-Reti, M. Soliola, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) defeated West's Tigers (W) 22 (L. Tufuga 3, K. Apps tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2, E. Curtain goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: West's Tigers (W) 8-7. Referee: Damian Brady. Crowd: 7,140.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Reinke.

West's Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz; Piliae-Rasabale, Curtain; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps, Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Lutu, Osborne, Kennedy.

ROUND 4

Canberra (W) 19 (S. Taufua, C. Temara, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 3 goals; Z. Temara field goal) defeated St George Illa (W) 18 (T. Berry, B. Law, M. Vella tries; R. McGregor 3 goals) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 11:05 AM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 18-6. Penalties: Canberra (W) 7-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 1,521.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Browne, Law, Lendill; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Weatherall, Targett, Tauaneai, Sautia, Bright, Cowan. Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Hopkins, Riordan, Murdoch-Masila.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Dummett, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Matua, Dodd, Taufua. Int: Soliola, Kemp, Reinke, Ravu.

ROUND 5

Cronulla (W) 40 (B. Anderson, Q. Dodd, E. Johnston, S. Naitokatoka, G. Ravics, J. Taylor, E. Tonegato tries; T. Preston 6 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 12 (E. Manzelmann, J. Peters tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 11:05 AM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 24-6. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 8-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,878.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Polata, Peters, Middleton, Stephens-Daly; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Koroi, Ngatupuna, Power, Chester, Weale. Int: Manzelmann, Raftstrand-Smith, Mooka, Reeves.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Biddle, Robinson; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Foliaki, Saunders. Int: Naitokatoka, Butler, Anderson, Dymock.

ROUND 6

Parramatta (W) 16 (K. Hunt 2, M. Murphy tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 12 (T. Raftstrand-Smith, L. Surha tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 11:05 AM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 10-0. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 11-5. Referee: Cameron Paddy. Crowd: 520.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Tui, Tohi-Hiku, Hunt; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Amiatu, Mafi, Murphy, Fonua. Int: Kapua, Davis-Welsh, Kennard, Jones.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Naikore, Peters, Long, Blackwell; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Manzelmann, Polata, Chester, Surha, Raftstrand-Smith. Int: Weale, Faifua, Reeves, Mooka.

North QLD (W) 16 (J. Peters, C. Polata, M. Weale tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 12 (K. Apps, J. Lenaz tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 12:50 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers (W) 10-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 7-5. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 1,173.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Polata, Peters, Middleton, Stephens-Daly; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Manzelmann, Ngatupuna, Power, Long, Weale. Int: Koroi, Naikore, Banu, Reeves.

Wests Tigers (W): Piliae-Rasabale, Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz, Pollard, Curtain; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps (C), Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Gobran, Osborne, Kennedy.

St George Illa (W) 20 (Z. Hopkins, E. Koster, B. Law, M. Vella tries; J. Bright, R. McGregor goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 16 (K. Apps, R. Horne, E. Prior tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 12:50 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers (W) 16-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 7-6. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 3,652.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz; Piliae-Rasabale, Curtain; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps, Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Osborne, Nour, Kennedy.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Browne, Law, Lendill; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Riordan, Clancy, McGrath-West, Koster, Bright, Tauaneai. Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Hopkins, Amone, Carlile.

Gold Coast (W) 23 (J. Chapman 2, K. Brown, J. Elliston, E. Pelite tries; L. Brown goal; L. Brown field goal) defeated St George Illa (W) 22 (T. Berry 4 tries; R. McGregor 2, J. Bright goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 1:15 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 14-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,312.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Browne, Amone, Lendill; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Riordan, Clancy, McGrath-West, Koster, Bright, Tauaneai. Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Hopkins, Cowan, Murdoch-Masila.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Phillips, Buller.

Brisbane (W) 22 (M. Hufanga, C. Lenarduzzi, M. Storch, A. Werner tries; A. Brigginsshaw 3 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 12 (R. Cherrington, M. Donovan tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-6. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 1,811.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Dam, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Griffin, Brigginsshaw (C); Eales, Gould, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Hanisi, Lenarduzzi, Fogavini.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Hunt, Tohi-Hiku, Donovan; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Albert, Mafi, Murphy, Jones. Int: Paekau, Muru, Simon, Amiatu.

Sydney (W) 30 (T. Aiken, C. Baxter, J. Fressard, B. Parker, O. Pule, J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher 3 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 8 (D. Mino-Sinapati, N. Williams-Guthrie tries) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 16-4. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-3. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 6,943.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Mino-Sinapati, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Kiria-Ratu, Lofipo; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Brown, Hancock, Maunsell, Clarke.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Fotu-Moala, Pasikala, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Hamilton, Pule, Hill-Moana.

Sydney (W) 48 (M. Wood 3, C. Baxter, M. Elliott, J. Kelleher, I. Kelly, B. Parker, A. Pasikala, J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 10 (R. Horne, S. Togatuki tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale goal) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 28-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 6-4. Referee: Mitchell Currie. Crowd: 8,161.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Wood; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Fotu-Moala, Hopoate, Pasikala. Wests Tigers (W): Staines, Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Lenaz; Piliae-Rasabale, Vette-Welsh (C); Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps, Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Gobran, Kennedy, Pollard.

Sydney (W) 36 (J. Fressard 3, C. Baxter, I. Kelly, O. Kernick, J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated Cronulla (W) 12 (K. Takairangi, H. Wheeler tries; T. Preston 2 goals) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 12:03 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 12-10. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,920.

Cronulla (W): Tonegato, Takairangi, Penitani (C), Biddle, Robinson; Studdon, Preston; Johnston, Anderson, Wheeler, Holmes, Foliaki, Saunders. Int: Dodd, Naitokatoka, Butler, Dymock.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Fressard; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Fotu-Moala, Pasikala, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Burton, Hamilton, Pule, Hopoate.

Newcastle (W) 22 (S. Parker 2, S. Gallagher, J. Strange tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) defeated Brisbane (W) 20 (A. Brigginsshaw, L. Dam, M. Hufanga, A. Werner tries; A. Brigginsshaw 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 12:03 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-4. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Darian Furner. Crowd: 17,043.

Newcastle (W): Upton (C), Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Kia, Higgins, Butler, Johnston, Clydsdale, Romaniuk. Int: Karpani, Maynard, Jones, Predebon.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Dam, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Broughton, Brigginsshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Eales, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Hanisi, Lenarduzzi, Hunt.

Brisbane (W) 40 (L. Dam 2, M. Hufanga 2, A. Brigginsshaw, G. Broughton, S. Ciesiolka, J. Robinson tries; A. Brigginsshaw 4 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 8 (J. Gentle, C. Robins-Reti tries) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 12:03 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-8. Penalties: Canberra (W) 5-4. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 1,692.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Dam; Broughton, Brigginsshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Gould, Lafaele, Lenarduzzi, Fogavini.

Canberra (W): Tungai, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Gentle; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kemp, Temara, Holyman, Matua, Dodd, Taufua. Int: Ingram, Reinke, Lio, Ryan.

Newcastle (W) 22 (A. Roache 2, O. Higgins, T. Upton tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 10 (E. Bass, S. Lofipo tries; L. Brown goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 16-4. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 7-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 12,889.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Karpani, Higgins, Butler, Kia, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Jones, Predebon.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Kiria-Ratu, Lofipo; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Brown, Hancock, Jorgensen, Clarke.

Canberra (W) 28 (M. Bartlett, A. Dummett, S. Holyman, C. Robins-Reti, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 22 (A. Church, K. Hunt, A. Mafi, C. Tohi-Hiku tries; R. Pearson 3 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 18-6. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 6-5. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 7,185.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Dummett, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Smith, Soliola, Taufua. Int: Ravu, Kemp, Matua, Ingram.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Hunt, Tohi-Hiku, Donovan; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Jones, Mafi, Murphy, Amiatu. Int: Paekau, Muru, Todhunter, Kennard.

Newcastle (W) 22 (S. Parker 2, Y. Clydsdale, T. Predebon tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) defeated Cronulla (W) 14 (E. Johnston, G. Ravics, C. Saunders tries; T. Preston goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 16-0. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 6-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 19,519.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Romaniuk, Maynard, Kia, Tinao.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Biddle, Robinson; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Saunders, Holmes, Foliaki, Wheeler. Int: Naitokatoka, Butler, Anderson, Dymock.

ROUND 7

Newcastle (W) 20 (S. Gallagher, G. Roche, J. Southwell tries; J. Southwell 4 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 12 (M. Bartlett 2 tries; Z. Temara 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 11:05 AM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 10-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 1,962.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Taufa, Temara, Holyman, Smith, Soliola, Dodd. Int: Kemp, Matua, Lio, Gentle.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Davison, Tinao.

ROUND 8

Cronulla (W) 16 (B. Anderson, T. Penitani, C. Staples tries; T. Preston 2 goals) defeated St George Illa (W) 8 (T. Nathan-Wong, C. Te Pou tries) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Thu, 7th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 6-4. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 7-4. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 1,630.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Biddle, Staples; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Anderson, Dymock, Holmes, Foliaki, Wheeler. Int: Dodd, Naitokatoka, Butler, Saunders.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Te Pou, Lendill, Riordan, Vella; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Murdoch-Masila, Targett, McGrath-West, Mulhall, Koster, Bright. Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Hopkins, Weatherall.

ROUND 9

Newcastle (W) 28 (A. Roache 2, V. Clydsdale, S. Gallagher, O. Higgins tries; S. Gallagher 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 8 (R. Horne, R. Pollard tries) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Thu, 14th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers (W) 8-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 1,733.

Wests Tigers (W): Piliae-Rasabale, Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Pollard; Curtain, Talatana; Vaki, Curtain, Pio (C), Osborne, Tevaga, George. Int: Gobran, Patu, Kennedy, Nour.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Moran, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Carter, Romaniuk, Davison.

Brisbane (W) 32 (G. Broughton 2, D. Brill, H. Maddick, A. Nu'uausala, J. Robinson tries; A. Briggingshaw 4 goals) defeated Cronulla (W) 28 (E. Johnston, S. Naitokatoka, G. Ravics, J. Taylor, E. Tonegato tries; T. Preston 4 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 12:50 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 16-10. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 8-2. Referee: Nick Pelgrave. Crowd: 1,478.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Lafaele, Lenarduzzi, Dam.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Staples, Takairangi; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Dymock, Holmes, Foliaki, Wheeler. Int: Saunders, Naitokatoka, Butler, Anderson.

Brisbane (W) 22 (D. Brill, S. Ciesiolka, B. Clark, C. Lenarduzzi tries; A. Briggingshaw 3 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 18 (K. Apps, S. Nour, J. Whitfield tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 6-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 11-2. Referee: Darian Furner. Crowd: 3,634.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh, Whitfield, Horne, Tufuga, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Talatana; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Apps (C), Siilata, George. Int: Curtain, Patu, Kennedy, Nour, Bennetts.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Griffin, Briggingshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Ferguson, Lafaele, Lenarduzzi, Dam.

Sydney (W) 40 (T. Aiken 2, C. Baxter, J. Fressard, J. Kelleher, I. Kelly, O. Pule tries; J. Kelleher 6 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 16 (B. Chester, K. Dibb, J. Faifua tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 18-10. Penalties: Sydney (W) 4-3. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 632.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Fressard, Kelly (C), Bentley; Aiken, Kelleher; Hill-Moana, Morris, Fotu-Moala, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Scutt, Hamilton, Hopoate, Wood.

North QLD (W): Faifua, Middleton, Peters, Long, Blackwell; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Manzelmann, Ngatupuna, Chester, Peacock, Raftstrand-Smith. Int: Koroi, Reeves, Foord, Mooka.

St George Illa (W) 48 (T. Mapusua 2, T. Berry, Z. Hopkins, E. Koster, S. Lendill, M. Mulhall, M. Vella, M. Weatherall tries; R. McGregor 6 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 16 (K. Blackwell, F. Goldthorp, V. Naikore tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: St George Illa (W) 28-6. Penalties: St George Illa (W) 7-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 2,479.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Naikore, Peters, Long, Blackwell; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Manzelmann, Ngatupuna, Chester, Raftstrand-Smith, Polata. Int: Weale, Faifua, Koroi, Peacock.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Lendill, Amone, Mapusua; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Murdoch-Masila, Targett, McGrath-West, Koster, Mulhall, Tauaneai. Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Bright, Hopkins, Weatherall.

Newcastle (W) 20 (T. Upton 2, J. Southwell, J. Strange tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) defeated Sydney (W) 4 (C. Baxter try) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 6-5. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 3,634.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Davison, Carter.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Fressard, Kelly (C), Wood; Aiken, Kelleher; Hamilton, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Rogan, Hopoate, Pasikala, Fotu-Moala.

Brisbane (W) 46 (J. Robinson 3, S. Ciesiolka 2, M. Hufanga 2, A. Briggingshaw, D. Brill tries; A. Briggingshaw 5 goals) defeated St George Illa (W) 12 (T. Berry, E. Williamson tries; R. McGregor 2 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 8:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 22-6. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,736.

St George Illa (W): Berry, Vella, Lendill, Koster, Te Pou; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Carlile, Targett, Murdoch-Masila, Mulhall, Williamson, Bright. Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Hopkins, Basham, Weatherall.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Lafaele, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Gould, Lenarduzzi, Dam, Fogavini.

Gold Coast (W) 16 (G. Hale, E. Pelite, D. Perese tries; L. Brown 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 4 (R. Pollard try) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 12:03 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 8-7. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 4,790.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese. Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Whitfield, Pollard, Tufuga, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Talatana; Gobran, Nour, Pio, Curtain, Siilata, George. Int: Prior, Bennetts, Kennedy, Tevaga.

Canberra (W) 34 (E. Barnes, M. Bartlett, S. Holyman, K. Matua, M. Soliola, Z. Temara, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 12 (E. Manzelmann, T. Raftstrand-Smith tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 22-0. Penalties: Canberra (W) 5-1. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,096.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Naikore, Peters, Long, Blackwell; Tillett, Dibb (C); Koroi, Manzelmann, Ngatupuna, Chester, Raftstrand-Smith, Polata. Int: Harden, Faifua, Peacock, Reeves.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Kemp, Barnes, Matua, Reinke.

Cronulla (W) 56 (A. Biddle 2, E. Johnston 2, G. Ravics 2, T. Dymock, T. Preston, C. Saunders, C. Staples tries; T. Preston 8 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 6 (M. Donovan try; R. Pearson goal) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 34-0. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 7-4. Referee: Darian Furner. Crowd: 2,889.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Donovan, Tohi-Hiku, Hunt; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Kennard, Mafi, Murphy, Cherrington. Int: Todhunter, Kapua, Fonua, Jones.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Ravics, Penitani (C), Biddle, Staples; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Dymock, Holmes, Foliaki, Wheeler. Int: Naitokatoka, Butler, Anderson, Saunders.

Sydney (W) 46 (O. Pule 2, J. Sergis 2, K. Davis, K. Hopoate, A. Pasikala, M. Wood tries; J. Kelleher 7 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 12 (K. Hunt, M. Murphy tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) at Industree Group Stadium.

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 22-2. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 6-3. Referee: Darian Furner. Crowd: 3,756.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Parker, Sergis, Kelly (C), Wood; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Morris, Hamilton, Hopoate, Pasikala. Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Tui, Tohi-Hiku, Hunt; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Amiatu, Mafi, Murphy, Fonua. Int: Kapua, Kennard, Jones, Todhunter.

Gold Coast (W) 34 (J. Chapman 3, C. Kiria-Ratu 2, Z. Canfield, J. Elliston tries; L. Brown 3 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 12 (T. Amiatu, K. Hunt tries; P. Berryman-Duff, R. Pearson goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 20-6. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 2,086.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Tui, Tohi-Hiku, Hunt; Berryman-Duff, Pearson (C); Quinn, Cherrington, Amiatu, Mafi, Murphy, Cherrington. Int: Todhunter, Kapua, Kennard, Fonua.

Gold Coast (W) 30 (S. Bent, L. Brown, J. Chapman, S. Lofipo, S. Mato, E. Pelite tries; Z. Canfield 3 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 6 (M. Bartlett try; S. Tungai goal) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 22-0. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 4-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 2,889.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Smith, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Reinke.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese.

2023 NRLW FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	NEWCASTLE	9	8	0	1	0	105	16
2	SYDNEY	9	7	0	2	0	164	14
3	GOLD COAST	9	7	0	2	0	38	14
4	BRISBANE	9	6	0	3	0	91	12
5	CANBERRA	9	5	0	4	0	-33	10
6	CRONULLA	9	4	0	5	0	52	8
7	ST GEO ILLA	9	3	0	6	0	-28	6
8	WESTS TIGERS	9	2	0	7	0	-50	4
9	NORTH QLD	9	2	0	7	0	-133	4
10	PARRAMATTA	9	1	0	8	0	-206	2

2023 NRLW GRAND FINAL

Newcastle go back-to-back in nail-biter

Kelly Hollis

The Newcastle Knights defend their kingdom with back-to-back NRLW Premierships after downing Gold Coast Titans 24-18 in a thriller at Accor Stadium on Grand Final Day!

Women's rugby league was the true winner in today's decider. Newcastle and the Gold Coast took to the field in the sixth premiership decider, with two teams coming off very different histories. The Newcastle side was defending their 2022 premiership while the team from the Gold Coast were the wooden spooners in the same season.

The Titans got the game started by throwing everything at the Knights and were the first to score after 15 minutes of solid end-to-end football. Centre, Jamie Chapman, opened her NRLW Grand Final try tally by crossing in the 13th minute and Zara Canfield converted to give the Gold Coast side a 6-point lead.

The Knights discipline was handing the Titans side a lot of good field position and a hair-pulling penalty saw the Gold Coast Titans able to extend their lead by another 2 points by taking the kick for goal. This saw the favourites being down 8 - 0 after 20 minutes of game time and the crowd and commentators stunned by what they were seeing.

The first penalty to the Knights saw them have their first real attacking opportunity in the opposition's half and it didn't take them long to find the Titans' weakness in defence, sending winger Jasmine Strange through a gap on the edge. Southwell was unable to convert and the score remained 8-4, but not for long. The Titans would have been hoping to enter the break in front, however, the class of the Newcastle side had other thoughts running in another two tries before the half-time siren with edge players Sheridan Gallagher and Shanice Parker crossing, but both Southwell and Gallagher unable to convert either try.

The team stats at half-time showed just how well both sides were playing with the possession being split straight down the middle with the Titans having the ball for 11.28 and the Knights for 11.36! Both sides are playing with high completion rates with 93% to the Knights and 86% to the Titans.

SEMI FINALS

Newcastle (W) 30 (T. Davison, O. Higgins, C. Johnston, H. Southwell, T. Upton tries; J. Southwell 5 goals) defeated Brisbane (W) 24 (L. Dam 2, S. Ciesiolka, T. Gray, C. Lenarduzzi tries; A. Briggingshaw 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 2:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 18-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 12,689.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Davison, Romaniuk, Butler.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Werner; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Lafaele, Brill, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Storch. Int: Gould, Fogavini, Lenarduzzi, Dam.

Gold Coast (W) 12 (B. Breayley-Nati, D. Mino-Sinapati tries; R. Jorgensen 2 goals) defeated Sydney (W) 0 at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 4:15 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 6-0. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 3,028.

Sydney (W): Baxter, Fressard, Parker, Kelly (C), Wood; Aiken, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Joseph. Int: Fotu-Moala, Morris, Hamilton, Pasikala.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese.

It didn't take long for things to get back underway in the second half with the Titans coming out of the blocks quickly and scoring the first and second tries of the half, again through Jaime Chapman - making her only the second NRLW player to score a hat-trick in a Grand Final. Rilee Jorgensen was able to convert the second of the two tries to not only hand the Titans back the lead but extend it out by 6.

As we moved into the last 20 minutes of the game, not one, but three Titans players were taken from the field under head injury assessment protocols, with Destiny Mino-Sinapati not returning to finish the game. Knights players were also going down with a number being assessed on the field for different niggles including Laishon Albert-Jones and Hannah Southwell, who both went down awkwardly in separate tackles.

The last 10 minutes started with an all-or-nothing play by Sheridan Gallagher who stole the ball from Titans hero, Jaime Chapman, in a one-on-one strip in a great attacking position. It didn't take long for them to capitalise on the opportunity and send their star fullback and Dally M winner, Tamika Upton, over for a try of her own in the Grand Final. Jesse Southwell found her form with the boot again, converting Upton's try and tying the game at 18-all with 7 minutes to go.

The New-Castle chant broke out across Accor Stadium with the Knights faithful hoping to bring their girls home in the last few minutes of the game and it didn't take them long to be rewarded for their efforts with Tamika Upton chasing her own kick and grounding it in goal for her second try. Another successful Southwell conversion saw the Knights take back the lead and enter the last 2 minutes of the game ahead by 6.

The Gold Coast Titans weren't going to go down without a fight, winning the ball back off a short kick-off and throwing all of their attack at the Newcastle side. An unlucky dropped ball, however, saw the Novcastrians get the ball back with 35 seconds on the clock and see the remaining time run down and become the 2023 NRLW Premiers!

Newcastle (W) 24 (T. Upton 2, S. Gallagher, S. Parker, J. Strange tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 18 (J. Chapman 3 tries; Z. Canfield 2, L. Brown goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st October. Kickoff: 3:55 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 12-8. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 40,649.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, Strange; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Davison, Romaniuk, Butler.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Mino-Sinapati; Kiria-Ratu, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Lofipo, Hancock, Jorgensen, Perese.

MEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN 2023

GAME I ADELAIDE, SA

QLD 26 NSW 18

Down on the scoreboard, down on troops on the bench and down a man in the sin bin, Queensland defied the odds to score two tries in the finals 8 minutes of the game to turn a 2 point deficit into a 26-18 victory in State of Origin Game 1.

The first half was dominated by forward battles, strong defence, poor last tackle options by the Blues and a pair of quick early tries to Queensland. The Maroons crossed first in the 7th minute when Cameron Munster ran the ball on the last then grubbered through the defensive line where Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow raced through and grounded the ball unchallenged for a try. Valentine Holmes added the extras. Within 2 minutes, they scored again when Holmes capitalized on Brian To'o slipping over, drawing the defender before sending Selwyn Cobbo in for a try. Holmes failed to convert from the sideline and after 13 minutes, Queensland lead 10-0. In the 18th minute Tom Gilbert came from the field with a dislocated shoulder after making a tackle. While he was coming off the field Lindsay Collins came on, took a hit up and then the referee realized that Queensland

had 14 players on the field, so play was stopped until Gilbert made it off the field. James Tedesco tried to score himself but was held up over the line superbly by Murray Tualagi and just 4 minutes later, Tyson Frizell barged over only to be denied in-goal by Tualagi again. In the 31st minute David Fifita had to leave the field for an HIA and immediately after he left, the Blues executed a lovely play on the left side where Nathan Cleary dished a short ball to Jarome Luai who then hit the straight running Liam Martin, and he stormed through the Maroons line and scored under the sticks. Cleary converted. At halftime, Queensland lead 10-6.

It took 4 minutes after the break for the scoreboard attendant to get back to work when a Maroons dropped ball was picked up by Api Koroisau, who saw open space in front of him, so he strolled through it to score. Cleary converted and NSW lead 12-10. Daly Cherry-Evans kicked a 40/20 to get the Maroons on the front foot in their first set after losing the lead, but a dropped ball ended any hope of scoring. In the 56th minute, Queensland gained possession after a silly offload by the Blues deep inside their own half saw them turn the ball over. The Maroons sent the ball to the right where Cobbo evaded the cover defence of both Tedesco and To'o to slide in to score

GAME II BRISBANE, QLD

QLD 32 NSW 6

Queensland have retained the State of Origin shield in impressive fashion. They defeated the Blues 32-6 in a game which was built on their defence and effort - rather, it was an effort which typified a Queensland team.

It was a game that was intense from the opening exchanges. The contact was tough and willing early. Blues were dealt an early blow when Tom Trbojevic injured his pectoral muscle trying to make a tackle. Queensland were on the backfoot for much of the half with took their chances. A high kick was knocked on from Josh Addo-Carr and Valentine Holmes swooped on the ball after confirmation from the video referee for 4-0. The Blues started to get some time in the attacking zone. They were clunky in their execution, Damien Cook was stunted on the left side and was

forced into a few errors. As both teams tired, there were gaps. Stephen Crichton snaffed a Queensland kick and almost went the length before being tackled by Daly Cherry-Evans. The veteran Queenslander sliced through minutes later and helped his side to another try. Queensland stripped the numbers on the left following the break then quick passes from Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow saw Murray Tualagi go over almost untouched. Holmes converted to make it 10-0. The Blues once again had some late chances but again, the attack couldn't find their rhythm. It was epitomised with Reece Robson on the final play of the half being tackled without the visitors firing a final shot. Origin is about taking your chances. Queensland did that right after the break. Reece Walsh broke free and got them position then on fourth tackle, Holmes once again dives over.

The hosts just had it on a string. Munster started a raid on last tackle which saw Tualagi put in a pinpoint kick for Tabuai-Fidow to beat a trailing Payne Haas to

GAME III SYDNEY, NSW

NSW 24 QLD 10

New South Wales put in a strong performance to avoid the clean sweep, winning 24-10 against Queensland in front of 75,342 fans at Stadium Australia on Wednesday night.

The Blues gave themselves some consolation, avoided the sweep in a positive performance. The left side of the Blues ran riot which saw debutant Bradman Best score twice and Cody Walker pulled the strings all night. This game might have been a dead rubber but it started at a fast pace. Blues looked energised with the changes while Queensland aimed to play party pooper on the Blues home soil. The visitors struck first on their first chance. They absorbed some Blues attack then a kick from Cameron Munster saw it batted back to the returning David Fifita to touch

a good try. Holmes nailed the sideline conversion and Queensland regained the lead 16-12. Ten minutes later, a Cleary bomb was strongly contested by his team mates, who regain possession on the Blues line, before Luai held up a nice pass to put Stephen Crichton over for a try. Cleary converted and NSW were back in front 18-16. What appeared to be a case of Tom Trbojevic falling into the shoulder of Thomas Flegler resulted in Flegler getting ten minutes in the sin bin with 11 minutes remaining in the game. 3 minutes later and the Maroons lost winger Tualagi, who had to leave for an HIA as well. This had zero impact on the Maroons attack though, as they crossed for a try just a minute later when Munster evaded two tackles as he drifted left before getting a stellar pass to Tabuai-Fidow, who stepped Tedesco to race away and score a brilliant try. Holmes converted and Queensland regained the lead 22-18 with 6 minutes remaining. A short restart by NSW almost came up trumps, but Liam Martin was unable to maintain possession. Two minutes later, Cherry-Evans put up a kick on the right side where Lindsay Collins took it cleanly from Tedesco, spun as he offloaded and hit Munster perfectly in support and he scored to wrap the game up. Holmes narrowly missed the conversion and the Maroons hung on to win a riveting opening Origin encounter by 26-18. **ANDREW FERGUSON**

the ball for a 20-0 lead. Blues got on the board just before the hour mark. The ball hit the ground from a short pass and Damien Cook scooped the ball up to get over. Crichton converted to make it 20-6. The Maroons just absorbed all the Blues pressure and struck. Blues had several raids on their line following the Cook four-pointer but weren't able to crack the line and set up a grandstand finish. Queensland trapped Cook in-goal and struck. Some slick passing once again on the right saw Xavier Coates fly in the air and touch down inside the corner post and make it 26-6. There was more icing on the cake for the Queenslanders. Cameron Munster put the kick high, got it into a contest, then Jeremiah Nanai is there to pick up the spoils for the hosts. The game ended in comical fashion. The Blues were clowned at the end. Josh Addo-Carr was sin binned for a punch while Panthers Jarome Luai was sent off for his involvement in the action. For Queensland, Reece Walsh was sent off for a headbutt. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

the whistle. He stepped up to sent the ball through for the 18-10 half-time score.

Both sides exchanged blows in the start of the second half. Queensland broke through with Murray Tualagi and Daly Cherry-Evans but weren't able to find the finish to get the game back within a score. Blues thought they had extended their lead. A short drop out was contested, before it landed into the hands of Isaah Yeo, who scurried over. Bunker got involved and it was ruled a knock on and Yeo was offside. They did find a four-pointer soon after. James Tedesco, who has had a down series for his standards, poked through the line, found Best who strode away for the score to make it 24-10. Queensland had a pair of chances to get back into the contest. It came off two kicks, one was knocked on by Tabuai-Fidow then the second saw Valentine Holmes get an unfriendly bounce before it went dead. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

QLD 26 (S. Cobbo 2, H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, C. Munster tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) **defeated NSW 18** (S. Crichton, A. Koroisau, L. Martin tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) **at Adelaide Oval.**

Date: Wed, 31st May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: QLD 10-6. Penalties: NSW 8-6. Referees: Ashley Klein, Grant Atkins, Phil Henderson, Drew Oultram. Crowd: 48,613.

QLD: Walsh, Cobbo, Holmes, Tabuai-Fidow, Tualagi; Munster, Cherry-Evans (C); Fa'asumaleau, Hunt, Cotter, Fifita, Gilbert, Carrigan. Int: Flegler, Collins, Grant, Arrow.

NSW: Tedesco (C), To'o, Crichton, Trbojevic, Addo-Carr; Luai, Cleary; Pangai Junior, Koroisau, Haas, Frizell, Young, Yeo. Int: Paulo, Murray, Martin, Hynes.

QLD 32 (V. Holmes 2, X. Coates, J. Nanai, H. Tabuai-Fidow, M. Tualagi tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) **defeated NSW 6** (D. Cook try; S. Crichton goal) **at Suncorp Stadium.**

Date: Wed, 21st June. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: QLD 10-0. Penalties: NSW 9-2. Referees: Ashley Klein, David Munro, Grant Atkins, Drew Oultram. Crowd: 52,433.

QLD: Walsh, Coates, Holmes, Tabuai-Fidow, Tualagi; Munster, Cherry-Evans (C); Flegler, Hunt, Fa'asumaleau, Fifita, Cotter, Carrigan. Int: Collins, Nanai, Grant, Fotuika.

NSW: Tedesco (C), To'o, Crichton, Trbojevic, Addo-Carr; Luai, Moses; Paulo, Robson, Haas, Frizell, Young, Yeo. Int: Cook, Utoikamanu, Murray, Martin.

NSW 24 (B. Best 2, J. Addo-Carr, B. To'o tries; S. Crichton 4 goals) **defeated QLD 10** (D. Fifita, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; V. Holmes goal) **at Accor Stadium.**

Date: Wed, 12th July. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: NSW 18-10. Penalties: NSW 6-5. Referees: Ashley Klein, David Munro, Grant Atkins, Phil Henderson. Crowd: 75,342.

NSW: Tedesco (C), To'o, Crichton, Best, Addo-Carr; Walker, Moses; Trbojevic, Cook, Campbell-Gillard, Martin, Koloamatangi, Murray. Int: Yeo, Saifiti, Robson, Gutherson.

QLD: Brimson, Coates, Holmes, Tabuai-Fidow, Tualagi; Munster, Cherry-Evans (C); Cotter, Grant, Fa'asumaleau, Fifita, Nanai, Carrigan. Int: Hunt, Collins, Fotuika, Horsburgh.

WOMEN'S STATE OF ORIGIN 2023

GAME I PARRAMATTA, NSW

QLD 18 NSW 10

The Queensland Maroons have outclassed the New South Wales Sky Blues in the first leg of Women's State of Origin, winning an extremely scrappy affair by 8 points at CommBank Stadium.

It was a rough start for the visitors, with Shannon Mato knocking it on inside the first minute. Making things worse was the fact the Queensland decided to challenge the decision and did so to no avail, leaving them in the hands of the referee for the next 69 minutes.

The Maroons held the Sky Blues off and would eventually get into an attacking position of their own courtesy of a few penalties, and they took full advantage when a superb pass from Tamika Upton put Julia Robinson over for the first try of the series.

The lead lasted for just over 10 minutes, with NSW getting penalties of their own to go on the attack. In the 17th minute, an inside pass found a rampaging Jess Sergis who powered her way over the stripe to even things up for the hosts. The conversion was successful, giving the Sky Blues their first lead of the night.

It was an extremely scrappy first half, with both sides combing for 13 errors in the opening 35 minutes alone. Queensland boasted a mammoth 59% share of possession heading into the break but risked not having a lead to show for it.

That was rectified when second rower Tazmin Gray powered her way over four Sky Blues defenders to edge the Maroons back in front, Zahara Temara's successful conversion making it 10-6 to Queensland at the break.

Unfortunately, the trend of errors continued in the second half, with both sides combining for another 14 to bring the total tally for the match up to 27. It felt as though both sides had a lot more opportunities to put points on than the scoreboard would indicate, but neither of them could stop shooting themselves in the foot.

Five minutes into the second 35, the Sky Blues were in prime position to take back the lead, but a Shanae Ciesiolka put Queensland on the attack. She was run down by Jaime Chapman, but it wasn't enough to stop Queensland scoring a try as they found numbers with a spread to the left on the next play, Emily Bass finishing things off.

In the set after points, Queensland got another piggyback penalty and before you knew it, they were in again, with Ciesiolka getting on the outside of her opposite number and putting Robinson over for a double. The margin was now 12-points, making it a tough ask for the Sky Blues.

They were quick to respond though. The next time they had the ball, Sergis broke the line and tried a chip'n'chase. She was taken out after the kick but there was no penalty, which didn't matter in the end as Queensland knocked on shortly after.

Off the scrum win, NSW spread it left, with Emma Tonegato doing well to create space for Chapman, who brought the lead down to 10.

Those were the last points of the evening for either side, with Queensland doing enough to hold on while also being helped out by numerous errors by their opposition.

As the series is decided on aggregate, NSW will need to win game 2 by nine points or more if they are to retain the shield. **ADAM HUXTABLE**

QLD (W) 18 (J. Robinson 2, E. Bass, T. Gray tries; Z. Temara goal) **defeated NSW (W) 10** (J. Chapman, J. Sergis tries; J. Southwell goal) **at CommBank Stadium.**

Date: Thu, 1st June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: QLD (W) 10-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 12,972.

NSW (W): Tonegato, Chapman, Kelly, Fuimaono, Sergis; Southwell, Pearson; Elliott, Davis, Cherrington, Kernick, Clydsdale, Anderson. Int: Apps, Togatuki, Bent, Dodd.

QLD (W): Upton, Robinson, Ciesiolka, Pelite, Bass; Aiken, Temara; Mato, Brill, Joseph, Gray, Power, Briggingshaw. Int: Manzelmann, Elliston, Holyman, Teitzel.

GAME II TOWNSVILLE, QLD

NSW 18 QLD 14

New South Wales win game two, 18-14 over Queensland but lose the Origin series on aggregate in front of 18,275 at Townsville.

A late Yasmin Clydesdale gave the Sky Blues a win on the night but due to their earlier loss in Parramatta, Queensland regained the shield on a good two days for the sunshine state in rugby league.

The Blues knew they needed to start the game fast, and the visitors were on from the whistle. They spread the ball early and often and got themselves on the scoresheet in the third minute of the game.

It was a wonderful kick from Keeley Davis which found Tiana Penitani who touched down just inside the dead ball line. Jesse Southwell added a penalty goal to put the Sky Blues up 6-0 and taken a huge chunk from the deficit.

Queensland absorbed the Blues early pressure and struck back. Tarryn Aitken slipped a pass to Tazmin Gray who found an onrushing Tamika Upton to get them back within two points and get the crowd into the contest.

They added a pair of tries to stretch their lead to 14-6 at the break. Gray was involved again with Emily Bass diving over in the corner then Aitken sliced through the Sky Blues defense to get Queensland's third four-pointer.

Needing 16 points to retain the shield, Sky Blues faced an uphill task in the second half. It felt like deja vu, Penitani touched down for her second try with some slick hands on the left side to get them back within four.

The Sky Blues needed points quickly and often. They were gifted another penalty in front and Southwell piloted the conversion over to bring it back to 14-12 and set up for a grandstand finish.

They surged forward in the final twenty minutes to get another four-pointer but were repelled by Queensland on every occasion. It felt like the shield was headed back north after another disappointment for New South Wales.

New South Wales gave themselves a faint hope in the final minute. They kept the ball alive to find a gap then Yasmin Clydesdale looked to touch down but the ball was kicked out by Shanae Ciesiolka which prompted a penalty try for 18-14.

The visitors were given a final chance after Clydesdale was injured from a hip drop tackle. They weren't able to find a miracle so we get the weird circumstance of New South Wales winning the game but losing the series on aggregate. **JUSTIN DAVIES**

NSW (W) 18 (T. Penitani 2, Y. Clydsdale tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) **defeated QLD (W) 14** (T. Aiken, E. Bass, T. Upton tries; Z. Temara goal) **at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.**

Date: Thu, 22nd June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: QLD (W) 14-6. Penalties: QLD (W) 6-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 18,275.

QLD (W): Upton, Polata, Ciesiolka, Pelite, Bass; Aiken, Temara; Mato, Brill, Joseph, Gray, Teitzel, Briggingshaw. Int: Manzelmann, Elliston, Holyman, Power.

NSW (W): Tonegato, Chapman, Sergis, Kelly, Penitani; Fuimaono, Southwell; Apps, Davis, Elliott, Kernick, Clydsdale, Taufa. Int: Dodd, Cherrington, Togatuki, Bent.

2023 NSWRL KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP

ROUND 1

Penrith 18 (J. Cogger, I. Longi, T. Peachey tries; K. Falls 3 goals) defeated Norths 12 (Z. Dockar-Clay, J. Marschke tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 5:25 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Norths 7-6. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Peachey, Cole, McLean; Falls, Cogger; Smith, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Smith, Eisenhuth. Int: Toelau, Faiumu, Riki, Stimson. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Pauga, Fakatoumafi, Smalley; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Marschke, Makatoa, Aukafolau, Porter, Dockar-Clay. Int: Ott, Thomas, Hughes, Key.

Canterbury 36 (R. Gray, L. Hopoi, J. Okunbor, K. Oloapu, J. Papalii, J. Skelton tries; J. Papalii 6 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 16 (J. Ferris 2, C. Faulalo, D. Matterson tries) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Blacktown 9-3. Referee: Damian Brady.

Blacktown (Workers): Faulalo, Ferris, Myers, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Matterson, Dargan; Siple, Roache, Condon, Fainu, Stuckey, Fulton. Int: Boyle, Dias, Lawton, Sykes. Canterbury: Papalii, Okunbor, Skelton, Hoffman, Wilson; Oloapu, Reynolds (C); Morrin, Gray, Tsirikas, Topine, Montgomery, Edwards. Int: Hetherington, Stringer, Hayward, Hopoi.

Canberra 16 (E. Anderson 2, C. Webb tries; J. Croker 2 goals) defeated Parramatta 10 (Z. Cini, J. Minhinnick tries; J. Rankin goal) at Kellyville Park.

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Parramatta: Rankin (C), Minhinnick, Loizou, Cini, Komolafe; Hands, Arthur; Makatoa, Yates, Rodwell, Mataele, Momoisea, Keir. Int: Ogden, Moretti, Rein, Taumoepenu. Canberra: Anderson, Stuart, Croker, Valemei, Schiller; James, Schneider; Mooney, Woolford, Allen, Webb, Lewis, Puru. Int: Clarkson, Burns, Lewis, Compain.

Warriors 42 (A. Leiataua 2, K. Going, F. Lussick, D. Sifakula, T. Tuaupiki, V. Vailea tries; R. Volkman 7 goals) defeated Newcastle 20 (D. Armstrong, D. Lucas, R. Rivett, K. Wainohu-Kemp tries; R. Rivett 2 goals) at Navigation Homes Stadium.

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Warriors: Tuaupiki, Tu, Leiataua, Vailea, Graham-Taufa; Farr, Volkman; Zyon, Lussick, Vagana, Going, Sio (C), Sifakula. Int: Roache, Sands, Faeamani, Baggaley. Newcastle: Hodgson, Wainohu-Kemp, Cant, Lucas, Armstrong; Rivett, Clune; Hollis, Rugless, Tupouniua, Jones, Hampson, Talty. Int: Wilkinson, Greacen, Burgess, Su'a.

Newtown 28 (K. Iro 2, J. Gagan, J. Mansour, C. Tasipale tries; N. Puru 4 goals) defeated Souths 6 (E. O'Neill try; Z. Makelim goal) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 12-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Gagan, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Bradbury, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias. Int: Slade, Fearnley, Lolo, Pickering. Souths: Kalokalo, Carr (C), Karapani, Gagai, Kennar; Gardiner, Subloo; Patterson, Mamouzelos, Gray, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Suluka-Fifita, Giles, Gordon, Makelim.

Wests 44 (K. Kautoga 3, B. Tumeth 2, J. Bula, S. Fainu, J. Tupou tries; B. Wakeham 6 goals) defeated Sydney 18 (E. Clark-Wood, S. Smith, J. Swann, J. Taipari tries; S. Smith goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:55 PM. Halftime: Wests 18-10. Penalties: Sydney 9-4. Referee: Clayton Wills.

West: Bula, Tupou, Saukuru, To'a, Hill; Smith, Wakeham; Simpkins, Ngatikaura, James, Tumeth, Kautoga, Matamua. Int: Valevatu, Fainu, Roumanos, Boyling. Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Swann, Anderson; Taipari, Smith (C); Clifford, Deakin, Hodge, Wong, El-Zakhem, Neiuifi. Int: Moriarty, Worthington, Bevan, Thomas, Meyn.

ROUND 2

Penrith 30 (J. Cole 2, L. Cohen, I. Longi, L. Sommerton tries; K. Falls 5 goals) defeated Souths 20 (T. Carr 2, B. Lovett, E. O'Neill tries; T. Carr 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Thu, 9th March. Kickoff: 5:20 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Peachey, Cole, Cohen; Falls, Cogger; Henry, Sommerton, Geyer, Hosking, Smith, Smith. Int: Toelau, Faiumu, Riki, Lisati. Souths: Kalokalo, Carr (C), Karapani, Milne, Kennar; Gagai, Gardiner; Patterson, Mamouzelos, Hodge, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Gray, Makelim, Giles, Gordon.

Newtown 42 (S. Stonestreet 3, J. Berrell, J. Mansour, C. Tasipale, C. Uele tries; M. Hiroti 7 goals) defeated Parramatta 12 (B. Hands, T. Mataele tries; J. Rankin 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Newtown 18-12. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Parramatta: Rankin (C), Lumelume, Loizou, Cini, Dunster; Hands, Arthur; Ogden, Yates, Rodwell, Mataele, Moretti, Keir. Int: Rein, Taumoepenu, Apelu, Komolafe. Newtown: Hiroti, Mansour, Gagan, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Uele, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Fearnley, Lolo, Pickering, Slade.

Warriors 30 (S. Aukusitino, B. Farr, F. Lussick, M. Sio, T. Tuaupiki tries; R. Volkman 5 goals) defeated Sydney 18 (V. Karawalevu 2, E. King, J. Taipari tries; S. Smith goal) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Warriors 22-4. Penalties: Sydney 7-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Swann, Karawalevu; Taipari, Smith (C); Clifford, Deakin, Hodge, El-Zakhem, Wong, Bevan. Int: Moriarty, Worthington, Meyn, Ellis. Warriors: Tuaupiki, Tu, Leiataua, Vailea, Aukusitino; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Lussick, Vagana, Going, Sio (C), Tevaga. Int: Roache, Sands, Baggaley, Vaivai.

West: 31 (J. Valevatu 2, K. Kautoga, L. Saukuru, J. Tupou tries; B. Wakeham 5 goals; B. Wakeham field goal) defeated Newcastle 18 (T. Cant, D. Lucas, G. Marzhev, E. Tuala tries; R. Rivett goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sun, 12th March. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: Wests 12-10. Referee: Martin Jones.

West: Bula, Tupou, Saukuru, Kioa, Ogden; Smith, Wakeham; James, Ngatikaura, Simpkins, Boyling, Kautoga, Matamua. Int: Valevatu, Fainu, Roumanos, Ma'anaima. Newcastle: Hodgson, Marzhev, Cooper, Tuala, Armstrong; Rivett, Clune; Hollis, Rugless, Alchin, Cant, Lucas, Talty. Int: Greacen, Wilkinson, Su'a, Slater-Raptis.

Norths 24 (T. Katoa, B. Marschke, J. Marschke, J. Pauga tries; J. Marschke 4 goals) defeated Canberra 18 (M. Spencer, J. Stuart, S. Valemei tries; J. Croker 3 goals) at Raiders Belconnen.

Date: Sun, 12th March. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-10. Penalties: Norths 11-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Canberra: Burns, Stuart, Croker (C), Anderson, Valemei; Frawley, Schneider; Mooney, Woolford, Hala, Webb, Spencer, Puru. Int: James, Clarkson, Prest, Compain. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Pauga, Fakatoumafi, Smalley; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Marschke, Makatoa, Key, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Ott, Hughes, Hayman, French.

Canterbury 34 (B. Wilson 2, Z. Montgomery, J. Okunbor, J. Papalii, J. Skelton tries; J. Papalii 5 goals) defeated St George Illa 4 (T. Moga try) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sun, 12th March. Kickoff: 3:55 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 18-0. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Moga, Feagai, Finau; Amone, Turner; Woods, Muhleisen, Fuimaono, Hunt, Burns (C), Russell. Int: Finau, Couchman, Lui-Toso, Shereb. Canterbury: Papalii, Okunbor (C), Hoffman, Burns, Skelton; Rajab, Oloapu; Tanner, Gray, Tsirikas, Topine, Wilson, Edwards. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Montgomery, Hopoi.

ROUND 3

Parramatta 30 (D. Asi, Z. Cini, H. Dunster, D. Keir, A. Miller-Stephen tries; J. Rankin 5 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 22 (B. Abbey, G. Chan Kum Tong, C. Faulalo, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; C. Johns 3 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Fri, 17th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 16-6. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Blacktown (Workers): Faulalo, Myers, Harper, Abbey, Tuaimalo Vaega; Johns, Dargan; Siple, Lawton, Condon, Fainu, Matterson, Fulton. Int: Boyle, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Stuckey. Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Lumelume, Asi, Cini, Dunster; Rankin (C), Arthur; Ogden, Hands, Greig, Mataele, Keir, Moretti. Int: Yates, Rein, Apelu, Momoisea.

Newcastle 30 (G. Marzhev, C. Slater-Raptis, B. Talty, F. Tighe, E. Tuala tries; L. Sutton 5 goals) defeated St George Illa 10 (Z. Herring, J. Shereb tries; A. Lobb goal) at Ron Costello Oval.

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

St George Illa: Turner, Lobb, Moga, Shereb, Finau; Herring, Amone; Woods, Muhleisen, Lui-Toso, Russell, Burns, Fuimaono. Int: Finau, Couchman, Johnson, Webster. Newcastle: Hodgson, Marzhev, Cooper, Tuala, Armstrong; Tighe, Sutton; Hollis, Wilkinson, Alchin, Keeley, Hampson, Talty. Int: Su'a, Rugless, Jenkins, Slater-Raptis.

Norths 20 (D. Aukafolau 3, B. Thomas tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) defeated Warriors 12 (E. Ackland, Z. Maiu'u tries; R. Volkman 2 goals) at Trusts Arena.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 10-0. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Warriors: Doyle, Tu, Leiataua, Berry, Aukusitino; Ackland, Volkman; Maiu'u, Sio (C), Baggaley, Going, Curran, Sifakula. Int: Roache, Graham-Taufa, Halalilo, Vaivai. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Pauga, Fakatoumafi, Mata'afa; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Marschke, Makatoa, Aukafolau, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Ott, Thomas, Hughes, Key.

Canterbury 44 (D. Casey 2, E. Clark 2, J. Skelton 2, L. Hopoi, K. Rajab, J. Topine tries; J. Papalii 4 goals) defeated Wests 12 (K. Hill, B. Tumeth tries; T. Reilly, L. Saukuru goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 32-0. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canterbury: Papalii, Clark, Hoffman, Casey, Skelton; Rajab, Oloapu; Morrin, Gray, Tsirikas, Topine (C), Montgomery, Edwards. Int: Hayward, Stringer, Hopoi, Hetherington. Wests: Bula, Hill, Saukuru, Kioa, Ogden; Reilly, Hill; James, Ngatikaura, Simpkins, Boyling, Tumeth, Seyfarth. Int: Nicholas, Fainu, Roumanos, Mansfield.

Sydney 38 (A. Fitzgibbon 5, T. Fakaosi, J. Taipari tries; S. Smith 5 goals) defeated Souths 16 (P. Mamouzelos 2, C. Hodge tries; B. Taaffe 2 goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Sydney 28-12. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Allan, Karawalevu; Taipari, Smith (C); Whyte, Moriarty, Hodge, El-Zakhem, Wong, Neiuifi. Int: Deakin, Bevan, Meyn, Fakaosi. Souths: Taaffe, Hodge, Karapani, Milne, Kennar; Gagai, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Gray, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Carr, Patterson, Gordon, Chan-Foon.

Canberra 28 (B. Morkos, B. Schneider, J. Stuart, C. Webb tries; J. Croker 6 goals) defeated Newtown 20 (M. Hiroti 2, D. Atkinson, S. Stonestreet tries; M. Hiroti 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:40 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Canberra: Burns, Stuart, Croker (C), Morkos, Valemei; James, Schneider; Hala, Woolford, Clarkson, Martin, Webb, Puru. Int: Kiriona, Compain, Spencer, Souter. Newtown: Hiroti, Mansour, Gagan, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Uele, Berrell, Hazelton, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Dakin, Slade, Hau Tapuha, Pickering.

ROUND 4

Parramatta 22 (H. Dunster, A. Miller-Stephen, J. Minihnick, M. Rein tries; J. Rankin 3 goals) defeated Penrith 16 (T. Jenkins 2, E. Blacker tries; K. Falls 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Thu, 23rd March. Kickoff: 5:20 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-4. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Minihnick, Asi, Cini, Dunster; Rankin (C), Arthur, Ogden, Rein, Moretti, Mataele, Keir, Momoisea. Int: Yates, Apelu, Taumoepeu, Betham-Misa. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Peachey, Cole, McLean; Falls, Cogger; Lisati, Sommerton, Blacker, Geyer, Smith, Smith. Int: Henry, Toelau, Faiumu, Stimson.

Norths 36 (T. Mata'afa 3, J. Bergamin, T. Katoa, R. Porter, B. Stevanović tries; J. Marschke 4 goals) defeated Wests 26 (I. Ogden 2, D. Laurie, T. Reilly, B. Tumeth tries; W. Smith 2, S. To'a goals) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 26-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Wests: Laurie, Nofaluma, To'a, Reilly, Ogden; Smith, Hill; Ofahengaue, Simpkin, James, Boyling, Tumeth, Matamua. Int: Roumanos, Mansfield, Fainu, Simpkins. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Pauga, Fakatoumahi, Mata'afa; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Marschke, Makatoa, Aukafolau, Porter, Dockar-Clay. Int: Ott, Thomas, Key, Hayman.

Souths 26 (T. Carr, J. Karapani, R. Kennar, B. Taaffe tries; B. Taaffe 5 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 12 (J. Stuckey, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; C. Johns 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Souths 8-0. Penalties: Souths 7-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Chan-Foon, Kennar; Taaffe, Hawkins (C); Giles, Mamouzelos, Gray, Milne, O'Neill, Chapman. Int: Duncan, Hardman, Gordon, Makelim. Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Faulalo, Myers, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Johns (C), Dargan; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong, Condon, Fainu, Matterson, Fulton. Int: Dias, Stuckey, Tramontana, Sykes.

Warriors 30 (M. Graham-Taufa 3, Z. Maiu'u, S. Tu tries; R. Volkman 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 18 (K. Kautoga 2, K. Oloapu tries; J. Papalii 3 goals) at Mt Smart Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Warriors 12-6. Penalties: Canterbury 8-7. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Leiataua, Berry, Graham-Taufa; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Roache, Baggaley, Going (C), Vagana, Sifakula. Int: Halalilo, Gavet, Faeamani, Halasima. Canterbury: Papalii, Wilson, Casey, Burns, Montgomery; Reynolds (C), Oloapu; Tsikrikas, Gray, Stringer, Kautoga, Hoffman, Edwards. Int: Hopoi, Hetherington, Kalati.

Canberra 20 (J. Martin, T. Mooney, C. Webb tries; J. Croker 3 goals; J. James field goal (2pt)) defeated Newcastle 18 (D. Armstrong, B. Talty, E. Tuala, D. Young tries; T. Cant goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Referee: Damian Brady.

Newcastle: Hodgson, Young, Cooper, Tuala, Armstrong; Rivett, Clune; Hollis, Wilkinson, Alchin, Cant, Johns, Talty. Int: Keeley, Rugless, Jenkins, Slater-Raptis. Canberra: Stewart, Stuart, Croker (C), Morkos, Valemei; James, Schneider; Mooney, Souter, Hola, Martin, Webb, Puru. Int: Thorburn, Clarkson, Compain, Allen.

Newtown 30 (D. Atkinson 2, T. Hazelton 2, T. Rodwell tries; N. Puru 5 goals) defeated St George Illa 16 (A. Lobb 2, H. Finau tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:55 PM. Halftime: Newtown 12-4. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

St George Illa: Turner, Lobb, Moga, Feagai, Finau; Herring, Amone; Hunt, Muhleisen, Lui-Toso, Russell, Burns, Molo. Int: Finau, Couchman, Johnson, Webster. Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Gagan, Stonestreet, Rodwell; Atkinson, Puru; Hazelton, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Uele, Slade, Hau Tapuha, Pickering.

ROUND 5

Penrith 24 (J. Cole, L. Henry, T. Jenkins, L. Sommerton tries; K. Falls 4 goals) defeated Canberra 16 (S. Valemei 2, C. Stewart tries; J. Croker 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-6. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, Cole, McLean; Falls, Cogger; Henry, Sommerton, Blacker, Geyer, Smith, Eisenhuth (C). Int: Toelau, Faiumu, Lisati, Hassett. Canberra: Stewart, Stuart, Croker (C), Valemei, Schiller; James, Ryan; Mooney, Souter, Hola, Compain, Webb, Puru. Int: Thorburn, Clarkson, Allen, Numambo.

Canterbury 16 (B. Clarke, J. Skelton, B. Wilson tries; J. Papalii 2 goals) defeated Newtown 6 (J. Gagan try; N. Puru goal) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 4-0. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Gagan, Hiroti, Rodwell; Atkinson, Puru; Hazelton, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Parker, Magoulias (C). Int: Uele, Slade, Hau Tapuha, Fearnley. Canterbury: Papalii, Wilson, Casey, Hoffman, Skelton; Rajab, Oloapu; Tanner, Clarke, Tsikrikas, Kautoga, Topine (C), Edwards. Int: Hayward, Davey, Hughes, Stringer.

St George Illa 26 (S. Finau, J. Hunt, A. Lobb, C. Muhleisen tries; A. Lobb 5 goals) drew with Parramatta 26 (J. Murchie 2, J. Arthur, Z. Cini, H. Dunster tries; J. Rankin 3 goals) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 12-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Moga, Feagai, Finau; Herring, Cook; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Lui-Toso, Russell, Hunt, Molo. Int: Johnson, Couchman, Shereb, Fifita. Parramatta: Lumelume, Komolafe, Asi, Cini, Dunster; Rankin (C), Arthur, Ogden, Rein, Rodwell, Mataele, Keir, Moretti. Int: Yates, Apelu, Momoisea, Murchie.

Wests 22 (B. Mansfield, R. Ngatikaura, I. Ogden, T. Reilly tries; W. Smith 3 goals) defeated Warriors 10 (M. Graham-Taufa 2 tries; T. Tuapiki goal) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 16-0. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Wests: Laurie, Ogden, Saukuru, Reilly, Hill; Smith, Hill; Ofahengaue, Ngatikaura, James, Boyling, Mansfield, Seyfarth. Int: Fainu, Roumanos, Simpkins, Lawler. Warriors: Tuapiki, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Berry, Aukusitino; Farr, Roache; Maiu'u, Doyle, Vagana, Going (C), Sifakula, Gavet. Int: Doyle, Baggaley, Halasima, Vaivai.

Blacktown (Workers) 36 (J. Stuckey 2, R. Tuaimalo Vaega 2, C. Faulalo, T. Sipleby tries; J. Toby 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (D. Armstrong try; T. Cant goal) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 12-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Tuaimalo Vaega, Myers, Abbey, Faulalo; Matterson, Dargan; Sipleby, Chan Kum Tong, Condon, Fainu, Stuckey, Boyle. Int: Sykes, Fulton, Dias, Woods. Newcastle: Hodgson, Wainohu-Kemp, Sasagi, Tuala (C), Armstrong; Rivett, Sutton; Hollis, Wilkinson, Talty, Keeley, Lucas. Cant. Int: Kalepo, Tupouniua, Jenkins, Slater-Raptis.

Norths 24 (B. Stevanović 2, J. Bergamin, T. Katoa, P. Momirovski tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) defeated Sydney 14 (A. Fitzgibbon 2, E. El-Zakhem tries; S. Smith goal) at Hills Grammar.

Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Norths 24-6. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Aukafolau, Anderson; Taipari, Smith (C); Rogers-Smith, Moriarty, Hodge, El-Zakhem, Wong, Neufi. Int: Deakin, Meyn, Bevan, Fakaosi. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Pauga, Momirovski, Mata'afa; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Marschke, Makatoa, Aukafolau, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Ott, Thomas, Hughes, Fakatoumahi.

ROUND 6

Canterbury 26 (B. Burns, D. Casey, B. Hayward, B. Tsikrikas, B. Wilson tries; J. Papalii 3 goals) defeated Souths 22 (T. Duncan, R. Kennar, B. Lovett, P. Mamouzelos tries; B. Taaffe 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 8-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Casey, Burns (C), Wilson; Rajab, Oloapu; Tsikrikas, Clarke, Tanner, Davey, Kautoga, Stringer. Int: Hayward, Hetherington, Montgomery, Todd. Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Karapani, Gagai, Kennar; Teauga, Hawkins (C); Giles, Mamouzelos, Gray, Lovett, O'Neill, Chapman. Int: Duncan, Chan-Foon, Hardman, Gordon.

Sydney 26 (J. Bevan, E. Clark-Wood, N. Whyte, S. Wong tries; S. Smith 5 goals) defeated Canberra 0 at Raiders Belconnen.

Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 2:45 PM. Halftime: Sydney 6-0. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Numambo; Strange, James; Mooney (C), Souter, Allen, Martin, Webb, Puru. Int: Kiriona, Thorburn, Compain, Burns. Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Allan, Anderson; Taipari, Smith (C); Whyte, Moriarty, Rogers-Smith, El-Zakhem, Wong, Meyn. Int: Fakaosi, Neufi, Deakin, Bevan.

St George Illa 26 (M. Feagai 2, R. Couchman, J. Shereb, J. Sullivan tries; J. Sullivan 2, A. Lobb goals) defeated Norths 12 (T. Katoa, J. Marschke tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.

Date: Sat, 8th April. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 10-6. Referee: Clayton Wills.

St George Illa: Turner, Lobb, Shereb, Feagai, Finau; Herring, Sullivan; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Fifita, Russell, Hunt, Molo. Int: Finau, Couchman, Johnson, Lui-Toso. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Pauga, Fakatoumahi, Mata'afa; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Marschke, Makatoa, Aukafolau, Tupouniua, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Ott, Thomas, Hughes, Porter.

Blacktown (Workers) 26 (B. Abbey, C. Faulalo, Z. Fulton, T. Sipleby, J. Stuckey, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; C. Faulalo goal) defeated Penrith 24 (L. Sommerton 2, L. Henry, T. Jenkins tries; K. Falls 4 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th April. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 12-6. Penalties: Blacktown (Workers) 9-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, Cole, McLean; Falls, Cogger (C); Henry, Peachey, Blacker, Geyer, Smith, Faiumu. Int: Sommerton, Lotoaniu, Lisati, Vaega. Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Faulalo, Myers, Abbey, Tuaimalo Vaega; Matterson, Dargan; Sipleby (C), Chan Kum Tong, Woods, Sykes, Stuckey, Condon. Int: Boyle, Fulton, Tramontana, Dias.

Warriors 54 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 4, K. Going 2, J. Laban, A. Leiataua, I. Vagana, R. Volkman tries; R. Volkman 7 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (O. Keeley, B. Talty, E. Tuala tries; T. Cant goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 9th April. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Warriors 26-10. Referee: Martin Jones.

Newcastle: Hodgson, Wainohu-Kemp, Sasagi, Tuala, Ferguson; Rivett, Sutton; Hollis, Kalepo, Talty, Keeley, Hampson, Cant. Int: Nailagoliva, Jenkins, Tupouniua, Su'a. Warriors: Doyle, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Watene-Zelezniak; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Roache, Vagana, Going (C), Laban, Gavet. Int: Halasima, Baggaley, Vaivai, Sands.

Parramatta 10 (J. Arthur, M. Komolafe tries; J. Rankin goal) defeated Wests 6 (R. Ngatikaura try; B. Wakeham goal) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Mon, 10th April. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 4-0. Penalties: Parramatta 7-5. Referee: Darian Furner.

Wests: Laurie, Hill, Saukuru, Reilly, Ogden; Smith, Wakeham; James, Ngatikaura, Simpkins, Boyling, Mansfield, Seyfarth. Int: Lawler, Roumanos, Harris, Fainu. Parramatta: Asi, Lumelume, Blake, Cini, Komolafe; Rankin (C), Arthur, Ogden, Rein, Rodwell, Mataele, Doorey, Moretti. Int: Yates, Keir, Momoisea, Taumoepeu.

ROUND 7

Penrith 48 (T. Jenkins 2, J. McLean 2, E. Blacker, J. Cogger, J. Cole, J. Faiumu, A. Lisati tries; J. Cole 4, K. Falls 2 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (L. Sutton 2, O. Keeley tries; T. Cant 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium. Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 28-4. Referee: Matt Noyen.

Newcastle: Hodgson, Wainohu-Kemp, Sasagi, Hunt, FAULKNER; Tighe, Sutton; Jenkins, Kalepo, Talty, Keeley, Hampson, Cant (C). Int: Hollis, Wilkinson, Alchin, Tupouniua. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Peachey, McLean, Amituanai; Cole, Cogger (C); Henry, Sommerton, Lisati, Garner, Geyer, Smith. Int: Falls, Faiumu, Blacker, Stimson.

Newtown 40 (C. Tasipale 2, D. Atkinson, B. Fearnley, J. Gagan, M. Ikuvalu, S. Stonestreet tries; M. Hiroti 6 goals) defeated Sydney 18 (T. Deakin 2, E. El-Zakhem tries; S. Smith 3 goals) at Henson Park. Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 28-0. Penalties: Sydney 8-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Newtown: Tracey, Ikuvalu, Hiroti, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Trindall; Uele, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Gagan, Slade, Hau Tapuha, Fearnley. Sydney: Allan, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Aukafolau, Anderson; Taipari, Smith; Napa, Moriarty, El-Zakhem, Crichton, Brown, Whyte. Int: Wong, Fakaosi, Deakin, Bevan.

Canberra 20 (T. Mooney 2, B. Morkos, X. Savage tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) defeated St George Illa 18 (T. Stewart 2, B. Burns tries; J. Sullivan 3 goals) at GIO Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Canberra 10-6. Penalties: Canberra 12-5. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canberra: Stewart, Savage, Schiller, Morkos, Asomua; Schneider, James; Mooney (C), Souter, Hola, Webb, Webley, Puru. Int: Spencer, Thorburn, Compain, Allen. St George Illa: Turner, Lobb, Shereb, Feagai, Finau; Stewart, Sullivan; Hunt, Muhleisen, Fifita, Russell, Burns (C), Murdoch-Masila. Int: Finau, Couchman, Lui-Toso, Liu.

Canterbury 28 (B. Wilson 2, R. Hoffman, S. Hughes, K. Rajab tries; B. Hayward 4 goals) defeated Parramatta 6 (J. Murchie try; J. Rankin goal) at CommBank Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-0. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Parramatta: Asi, Lumelume, Blake, Cini, Komolafe; Rankin (C), Arthur; Ogden, Rein, Rodwell, Murchie, Mataele, Moretti. Int: Yates, Keir, Taumoepeu, Momoisea. Canterbury: Hetherington, Skelton, Clark, Hoffman, Wilson; Rajab, Oloapu; Hughes, Hayward, Morrin (C), Hayes, Kautoga, Tanner. Int: Papalii, Stringer, Tsikrikas, Hopoi.

Norths 40 (J. Pauga 2, R. Hughes, J. Marschke, P. Momirovski, B. Stevanović, S. Tupouniua tries; J. Marschke 6 goals) defeated Souths 14 (M. Chan-Foon, S. Gardiner, R. Kennar tries; B. Taaffe goal) at North Sydney Oval. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 10-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Fakatoumafi, Momirovski, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Turpin, Makatoa, Aukafolau, Tupouniua, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Hughes, Porter, Mata'afa. Souths: Gagai, Carr, Skelton, Chan-Foon, Kennar; Taaffe, Teapua; Gordon, Mamouzelos, Gray, Lovett (C), O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Giles, Gardiner, Chapman, Rahme.

Warriors 40 (S. Aukusitino 2, D. Sifakula 2, A. Leiataua, S. Tu, R. Volkman tries; R. Volkman 6 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 30 (C. Faulalo 3, C. Brown, Z. Fulton tries; J. Humphreys 5 goals) at HE Laybutt Field. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 18-12. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Faulalo, Myers, Matterson, Brown; Humphreys, Dargan; Condon, Chan Kum Tong, Keppie, Fainu, Stuckey, Fulton. Int: Boyle, Roache, Dias, Sykes. Warriors: Doyle, Tu, Vailea, Leiataua, Aukusitino; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Roache, Gavet, Going (C), Laban, Sifakula. Int: Halasima, Baggaley, Vaivai, Vagana.

ROUND 8

Souths 18 (T. Carr, B. Gray, C. Hodge tries; B. Taaffe 3 goals) defeated Penrith 16 (D. Amituanai 2, T. Jenkins, J. McLean tries) at Accor Stadium. Date: Thu, 20th April. Kickoff: 5:25 PM. Halftime: Souths 14-4. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Skelton, Hodge; Teapua, Hawkins (C); Rahme, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Lovett. Int: Gray, Duncan, Gardiner, Patterson. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, McLean, Amituanai; Cole, Cogger (C); Henry, Sommerton, Blacker, Garner, Geyer, Peachey. Int: Falls, Smith, Faiumu, Lotoaniu.

Newtown 28 (C. Tracey 2, D. Atkinson, K. Iro, J. Mansour tries; M. Hiroti 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 10 (H. Hayes, B. Wilson tries; B. Hayward goal) at Accor Stadium. Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-6. Penalties: Canterbury 9-7. Referee: Matt Noyen.

Canterbury: Oloapu, Hayes, Clark, Hoffman, Wilson; Rajab, Hayward; Hughes, Hetherington, Topine, Edwards, Kautoga, Morrin (C). Int: Papalii, Tanner, Stringer, Tsikrikas. Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Hiroti, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Hau Tapuha, Berrell, Colquhoun, Gagan, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Slade, Uele, Pickering, Fearnley.

Warriors 48 (S. Halasima 2, R. Volkman 2, B. Farr, A. Leiataua, D. Sifakula, P. Vaivai tries; R. Volkman 8 goals) defeated Parramatta 4 (Z. Cini try) at North Harbour Stadium. Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 24-0. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Warriors: Tuaupiki, Graham-Taufa, Vailea, Leiataua, Aukusitino; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Roache, Gavet, Going (C), Halasima, Sifakula. Int: Ackland, Vagana, Vaivai, Halalilo. Parramatta: Lumelume, Minhinnick, Loizou, Cini, Komolafe; Asi (C), Arthur; Ogden, Yates, Makatoa, Keir, Murchie, Rodwell. Int: Luke, Mataele, Betham-Misa, Momoisea.

Wests 24 (B. Mansfield 2, S. Blore, J. Matamua tries; W. Smith 4 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 16 (B. Condon, C. Faulalo, F. Myers tries; J. Humphreys 2 goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: Wests 14-10. Referee: Damian Brady.

Wests: Ogden, Nofoaluma, Saukuru, Reilly, Scolari; Smith, Laurie; James, Boyling, Seyfarth, Blore, Mansfield, Matamua. Int: Lawler, Simpkins, Roumanos, Fainu. Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Faulalo, Myers, Ferris, Brown; Fainu, Humphreys; Condon, Chan Kum Tong (C), Dias, Sykes, Boyle, Matterson. Int: Fulton, Roache, Uesele, Josefa.

Norths 32 (J. Pauga 3, J. Bergamin, Z. Dockar-Clay, T. Katoa, R. Porter tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (C. FAULKNER try; A. Clune goal) at North Sydney Oval. Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 10-0. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Smith, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; May, Turpin, Baker, Aukafolau, Porter, Dockar-Clay. Int: Marschke, Hughes, Makatoa, Thomas. Newcastle: Hodgson, Wainohu-Kemp, Ve'a'ila, Croker, FAULKNER; Tighe, Clune (C); Jenkins, Kalepo, Talty, Keeley, Lucas, Johns. Int: Wilkinson, Hollis, Alchin, Burgess.

St George Illa 30 (A. Lobb 3, B. Burns, D. Russell, S. Tamale tries; J. Sullivan 3 goals) defeated Sydney 18 (J. Anderson, E. Clark-Wood, R. Meyn tries; S. Walker 3 goals) at Wentworth Park. Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 22-12. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Sydney: Smith (C), Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Swann, Anderson; Taipari, Walker; Wong, Moriarty, Napa, Meyn, El-Zakhem, Brown. Int: Fakaosi, Bevan, Deakin, Va'a. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Feagai, Finau; Herring, Sullivan; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Fifita, Shereb, Burns (C), Russell. Int: Lui-Toso, Finau, Couchman, Johnson.

ROUND 9

Canberra 22 (X. Savage, H. Smith-Shields, E. Strange, S. Valemei tries; J. James 3 goals) defeated Souths 16 (E. O'Neill, B. Taaffe, I. Thompson tries; B. Taaffe 2 goals) at McDonalds Park. Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Canberra: Savage, Asomua, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Valemei; Puru, James; Mooney, Souter, Hola, Martin, Webb, Mariota. Int: Strange, Thorburn, Webley, Allen. Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Kennar, Thompson; Teapua, Hawkins (C); Gordon, Mamouzelos, Suluka-Fifita, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Gray, Gardiner, Rahme, Knight.

Parramatta 44 (Z. Cini 2, M. Doorey 2, M. Luke 2, J. Arthur, C. Tupou tries; J. Rankin 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (S. Sasagi, B. Talty tries; A. Clune goal) at Kellyville Park. Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-4. Referee: Martin Jones.

Parramatta: Asi, Minhinnick, Lumelume, Cini, Tupou; Rankin (C), Arthur; Momoisea, Luke, Moretti, Doorey, Davey, Keir. Int: Mataele, Murchie, Yates, Taumoepeu. Newcastle: Hodgson, Wainohu-Kemp, Ve'a'ila, Sasagi, Hunt; Tighe, Clune (C); Jenkins, Kalepo, Burgess, Johns, Lucas, Cant. Int: Wilkinson, Hollis, Talty, Slater-Raptis.

Norths 29 (J. Pauga 2, R. Porter, B. Smith, B. Stevanović tries; J. Marschke 4 goals; J. Marschke field goal) defeated Newtown 28 (D. Atkinson, J. Gagan, K. Iro, B. Magoulias, C. Tracey tries; M. Hiroti 4 goals) at Henson Park. Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 22-6. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Hiroti, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Trindall; Hau Tapuha, Berrell, Colquhoun, Gagan, Leiu, Magoulias (C). Int: Tasipale, Slade, Uele, Fearnley. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Smith, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Turpin, May, Aukafolau, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Makatoa, Thomas, Hayman, Marschke.

Wests 28 (J. Boyling 2, S. Kioa, D. Laurie, L. Saukuru tries; W. Smith 4 goals) defeated Penrith 8 (D. Amituanai, T. Jenkins tries) at Carrington Park. Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Wests 22-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, McLean, Amituanai; Cole, Cogger (C); Lisati, Sommerton, Blacker, Smith, Geyer, Faiumu. Int: Falls, Lotoaniu, Sagaga, Hassett. Wests: Laurie (C), Saukuru, Kioa, Reilly, Scolari; Smith, Hill; James, Ngatikaura, Seyfarth, Simpkins, Boyling, Blore. Int: Cherrington, Roumanos, Mansfield, Fainu.

Warriors 34 (M. Graham-Taufa 2, E. Ackland, N. Halalilo, S. Halasima, A. Leiataua tries; R. Volkman 5 goals) defeated Sydney 22 (A. Fitzgibbon, T. Moriarty, T. Neiuhi, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 2, S. Smith goals) at Mt Smart Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th April. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-16. Penalties: Warriors 9-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Warriors: Doyle, Graham-Taufa, Farr, Leiataua, Aukusitino; Ackland, Volkman; Maiu'u, Roache, Vagana, Sands, Halasima, Sio. Int: Halalilo, Vaivai, Stowers-Smith. Sydney: Smith (C), Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Neiuhi, Anderson; Taipari, Walker; Napa, Moriarty, Wong, El-Zakhem, Whyte, Brown. Int: Meyn, Deakin, Fakaosi, Va'a.

Canterbury 22 (E. Clark, J. Kalati, K. Rajab, B. Wilson tries; K. Flanagan 3 goals) defeated St George Illa 12 (S. Finau, S. Tamale tries; J. Sullivan 2 goals) at WIN Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th April. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 6-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Clark, Hoffman, Wilson; Rajab, Hayward; Tsikrikas, Flanagan, Tanner, Topine (C), Kautoga, Brown. Int: Hayes, Hetherington, Stringer, Kalati. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Johnson, Finau; Herring, Sullivan; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Fifita, Shereb, Burns (C), Russell. Int: Finau, Lui-Toso, Couchman, Tuitavake.

ROUND 10

Souths 28 (P. Mamouzelos 2, B. Taaffe 2, R. Kennar tries; B. Taaffe 4 goals) defeated Sydney 26 (J. Anderson 2, A. Fitzgibbon, C. Thomas, S. Wong tries; S. Smith 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: 16-all. Referee: Darian Furner.

Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Kennar, Thompson; Teauga, Hawkins (C); Gray, Mamouzelos, Suluka-Fifita, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Lovett. Int: Duncan, Gardiner, Rahme, Gordon. Sydney: Smith (C), Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Neiuifi, Anderson; Taipari, Thomas; Napa, Moriarty, Whyte, Wong, El-Zakhem, Brown. Int: Fakaosi, Meyn, Deakin, Va'a.

Norths 30 (T. Mata'afa 2, J. Pauga 2, F. Baker, W. Fakatoumafi tries; K. Hayman 2, J. Marschke goals) defeated Warriors 12 (R. Berry 2 tries; R. Volkman 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-6. Referee: Damian Brady.

Norths: Bergamin, Fakatoumafi, Hayman, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; Baker, Ott, May, Aukafolau, Porter, De Luis. Int: Docker-Clay, Niutili-Schmidt, Thomas, Makatoa. Warriors: Farr, Graham-Taufa, Berry, Leiataua, Vailea; Ackland, Volkman; Maiu'u, Roache, Gavet, Going, Sands, Sio (C). Int: Aukusitino, Halasima, Halalilo, Vagana.

Parramatta 32 (D. Asi, M. Doorey, I. Lumelume, J. Murchie, J. Rankin, S. Russell tries; J. Rankin 4 goals) defeated Wests 30 (T. Reilly 2, L. Saukuru 2, M. Cherrington, B. Tumeth tries; W. Smith 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 20-14. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Parramatta: Asi, Lumelume, Russell, Cini, Tupou; Rankin (C), Arthur; Ogden, Luke, Momoisea, Doorey, Murchie, Moretti. Int: Yates, Mataele, Taumoepenu, Betham-Misa. Wests: Laurie, Saukuru, Kioa, Reilly, Scolari; Smith, Hill; James, Tumeth, Simpkins, Blore, Boyling, Matamua. Int: Cherrington, Fainu, Pellow, Roumanos.

Newtown 29 (D. Atkinson 2, S. Stonestreet 2, K. Iro tries; M. Hiroti 4 goals; N. Puru field goal) defeated Penrith 16 (K. Falls, L. Henry, T. Jenkins tries; K. Falls 2 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Newtown 12-0. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Newtown: Hiroti, Mansour, Taumoepenu, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru, Dakin, Berrell, Colquhoun, Leiu, Pickering, Magoulias (C). Int: Tasipale, Slade, Hau Tapuha, Fearnley. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, Lane, Amituanai; Falls, Cogger (C); Lisati, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Garner, Smith. Int: Toelau, Blacker, Faiumu, Lotoaniu.

Canterbury 14 (H. Hayes, J. Kalati, J. Papalii tries; K. Flanagan goal) drew with Canberra 14 (S. Valemei 2, C. Harawira-Naera tries; B. Schneider goal) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canterbury: Papalii, Hayes, Clark, Hoffman, Mazzone; Rajab, Hayward; Tsikrikas, Flanagan, Tanner, Topine (C), Kautoga, Brown. Int: Hetherington, Stringer, Kalati, Hopoi. Canberra: Smith-Shields, Asomua, Schiller, Morkos, Valemei; Schneider, James; Mooney, Puru, Hola, Martin, Webb, Harawira-Naera. Int: Strange, Thorburn, Webley, Allen.

Blacktown (Workers) 34 (C. Faulalo 2, J. Ferris, D. Matterson, F. Myers, R. Tuaimalo Vaega, K. Weekes tries; J. Humphreys 3 goals) defeated St George Illa 26 (S. Finau, Z. Herring, J. Liddle, A. Lobb, T. Stewart tries; A. Lobb 3 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 16-8. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Faulalo, Myers, Ferris, Tuaimalo Vaega; Matterson, Humphreys; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong, Condon, Fainu, Fulton, Sykes. Int: Dias, Uesele, Iosefa, Tapata'outai. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Russell, Finau; Turner, Muhleisen; Musgrove, Liddle, Fifita, Egan, Couchman, Lui-Toso. Int: Finau, Tuitavake, Johnson, Herring.

ROUND 11

Penrith 16 (J. Cogger, S. Lane, L. Sommerton tries; J. Cogger 2 goals) defeated Sydney 14 (J. Anderson 2, D. Hutchison tries; S. Smith goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-0. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, Lane, Amituanai; Falls, Cogger (C); Blacker, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Garner, Smith. Int: Lisati, Toelau, Riki, Lotoaniu.

Sydney: Smith (C), Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Neiuifi, Anderson; Hutchison, Thomas; Napa, Deakin, Whyte, El-Zakhem, Meyn, Wong. Int: Taipari, Fakaosi, Bevan, Va'a.

Canterbury 14 (K. Morrin, J. Skelton tries; K. Flanagan 3 goals) drew with Warriors 14 (L. Metcalf, T. Tuapiki tries; E. Ackland 2, L. Metcalf goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-6. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Casey, Hoffman, Clark; Rajab, Hayward; Hughes, Flanagan, Sutton, Topine (C), Kautoga, Morrin. Int: Tanner, Brown, Patolo, Pele. Warriors: Tuapiki, Graham-Taufa, Vailea, Leiataua, Tu; Farr, Metcalf; Maiu'u, Sands, Gavet, Going, Halalilo, Sifakula. Int: Ackland, Vagana, Stowers-Smith, Baggaley.

Souths 26 (I. Thompson 3, T. Carr, E. O'Neill tries; B. Taaffe 3 goals) defeated Wests 22 (S. Blore, S. Kioa, T. Reilly, L. Saukuru tries; W. Smith 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Wests 22-2. Penalties: Souths 7-2. Referee: Darian Furner.

Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Kennar, Thompson; Teauga, Hawkins (C); Lovett, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Chapman. Int: Gray, Duncan, Gardiner, Alvarado. Wests: Laurie, Saukuru, Kioa, Reilly, Ogden; Pellow, Smith; James, Ngatikaura, Seyfarth, Boyling, Blore, Matamua. Int: Cherrington, Roumanos, Mansfield, Fainu.

Canberra 46 (J. Schiller 2, U. Asomua, C. Harawira-Naera, T. Mooney, H. Puru, X. Savage, B. Schneider, L. Webley tries; B. Schneider 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 12 (M. Luke, J. Rankin tries; J. Rankin 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 5:20 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-6. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Canberra: Savage, Smith-Shields, Schiller, Morkos, Asomua; Strange, Schneider; Mooney (C), Puru, Hola, Martin, Webb, Harawira-Naera. Int: Thorburn, Stewart, Webley, Allen. Parramatta: Asi, Lumelume, Russell, Cini, Tupou; Yates, Rankin (C); Ogden, Luke, Momoisea, Mataele, Keir, Moretti. Int: Taumoepenu, Rodwell, Lenaz, Betham-Misa.

St George Illa 26 (S. Finau 2, J. Liddle, Z. Lomax, N. Lui-Toso tries; Z. Lomax 2, A. Lobb goals) defeated Newcastle 22 (D. Aukafolau 2, S. Sasagi, B. Talty tries; L. Sutton 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-8. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Louis Matheson.

Newcastle: Hodgson, Moceidreke, Tuala, Sasagi, Hunt; Sutton, Clune (C); Jenkins, Kalepo, Burgess, Johns, Aukafolau, Cant. Int: Rugless, Toleafoa, Alchin, Talty. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Lomax, Finau; Turner, Muhleisen; Musgrove, Liddle, Fifita, Egan, Couchman, Russell. Int: Finau, Tuitavake, Shereb, Lui-Toso.

Blacktown (Workers) 22 (B. Condon, F. Myers, N. Roache, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; J. Humphreys 3 goals) drew with Newtown 22 (B. Fearnley, J. Mansour, N. Puru, S. Stonestreet tries; N. Puru 3 goals) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: Newtown 22-10. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Tuaimalo Vaega, Myers, Harper, Ferris; Fainu, Humphreys; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong (C), Condon, Fainu, Stuckey, Matterson. Int: Sykes, Brown, Roache, Dias. Newtown: Waitere, Mansour, Taumoepenu, Stonestreet, Rodwell; Atkinson, Puru; Dakin, Berrell, Colquhoun, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Slade, Pickering, Hau Tapuha, Fearnley.

ROUND 12

Parramatta 26 (I. Lumelume 2, J. Arthur, J. Rankin, J. Yates tries; J. Rankin 3 goals) defeated Souths 16 (P. Mamouzelos, E. O'Neill, D. Teauga tries; D. Hawkins 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th May. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 10-4. Referee: Darian Furner.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Skelton, Kennar; Teauga, Hawkins (C); Gordon, Duncan, Gray, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Lovett. Int: Mamouzelos, Gardiner, Mitchell, Chapman. Parramatta: Asi, Dunster, Lumelume, Cini, Tupou; Rankin (C), Arthur; Moretti, Luke, Rodwell, Momoisea, Keir, Yates. Int: Brazel, Betham-Misa, Taumoepenu, Apelu.

Penrith 40 (L. Garner 2, D. Amituanai, T. Jenkins, P. Riki, M. Stimson, T. Toelau tries; K. Falls 5, M. Stimson goals) defeated Wests 10 (I. Ogden, T. Reilly tries; W. Smith goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-4. Penalties: Penrith 9-7. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Wests: Laurie, Saukuru, Kioa, Reilly, Ogden; Pellow, Smith; James, Ngatikaura (C), Seyfarth, Tumeth, Blore, Matamua. Int: Cherrington, Roumanos, Mansfield, Simpkins. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, Lane, Amituanai; Falls, Toelau; Henry, Luke, Blacker, Geyer, Garner, Smith. Int: Lisati, Riki, Faiumu.

Newtown 40 (J. Mansour 2, T. Hau Tapuha, T. Rodwell, C. Tasipale, J. Taumoepenu, B. Trindall tries; M. Hiroti 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (D. Aukafolau, A. Clune tries; R. Rivett 2 goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 22-0. Referee: Damian Brady.

Newtown: Hiroti, Mansour, Taumoepenu, Stonestreet, Rodwell; Trindall, Puru; Dakin, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Slade, Uele, Pickering, Fearnley. Newcastle: Hodgson, Moceidreke, Ve'a'ila, Sasagi, Pietzner; Rivett, Clune (C); Jenkins, Kalepo, Burgess, Lucas, Aukafolau, Jones. Int: Rugless, Cant, Toleafoa, Talty.

St George Illa 42 (B. Burns 3, V. Fifita, Z. Herring, C. Muhleisen, P. Turner tries; A. Lobb 7 goals) defeated Sydney 22 (A. Fitzgibbon, E. King, S. Smith, P. Steinwede tries; S. Smith 3 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.

Date: Sun, 21st May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 26-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Shereb, Feagai, Finau; Turner, Herring; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Fifita, Burns (C), Egan, Couchman. Int: Finau, Tuitavake, Lui-Toso, Johnson. Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Neiuifi, Anderson; Savala, Smith (C); Va'a, Deakin, Whyte, Meyn, Ngaronoa, Wong. Int: Thomas, Rogers-Smith, Hodge, Steinwede.

Blacktown (Workers) 19 (B. Abbey, C. Faulalo, N. Roache tries; J. Humphreys 3 goals; J. Humphreys field goal) defeated Canberra 12 (B. Schneider, L. Webley tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st May. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Canberra: Savage, Cotric, Morkos, Smith-Shields, Asomua; Frawley, Schneider (C); Martin, Puru, Hola, Webley, Webb, Harawira-Naera. Int: James, Allen, Spencer, Stuart. Blacktown (Workers): Faulalo, Ferris, Myers, Harper, Tuipulotu; Fainu, Humphreys; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Dunford, Stuckey, Tonise. Int: Abbey, Sykes, Roache, Uesele.

Norths 24 (J. Pauga 4, J. Marschke tries; B. Stevanović 2 goals) defeated Canterbury 22 (D. Gabriel, J. Mazzone, C. Patolo, J. Topine tries; K. Flanagan 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 21st May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 22-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Fakatoumafi, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; Baker, Marschke, May, El-Zakhem, Porter, Docker-Clay (C). Int: Ott, Thomas, Makatoa, De Luis. Canterbury: Papalii, Mazzone, Clark, Hoffman, Gabriel; Rajab, Hayward; Tanner, Flanagan, Sutton, Topine (C), Kautoga, Brown. Int: Patolo, Hetherington, Tsikrikas, Kalati.

ROUND 13

Parramatta 26 (I. Lumelume, J. Minhinnick, K. Rodwell, J. Yates tries; J. Rankin 5 goals) defeated Norths 8 (A. Smalley 2 tries) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 5:40 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 12-0. Referee: Darian Furner.

Parramatta: Cini, Minhinnick, Momoisea, Lumelume, Tupou; Asi, Rankin (C); Betham-Misa, Luke, Rodwell, Murchie, Keir, Yates. Int: Taumoepeu, Apelu, Mataele, Brazel. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Fakatoumafi, Mata'afa, Smalley; Marschke, Stevanović; Baker, Marschke, May, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay. Int: Ott, Thomas, Makatoa, De Luis.

Souths 26 (S. Gardiner, J. Karapani, R. Kennar, P. Mamouzelos tries; D. Hawkins 5 goals) defeated Canberra 20 (P. Holo, B. Morkos, X. Savage, J. Stuart tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-12. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Skelton, Kennar; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Gordon, Mamouzelos, Gray, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Rahme. Int: Chapman, Gardiner, Hardman, Alvarado. Canberra: Savage, Asomua, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Schiller; Frawley, Schneider (C); Martin, Levi, Holo, Stuart, Webley, Puru. Int: James, Clarkson, Compain, Allen.

St George Illa 40 (T. Stewart 2, M. Feagai, H. Finau, Z. Herring, A. Lobb, P. Turner tries; A. Lobb 6 goals) defeated Wests 20 (T. Reilly 2, R. Ngatikaura, L. Saukuru tries; W. Smith 2 goals) at Sid Parrish Park.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 16-14. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Moga, Feagai, Finau; Turner, Herring; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Lui-Toso, Burns, Russell, Couchman. Int: Fifta, Egan, Finau, Tuitavake. Wests: Laurie, Saukuru, Kioa, Reilly, Ogden; Pellow, Smith; James, Ngatikaura (C), Simpkins, Tumeth, Blore, Matamua. Int: Cherrington, Roumanos, Mansfield, Fainu.

Penrith 24 (J. McLean 2, D. Amituanai, L. Sommerton, M. Stimson tries; K. Falls 2 goals) defeated Warriors 14 (B. Farr, A. Leiataua, V. Vailea tries; R. Volkman goal) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-10. Referee: Damian Brady.

Warriors: Tuapiki, Graham-Taufa, Vailea, Wiliame, Leiataua; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Sands, Vagana, Going, Sifakula, Halasima. Int: Halalilo, Ackland, Vasuvulagi, Laban. Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Stimson, Lane, Amituanai; Toelau, Falls; Henry, Sommerton, Blacker, Geyer, Faiumu, Smith. Int: Riki, Smith, Lotoaniu, Lipowicz.

Newcastle 26 (D. Lucas 2, D. Armstrong, L. Moceidreke, S. Sasagi tries; L. Sutton 3 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 20 (B. Abbey, C. Faulalo, J. Stuckey, J. Toby tries; C. Faulalo 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, Tuala, Sasagi, Moceidreke; Sutton, Clune (C); Tupouniua, Rugless, Burgess, Lucas, Aukafolau, Jones. Int: Wilkinson, Jenkins, Toleafoa, Cant. Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Ferris, Faulalo, Harper, Tuipulotu; Matterson, Fainu; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong (C), Dias, Fulton, Stuckey, Tonise. Int: Roache, Uesele, Abbey, Sykes.

Sydney 24 (E. King 2, A. Fitzgibbon, N. Whyte tries; S. Smith 4 goals) defeated Newtown 23 (M. Hiroti 2, R. Dakin, S. Stonestreet tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals; N. Puru field goal) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Newtown 17-10. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Sydney: King, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Aukafolau, Anderson; Savala, Smith (C); Napa, Taipari, Whyte, Steinwede, Ngaronoa, Wong. Int: Ellis, Deakin, Neiuhi, Hodge. Newtown: Hiroti, Mansour, Taumoepeu, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Hau Tapuha, Berrell, Colquhoun, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Dakin, Slade, Uele, Pickering.

ROUND 14

Souths 24 (T. Carr, M. Chan-Foon, J. Karapani, P. Mamouzelos tries; D. Hawkins 4 goals) defeated Warriors 22 (A. Leiataua 2, J. Laban, S. Tu tries; E. Ackland 3 goals) at Redfern Oval.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Souths 14-12. Penalties: Souths 8-1. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Skelton, Hodge; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Swann, Mamouzelos, Knight, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Rahme. Int: Duncan, Gardiner, Chapman, Alvarado. Warriors: Tu, Graham-Taufa, Wiliame, Leiataua, Aukusitino; Ackland, Doyle; Maiu'u, Going (C), Gavet, Laban, Halasima, Sifakula. Int: Fukofuka, Vagana, Vasuvulagi, Baggaley.

Blacktown (Workers) 36 (J. Ferris 2, M. Harper 2, B. Abbey, C. Faulalo, J. Stuckey tries; C. Faulalo 4 goals) defeated Norths 30 (A. Smalley 3, Z. Dockar-Clay 2, T. Katoa tries; B. Stevanović 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-14. Penalties: Blacktown (Workers) 8-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Fakatoumafi, Mata'afa, Smalley; Marschke, Stevanović; Baker, Marschke, May, Talty, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Ott, Thomas, Hughes, De Luis. Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Faulalo, Myers, Harper, Ferris; Abbey, Fainu; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong (C), Condon, Fulton, Stuckey, Matterson. Int: Roache, Dias, Sykes, Tonise.

Newcastle 35 (D. Armstrong, A. Clune, D. Lucas, L. Moceidreke, E. Tuala, K. Wainohu-Kemp tries; L. Miller 5 goals; L. Miller field goal) defeated Parramatta 16 (Z. Cini, J. Murchie, C. Tupou tries; J. Rankin 2 goals) at Cessnock Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-10. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, Tuala, Sasagi, Moceidreke; Miller, Clune (C); Hetherington, Jones, Jones, Lucas, Aukafolau, Johns. Int: Rugless, Tupouniua, Jenkins, Burgess. Parramatta: Cini, Lumelume, Momoisea, Keir, Tupou; Asi, Rankin (C); Ogden, Luke, Rodwell, Murchie, Doorey, Moretti. Int: Apelu, Mataele, Taumoepeu, Betham-Misa.

Wests 26 (D. Laurie 2, M. Cherrington, B. Mansfield tries; W. Smith 5 goals) defeated Canberra 18 (X. Savage 2, D. Levi tries; B. Schneider 3 goals) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-12. Penalties: Wests 6-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Wests: Laurie, Scolari, Naden, Reilly, Ogden; Camroux, Smith (C); James, Cherrington, Simpkins, Boyling, Mansfield, Matamua. Int: Da Silva, Roumanos, Tuivaiti, Fainu. Canberra: Savage, Asomua, Esera, Morkos, Stewart; Strange, Schneider (C); Martin, Levi, Holo, Stuart, Webb, Puru. Int: Webley, James, Allen, Compain.

Canterbury 20 (J. Skelton 2, F. Brown, D. Casey tries; K. Flanagan 2 goals) defeated Sydney 6 (E. King try; J. Paulo goal) at Industree Group Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Sydney 6-0. Penalties: Canterbury 4-3. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Sydney: King (C), Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Paulo, Anderson; Taipari, Savala; Napa, Deakin, Fakaosi, Steinwede, Ngaronoa, Whyte. Int: Thomas, Meyn, Holten, Va'a. Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Casey, Quai-Ward, Clark; O'Neill, Hayward; Tanner, Flanagan, Patolo, Topine (C), Hoffman, Brown. Int: Gray, Kautoga, Montgomery, Hopoi.

Penrith 30 (T. Jenkins 2, L. Henry, I. Iongi, J. McLean, C. Smith tries; K. Falls 3 goals) defeated St George Illa 10 (D. Egan, S. Finau tries; A. Lobb goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-10. Referee: Casey Badger.

Penrith: Iongi, Jenkins, Peachey, Cole, McLean; Salmon, Falls; Blacker, Luke, Henry, Garner, Geyer, Eisenhuth. Int: Sommerton, Smith, Faiumu, Stimson. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Feagai, Moga, Finau; Turner, Herring; Musgrove, Muhleisen, Lui-Toso, Egan, Russell, Couchman. Int: Finau, Tuitavake, Fifta, Shereb.

ROUND 15

Souths 30 (P. Mamouzelos 2, T. Carr, J. Karapani, T. Munro, E. O'Neill tries; D. Teapa 3 goals) defeated St George Illa 22 (B. Burns 2, S. Finau, Z. Herring tries; T. Stewart 2, H. Finau goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Souths 26-10. Penalties: St George Illa 4-2. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

St George Illa: Stewart, Tamale, Moga, Feagai, Finau; Muhleisen, Herring; Couchman, Finau, Lui-Toso, Burns, Russell, Couchman. Int: Egan, Tuitavake, Fifta, Shereb. Souths: Gagai, Carr (C), Karapani, Milne, Munro; Teapa, Gardiner; Moale, Mamouzelos, Gray, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Gordon, Chan-Foon, Rahme, Spyroulias.

Warriors 34 (V. Vailea 2, S. Aukusitino, N. Halalilo, S. Halasima, F. Lussick tries; R. Volkman 5 goals) defeated Canberra 16 (E. Anderson, M. Frawley, C. Stewart tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) at Raiders Belconnen.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 12-6. Penalties: Canberra 8-4. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Strange, Morkos, Anderson; Frawley, Schneider (C); Allen, Levi, Holo, Stuart, Webb, Mariota. Int: Lewis, Spencer, Prest, James. Warriors: Tuapiki, Aukusitino, Wiliame, Vailea, Graham-Taufa; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Lussick, Vagana, Laban, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Ackland, Halalilo, Vasuvulagi, Baggaley.

Blacktown (Workers) 16 (C. Faulalo, Z. Fulton, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; C. Faulalo 2 goals) drew with Wests 16 (T. Da Silva, T. Reilly, L. Scolari tries; W. Smith 2 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 16-8. Penalties: Wests 10-9. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Tuaimalo Vaega, Faulalo, Harper, Ferris; Toby, Arthur; Sykes, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Fulton, Stuckey, Tonise. Int: Uesele, Tramontana, Tapa'atoutai, Main. Wests: Laurie, Ogden, Naden, Reilly, Scolari; Camroux, Smith; Seyfarth, Blore, Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Matamua. Int: Da Silva, Roumanos, Fainu, Tuivaiti.

Newtown 36 (J. Mansour 3, C. Tracey 2, C. Tasipale, B. Trindall tries; B. Trindall 4 goals) defeated Norths 20 (W. Fakatoumafi 3, A. Smalley tries; B. Stevanović 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 18-10. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Smalley, Mata'afa, Fakatoumafi; Marschke (C), Stevanović; Baker, Marschke, May, Talty, Porter, Makatoa. Int: Dockar-Clay, Ott, Thomas, Hughes, Seufale. Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Hiroti, Iro, Rodwell; Trindall, Puru; Hau Tapuha, Berrell, Colquhoun, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Pickering, Uele, Healey, Fearnley.

Penrith 24 (E. Blacker, J. Cole, S. Lane, J. McLean tries; K. Falls 4 goals) defeated Sydney 22 (R. Meyn 2, A. Holten, T. Neiuhi tries; J. Paulo 3 goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-12. Penalties: Sydney 6-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Sydney: Paulo, Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Neiuhi, Anderson; Savala, Taipari; Napa, Deakin (C), Whyte, Ngaronoa, Meyn, Wong. Int: Holten, Va'a, Fakaosi, Thomas. Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Stimson, Lane, Amituanai; Cole, Falls; Smith, Sommerton, Blacker, Geyer, Lipowicz, Faiumu. Int: Toelau, Lotoaniu, Hassett, Sagaga.

Canterbury 64 (K. Flanagan 4, B. Burns 3, K. Kautoga 2, E. Clark, J. O'Neill, J. Skelton tries; K. Flanagan 8 goals) defeated Parramatta 12 (Z. Cini, J. Murchie tries; J. Rankin 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Mon, 12th June. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 40-6. Penalties: Parramatta 7-5. Referee: Darian Furner.

Canterbury: Wilson, Skelton, Burns, Quai-Ward, Clark; O'Neill, Hayward; Sutton, Flanagan, Tanner, Topine (C), Hoffman, Brown. Int: Kautoga, Hopoi, Pele, Reynolds. Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Dunster, Lumelume, Tupou; Momoisea, Rankin (C); Betham-Misa, Luke, Rodwell, Murchie, Keir, Mataele. Int: Apelu, Taumoepeu, Brazel, Tupou.

ROUND 16

Sydney 36 (A. Holten 2, E. Clark-Wood, T. Neiuifi, J. Paulo, J. Taipari, C. Thomas tries; J. Paulo 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (L. Moceidreke, C. Vea'ila, K. Wainohu-Kemp tries) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Sydney 16-12. Penalties: Sydney 4-2. Referee: Damian Brady.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, Vea'ila, Cant, Moceidreke; Miller, Clune (C); Jenkins, Jones, Burgess, Keeley, Hampson, Johns. Int: Rivett, Toleafoa, Alchin, Tupouniua. Sydney: King (C), Fitzgibbon, Clark-Wood, Paulo, Anderson; Thomas, Taipari; Va'a, Coleman, Fakaosi, Ngaronoa, Meyn, Wong. Int: Holten, Rogers-Smith, Hodge, Neiuifi.

Newtown 24 (B. Trindall 2, K. Iro, C. Tasipale tries; M. Hiroti 4 goals) defeated Warriors 16 (F. Lussick, V. Vailea, R. Volkman tries; T. Tuaupiki, R. Volkman goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 12-6. Referee: Martin Jones.

Newtown: Hiroti, Mansour, Taumoepeau, Iro, Stonestreet; Trindall, Puru, Dakin, Berrell, Colquhoun, Leiu, Tasipale, Magoulias (C). Int: Pickering, Uele, Healey, Fearnley. Warriors: Tuaupiki, Graham-Taufa, Halasima, Vailea, Aukusitino; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Lussick, Vagana, Laban, Going (C), Vasuvulagi. Int: Sio, Ackland, Stowers-Smith, Baggaley.

Canterbury 30 (D. Casey, E. Clark, B. Hayward, J. O'Neill, J. Samrani tries; B. Hayward 5 goals) defeated Penrith 16 (E. Blacker 2, D. Amituanai tries; K. Falls 2 goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-10. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Canterbury: Wilson, Casey, Hoffman, Quai-Ward, Clark; O'Neill, Hayward; Sutton, Brown, Hughes, Topine (C), Tsikrikas, Samrani. Int: Kautoga, Hopoi, Hetherington, Gray. Penrith: Longi, Ison, McLean, Lane, Amituanai; Stimson, Falls; Blacker, Sommerton, Smith, Lipowicz, Faiumu, Tavita. Int: Hassett, Mason, Sagaga, Lotoanui.

Blacktown (Workers) 46 (J. Ferris 3, L. Fainu, C. Faulalo, Z. Fulton, C. Johns, J. Toby tries; C. Johns 7 goals) defeated Parramatta 10 (C. Tupou 2 tries; J. Rankin goal) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 34-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Parramatta: Cini, Dunster, Blake, Lumelume, Tupou; Keir, Rankin (C); Betham-Misa, Luke, Rodwell, Murchie, Momoisea, Mataele. Int: Davis, Graham, Brazel, Apelu. Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Tuaimalo Vaega, Faulalo, Harper, Ferris; Johns, Fainu; Condon, Chan Kum Tong (C), Dias, Fulton, Stuckey, Matterson. Int: Sykes, Abbey, Uesele, Tonise.

St George Illa 46 (B. Burns 2, S. Finau 2, Z. Herring, N. Lui-Toso, T. Moga, J. Shereb, T. Stewart tries; A. Lobb 5 goals) defeated Wests 4 (T. Reilly try) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 22-4. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Wests: Ogden, Scolari, Kioa, Reilly, Hopoate; Talau, Camroux; James, Ngatikaura, Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Matamua. Int: Cherrington, Roumanos, Tuivaiti, Fainu. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Feagai, Moga, Finau; Muhleisen, Herring; Couchman, Finau, Lui-Toso, Burns, Russell, Couchman. Int: Tsougranis, Tuitavake, Fifita, Shereb.

Souths 24 (T. Carr, J. Gagai, D. Hawkins, S. Mitchell tries; D. Hawkins 4 goals) defeated Norths 16 (J. Wormleaton 2, J. Bergamin tries; B. Stevanović 2 goals) at Coogee Oval.

Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 18-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Skelton, Munro; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Moale, Mamouzelos, Mitchell, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Knight, Gray, Chan-Foon, Gordon. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Key, Mata'afa, Wormleaton; Marschke, Stevanović; De Luis, Ott, Talty, Porter, El-Zakhem, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Makatoa, Hughes, Seufale.

ROUND 17

St George Illa 18 (R. Couchman, S. Finau, Z. Herring, S. Tamale tries; A. Lobb 3 goals) defeated Warriors 16 (E. Ackland, M. Graham-Taufa, V. Vailea tries; R. Volkman 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-6. Penalties: Warriors 5-3. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Warriors: Farr, Aukusitino, Graham-Taufa, Vailea, Kosi; Ackland, Volkman; Maiu'u, Sands, Vasuvulagi, Laban, Going (C), Sio. Int: Vagana, Stowers-Smith, Fukofuka, Ieremia-Toeava. St George Illa: Turner, Lobb, Feagai, Tamale, Finau; Finau, Herring; Couchman, Muhleisen, Tuitavake, Shereb, Russell, Couchman. Int: Lui-Toso, Tsougranis, Stewart, King-Togia.

Newcastle 19 (D. Armstrong, O. Keeley, L. Wilkinson tries; L. Miller 3 goals; A. Clune field goal) defeated Penrith 18 (D. Amituanai, J. Faiumu, D. FALE tries; J. Cole 3 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 6-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Penrith: Longi, McLean, Stimson, FALE, Amituanai; Cole, Falls; Blacker, Sommerton (C), Henry, Geyer, Lipowicz, Smith. Int: Toelau, Lisati, Sagaga, Faiumu. Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, Wilkinson, Sasagi, Vea'ila; Miller, Clune (C); Jenkins, Jones, Burgess, Johns, Keeley, Cant. Int: Toleafoa, Alchin, Tupouniua, Su'a.

Wests 15 (S. Hopoate, B. Mansfield, L. Saukuru tries; W. Smith goal; W. Smith field goal) drew with Canterbury 15 (E. Quai-Ward, R. Sutton, J. Topine tries; B. Hayward goal; B. Biondi-Odo, B. Hayward field goals) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 8-4. Penalties: Wests 7-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Wests: Ogden, Hopoate, Kioa, Saukuru, Scolari; Camroux, Smith; James, Ngatikaura, Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Fainu. Int: Matamua, Blore, Roumanos, Tuivaiti. Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Samrani, Quai-Ward, Burns; Biondi-Odo, Hayward; Sutton, Brown, Pele, Faitala-Mariner, Waddell, Flanagan. Int: Topine (C), Gray, Kautoga, Hopoi.

Newtown 40 (J. Berrell, J. Colquhoun, S. Healey, B. Magoulias, S. Stonestreet, C. Tracey, B. Trindall tries; M. Hiroti 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 22 (Z. Cini, M. Doorey, L. Moretti, L. Mulitalo, J. Murchie tries; J. Rankin 3, J. Murchie goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 28-16. Penalties: Parramatta 7-3. Referee: Casey Badger.

Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Hiroti, Iro, Stonestreet; Trindall, Puru; Dillon, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Leiu, Colquhoun, Magoulias (C). Int: Pickering, Uele, Healey, Fearnley. Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Lumelume, Mulitalo, Cini, Dunster; Keir, Rankin (C); Betham-Misa, Luke, Rodwell, Murchie, Doorey, Moretti. Int: Mataele, Momoisea, Apelu, Lenaz.

Souths 30 (T. Carr, J. Gagai, D. Hawkins, T. Munro, D. Suluka-Fifita tries; D. Hawkins 5 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 16 (C. Faulalo 2, G. Chan Kum Tong tries; C. Johns 2 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Blacktown (Workers) 6-4. Referee: Damian Brady.

Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Faulalo, Fulton, Abbey, Ferris; Johns, Arthur, Sykes, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Tuilagi, Fainu, Matterson. Int: Toby, Stuckey, Uesele, Boyle. Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Skelton, Munro; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Gardiner, Knight, Lovett, O'Neill, Havili. Int: Mitchell, Duncan, Gray, Chan-Foon.

Canberra 30 (X. Savage 2, A. Mariota, B. Schneider, C. Stewart tries; B. Schneider 5 goals) defeated Sydney 22 (R. Meyn, C. Ross, C. Thomas, P. Tohi tries; C. Thomas 3 goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-4. Penalties: Sydney 3-2. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Sydney: King (C), Neiuifi, Clark-Wood, Aukafolau, Fekitoa; Thomas, Taipari; Va'a, Deakin, Rogers-Smith, Ross, Meyn, Wong. Int: Holten, Stringer, Hodge, Tohi. Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Strange, Morkos, Savage; Schiller, Schneider (C); Allen, Levi, Hola, Stuart, Webb, Spencer. Int: Mariota, Martin, Compain, Anderson.

ROUND 18

Warriors 21 (K. Going, S. Tu, V. Vailea, S. Vasuvulagi tries; R. Volkman 2 goals; R. Volkman field goal) defeated Souths 18 (T. Duncan, B. Gray, B. Lovett tries; D. Hawkins 3 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Warriors 15-12. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Warriors: Tuaupiki, Tu, Wiliame, Vailea, Kosi; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Sio (C), Gavet, Laban, Halasima, Going. Int: Graham-Taufa, Vasuvulagi, Vagana, Ackland. Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Skelton, Ferguson; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Lovett, Cartwright, Rahme. Int: Gray, Duncan, Gardiner, O'Neill.

Canberra 22 (M. Frawley, C. Stewart, E. Strange, C. Webb tries; X. Savage 3 goals) defeated Penrith 18 (D. FALE, M. Geyer, C. Smith tries; K. Falls 3 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 5-3. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Anderson, Morkos, Savage; Strange, Frawley (C); Allen, Levi, Hola, Stuart, Webb, Puru. Int: Thorburn, Spencer, Mooney, Martin. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, McLean, Amituanai; Toelau, Falls; Blacker, Luke (C), Henry, Geyer, Garner, Smith. Int: Sommerton, Lisati, Faiumu, FALE.

St George Illa 46 (B. Burns, H. Finau, S. Finau, Z. Herring, A. Lobb, S. Tamale, A. Tuitavake, P. Turner tries; A. Lobb 7 goals) defeated Newtown 12 (J. Mansour 3 tries) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 28-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Taumoepeau, Hiroti, Stonestreet; Trindall, Puru; Dillon, Berrell (C), Hau Tapuha, Colquhoun, Pickering, Rudolf. Int: O'Kane, Uele, Healey, Fearnley. St George Illa: Turner, Lobb, Feagai, Tamale, Finau; Amone, Herring; Lui-Toso, Muhleisen, Musgrove, Burns, Russell, Couchman. Int: Tuitavake, Finau, Tsougranis, Hunt.

Newcastle 38 (F. Myers 3, D. Armstrong, A. Clune, K. McCarthy, L. Moceidreke tries; L. Miller 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 12 (E. Quai-Ward, J. Skelton tries; K. Flanagan 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-6. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Samrani, Quai-Ward, Wilson; Reynolds, Biondi-Odo (C); Tsikrikas, Flanagan, Pele, Waddell, Kautoga, Brown. Int: Hayward, Hopoi, Kalati, Hayes. Newcastle: Armstrong, McCarthy, Sasagi, Myers, Moceidreke; Miller, Clune (C); Jones, Jones, Burgess, Keeley, Cant, Johns. Int: Wilkinson, Tupouniua, Toleafoa, Jenkins.

Blacktown (Workers) 48 (R. Tuaimalo Vaega 2, C. Faulalo, M. Harper, J. Humphreys, S. Keppie, K. Lawton, D. Matterson, K. Weekes tries; C. Johns 6 goals) defeated Sydney 6 (C. Ross try; J. Ngaronoa goal) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 30-0. Penalties: Sydney 9-6. Referee: Martin Jones.

Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Faulalo, Fulton, Harper, Tuaimalo Vaega; Johns, Arthur; Keppie, Chan Kum Tong (C), Condon, Fainu, Lawton, Matterson. Int: Humphreys, Boyle, Dias, Sykes. Sydney: King (C), Clark-Wood, Fekitoa, Ngaronoa, Anderson; Thomas, Taipari; Napa, Coleman, Rogers-Smith, Meyn, Ross, Stringer. Int: Deakin, Ellis, Hodge, Tohi, Donkin.

Norths 46 (A. Fitzgibbon 4, J. Bergamin, T. Katoa, J. Marschke, R. Porter, B. Stevanović tries; B. Stevanović 5 goals) defeated Wests 18 (R. Ngatikaura, T. Reilly, J. Tuivaiti tries; Z. Camroux 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-18. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Hayman, Mata'afa, Fitzgibbon; Marschke, Stevanović; Hughes, Ott, Baker, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Seufale, Key. Wests: Ogden, Scolari, Kioa, Reilly, Hopoate; Camroux, Blore; Roumanos, Ngatikaura, Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Fainu. Int: Freebairn, Perry, Faagutu, Tuivaiti.

ROUND 19

Canberra 24 (B. Morkos 2, N. Cotric, J. Lavender, J. Stuart tries; M. Henderson 2 goals) defeated St George Illa 20 (M. Feagai, A. Lobb, J. Shereb, T. Stewart tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at WIN Stadium.
Date: Fri, 7th July. Kickoff: 5:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-6. Referee: Clayton Wills.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Moga, Feagai, Finau; Herring, King-Togia; Lui-Toso, Muhleisen, Musgrove, Bird, Shereb, Tuitavake. Int: Finau, Stewart, Johnson, Webster. Canberra: Savage, Cotric, Esera, Morkos, Stuart; James, Henderson; Allen, Levi (C), Lewis, Webley, Webb, Puru. Int: Thorburn, Clarkson, Compain, Lavender.

West 24 (J. Boyling 2, L. Scolari 2, T. Simpkins tries; Z. Camroux 2 goals) defeated Newtown 22 (S. Healey, K. Pickering, S. Stonestreet, C. Tracey tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 14-10. Referee: Darian Furner.

Newtown: Tracey, Mansour, Taumoepau, Iro, Stonestreet; Hiroti, Trindall (C); Uele, Slade, Dakin, Pickering, Tasipale, Hosking. Int: Dillon, Healey, Fearnley, Hau Tapuha. Wests: Ogden, Scolari, Saukuru, Reilly, Hopoate; Camroux, Kioa; Roumanos, Ngatikaura (C), Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Fainu. Int: Freebairn, Tuivaiti, Perry, Matamua.

Warriors 36 (T. Tuuapiki 2, K. Going, M. Graham-Taufa, J. Laban, B. Wiliame tries; E. Ackland 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 14 (J. Davis, A. Miller-Stephen, J. Murchie tries; J. Rankin goal) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-8. Penalties: Parramatta 9-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Dunster, Blake, Cini, Mulitalo; Keir, Rankin (C); Betham-Misa, Yates, Rodwell, Murchie, Doorey, Mataele. Int: Davis, Parker, Momoisea, Apelu. Warriors: Tuuapiki, Tu, Wiliame, Vailea, Graham-Taufa; Farr, Ackland; Maiu'u, Sio (C), Vagana, Laban, Halasima, Going. Int: Stowers-Smith, Sands, Ieremia-Toeava, Aukusitino.

Canterbury 44 (H. Perham 2, J. Sua 2, P. Alamoti, B. Biondi-Odo, B. Hayward, K. Rajab tries; B. Hayward 6 goals) defeated Souths 16 (Z. Makelim 2, T. Carr tries; T. Carr 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 22-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Souths: Gagai, Carr (C), Karapani, Skelton, Kaho; Teapua, Gardiner; Suluka-Fifita, Cook, Gordon, Chan-Foon, O'Neill, Rahme. Int: Gray, French, Alvarado, Makelim. Canterbury: Rajab, Clark, Perham, Alamoti, Sua; Hayward, Biondi-Odo (C); Patolo, Brown, Hughes, Hoffman, Kautoga, Edwards. Int: Gray, Hayes, Tsirikas, Pele.

Newcastle 46 (D. Armstrong 2, D. Aukafolou 2, A. Clune, H. Hunt, K. Mapapalangi, L. Moceidreke tries; L. Miller 7 goals) defeated Sydney 28 (C. Allan, J. Anderson, D. Hutchison, R. Meyn, S. Wong tries; J. Paulo 3, C. Tia goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Sydney: King (C), Chatfield-Mooka, Paulo, Allan, Anderson; Tia, Hutchison; Napa, Deakin, Va'a, Meyn, Ross, Wong. Int: Rogers-Smith, Stringer, Smith, Neiuifi. Newcastle: Armstrong, Hunt, Mapapalangi, Sasagi, Moceidreke; Miller, Clune (C); Burgess, Jones, Jones, Aukafolou, Lucas, Johns. Int: Keeley, Wilkinson, Jenkins, Toleafoa.

Norths 30 (A. Smalley 2, B. Stevanović 2, T. Mata'afa tries; K. Hayman 5 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 16 (C. Faulalo, R. Garner, J. Sykes tries; C. Faulalo 2 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 10-6. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Blacktown (Workers): Toby (C), Garner, Fulton, Faulalo, Ferris; Matterson, Abbey; Boyle, Roache, Dias, Rugless, Sykes, Tonise. Int: Uesele, Tramontana, Iosefa, Tapa'atoutai. Norths: Bergamin, Smalley, Hayman, Mata'afa, Fitzgibbon; Marschke, Stevanović; May, Ott, Hughes, El-Zakhem, Key, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Seufale, De Luis.

ROUND 20

Newcastle 46 (D. Armstrong 3, L. Moceidreke 2, D. Aukafolou, H. Hunt, C. Jenkins tries; L. Miller 7 goals) defeated Wests 10 (B. Naden, I. Ogden tries; Z. Camroux goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-10. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Hunt, Cant, Sasagi, Moceidreke; Miller, Clune (C); Burgess, Jones, Jones, Keeley, Aukafolou, Johns. Int: Wilkinson, Jenkins, Toleafoa, Tupouniua. Wests: Ogden, Naden, Kioa, Reilly, Hopoate; Laurie, Camroux; James, Da Silva, Simpkins, Freebairn (C), Boyling, Fainu. Int: Roumanos, Tuivaiti, Saukuru, Matamua.

Norths 30 (A. Fitzgibbon 2, T. May, R. Porter, A. Smalley, B. Stevanović tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) defeated Canterbury 6 (H. Perham try; B. Hayward goal) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-6. Penalties: Canterbury 8-7. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Canterbury: Rajab, Sua, Perham, Alamoti, Clark; Reynolds, Biondi-Odo (C); Patolo, Hayward, Hughes, Hayes, Edwards, Tsirikas. Int: Gray, Hopoi, Todd, Tanner. Norths: Bergamin, Smalley, Hayman, Mata'afa, Fitzgibbon; Marschke, Stevanović; May, Ott, Baker, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Hughes, De Luis.

St George Illa 36 (S. Finau 2, T. Stewart 2, B. Johnson, Z. Musgrove tries; A. Lobb 6 goals) defeated Penrith 16 (D. Amituanai, L. Henry, M. Stimson tries; K. Falls 2 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 24-10. Referee: Damian Brady.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Johnson, Feagai, Finau; Herring, King-Togia; Hunt, Muhleisen, Musgrove, Couchman, Bird, Tuitavake. Int: Lui-Toso, Shereb, Finau, Stewart. Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Stimson, FALÉ, Amituanai; Toelau, Falls; Blacker, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Smith, Faiumu. Int: Mason, Lisati, Lotoaniu, Taateo.

Newtown 26 (D. Atkinson, S. Healey, K. Pickering, T. Rodwell, C. Uele tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals) defeated Warriors 18 (S. Aukusitino, S. Halasima, P. Moimoi, S. Tu tries; R. Volkman goal) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Newtown 10-8. Penalties: Newtown 8-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Warriors: Tuuapiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Moimoi, Aukusitino; Farr, Volkman; Maiu'u, Sio (C), Stowers-Smith, Laban, Halasima, Sands. Int: Vagana, Ackland, Ieremia-Toeava, Whyte. Newtown: Atkinson, Taumoepau, Hiroti, Iro, Rodwell; Trindall (C), Puru; Uele, Healey, Dakin, Pickering, Tasipale, Fearnley. Int: Dillon, Hosking, Hau Tapuha, Petersen.

Blacktown (Workers) 24 (J. Arthur, S. Fainu, C. Faulalo, M. Lodge, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; C. Johns 2 goals) defeated Canberra 18 (T. Mooney, H. Puru, A. Trevilyan tries; J. James 3 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-8. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Toby, Harper, Faulalo, Tuaimalo Vaega; Johns, Arthur; Keppie, Chan Kum Tong (C), Lodge, Fulton, Fainu, Condon. Int: Roache, Sykes, Dias, Boyle. Canberra: Stewart, Strange, Esera, Morkos, Asomua; James, Frawley (C); Hola, Levi, Mooney, Webb, Spencer, Puru. Int: Allen, Lewis, Trevilyan, Saulo.

Souths 30 (J. Gagai 2, L. Skelton 2, D. Hawkins tries; D. Hawkins 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 10 (S. Loizou, J. Yates tries; J. Rankin goal) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Souths 18-4. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Dunster, Blake, Loizou, Momoisea; Cini, Rankin (C); Ogden, Yates, Makatoa, Murchie, Doorey, Keir. Int: Betham-Misa, Mataele, Brazel, Parker. Souths: Gagai, Carr, Bentley-Hape, Chan-Foon, Skelton; Gardiner, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Knight, Lovett, Cartwright, Mitchell. Int: Gray, Gordon, French, Makelim.

ROUND 21

Warriors 21 (M. Sio, T. Stowers-Smith, R. Volkman tries; R. Volkman 4 goals; R. Volkman field goal) defeated Canberra 20 (N. Cotric, B. Morkos, C. Stewart tries; C. Stewart 4 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Fri, 21st July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Warriors: Tuuapiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Vailea, Aukusitino; Farr, Volkman; Ale, Sio (C), Stowers-Smith, Going, Halasima, Sifakula. Int: Maiu'u, Vagana, Sands, Laban. Canberra: Stewart, Cotric, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Asomua; Strange, Frawley (C); Mooney, Trevilyan, Hola, Spencer, Webb, Puru. Int: James, Thorburn, Lewis, Allen.

Blacktown (Workers) 28 (R. Tuaimalo Vaega 2, J. Arthur, C. Faulalo, M. Harper, K. Weekes tries; C. Johns 2 goals) defeated Newtown 12 (R. Dakin, T. Rodwell tries; M. Hiroti 2 goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 14-6. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Newtown: Waitere, Taumoepau, Hiroti, Petersen, Rodwell; Atkinson, Puru; Uele, Berrell (C), Dakin, Pickering, Tasipale, Fearnley. Int: Hosking, Dillon, Hau Tapuha, Healey. Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Toby, Harper, Faulalo, Tuaimalo Vaega; Johns, Arthur; Siple (C), Roache, Bullemor, Fulton, Fainu, Condon. Int: Rugless, Sykes, Dias, Boyle.

Norths 30 (T. Katoa 2, J. Pauga 2, E. El-Zakhem, B. Stevanović tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) defeated St George Illa 26 (R. Couchman, H. Finau, S. Tamale, N. Tsougranis tries; A. Lobb 5 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illa 20-10. Referee: Damian Brady.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Hayman, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; Hughes, Ott, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Key, Seufale. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Feagai, Finau; Turner, Herring; Hunt, Muhleisen, Musgrove (C), Tsougranis, Couchman, Tuitavake. Int: Finau, Shereb, Lui-Toso, Stewart.

Penrith 40 (J. Cole 2, J. Faiumu, T. Jenkins, J. McLean, J. Salmon, M. Stimson tries; J. Cole 6 goals) defeated Canterbury 16 (F. Brown, H. Hayes, Z. Montgomery tries; B. Hayward 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Penrith: Iongi, Jenkins, McLean, Stimson, Amituanai; Cole, Toelau; Blacker, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Salmon, Eisenhuth (C). Int: Falls, Lisati, Smith, Faiumu. Canterbury: Rajab, Sua, Clark, Mazzone, Papalii; Hayward, Biondi-Odo (C); Kalati, Hetherington, Tanner, Montgomery, Hayes, Brown. Int: Gray, Todd, Hopoi, Marshall.

Souths 34 (J. Cartwright 2, M. French, D. Hawkins, J. Karapani, L. Skelton tries; D. Hawkins 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (L. Miller, S. Su'a, J. Toleafoa tries; L. Miller 2 goals) at Redfern Oval.

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 12-10. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Bentley-Hape, Karapani, Skelton; Gardiner, Hawkins (C); Gray, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Lovett, Cartwright, Mitchell. Int: French, Rahme, Alvarado, Swann. Newcastle: Armstrong, Hunt, Tuala, Sasagi, Moceidreke; Miller, Sutton; Burgess, Jones, Toleafoa, Keeley, Aukafolou, Johns (C). Int: Su'a, Wilkinson, Tupouniua, Cant.

Parramatta 32 (S. Loizou 2, J. Brazel, A. Miller-Stephen, J. Momoisea, J. Murchie, J. Yates tries; J. Rankin 4 goals) defeated Sydney 16 (C. Allan, J. Anderson, J. Paulo tries; J. Paulo 2 goals) at St Marys Leagues Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd July. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 20-12. Penalties: Parramatta 7-6. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Sydney: King (C), Paulo, Toia, Allan, Anderson; Taipari, Hutchison; Napa, Deakin, Hodge, Meyn, Tohi, Stringer. Int: Ellis, Neiuifi, Thomas, Ngaronoa, Aukafolou. Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Tupou, Momoisea, Loizou, Williams; Lynn, Rankin (C); Rodwell, Yates, Makatoa, Murchie, Brazel, Keir. Int: Davis, Betham-Misa, Parker, Mataele.

ROUND 22

Sydney 26 (J. Paulo 2, C. Allan, T. Neiuifi, S. Wong tries; J. Paulo 3 goals) defeated Canterbury 16 (R. Gray, F. Pele, J. Sua tries; B. Hayward 2 goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-0. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Canterbury: Rajab, Sua, Alamoti, Perham, Clark; Hayward, Biondi-Odo (C); Kalati, Gray, Tanner, Hoffman, Kautoga, Hetherington. Int: Montgomery, Todd, Pele, Thompson. Sydney: King (C), Paulo, Toia, Allan, Anderson; Taipari, Hutchison; Napa, Coleman, Rogers-Smith, Meyn, Stringer, Wong. Int: Tohi, Neiuifi, Hodge, Bevan.

Blacktown (Workers) 36 (R. Garner 2, J. Toby 2, B. Abbey, C. Faulalo, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; C. Johns 4 goals) defeated St George Illa 20 (T. Stewart 2, R. Couchman, S. Finau tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Ron Costello Oval.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 16-14. Referee: Clayton Wills.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Feagai, Finau; Turner, Herring; Hunt, Finau, Lui-Toso, Shereb, Couchman, Tuitavake. Int: Purcell, Tsougranis, Liu, Stewart. Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Tuaimalo Vaega, Garner, Abbey, Faulalo; Johns, Arthur; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong (C), Condon, Lawton, Fainu, Fulton. Int: Sykes, Dias, Roache, Tonise.

Penrith 30 (D. Amituanai, J. Cogger, L. Garner, J. McLean, L. Sommerton tries; J. Cole 5 goals) defeated Newtown 6 (S. Healey try; M. Hiroti goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-0. Referee: Martin Jones.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, McLean, Amituanai; Cole, Cogger (C); Blacker, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Garner, Salmon. Int: Toelau, Lisati, Smith, Falls. Newtown: Waitere, Taumoepeau, Hiroti, Iro, Petersen; Atkinson, Puru; Dillon, Berrell (C), Dakin, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Hosking. Int: Uele, Fearnley, Healey, Parker.

Souths 36 (J. Gagai 2, T. Carr, M. French, D. Hawkins, D. Teapa, I. Thompson tries; D. Hawkins 4 goals) defeated Wests 18 (A. Kepaoa 2, T. Reilly 2 tries; B. Wakeham goal) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 10-8. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Wests: Ogden, Hopoate, Talau, Reilly, Kepaoa; Camroux, Wakeham; Simpkins, Simpkin, Roumanos, Mansfield, Boyling, Matamua. Int: Freebairn, Ngatikaura (C), Tuivaiti, Fainu. Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Karapani, Thompson; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Mitchell, Lovett, O'Neill, Duncan. Int: Gardiner, Gray, Gordon, French.

Canberra 36 (M. Frawley, T. Mooney, J. Schiller, H. Smith-Shields, M. Spencer, C. Stewart, C. Webb tries; C. Stewart 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 24 (D. Lucas 2, C. Burgess, J. Johns tries; L. Miller 4 goals) at Raiders Belconnen.

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-6. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Schiller; Strange, Frawley (C); Mooney, Trevilyan, Hola, Spencer, Webb, Puru. Int: Lewis, Allen, Clydsdale, Lavender. Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, Tuala, Sasagi, Moceidreke; Miller, Sutton; Burgess, Wilkinson, Aukafolau, Keeley, Lucas, Johns (C). Int: Brown, Tupouniua, Toleafoa, Su'a.

Norths 40 (J. Pauga 2, Z. Dockar-Clay, E. El-Zakhem, R. Hughes, T. Katoa, B. Marschke tries; K. Hayman 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 4 (T. Williams try) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 16-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Hayman, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; Hughes, Ott, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Key, Fitzgibbon. Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Tupou, Keir, Loizou, Williams; Lynn, Rankin (C); Rodwell, Yates, Makatoa, Murchie, Guymer, Betham-Misa. Int: Davis, Greig, Apelu, Parker.

ROUND 23

Warriors 26 (K. Going, M. Graham-Taufa, F. Lussick, M. Sio, S. Tu tries; R. Volkman 3 goals) defeated Penrith 14 (T. Jenkins, J. McLean, P. Riki tries; J. Cole goal) at St Marys Leagues Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-8. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, McLean, Amituanai; Cole, Cogger (C); Blacker, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Garner, Riki. Int: Toelau, Lisati, Smith, Faiumu. Warriors: Farr, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Vailea, Kosi; Ackland, Volkman; Stowers-Smith, Lussick, Ale, Halasima, Going (C), Sifakula. Int: Maiu'u, Sio, Vagana, Laban.

Norths 54 (Z. Dockar-Clay 2, J. Marschke 2, J. Pauga 2, T. Katoa, B. Marschke, T. Mata'afa, R. Porter tries; K. Hayman 4, Z. Dockar-Clay 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (D. Armstrong, K. McCarthy, S. Sasagi tries; L. Sutton goal) at Cessnock Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Newcastle: Armstrong, McCarthy, Wilkinson, Hunt, Moceidreke; Sutton, Sasagi; Burgess, Brown, Aukafolau, Keeley, Salesa Ieaumoana, Johns (C). Int: Jones, Su'a, Toleafoa, Tupouniua. Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Hayman, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; Hughes, Turpin, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Key, Fitzgibbon.

Canberra 28 (M. Frawley 2, J. Allen, J. Schiller, H. Smith-Shields tries; C. Stewart 4 goals) defeated Wests 22 (S. Hopoate, S. Kioa, B. Mansfield, T. Reilly tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) at Raiders Belconnen.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-4. Referee: Martin Jones.

Canberra: Stewart, Schiller, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Stuart; Strange, Frawley (C); Mooney, Starling, Spencer, Hola, Webb, Puru. Int: Packer, Lewis, Allen, Clydsdale. Wests: Ogden, Hopoate, Kioa, Reilly, Scolari; Camroux, Wakeham; Roumanos, Ngatikaura (C), Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Freebairn. Int: Valevatu, Tuivaiti, Perry, Laulilii.

Souths 32 (T. Carr, S. Mitchell, E. O'Neill, B. Taaffe, D. Teapa, I. Thompson tries; D. Hawkins 4 goals) defeated Newtown 16 (J. Berrell 2, M. Waitere tries; N. Puru 2 goals) at Redfern Oval.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Karapani, Thompson; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Rahme, Lovett, O'Neill, Mitchell. Int: Gray, Gardiner, Gordon, French. Newtown: Waitere, Petersen, Taumoepeau, Ve'a'ila, Rodwell; Gabrael, Puru; Dillon, Berrell (C), Dakin, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Hosking. Int: Fearnley, Demetriou, Uele, Healey.

Parramatta 44 (D. Asi 3, L. Blackburn, W. Blake, J. Momoisea, J. Rankin, C. Tupou tries; J. Rankin 6 goals) defeated St George Illa 28 (S. Tamale 4, T. Moga tries; A. Lobb 4 goals) at Kellyville Park.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Parramatta 22-10. Referee: Nathan Loveday.

Parramatta: Asi, Tupou, Momoisea, Blackburn, Blake; Hands, Rankin (C); Rodwell, Yates, Ogden, Murchie, Guymer, Keir. Int: Betham-Misa, Apelu, Reed, Mears-Crabbe. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Tamale, Moga, Finau; Turner, Herring; Hunt, Finau, Lui-Toso, Shereb, Tsougranis, Tuitavake. Int: Purcell, Fifita, Stewart, Liu.

Blacktown (Workers) 28 (L. Fainu 2, C. Faulalo, J. Ferris, M. Harper tries; C. Johns 4 goals) defeated Sydney 18 (E. Clark-Wood, J. Paulo, J. Taipari tries; J. Paulo 3 goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Sydney: King (C), Paulo, Toia, Clark-Wood, Anderson; Aukafolau, Taipari; Bevan, Deakin, Rogers-Smith, Meyn, Tohi, Stringer. Int: Foketi, Napa, Donkin, Coleman. Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Ferris, Abbey, Harper, Faulalo; Johns, Fainu; Boyle, Rugless, Dias, Fulton, Fainu, Tonise. Int: Tramontana, Uesele, Main, Tapa'atoutai.

ROUND 24

Penrith 28 (E. Blacker, K. Falls, L. Henry, P. Riki, M. Stimson tries; J. Cole 2, K. Falls 2 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 18 (J. Ferris 2, C. Faulalo tries; C. Johns 3 goals) at Parker Street Reserve.

Date: Fri, 11th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-0. Penalties: Blacktown (Workers) 7-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Blacktown (Workers): Toby, Garner, Faulalo, Abbey, Ferris; Johns (C), Weekes; Boyle, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Fulton, Fainu, Condon. Int: Roache, Sykes, Tapa'atoutai, Tonise. Penrith: Longi, Jenkins, Stimson, McLean, Amituanai; Cole, Toelau; Blacker, Falls, Henry, Geyer, Garner (C), Riki. Int: Scott, Lisati, Smith, Faiumu.

Souths 50 (I. Thompson 3, T. Carr 2, D. Hawkins, J. Karapani, E. O'Neill, B. Taaffe, D. Teapa tries; D. Hawkins 4, Y. Gordon goals) defeated St George Illa 12 (B. Rumble, H. Stewart tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Redfern Oval.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 24-6. Referee: Nathan Loveday.

Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Gagai, Karapani, Thompson; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Chee-Kam, O'Neill, Rahme. Int: Gray, Gardiner, Alvarado, French. St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Moga, Tamale, Rumble; Turner, Herring; Fifita, Purcell, Lui-Toso, Shereb, Tsougranis, Tuitavake. Int: Finau, Stewart, Liu, Pasifiki Tonga.

Canberra 36 (J. James, T. Mooney, S. Packer, H. Puru, H. Smith-Shields, C. Stewart, J. Stuart tries; C. Stewart 4 goals) defeated Newtown 12 (K. Pickering, C. Uele tries; M. Hiroti 2 goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 20-6. Referee: Damian Brady.

Newtown: Atkinson, Taumoepeau, Hiroti, Iro, Rodwell; Gabrael, Puru; Dillon, Berrell (C), Dakin, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Hosking. Int: Demetriou, Fearnley, Uele, Healey. Canberra: Stewart, Stuart, Smith-Shields, Schiller, Asomua; James, Frawley (C); Mooney, Starling, Hola, Webb, Spencer, Puru. Int: Packer, Clydsdale, Lewis, Lavender.

Warriors 26 (S. Tu 2, S. Halasima, P. Moimoi, V. Vailea tries; E. Ackland 2, R. Volkman goals) defeated Wests 16 (J. Feledy, A. James, T. Talau tries; T. Reilly 2 goals) at FMG Stadium Waikato.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-4. Referee: Paki Parkinson.

Warriors: Tu, Graham-Taufa, Moimoi, Vailea, Kosi; Ackland, Volkman; Afoa, Lussick, Ale, Halasima, Going (C), Sifakula. Int: Roache, Sio, Laban, Maiu'u. Wests: Ogden, Hopoate, Feledy, Talau, Scolari; Reilly, Valevatu; James, Freebairn (C), Simpkins, Mansfield, Boyling, Matamua. Int: Roumanos, Laulilii, Tuivaiti, Perry.

Newcastle 42 (D. Lucas 3, S. Sasagi 2, J. Johns, L. Moceidreke tries; L. Sutton 7 goals) defeated Canterbury 28 (R. Gray, K. Morrin, J. Okunbor, J. O'Neill, J. Tanner tries; P. Alamoti 4 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: 18-all. Referee: Darian Furner.

Newcastle: Armstrong, McCarthy, Sasagi, Hunt, Moceidreke; Sutton, Clune (C); Su'a, Brown, Burgess, Lucas, Aukafolau, Johns. Int: Keeley, Jones, Tupouniua, Toleafoa. Canterbury: O'Neill, Skelton, Alamoti, Casey, Quai-Ward; Rajab, Biondi-Odo; Hughes, Gray, Tanner, Hoffman, Okunbor (C), Morrin. Int: Kautoga, Kalati, Pele, Hetherington.

Norths 18 (E. El-Zakhem, A. Fitzgibbon, T. Katoa tries; S. Walker 3 goals) defeated Sydney 10 (C. Allan, T. Henare-Schuster tries; J. Paulo goal) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Norths: Bergamin, Katoa, Fitzgibbon, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Walker; Hughes, Turpin, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Thomas, Key, Talty, Marschke. Sydney: Allan, Aukafolau, Toia, Clark-Wood, Henare-Schuster; Paulo, Taipari; Bevan, Deakin, Hodge, Meyn, Donkin, Stringer. Int: Ellis, Coleman, Vaenuku, Neiuifi.

ROUND 25

Parramatta 22 (W. Blake, H. Dunster, M. Makatoa, J. Rankin tries; J. Rankin 2, J. Lynn goals) defeated Sydney 12 (N. Aukafolau, T. Henare-Schuster tries; J. Paulo 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 6-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Dunster, Momoisea, Penisini, Blake; Lynn, Rankin (C); Makatoa, Yates, Ogden, Murchie, Keir, Rodwell. Int: Arthur, Guymmer, Betham-Misa, Tuivaiti. Sydney: King (C), Clark-Wood, Aukafolau, Paulo, Henare-Schuster; Allan, Taipari; Bevan, Coleman, Hodge, Meyn, Donkin, Brown. Int: Ellis, Stringer, Vaenuku, Rogers-Smith.

Blacktown (Workers) 32 (C. Faulalo 3, B. Abbey, G. Chan Kum Tong, R. Garner tries; J. Humphreys 4 goals) defeated Warriors 12 (J. Laban, R. Volkman tries; E. Ackland 2 goals) at Daniel Anderson Stadium.

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Blacktown (Workers) 18-0. Referee: Paki Parkinson.

Warriors: Farr, Tu, Moimoi, Vailea, Kosi; Ackland, Volkman; Maiu'u, Sio, Ale, Halasima, Laban, Going (C). Int: Roache, Stowers-Smith, Sands, Vagana. Blacktown (Workers): Toby (C), Ferris, Abbey, Faulalo, Garner; Humphreys, Fainu; Condon, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Fainu, Rugless, Tonise. Int: Tramontana, Boyle, Sykes, Tapa'atoutai.

Souths 26 (D. Moale 2, T. Munro 2, D. Suluka-Fifita tries; D. Hawkins 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (D. Armstrong, D. Lucas, L. Moceidreke tries; L. Sutton 2 goals) at Lyall Peacock Oval.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 16-4. Referee: Nathan Loveday.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, McCarthy, Hunt (C), Moceidreke; Sutton, Sasagi; Su'a, Brown, Burgess, Lucas, Aukafolau, Johns. Int: Wilkinson, Tupouniua, Toleafoa, Saleasa leaumoana. Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Thompson, Karapani, Munro; Teauapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Moale, Lovett, Chee-Kam, Rahme. Int: Gray, O'Neill, Gardiner, French.

Canberra 40 (X. Savage 3, J. James, B. Morkos, P. Saulo, L. Webley tries; C. Stewart 5, X. Savage goals) defeated Canterbury 12 (E. Quai-Ward 2, J. Skelton tries) at Raiders Belconnen.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-8. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Savage; Strange, James; Saulo, Trevilyan, Mooney (C), Webb, Webley, Puru. Int: Hola, Spencer, Clydsdale, Stuart. Canterbury: Perham, Skelton, Alamoti, Casey, Quai-Ward; O'Neill, Biondi-Odo; Hughes, Gray, Tanner, Hoffman, Kautoga, Morrin (C). Int: Rajab, Kalati, Pele, Hetherington.

Penrith 26 (J. McLean 2, E. Blacker, K. Falls, I. longi tries; J. Cole 3 goals) defeated Norths 18 (R. Porter, A. Smalley, B. Stevanović tries; S. Walker 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-8. Referee: Damian Brady.

Norths: Stevanović, Fitzgibbon, Toia, Smalley, Pauga; Marschke, Walker; Hughes, Turpin, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Key, Talty, Seufale. Penrith: longi, McLean, Stimson, Lane, Amituanai; Cole, Toelau; Blacker, Sommerton, Henry, Geyer, Salmon, Eisenhuth (C). Int: Falls, Lisati, Riki, Smith.

Newtown 56 (T. Rodwell 3, J. Colquhoun, A. Demetriou, T. Hau Tapuha, S. Healey, M. Hiroti, K. Iro, J. Taumoepeau, C. Uele tries; M. Hiroti 4, N. Puru 2 goals) defeated Wests 20 (J. Feledy, S. Hopoate, A. James, S. Kioa, J. Valevatu tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 28-10. Penalties: Wests 5-3. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Wests: Ogden, Hopoate, Feledy, Kioa, Kirk; Camroux, Wakeham; James, Valevatu, Simpkins, Tumeth, Boyling, Fainu. Int: Roumanos, Tuivaiti, Freebairn, Laulili. Newtown: Hiroti, Taumoepeau, Demetriou, Iro, Rodwell; Waitere, Uele, Berrell (C), Dakin, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Colquhoun. Int: Dillon, Fearnley, Healey, Gabrael.

ROUND 26

Warriors 42 (K. Going 2, B. Wiliame 2, B. Farr, P. Roache, T. Tuaupiki, R. Volkman tries; R. Volkman 5 goals) defeated St George Illa 12 (Z. Herring, T. Stewart tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Ziems Park.

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 20-6. Referee: Nathan Loveday.

St George Illa: Stewart, Lobb, Feagai, Tamale, Watchirs; Turner, Herring; Fifita, Finau, Lui-Toso, Shereb, Couchman, Tuitavake. Int: Purcell, Stewart, Liu, Pasiŋiki Tonga. Warriors: Tuaupiki, Farr, Moimoi, Wiliame, Kosi; Martin, Volkman; Gavet, Roache, Stowers-Smith, Going, Laban, Ale. Int: Maiu'u, Sio, Vagana, Sands.

Parramatta 34 (Z. Cini 2, L. Blackburn, B. Hands, M. Makatoa, A. Miller-Stephen tries; J. Rankin 5 goals) defeated Penrith 24 (D. Amituanai 2, J. Cole, I. longi, S. Lane tries; J. Cole 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Penrith: longi, Lane, Hassett, Cole, Amituanai; Salmon, Toelau; Blacker, Falls, Henry, Geyer, Riki, Eisenhuth (C). Int: Scott, Lisati, Faiumu, Smith. Parramatta: Miller-Stephen, Dunster, Momoisea, Cini, Blackburn; Hands, Rankin (C); Makatoa, Yates, Ogden, Murchie, Keir, Rodwell. Int: Davis, Betham-Misa, Mears-Crabbe, Reed.

Newtown 48 (K. Iro 3, S. Stonestreet 2, B. Fearnley, K. Pickering, J. Taumoepeau, M. Waitere tries; N. Puru 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (D. Armstrong, K. McCarthy tries; L. Sutton goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Newtown 14-0. Referee: Martin Jones.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Wainohu-Kemp, McCarthy, Wilkinson, Moceidreke; Sasagi, Sutton; Su'a, Kalepo, Burgess, Keeley, Aukafolau, Johns (C). Int: Thomson, Tupouniua, Toleafoa, Saleasa leaumoana. Newtown: Atkinson, Taumoepeau, Demetriou, Iro, Rodwell; Waitere, Puru; Uele, Berrell (C), Dakin, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Fearnley. Int: Hosking, Dillon, Stonestreet, Healey.

Blacktown (Workers) 32 (C. Faulalo 2, M. Boyle, B. Condon, Z. Fulton, J. Toby tries; J. Humphreys 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 22 (H. Hayes, K. Morrin, F. Pele, K. Rajab tries; J. Sua 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 11:35 AM. Halftime: Canterbury 18-10. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Canterbury: Rajab, Hayes, Sua, Casey, Quai-Ward; O'Neill, Biondi-Odo; Morrin (C), Gray, Tanner, Hetherington, Vale, Kalati. Int: Hughes, Marshall, Pele, Hopoi. Blacktown (Workers): Toby (C), Faulalo, Abbey, Rugless, Garner; Schuster, Humphreys; Dias, Roache, Condon, Fulton, Fainu, Matterson. Int: Tramontana, Uesele, Boyle, Tonise.

Canberra 36 (D. Levi, B. Morkos, X. Savage, C. Stewart, C. Webb tries; C. Stewart 5, J. James 3 goals) defeated Norths 14 (Z. Dockar-Clay, J. Pauga tries; B. Stevanović 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-12. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Norths: Bergamin, Pauga, Toia, Mata'afa, Fitzgibbon; Marschke, Stevanović; Hughes, Ott, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Thomas, Key, Talty, Marschke. Canberra: Stewart, Schiller, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Savage; Strange, James; Saulo, Trevilyan, Mooney (C), Webb, Webley, Puru. Int: Asomua, Hola, Clydsdale, Levi.

Wests 44 (S. Kioa 2, J. Boyling, S. Hopoate, J. Kirk, J. Roumanos, T. Talau, J. Valevatu tries; B. Wakeham 6 goals) defeated Sydney 32 (R. Meyn 2, J. Anderson, N. Aukafolau, T. Neufi, N. Whyte tries; J. Paulo 4 goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 26-22. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Cameron Turner.

Sydney: King (C), Anderson, Clark-Wood, Neufi, Aukafolau; Paulo, Taipari; Stringer, Ioelu, Napa, Meyn, Crichton, Whyte. Int: Bevan, Coleman, Rogers-Smith, Donkin. Wests: Ogden, Hopoate, Talau, Kioa, Kirk; Miller, Wakeham; Roumanos, Valevatu, Simpkins, Freebairn, Boyling, Fainu. Int: Tuivaiti, Perry, Mansfield, Ma'anaima.

2023 NSW CUP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	NORTH SYDNEY	24	16	0	8	2	163	36
2	SOUTHS	24	15	0	9	2	49	34
3	WARRIORS	24	14	1	9	2	160	33
4	CANBERRA	24	14	1	9	2	84	33
5	BLACKTOWN	24	13	2	9	2	105	32
6	NEWTOWN	24	13	1	10	2	135	31
7	PENRITH	24	13	0	11	2	82	30
8	CANTERBURY	24	11	3	10	2	68	29
9	PARRAMATTA	24	11	1	12	2	-205	27
10	ST GEO ILLA	24	9	1	14	2	-52	23
11	WESTERN SUBS	24	8	2	14	2	-177	22
12	NEWCASTLE	24	8	0	16	2	-233	20
13	SYDNEY	24	5	0	19	2	-179	14

STATS LEADERS

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TOP TRIES

Pos	Player	Team/s	P	T
1	CLAYTON FAULALO	Blacktown	24	29
2	ALLAN FITZGIBBON	Sydney, North Sydney	25	22
3	JUNIOR PAUGA	North Sydney	18	21
4	TOM CARR	South Sydney	27	16
5	DAVID ARMSTRONG	Newcastle	18	15

TOP POINTS

Pos	Player	Team/s	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	RONALD VOLKMAN	Warriors	22	8	81	3	197
2	ALEXANDER LOBB	St Geo Illa	23	10	65	-	170
3	DEAN HAWKINS	South Sydney	22	6	61	-	146
4	JORDAN RANKIN	Parramatta	23	5	63	-	146
5	MAWENE HIROTI	Newtown	19	5	61	-	142

FINALS WEEK 1

Souths 26 (M. French, J. Gagai, B. Gray, D. Teapa tries; D. Hawkins 5 goals) defeated Warriors 12 (J. Gavet, T. Stowers-Smith tries; E. Ackland 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Souths: Gagai, Carr, Karapani, Milne, Munro; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Suluka-Fifita, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Lovett, Cartwright, Rahme. Int: Gray, Gardiner, French, O'Neill. Warriors: Tu, Leiataua, Moimoi, Wiliame, Graham-Taufa; Farr, Ackland; Mai'u, Sio (C), Gavet, Sands, Ieremia-Toeava, Stowers-Smith. Int: Vagana, Seumanu Tigafua, Auloa, Vaivai.

Canberra 24 (J. Schiller 2, P. Hola, C. Stewart tries; C. Stewart 4 goals) defeated Blacktown (Workers) 22 (J. Sykes 2, K. Weekes 2 tries; J. Humphreys 3 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Canberra: Stewart, Schiller, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Savage; Strange, James; Lewis, Levi (C), Hola, Webb, Webley, Spencer. Int: Asomua, Trevilyan, Clydsdale, Clarkson. Blacktown (Workers): Weekes, Toby, Abbey, Fainu, Faulalo; Johns, Schuster; Condon, Roache, Dias, Fainu, Tuilagi, Matterson (C). Int: Humphreys, Sykes, Rugless, Boyle.

FINALS WEEK 2

Warriors 49 (M. Sands 2, E. Ackland, T. Ale, B. Farr, K. Going, J. Laban, S. Tu, I. Vagana tries; R. Volkman 5, B. Farr goals; R. Volkman field goal) defeated Canberra 6 (B. Morkos try; C. Stewart goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 26-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Warriors: Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Wiliame, Kosi; Farr, Volkman; Stowers-Smith, Roache, Ale, Going (C), Laban, Sio. Int: Vagana, Mai'u, Sands, Ackland. Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Smith-Shields, Morkos, Savage; Strange, James; Clydsdale, Levi (C), Lewis, Webb, Stuart, Spencer. Int: Trevilyan, Kiriona, Clarkson, Roddy.

Souths 30 (T. Munro 2, T. Carr, D. Teapa, I. Thompson tries; D. Hawkins 5 goals) defeated Norths 24 (A. Fitzgibbon 3, R. Hughes, R. Porter tries; B. Stevanović 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 24-4. Penalties: Souths 8-3. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Norths: Bergamin, Fitzgibbon, Key, Mata'afa, Smalley; Marschke (C), Stevanović; Hughes, Ott, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Turpin. Int: Dockar-Clay, Marschke, Thomas, Talty. Souths: Gagai, Carr, Thompson, Skelton, Munro; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Mitchell, Mamouzelos, Gordon, Lovett, O'Neill, Rahme. Int: Gray, Duncan, Gardiner, French.

FINALS WEEK 3

Norths 28 (J. Marschke 2, A. Fitzgibbon, T. Mata'afa, B. Talty tries; B. Stevanović 4 goals) defeated Warriors 24 (B. Afoa, K. Going, A. Leiataua, S. Tu tries; R. Volkman 4 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-0. Penalties: Norths 9-7. Referee: Cameron Paddy.

Norths: Bergamin, Fitzgibbon, Key, Mata'afa, Smalley; Marschke, Stevanović; Hughes, Turpin, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Thomas, Talty, Seufale, Ott. Warriors: Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Wiliame, Kosi; Farr, Volkman; Afoa, Roache, Gavet, Going (C), Laban, Ale. Int: Mai'u, Sio, Stowers-Smith, Sands.

2023 NSWRL KNOCK-ON EFFECT NSW CUP GRAND FINAL

Munro seals a South Sydney premiership four decades in the making

Robert Crosby

The South Sydney Rabbitohs have claimed their first reserve grade title in 40 years after defeating foundation rivals the North Sydney Bears 22-18 in the 2023 Knock-On Effect Cup Grand Final.

Sealing their 21st reserve grade premiership with a try to 18-year-old winger Tyrone Munro with minutes left on the clock, the victory will see the Rabbitohs face the Brisbane Tigers in the State Championship next Sunday.

Going close to opening the scoring only for returning front-rower Terrell May to be held up over the line, the decision to run the ball down the blind side paid dividends for the Bears with Alfred Smalley (7th minute) diving over for first points.

The Rabbitohs worked their way into the contest by building pressure and were rewarded with Shaquai Mitchell (16th minute) barging over from close range.

Regaining the lead after an error from Tom Carr presented the Bears with a scrum in pristine attacking position, Jesse Marschke (27th minute) produced a dazzling solo run to score next to the posts.

Dean Hawkins demonstrated the skills that saw him named NSWRL Player of the Year earlier in the week with well-placed grubber that allowed Ethan O'Neill (34th minute) to strike late in the half.

The Rabbitohs looked to go further ahead through Jacob Gagai only for the try to be overturned due to

interference; a penalty goal to Kieran Hayman with seconds remaining in the half saw North Sydney level the scores at 12-all.

Striking a blow after halftime with former North Sydney outside Tom Carr (51st minute) finishing off a left-side shift to touch down for his 16th try of the season, South Sydney fullback Blake Taaffe inspired his side with a brutal tackle on his opposite number Josh Bergamin to the delight of more than 10,000 supporters in attendance at CommBank Stadium.

Aiming to win their first reserve grade title since 1993, North Sydney forward Reuben Porter (69th minute) managed to get the ball down underneath the posts before Hayman converted from in front to give the Bears a two-point lead.

In his final match for South Sydney before joining Canterbury-Bankstown next season, Taaffe, named Player of the Match, produced a premiership-clinching pass that allowed Munro (76th minute) to seal a victory four decades in the making.

Next week, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will face the Brisbane Tigers in the State Championship in the first match on NRL Grand Final day at Accor Stadium.

Souths 22 (T. Carr, S. Mitchell, T. Munro, E. O'Neill tries; D. Hawkins 3 goals) defeated Norths 18 (J. Marschke, R. Porter, A. Smalley tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Norths 7-4. Referee: Cameron Paddy. Souths: Taaffe, Carr, Thompson, Gagai, Munro; Teapa, Hawkins (C); Mitchell, Mamouzelos, Gray, Lovett, O'Neill, Rahme. Int: Duncan, French, Gordon.

Norths: Bergamin, Smalley, Hayman, Mata'afa, Pauga; Marschke, Stevanović; May, Turpin, De Luis, El-Zakhem, Porter, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Marschke, Baker, Thomas, Key.

2023 QRL HOSTPLUS CUP

ROUND 1

Wynnum-Manly 44 (D. Hoeter 2, B. Frei, G. Gela-Mosby, K. Laka, T. Pellow, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 8 goals) defeated Mackay 6 (F. Camilleri try; B. Finnegan goal) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 14-6. Penalties: Mackay 7-4. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Hoeter, Mariner, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan (C); Page-Wilson, Smoothy, Farmer, Frei, Laka, O'Dfou. Int: Pellow, Martin, Gale, Hartwig. Mackay: Dillon, Krisanski-Kennedy, Camilleri, Smith, Riley; Cook, Finnegan (C); Smith, Schneider, Roycroft, Cooper-Tetevano, Webley, Vessey. Int: Gill, Hoffmann, O'Donnell, Cuthbertson.

Townsville 22 (R. Derby 2, J. Lipp, L. Moceidreke tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 18 (S. Faalogo 2, J. Nikorima tries; S. Faalogo 2, J. Smoothy goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 8-4. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Townsville: Lipp, Moceidreke, Shibasaki, Elliot, Derby; Bourke, Duffy; Maloney, Hodges, Pua'avase, Finefeuiaki, Kaufusi, Price. Int: Hansen, Bitungane, Namo, Laybutt. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, O'Toole, Patston, Jackson, Galeano; Nikorima, Wright; Vaalepu, Smoothy, Lewis, Gibbons, Howarth, Siolo (C). Int: Polselli, Geraghty, Pitovao, Reynolds.

Souths Logan 28 (J. Jennings 2, C. Eggerling, J. Smith, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 4 goals) defeated Ipswich 14 (T. Bola, J. Holdsworth, G. Whippy tries; G. Burns goal) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: 10-11. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Ipswich: Burns, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Nokes, Bola; Burns, Cooper; Rahme, Jacks (C), Kovekalou, Chong-Nee, Holdsworth, Mack. Int: Cherrington, Whippy, Qionomacawa, Pokipoki. Souths Logan: Sailor, Smith, Quai-Ward, Maka, Pereira; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Fai, Fidow, Jennings, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Svendsen, Paletua-Kiri, Te Kura.

Burleigh 30 (S. Coster, T. Francis, S. Sauliluma, T. Steadman, C. Toia tries; T. Steadman 5 goals) defeated Norths 24 (J. Ahearn, B. Piakura, J. Reuben, T. Tumusa tries; C. Broadhurst 4 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 22-12. Referee: Ben Watts.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Johnson, Broadhurst, Reuben; Donovan, Madden; Willison, Moseley, Puliueva, Noovao-McGreal, Piakura, Elliott. Int: Vaipulu, Stephens, Lavea, Coghill. Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Toia; Steadman, Hamilton; Fa'asumaleai, Politori, Pere, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Gibbs, Lynch, Petterson-Robati, Sikaele.

Central QLD 23 (T. Farr, O. Gildart, A. Milford, K. Nikorima tries; T. Browne 3 goals; A. Milford field goal) defeated Tweed 22 (J. De Groot, M. Morgan, K. Ngamanu, L. Perrett tries; T. Sexton 3 goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 16-4. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Central QLD: Nikorima, Roberts, Gildart, Doyle, Farr; Milford, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Peters, Putt, Hubner. Int: Moore, John, Conway, Yegip. Tweed: De Groot, Ngamanu, Turner, Seiuli, Jacobs; McGrady (C), Sexton; Liolveave, Bryant, Vuna, Haas, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Perrett, Morgan, Burton, Ross.

PNG 20 (B. Nima 2, S. Komati, B. Kot tries; J. Mavoko 2 goals) defeated Western 10 (B. Toomaga, T. White tries; B. Toomaga goal) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sun, 12th March. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: PNG 14-4. Penalties: Western 8-7. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Western: Corrigan, Taulaga, Toomaga, Waaka, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; White, Timms, Schonig (C), Lenehan, Revell, Malutoa. Int: Sedger, Mokohar, Fineanganofu, Oldham. PNG: Morea, Kondan, Kot, Nima, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Kapinias, Tanabi, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, Moide, MIRE, Richard.

Redcliffe 0 drew with Brisbane 0 at Kayo Stadium - match abandoned

ROUND 2

Northern Pride 16 (J. Moore 2, E. Moore tries; E. Child 2 goals) defeated Mackay 12 (I. Cooper-Tetevano, J. Smith tries; B. Finnegan 2 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 10-6. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Mackay: Dillon, Krisanski-Kennedy, To'o, Smith, Riley; Cook, Finnegan; Smith, Schneider, Roycroft, Cooper-Tetevano, Webley, Mullany (C). Int: Gill, Hoffmann, Vessey, Cuthbertson. Northern Pride: Christian, Woodhouse, Lewis, Denny, Young; Child, Freebairn; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Fonoti. Int: Knowles, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Tongia.

Tweed 26 (K. Ngamanu 2, T. Spry 2, J. Purcell tries; T. Sexton 3 goals) defeated Western 22 (J. Corrigan, R. Moore, B. Toomaga, M. Watson tries; B. Toomaga 3 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 16-6. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Western: Corrigan, Waaka, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; White, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Lenehan, Malutoa. Int: Sedger, Moore, Revell, Oldham. Tweed: De Groot, Ngamanu, Turner, Spry, Seiuli; Brimson, Sexton; Ross, Jacobs, Liolveave, Haas, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Weaver, Bryant, Seve-Derbas, Burton.

Sunshine Coast 56 (J. Gibbons 2, Y. Tonumaipua 2, G. Anderson, S. Faalogo, S. Galeano, J. Smoothy, L. Vaalepu, J. Wright tries; S. Faalogo 4, J. Smoothy 4 goals) defeated Ipswich 16 (D. Burns, Z. Chong-Nee, I. Nokes tries; G. Burns 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 34-6. Referee: Ben Watts.

Ipswich: Burns, Nokes, Macumboy, Jiliveveve, Bola; Burns, Cooper; Rahme, Jacks (C), Mack, Chong-Nee, Pokipoki, Holdsworth. Int: Cherrington, Veve, Tavodi, Kovekalou. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Anderson, Tonumaipua, Jackson, Galeano; Nikorima, Wright; Lewis, Smoothy, Pene, Gibbons, Howarth, Siolo (C). Int: Polselli, Burns, Eisenhuth, Vaalepu.

Souths Logan 22 (A. Fidow, F. Maka, J. Svendsen, C. Ten tries; J. Campagnolo 3 goals) drew with PNG 22 (S. Komati 2, B. Kot, M. Morea, R. Tai tries; M. Morea goal) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 12-8. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Maka, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Paletua-Kiri, Fidow, Jennings, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Svendsen, Te Kura, Ten. PNG: Morea, Nima, Kot, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Kapinias, Tanabi, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: MIRE, Noki, Richard, Moide.

Norths 30 (J. Madden 2, C. Broadhurst, B. Piakura, J. Reuben tries; C. Broadhurst 5 goals) drew with Redcliffe 30 (V. Te Whare 2, T. Fuller, J. Simbiken, N. Watts tries; C. Hunter 5 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-6. Penalties: Redcliffe 7-6. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Johnson, Broadhurst, Reuben; Donovan, Madden; Willison, Moseley, Puliueva, Noovao-McGreal, Piakura, Elliott. Int: Horne, Vaipulu, Stephens, Coghill. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Bostock, Te Whare, Jennings; Kelly, Hunter; Fa'amausili, Pitama (C), Watts, Frei, Simbiken, King. Int: Fai, Lui, Boland.

Wynnum-Manly 28 (M. Milson 2, D. Farmer, B. Hartwig, J. Simm tries; J. Rogers 4 goals) defeated Brisbane 26 (M. Lehmann 2, K. Bradley, T. Hope, G. Jennings tries; T. Hope 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 18-4. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Sorensen, Jennings; Jacks (C), Wood; Leslie, Hope, Grant, Pulu, Bradley, Murray. Int: Geyer, Rafter, Natapu, McGavin. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Croft, Hoeter, Mariner, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan (C); Samuel, Smoothy, Faatili, Hartwig, Laka, Gale. Int: Farmer, Pellow, Martin, Plath.

Central QLD 30 (T. Farr 2, B. Roberts 2, L. Hubner, J. Wallace tries; B. Moore 2, T. Browne goals) defeated Townsville 22 (B. Elliot 2, J. Hodges, S. Namo tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 16-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Townsville: Laybutt, Moceidreke, Lipp, Elliot, Derby; Bourke, Duffy; Namo, Hodges (C), Tamou, Finefeuiaki, Price, Dunn. Int: Hansen, Kaufusi, Maloney, Sadrugu. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Doyle, Farr; Milford, Madden; Butler, Browne, Wallace, Peters, Putt, Hubner. Int: Collins, McLachlan, John, Teroi.

ROUND 3

Brisbane 38 (M. Lehmann 3, T. Hope, G. Jennings, B. Torpy tries; T. Hope 7 goals) defeated PNG 36 (M. Morea 3, I. Alu, B. Nima, S. Wane, J. Yakopa tries; M. Morea 3, S. Komati goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-18. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

PNG: Morea, Nima, Kot, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Kapinias, Tanabi, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, Noki, Wabo, Moide. Brisbane: Wood, Lehmann, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Torpy; Powell, Hope, Grant, Pulu, Bradley, Murray. Int: Rafter, Leslie, Natapu, Bain.

Wynnum-Manly 50 (D. Mariner 4, K. Laka 2, J. Croft, D. Farmer, J. Simm tries; J. Rogers 7 goals) defeated Ipswich 6 (M. Qionomacawa try; G. Burns goal) at Iona College.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 28-0. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Simm, Mariner, Croft; Rogers, Pellow; Samuel, Smoothy, Faatili, Frei (C), Laka, Hetherington. Int: Farmer, Plath, Martin, Hartwig. Ipswich: Burns, Nokes, Jiliveveve, Tuhega, Falaniko; Burns, Cooper; Mack, Jacks (C), Pokipoki, Chong-Nee, Vorston, Holdsworth. Int: Cherrington, Qionomacawa, Veve, Tavodi.

Central QLD 24 (B. Butler 2, L. Doyle, O. Gildart tries; T. Browne 4 goals) defeated Northern Pride 4 (R. Denny try) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 10-0. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Doyle, Lee; Donoghoe, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Peters, Putt, Teroi. Int: Hubner, John, Richard, Yegip. Northern Pride: Christian, Woodhouse, Denny, Lewis, Partridge; Child, Freebairn; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Frain, Fonoti. Int: King, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Vella, Young.

Tweed 32 (J. De Groot, J. McCudden, I. Seiuli, T. Sexton, T. Spry tries; T. Sexton 6 goals) defeated Norths 26 (J. Ahearn, B. Gregorius, B. Piakura, V. Puliueva, J. Reuben tries; C. Broadhurst 3 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Tweed 32-0. Referee: Liam Kennedy.

Tweed: De Groot, Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Seiuli; Weaver, Sexton; Ross, Jacobs, Liolveave, Seve-Derbas, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Jones, Woolf, Burton, Ziebell. Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Gregorius, Johnson, Reuben; Donovan, Broadhurst; Willison, Moseley, Puliueva, Noovao-McGreal, Piakura, Elliott. Int: Horne, Vaipulu, Stephens, Coghill.

Townsville 28 (J. Baker-Tiraha 2, M. Baker, R. Derby, M. Dunn tries; T. Duffy 4 goals) defeated Mackay 22 (L. Dillon, J. Riley, H. Roycroft, L. Webley tries; A. Cook, B. Finnegan, K. Schneider goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Townsville 18-6. Referee: Ben Watts.

Mackay: Dillon, Krisanski-Kennedy, To'o, Smith, Riley; Cook, Finnegan; Smith, Schneider, Roycroft, Cooper-Tetevano, Webley, O'Donnell. Int: Gill, Hoffmann, Cuthbertson, Stevens. Townsville: Baker-Tiraha, Moceidreke, Lipp, Baker, Derby; Laybutt, Duffy; Namo, Hodges (C), Maloney, Finefeuiaki, Kaufusi, Dunn. Int: Hansen, Bitungane, Sullivan, Sadrugu.

Burleigh 36 (S. Sauluma 2, J. Alick, K. Pere, P. Politoni, H. Schwass tries; T. Steadman 4, T. Roberts 2 goals) defeated Redcliffe 10 (B. McGrady, C. Williams tries; J. Bostock goal) at UAA Park.
Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 20-0. Penalties: Burleigh 7-5. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.
Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Toia; Roberts, Hamilton; Petterson-Robati, Politoni, Pere, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Sikahale, Steadman, Pahulu, Lynch. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Bostock, Te Whare, Jennings, Kelly, Williams; Lui (C), Pitama, Watts, Frei, Boland, King. Int: Jackson, Fai, Cleal, Jackson.

ROUND 4

Burleigh 14 (G. Hamilton, K. Maumalo tries; T. Steadman 3 goals) defeated Tweed 12 (K. Ngamanu, I. Seiuli tries; T. Sexton 2 goals) at Piggabean Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 4:15 PM. Halftime: Tweed 10-6. Referee: Ben Watts.
Tweed: McGrady, Seiuli, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Weaver, Sexton; Ross, Woolf, Liolveave (C), Haas, McCudden, McIntyre. Int: Ngamanu, Purcell, Burton, James. Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Carey, Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Petterson-Robati, Politoni (C), Pere, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Sikahale, Toia, Sheldon, Lynch.

Northern Pride 13 (D. Hindmarsh-Takyi, D. King tries; E. Child 2 goals; E. Child field goal) defeated Townsville 12 (M. Carroll, R. Derby tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) at Barlow Park.
Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Townsville 10-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
Northern Pride: Christian, Woodhouse, Denny, Lewis, Young; Child, Freebairn; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Fonoti, Frain, Barnes. Int: King, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Tongia. Townsville: Feeney, Carroll, Baker-Tiraha, Baker, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Bitungane, Hodges (C), Maloney, Finefeuiaki, Kaufusi, Gosiewski. Int: Namu, Bourke, Sullivan, Pua'avase.

Souths Logan 18 (T. Coburn, K. Hetherington tries; J. Campagnolo 5 goals) drew with Norths 18 (B. Piakura, J. Reuben, T. Tumusa tries; C. Broadhurst 3 goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 10-6. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Ferguson, Svendsen, Coburn, Hetherington. Int: Paletua-Kiri, Eggerling, Te Kura, Ten. Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Broadhurst, Gregorius, Reuben; Donovan, Madden; Stephens, McGuire, Puliueva, Noovao-McGreal, Piakura, Elliott. Int: Brooks, Vaipulu, Lavea, Coghill.

Sunshine Coast 40 (J. Howarth 2, T. Wishart 2, S. Faalogo, J. Nikorima, Y. Tonumaiepa tries; T. Wishart 5, S. Faalogo goals) defeated Western 12 (C. McGrady, M. Watson tries; B. Toomaga 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 16-12. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Anderson, Tonumaiepa, Jackson, Galeano; Nikorima, Wright; Lewis, Wishart, Pene, Geraghty, Howarth, Siolo (C). Int: Polselli, Burns, Pitovao, Vaalepu. Western: Corrigan (C), Waaka, Toomaga, Fineanganofa, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; White, Ensbe, Budden, Mokohar, Lenehan, Malutoa. Int: Sedger, Moore, Revell, Oldham.

Central QLD 38 (K. Donoghoe 2, E. Lee, B. Roberts, A. Teroi, S. Yegip tries; T. Browne 7 goals) defeated Mackay 26 (F. Camilleri 2, L. Dillon, S. Mullany, J. Riley tries; A. Cook 3 goals) at BB Print Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 24-16. Referee: Taylor Worth.
Mackay: Krisanski-Kennedy, Dillon, Camilleri, Smith, Riley; Cook, Gill; Bella, Schneider (C), Roycroft, Cooper-Tetevano, O'Donnell, Webley. Int: To'o, Smith, Mullany, Stevens. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Doyle, Lee; Donoghoe, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, John, Putt, Teroi. Int: White, Leard-Lamont, Richard, Yegip.

Brisbane 54 (M. Lehmann 2, T. Hope, R. Jacks, G. Jennings, B. Leslie, T. Powell, L. Pulu, M. Seve, C. Thompson tries; B. Torpy 5, T. Hope 2 goals) defeated Ipswich 20 (R. Falaniko 2, T. Bola, G. Whippy tries; M. Qionomacawa 2 goals) at Leo Williams Oval.
Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 24-4. Referee: Jeremy Meadows.
Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Torpy; Sims, Hope, Grant, Pulu, Bradley, Murray. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Powell, Bain. Ipswich: Burns, Bola, Jilivecevece, Tuhega, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Pokipoki, Chong-Nee, Qionomacawa, Holdsworth. Int: Cherrington, Veve, Tavodi, Whippy.

Redcliffe 36 (C. Hunter 3, T. Fuller, J. Hawkins, V. Te Whare tries; C. Hunter 6 goals) defeated Wynnum-Manly 22 (M. Plath 2, M. Milson, T. Pellow tries; J. Rogers 3 goals) at Kayo Stadium.
Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 22-10. Penalties: Wynnum-Manly 6-5. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Te Whare, Hawkins; Williams, Hunter; Fa'amausili, Pitama (C), Watts, Frei, Simbiken, Cleal. Int: King, McIndoe, Lui, Jackson. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Simm, Mariner, Croft; Rogers, O'Hagan (C); Faatili, Smoothy, Samuel, Frei, Laka, Plath. Int: Tamarua, Saitaua, Martin, Pellow.

ROUND 5

Western 44 (B. Toomaga 2, B. Diment, T. Mokohar, N. Oldham, D. Timms, T. White tries; B. Toomaga 8 goals) defeated Ipswich 28 (J. Veve 2, D. Burns, M. Cherrington, G. Whippy tries; M. Qionomacawa 3, K. Tuhega goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.
Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 22-20. Referee: Jack Ebert.
Ipswich: Burns, Bola, Jilivecevece, Tuhega, Falaniko; Jacks (C), Cooper; Whippy, Cherrington, Pokipoki, Veve, Holdsworth, Qionomacawa. Int: Ngatuere-Wroe, Tavodi, Yorston, Rahme. Western: Diment, Taulaga, Toomaga, Fineanganofa, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; White, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Lenehan, Budden. Int: Malutoa, Sedger, Oldham, Oloapu.

Central QLD 34 (B. Butler 2, B. Roberts 2, T. Farr, S. Yegip tries; T. Browne 5 goals) defeated Norths 0 at Bishop Park.
Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 28-0. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Gregorius, Coghill, Reuben; Donovan, Madden; Stephens, Horne, Elliott, Noovao-McGreal, Piakura, Elliott. Int: McGuire, Brooks, Puliueva, Lavea. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Farr, Lee; White, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Richard, Hubner, Putt, Teroi. Int: Marshall, Leard-Lamont, McLachlan, Yegip.

Sunshine Coast 38 (S. Galeano 2, S. Faalogo, K. Jackson, J. Pitovao, L. Vaalepu, T. Wishart tries; T. Wishart 5 goals) defeated Burleigh 10 (T. Francis, T. Steadman tries; T. Steadman goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 20-0. Referee: Liam Kennedy.
Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Anderson, Tonumaiepa, Jackson, Galeano; Nikorima, Wright; Moeroa, Wishart, Pene, Geraghty, Howarth, Siolo (C). Int: Polselli, Vaalepu, Burns, Pitovao. Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Petterson-Robati, Politoni, Mikaele, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Sikahale, Toia, Sheldon, Lynch.

Northern Pride 34 (D. Lui 2, J. Frain, B. Lewis, A. Little, R. Young tries; E. Child 5 goals) defeated PNG 14 (S. Komati, B. Nima, R. Tai tries; T. SOLU goal) at Barlow Park.
Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 24-4. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Northern Pride: Christian, Woodhouse, Denny, Lewis, Young; Lui, Child; Little, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Frain, Barnes. Int: Moore, King, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Fonoti. PNG: Morea, Nima, Igila, Tai, Wane; Komati, Rimbu; Rop, Tenza, Kapinias, Tanabi, Kot, Alu (C). Int: SOLU, BANDI, Noki, Moide.

Brisbane 24 (S. Faataape 3, M. Seve tries; T. Hope 4 goals) defeated Mackay 16 (L. Cooper-Tetevano, K. Krisanski-Kennedy, S. Mullany tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.
Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 14-6. Referee: Ben Watts.
Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Torpy; Bain, Hope, Grant, Chan, Bradley, Murray. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Rafter, Powell. Mackay: Dillon, Krisanski-Kennedy, Camilleri, Smith, Riley; Cook, Gill; Bella, Schneider, Roycroft, Cooper-Tetevano, O'Donnell, Mullany (C). Int: Hoffmann, Stevens, Smith, Dalton.

Tweed 44 (R. Jacobs 3, S. Fifita 2, W. Brimson, K. Haas, J. McCudden tries; L. McGrady 6 goals) defeated Wynnum-Manly 26 (G. Gela-Mosby, B. Hartwig, O. Pascoe, J. Rogers, K. Saitaua tries; J. Rogers 3 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.
Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Tweed 28-8. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.
Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Pellow, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan (C); Faatili, Smoothy, Samuel, Frei, Hartwig, Pascoe. Int: Laka, Farmer, Saitaua, Martin. Tweed: McGrady, Fifita, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; James, Woolf, Liolveave (C), Haas, McCudden, McIntyre. Int: Bryant, Purcell, Burton, Seiuli.

Souths Logan 60 (J. Smith 4, T. Sailor 2, T. Coburn, C. Eggerling, J. Jennings, J. Pereira, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 8 goals) defeated Redcliffe 4 (V. Te Whare try) at Davies Park (Brisbane).
Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 20-4. Penalties: Redcliffe 6-5. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Ferguson, Mozer, Te Kura, Fidow, Coburn, Ten. Int: Fai, Eggerling, Svendsen, Elmore. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, McIndoe, Te Whare, Bostock; Plath, Hunter; Fa'amausili, Jackson, Watts, Frei, Simbiken, Wilson. Int: Baira, King, Lui, Jackson, Williams.

ROUND 6

Burleigh 46 (J. Alick 2, T. Francis, G. Hamilton, K. Maumalo, K. Pere, P. Politoni, H. Schwass, T. Steadman tries; T. Steadman 5 goals) defeated PNG 20 (E. Kapinias, S. Komati, B. Nima, J. Rop tries; M. Morea, T. SOLU goals) at UAA Park.
Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 26-10. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Carey, Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Petterson-Robati, Politoni (C), Pere, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Toia, Sikahale, Lynch, Sheldon. PNG: Morea, Nima, Kot, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; BANDI, Tenza, Kapinias, Tanabi, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: SOLU, Noki, Moide, Rop.

Norths 42 (L. Horne, Z. McGuire, K. Moseley, M. Noovao-McGreal, V. Puliueva, J. Reuben, T. Tumusa tries; B. Donovan 6, C. Broadhurst goals) defeated Mackay 16 (F. Camilleri 2, A. Cook tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at BB Print Stadium.
Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-10. Referee: Ben Watts.
Mackay: Dillon, Camilleri, Paskins, Smith, To'o; Cook, Gill; Roycroft, Schneider, Bella, Cooper-Tetevano, O'Donnell, Mullany (C). Int: Hoffmann, Sweet, Taia, Stevens. Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Broadhurst, Gregorius, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, McGuire, Puliueva, Piakura, Elliott, Horne. Int: Moseley, Brooks, Noovao-McGreal, Makirere.

Wynnum-Manly 28 (M. Milson 2, B. Frei, D. Hoeter, K. Laka tries; J. Rogers 4 goals) defeated Northern Pride 8 (E. Child, E. Moore tries) at BMD Kougari Oval.
Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 10-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.
Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan (C); Farmer, Smoothy, Samuel, Frei, Laka, Pascoe. Int: Faatili, Saitaua, Tamarua, Foxwell. Northern Pride: Christian, Fonoti, Denny, Lewis, Young; Lui, Child; Moore, Ostwald (C), Little, Moore, Frain, Barnes. Int: Tongia, King, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Vella.

Redcliffe 40 (C. Hunter 2, B. McGrady 2, C. Williams 2, B. Baira tries; C. Hunter 6 goals) defeated Ipswich 12 (R. Falaniko 2, D. Burns tries) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 18-12. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Redcliffe: Jackson, McGrady, McIndoe, Te Whare, Baira; Williams, Hunter; Fa'amasili, Pitama, Lui (C), Teague, Wilson, Plath. Int: Frei, Watts, Issac, Simbiken. Ipswich: Burns, Rotavisoro, Tuhega, Chong-Nee, Falaniko; Qionomacawa, Ngatuere-Wroe; Whippy, Jacks (C), Pokipoki, Holdsworth, Veve, Mack. Int: Cooper, Greinke, Yorston, Tavodi.

Tweed 28 (K. Ngamanu 2, W. Brimson, R. Jacobs, L. Turner tries; L. McGrady 4 goals) defeated Townsville 26 (R. Derby 2, P. Kaufusi, Z. Laybutt tries; T. Duffy 5 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 16-14. Referee: Darian Furner.

Townsville: Laybutt, Elliot, Shibasaki, Baker-Tiraha, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Price, Hodges (C), Namu, Finefeuiaki, Kaufusi, Sadru. Int: Bitungane, Bourke, Pua'avase, Baker. Tweed: McGrady, Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Woolf, Liolaveva (C), Vuna, McCudden, McIntyre. Int: Bryant, Purcell, Ross, Seului.

Sunshine Coast 34 (J. Gibbons, K. Jackson, K. Laybutt, J. Pitovao, L. PolSELLI, Y. Tonumaiepa tries; J. Smoothy 4, L. PolSELLI goals) defeated Souths Logan 16 (J. Pereira, J. Smith, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 16-10. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 5-3. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Sunshine Coast: PolSELLI, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, O'Toole; Nikorima, Laybutt; Burns, Heenan, Sutton, Gibbons, Pitovao, Siolo (C). Int: Smoothy, Bailey, Reynolds, Baker. Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Ferguson, Mozer, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ten. Int: Fai, Eggerling, McDonald, Elmore.

Brisbane 32 (K. Bradley, T. Hope, R. Jacks, N. McGavin, T. Powell, C. Thompson tries; T. Hope 4 goals) defeated Western 28 (M. Fineanganofu 2, M. Watson 2, H. Budden, B. Toomaga tries; B. Toomaga 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-18. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Brisbane: Thompson, McGavin, Faataape, Seve, Sorensen; Jacks (C), Wood; Bain, Hope, Grant, Chan, Bradley, Murray. Int: Rafter, Leslie, Powell, Pulu. Western: Diment, Waaka, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, White. Int: Ioka, Sedger, Oldham, Oloapu.

ROUND 7

PNG 18 (B. Kot, M. Morea, R. Tai, J. Yakopa tries; J. Mavoko goal) defeated Mackay 10 (F. Camilleri, J. Smith tries; B. Finnegan goal) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 14-6. Referee: Jack Ebert.

PNG: Morea, Nima, Kot, Tai, Wane; MIRE, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Kapinias, Tanabi, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, Noki, BANDI, Moide. Mackay: Dillon, Camilleri, Paskins, Smith, To'o; Gill, Finnegan (C); Bella, Schneider, Stevens, Cooper-Tetevano, Roycroft, Hoffmann. Int: Dalton, Coombes, CAHILL, Schultz.

Souths Logan 30 (L. Bayliss-Brow, J. Campagnolo, B. Mozer, J. Smith, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 5 goals) defeated Townsville 4 (T. Duffy try) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 12-0. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Townsville: Laybutt, Baker, Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Bitungane, Hodges (C), Maloney, Finefeuiaki, Price, Namu. Int: Bourke, Pua'avase, Feeney, Sadru. Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson. Int: Eggerling, Ten, Fidow, Elmore.

Redcliffe 32 (B. Baira, T. Fuller, B. McGrady, S. Pitama, J. Simbiken, C. Williams tries; C. Hunter 4 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 18 (J. Nikorima, L. PolSELLI, T. Wishart tries; T. Wishart 3 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 16-14. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jackson, Te Whare, Baira; Williams, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama, Lui (C), Teague, Simbiken, Plath. Int: Graham, Frei, Jackson, Kelly. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Anderson; Nikorima, Laybutt; Lewis, Wishart, Moeroa, Gibbons, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: PolSELLI, Vaalepu, Bailey, Pitovao.

Western 46 (M. Watson 5, B. Diment, E. Ioka, T. Oloapu, C. Waaka tries; M. Duggan 5 goals) defeated Ipswich 10 (K. Tuhega, J. Veve tries; M. Qionomacawa goal) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Western 34-6. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Western: Diment, Waaka, Ioka, Fineanganofu, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Sedger, Moore, Leonard, Oloapu. Ipswich: Burns, Rotavisoro, Tuhega, Chong-Nee, Falaniko; Qionomacawa, Ngatuere-Wroe; Greinke, Jacks (C), Whippy, Veve, Holdsworth, Mack. Int: Cooper, Groth, Tavodi, Kovekalou.

Norths 48 (L. Horne 3, S. Elliott, B. Gregorius, M. Noovao-McGreal, B. Piakura, X. Willison tries; B. Donovan 8 goals) defeated Northern Pride 0 at Bishop Park.

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Norths 14-0. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Broadhurst, Gregorius, Reuben; Chambers, Donovan; Stephens, Horne, Puliueva, Piakura, Elliott, Brooks. Int: Moseley, Noovao-McGreal, Willison, Elliott. Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Young; Lui, Child; Moore, Ostwald (C), Barnes, Moore, Fonoti, Ta'ufou'u. Int: Tongia, Freebairn, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Vella.

Central QLD 22 (B. Roberts 2, B. Butler, B. Moore tries; T. Browne 3 goals) defeated Wynnum-Manly 16 (D. Hoeter 2, D. Mariner tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 12-10. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Farr, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Peters, Putt, Hubner. Int: Teroi, John, Richard, Yegip. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan (C); Farmer, Smoothy, Samuel, Frei, Laka, Saitaua. Int: Faatili, Martin, Pascoe, Foxwell.

Burleigh 20 (J. Alick, K. Kini, K. Maumalo, K. Pere tries; T. Steadman 2 goals) defeated Brisbane 16 (K. Bradley, S. Faataape, T. Hope tries; T. Hope 2 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sun, 30th April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-6. Penalties: Burleigh 9-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Mikaele, Poltoni, Pere, Alick, Schwass, Petterson-Robati. Int: Sikahale, Sheldon, Lynch. Brisbane: Wood, McGavin, Faataape, Seve, Sorensen; Jacks (C), Pezet; Bain, Hope, Grant, Chan, Bradley, Murray. Int: Rafter, Leslie, Powell, Pulu.

ROUND 8

Tweed 50 (L. McGrady 2, A. Schoupp 2, T. Spry 2, R. Jacobs, S. McIntyre, L. Turner tries; L. McGrady 6, T. Weaver goals) defeated Western 18 (M. Fineanganofu 2, H. Budden tries; B. Toomaga 3 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 30-12. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Tweed: McGrady, Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Woolf, Liolaveva (C), Seului, Schoupp, McIntyre. Int: Bryant, Purcell, Ross, Jones. Western: Diment, Ioka, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, White. Int: Lipp, Malutoa, Leonard, Oloapu.

PNG 40 (B. Nima 2, S. Komati, T. Moide, M. Morea, J. Rop, W. Tenza tries; J. Mavoko 6 goals) defeated Ipswich 30 (D. Ngatuere-Wroe 2, R. Falaniko, J. Holdsworth, J. Veve tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 5 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 22-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

PNG: Morea, Konden, Nima, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Noki, Kapinias, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, BANDI, Kalo, Moide. Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Groth, Chong-Nee, Falaniko; Cooper, Ngatuere-Wroe; Greinke, Jacks (C), Whippy, Veve, Holdsworth, Mack. Int: Flocas, Pokipoki, Rahme, Reedy-Bartlett.

Souths Logan 34 (J. Pereira 2, J. Campagnolo, J. Jennings, J. Smith, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 5 goals) defeated Wynnum-Manly 12 (G. Gela-Mosby, T. Smoothy tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 22-6. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, Foxwell; Palasia, Smoothy, Samuel, Frei (C), Laka, Pascoe. Int: Farmer, Martin, Page-Wilson, Gale. Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Ten, Fidow, Elmore.

Burleigh 16 (T. Francis 2, I. Fa'asumaleai tries; T. Steadman 2 goals) defeated Central QLD 12 (E. Lee 2, O. Gildart tries) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 12-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy.

Burleigh: Toia, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Mikaele, Poltoni, Fa'asumaleai, Alick, Schwass, Petterson-Robati. Int: Sheldon, McIntosh, Sikahale, Lynch. Central QLD: Moore, Farr, Gildart, Farr, Lee; Monoghoe, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Richard, John, Putt, Hubner. Int: Marshall, Teroi, McLachlan, Yegip.

Northern Pride 16 (E. Moore, J. Moore, C. Ostwald tries; W. Partridge 2 goals) defeated Mackay 12 (I. Cooper-Tetevano, B. Paskins, J. Smith tries) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Mackay 12-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Young; Lui, Child; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Ostwald (C), Moore, Moore, Fonoti, Little. Int: Barnes, Freebairn, Vella, Tongia. Mackay: Riley, Camilleri, Paskins, Smith, To'o; Cook, Finnegan (C); Roycroft, Schneider, Stevens, Cooper-Tetevano, O'Donnell, Hoffmann. Int: Bella, Dalton, Sweet, Schultz.

Brisbane 36 (S. Faataape 2, S. Ahomana, J. Chan, C. Murray, J. Pezet, T. Sims tries; J. Miers 2, J. Pezet 2 goals) defeated Townsville 18 (J. Baker-Tiraha, R. Derby, W. Sullivan tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-6. Penalties: Brisbane 7-4. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Brisbane: Wood, Thompson, Faataape, Bradley, Ahomana; Jacks (C), Pezet; Powell, Murray, Grant, Chan, Pulu, Sims. Int: Miers, Leslie, Bain, Rafter. Townsville: Laybutt, Baker, Sadru, Baker-Tiraha, Derby; Feeney, Duffy; Namu, Hodges (C), Maloney, Johnson, Sullivan, Bourke. Int: Hansen, Bitungane, Niemoeller.

Sunshine Coast 28 (M. Bailey, S. Faalogo, J. Gibbons, J. Nikorima, T. Wishart tries; T. Wishart 4 goals) defeated Norths 24 (J. Ahearn, C. Broadhurst, L. Horne, J. Reuben tries; B. Donovan 4 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-10. Referee: Ben Watts.

Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Gillard; Nikorima, Laybutt; Lewis, Wishart, Moeroa, Gibbons, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: PolSELLI, Vaalepu, Bailey, Sutton. Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Broadhurst, Gregorius, Reuben; Donovan, Madden; Stephens, Horne, Willison, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, Brooks. Int: Moseley, Chambers, Puliueva, Elliott.

ROUND 9

Townsville 54 (J. Baker-Tiraha 3, R. Price 2, M. Baker, J. Bourke, T. Duffy, Z. Laybutt, S. Namu tries; T. Duffy 7 goals) defeated PNG 4 (S. Wane try) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Townsville 22-0. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Townsville: Baker, Baker-Tiraha, Elliot, Laybutt, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Namu, Hodges (C), Maloney, Johnson, Kaufusi, Price. Int: Bourke, Bitungane, Shibasaki, Feeney. PNG: Morea, Jesse, Nima, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Noki, Kapinias, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, BANDI, MIRE, Moide.

Burleigh 42 (J. Alick 2, S. Sauliluma 2, T. Francis, M. Koellner, K. Maumalo, T. Steadman tries; T. Steadman 5 goals) defeated Mackay 6 (F. Camilleri try; B. Finnegan goal) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 16-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Mackay: Burns, Riley, Camilleri, Smith, To'o; Cook, Finnegan; Roycroft, Schneider, Stevens, Cooper-Tetevano, O'Donnell, Mullany (C). Int: Gill, CAHILL, Hoffmann, Schultz. Burleigh: Toia, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Petterson-Robati, Politoni, Lynch, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: McIntosh, Sikahale, Koellner, Sheldon.

Redcliffe 36 (A. Kelly 2, C. Cullen, T. Fuller, R. Jennings, B. McGrady tries; C. Hunter 6 goals) defeated Central QLD 20 (C. Marshall 2, T. Farr, L. Hubner tries; T. Browne 2 goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 30-0. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Central QLD: Moore, Farr, Gildart, Donoghoe, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Hubner, Putt, Teroi. Int: Marshall, John, Richard, Yegip. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Kelly, Jackson; Cullen, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama, Lui, Teague, Simbiken, Plath. Int: Graham, Frei, Jackson, Watts.

Souths Logan 20 (J. Elmore, J. Pereira, T. Sailor, J. Smith tries; J. Campagnolo 2 goals) defeated Tweed 14 (L. Turner 2, R. Jacobs tries; L. McGrady goal) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 14-10. Penalties: Souths Logan 7-5. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Quai-Ward, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Mozer, Ten, Fidow, Elmore. Tweed: McGrady, Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Woolf, Liolveave (C), Seiuli, Schoupp, Purcell. Int: Bryant, McCudden, Ross, Jones.

Northern Pride 32 (E. Child, R. Denny, B. Lewis, A. Little, D. Lui, F. Tongia tries; W. Partridge 4 goals) defeated Western 30 (J. Lipp 2, H. Budden, D. Timms, B. Toomaga tries; B. Toomaga 5 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium. Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Western 18-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Western: Diment, Ioka, Toomaga, Lipp, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, White. Int: Waaka, Malutoa, Leonard, Oloapu. Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Young; Lui, Child; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Freebairn, Moore, Moore, Fonoti, Little (C). Int: Barnes, King, Vella, Tongia.

Brisbane 30 (G. Jennings 2, S. Faataape, J. Grant, L. Pulu, T. Sims tries; T. Hope 2, J. Miers goals) defeated Norths 10 (J. Chambers, B. Piakura tries; B. Donovan goal) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 8-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Broadhurst, Gregorius, Reuben; Donovan, Rowbotham; Stephens, Horne, Willison, Piakura, Elliott, Brooks. Int: Moseley, Chambers, Noovao-McGreal, Puliuvea. Brisbane: Wood, Thompson, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Miers; Powell, Hope, Grant, Chan, Pulu, Sims. Int: Taibi, Leslie, Rafter, Bain.

ROUND 10

Tweed 54 (I. Seiuli 4, R. Jacobs, L. McGrady, J. Purcell, T. Sexton, T. Spry tries; L. McGrady 9 goals) defeated Ipswich 14 (R. Falaniko, C. Mack, M. Qionomacawa tries; G. Burns goal) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 30-4. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Burns, Groth, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Whippy, Veve, Holdsworth, Chong-Nee. Int: Qionomacawa, Tavodi, Greinke, Pokipoki. Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Sexton; Burton, Woolf, Ross, Seiuli, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Bryant, Summer, Foran, Jones.

Wynnum-Manly 28 (K. Foxwell, D. Hoeter, M. Milson, J. Rogers, T. Smoothy tries; J. Rogers 4 goals) defeated PNG 24 (R. Tai 2, S. Wabo 2, M. Jesse tries; J. Mavoko 2 goals) at BMD Kougar Oval.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 22-0. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, Foxwell; Page-Wilson, Smoothy, Martin, Frei (C), Farmer, Gale. Int: Saitaua, Radel, Samuel, Pascoe. PNG: Morea, Jesse, Igila, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Moide, Kapinias, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, Wabo, BANDI, Noki.

Burleigh 40 (K. Maumalo 2, S. Sauliluma 2, G. Hamilton, K. Kini, M. Koellner tries; T. Steadman 6 goals) defeated Western 24 (M. Watson 3, B. Lenehan tries; B. Toomaga 4 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 24-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Fa'asuamaleaui, Politoni, Lynch, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: McIntosh, Sikahale, Koellner, Sheldon. Western: Lipp, Waaka, Toomaga, Ioka, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; Leonard, Moore, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Lenehan, Timms, White, Oloapu.

Central QLD 26 (E. Lee 2, L. Hubner, C. Marshall tries; T. Browne 5 goals) drew with Sunshine Coast 26 (J. Nikorima 4, S. Galeano tries; S. Faalogo 3 goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 16-6. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Central QLD: Moore, Farr, Marshall, Farr, Lee; Donoghoe, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Richard, John, Putt, Hubner. Int: White, Teroi, McLachlan, Yegip. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Gillard, Tonumaiepa, Galeano, Polselli; Nikorima, Laybutt; Moeroa, Heenan, Vaalepu, Lewis, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Jurd, Bailey, Sutton, Reynolds.

Redcliffe 52 (J. Bostock, T. Fuller, C. Hunter, R. Jackson, A. Kelly, B. McGrady, M. Plath, J. Simbiken, M. Teague tries; C. Hunter 8 goals) defeated Mackay 10 (W. Lauenstein, J. Smith tries; B. Finnegan goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 28-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Kelly, Te Whare, Bostock; Cullen, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama, Lui (C), Teague, Simbiken, Plath. Int: Graham, Fa'amausili, Jackson, Frei. Mackay: Burns, Lauenstein, Camilleri, Smith, To'o; Cook, Finnegan; Roycroft, Schneider, Stevens, Cooper-Tetevano, O'Donnell, Mullany (C). Int: Dalton, Taia, Russell, Schultz.

Souths Logan 28 (J. Ioane 2, B. Mozer 2, J. Smith tries; J. Campagnolo 4 goals) defeated Northern Pride 12 (D. Hindmarsh-Takyi, W. Partridge tries; W. Partridge 2 goals) at Tully Showgrounds.

Date: Sat, 20th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Young; Lui, Child; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Freebairn, Moore, Moore, Ta'ufo'ou, Little (C). Int: Barnes, Knowles, Vella, Flegler. Souths Logan: Sailor, Leota, Pereira, Ioane, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Ten, Fidow, Elmore.

Norths 26 (L. Horne 2, C. Broadhurst, J. Makirere tries; B. Donovan 5 goals) defeated Townsville 12 (J. Baker-Tiraha, T. Sadrugu tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 21st May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Norths 12-6. Penalties: Norths 7-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Chambers, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Makirere, Horne, Willison, Puliuvea, Elliott, Stephens. Int: Moseley, Brooks, McMinn, Vaipulu. Townsville: Baker, Valemei, Elliot, Sadrugu, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Namu, Hodges (C), Maloney, Johnson, Sullivan, McIntyre. Int: Bourke, Bitungane, Price, Baker-Tiraha.

ROUND 11

Wynnum-Manly 38 (J. Rogers 2, J. Simm 2, M. Milson, O. Pascoe tries; J. Rogers 7 goals) defeated Tweed 18 (R. Jacobs, K. Ngamanu, T. Weaver tries; L. McGrady 3 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 24-12. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Brimson, Jacobs; Weaver, Sexton; Vuna, Leeming, Liolveave, Haas, McCudden, Woolf. Int: Radzivic, Burton, Ross, Purcell. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, TALITA, Hagai, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan; Page-Wilson, Pascoe, Martin, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Saitaua, Foxwell, Samuel, Faatili.

Burleigh 54 (T. Francis 3, J. Alick, G. Hamilton, J. Lynch, P. Politoni, S. Sauliluma, V. Sikahale tries; T. Steadman 9 goals) defeated Ipswich 0 at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 30-0. Referee: Ben Watts.

Ipswich: Tuhega, Rotavisoro, Groth, Macumboy, Falaniko; Qionomacawa, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Whippy, Veve, Holdsworth, Chong-Nee. Int: Reedy-Bartlett, Greinke, Zampech, Tavodi. Burleigh: McIntosh, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Fa'asuamaleaui, Politoni, Mikaele, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Sikahale, Lynch, Koellner, Sheldon.

Northern Pride 22 (W. Partridge 2, E. Child, E. Moore tries; W. Partridge 3 goals) defeated PNG 16 (J. Mavoko, W. Tenza, J. Yakopa tries; J. Mavoko 2 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 16-6. Penalties: Northern Pride 9-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

PNG: Morea, Nima, Igila, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Tenza, Moide, Kapinias, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Rimbu, Wabo, BANDI, Kalo. Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Young; Child, Woodhouse; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Freebairn, Moore, Moore, Frain, Barnes. Int: Ta'ufo'ou, Flegler, Vella, Tongia.

Central QLD 36 (O. Gildart 2, E. Lee 2, B. Butler, N. Putt, B. Roberts tries; T. Browne 4 goals) defeated Norths 25 (J. Reuben 2, J. Chambers, L. Horne tries; B. Donovan 4 goals; B. Donovan field goal) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 20-12. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Farr, Lee; White, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, John, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: Clarke, McLachlan, Richard, Yegip. Norths: Ahearn (C), Chambers, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Makirere, Horne, Stephens, Puliuvea, Elliott, Brooks. Int: Moseley, Noovao-McGreal, McMinn, Vaipulu.

Redcliffe 26 (B. McGrady 2, A. Kelly, V. Te Whare tries; C. Hunter 5 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 16 (G. Anderson, J. Gillard, J. Nikorima tries; T. Wishart 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 12-0. Referee: Todd Smith.

Sunshine Coast: Polselli, Gillard, Anderson, Tonumaiepa, Faalogo; Nikorima, Laybutt; Pene, Garlick, Vaalepu, Burns (C), Lewis, Wishart. Int: Heenan, Sutton, Baker, McCann. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Te Whare, Bostock; Cullen, Hunter; Watts, Pitama, Lui (C), Fa'amausili, Simbiken, Plath. Int: Graham, Jackson, Frei, Kelly.

Brisbane 30 (K. Bradley 2, J. Chan, Z. Taibi, T. Wood tries; J. Miers 4, T. Hope goals) defeated Mackay 28 (J. To'o 2, A. Cook, B. Paskins, H. Roycroft tries; B. Finnegan 4 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Paskins, Smith, To'o; Cook, Finnegan; Roycroft, Schneider, Russell, Cooper-Tetevano, Sweet, Mullany (C). Int: O'Donnell, Stevens, Vessey, Honan. Brisbane: Wood, Bradley, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Miers; Sims, Hope, Powell, Chan, Pulu, MacDonald. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Taibi, Rafter.

Souths Logan 36 (J. Pereira 3, J. Elmore, J. Ioane, J. Jennings tries; J. Campagnolo 6 goals) defeated Western 28 (M. Watson 2, H. Budden, M. Fineanganofu, T. Mokohar, C. Waaka tries; C. McGrady 2 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 16-8. Penalties: Western 6-5. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Western: Lipp, Diment, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; McGrady, Moore; Leonard, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Lenehan, White, Waaka, Oloapu. Souths Logan: Johnson, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Ten, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Te Kura, Eggerling, Fai, Elmore.

ROUND 12

PNG 34 (J. Igila, T. Moide, M. Morea, J. Rop, R. Tai, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 5 goals) defeated Tweed 18 (L. McGrady, K. Ngamanu, T. Sexton tries; L. McGrady 3 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 18-12. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

PNG: Morea, Nima (C), Igila, Tai, Wane; MIRE, Mavoko; Rop, Rimbu, Kalo, Kot, Kapinias, Moide. Int: SOLU, Wabo, KIMISIVE, Dickson. Tweed: McGrady, Ngamanu, Brimson, Turner, Jacobs; Weaver, Sexton; Ross, Woolf, Liolveave (C), Vuna, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Bryant, Radziewicz, Jones, Summer.

Souths Logan 36 (B. Mozer 2, C. Eggerling, J. Fai, J. Pereira, C. Ten tries; J. Campagnolo 6 goals) defeated Burleigh 22 (K. Maumalo 2, J. Alick, T. Francis, S. Sauliluma tries; G. Hamilton goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 30-10. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Souths Logan: Johnson, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Te Kura, Elmore, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Ten, Tararo, Fai. Burleigh: McIntosh, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo, Steadman, Hamilton; Mikaele, Politoni, Lynch, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Sikahale, Sheldon, Petterson-Robati, Koellner.

Wynnum-Manly 38 (J. Martin 2, G. Gela-Mosby, B. Hartwig, J. Rogers, J. Simm tries; J. Rogers 7 goals) defeated Townsville 12 (T. Duffy, S. McIntyre tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Townsville: Baker, Baker-Tiraha, Elliot, Laybutt, White; Hampton, Duffy; Namu, Hodges (C), McIntyre, Finefeuiaki, Price, Dunn. Int: Bourke, Bitungane, Maloney, Kenworthy. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan; Palasia, Smoothy, Martin, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Page-Wilson, Saitaua, Foxwell, Pascoe.

Redcliffe 44 (T. Fuller 2, C. Hunter 2, B. Baira, C. Cullen, R. Jennings, B. McGrady tries; C. Hunter 6 goals) defeated Western 12 (C. McGrady, B. Toomaga tries; B. Toomaga 2 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 18-12. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Bostock, Baira; Cullen, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama, Lui (C), Fa'amausili, Wilson, Frei. Int: Hoad, Waqa, Watts, Jackson. Western: Lipp, Ioka, Toomaga, Diment, Watson; McGrady, Duggan; Lenehan, Ensbeys, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: White, Moore, Leonard, Oloapu.

Mackay 16 (B. Finnegan, J. Smith, E. Sweet tries; B. Finnegan 2 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (S. Faalogo, C. Lewis tries; K. Laybutt goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 10-0. Referee: Ben Watts.

Sunshine Coast: Polselli, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Faalogo; Nikorima, Laybutt; Vaalepu, Heenan, Lewis, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Smoothy, Bailey, Pitovao, Sutton. Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Paskins, Smith, Takitaki; Cook, Finnegan; Roycroft, Schneider, Russell, Cooper-Tetevano, Sweet, Mullany (C). Int: Bone, Stevens, Gill, Honan.

Northern Pride 30 (W. Partridge 2, R. Denny, E. Moore, R. Young tries; W. Partridge 5 goals) defeated Ipswich 18 (G. Burns, R. Falaniko, G. Whippy tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 3 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 18-12. Penalties: Northern Pride 6-5. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Groth, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Whippy, Chong-Nee, Zampech, Holdsworth. Int: Qionomacawa, Horvat, Tavodi, Greinke. Northern Pride: Woodhouse, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Young; Child, Christian; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Freebairn, Moore, Moore, Frain, Little (C). Int: Barnes, Flegler, Vella, Tongia.

Brisbane 20 (J. Chan, S. Faataape, T. Hope tries; T. Hope 4 goals) defeated Central QLD 18 (E. Lee 2, B. Roberts 2 tries; T. Browne goal) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-10. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Brisbane: Wood, Taibi, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Miers; Powell, Hope, Grant, Chan, Pulu, Sims. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Rafter, Murray. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Doyle, Farr, Lee; White, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, John, Teroi, Hubner. Int: Clarke, Richard, Yegip, Christensen.

ROUND 13

Tweed 42 (K. Ngamanu 3, T. Spry 2, R. Summer, L. Turner tries; L. McGrady 6, T. Sexton goals) defeated Central QLD 18 (B. Clarke, L. Hubner, B. Roberts tries; B. Moore 2, T. Browne goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 20-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Fifita; Weaver, Sexton; Vuna, Woolf, Liolveave, Purcell, McCudden, Brimson. Int: Bryant, Ross, Jacobs, Summer. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Farr, Lee; White, Madden (C); Richard, Browne, Collins, John, Putt, Hubner. Int: Clarke, Doyle, Christensen, Yegip.

Burleigh 28 (J. Patston 2, T. Francis, P. Politoni, S. Sauliluma tries; T. Steadman 4 goals) defeated Norths 22 (J. Ahearn 2, S. Elliott, J. Reuben tries; B. Donovan 3 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 16-14. Penalties: Burleigh 9-8. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Sheldon, Politoni, Lynch, Alick, Patston, Coster. Int: McIntosh, Sikahale, Koellner, Pere. Norths: Ahearn (C), Kaho, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Madden, Donovan; Willison, Moseley, Stephens, Puliueva, Elliott, Horne. Int: Brooks, McMinn, Fai, Coghill.

PNG 40 (P. KIMISIVE, J. Lau, T. Moide, M. Morea, B. Nima, R. Tai, S. Wabo tries; T. SOLU 5, M. Morea goals) defeated Western 4 (D. Timms try) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 16-0. Penalties: PNG 6-3. Referee: Jack Ebert.

PNG: Morea, Nima, Lau, Tai, Wane; MIRE, Rimbu; Rop, SOLU, Kalo, Kot, Kapinias, Moide. Int: Glare, Wabo, Dickson, KIMISIVE. Western: Lipp, Ioka, Mokohar, Fineanganofu, Watson; Moore, McGrady; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Malutoa, Budden, White. Int: Sedger, Oldham, Oloapu, O'Callaghan.

Townsville 26 (J. Baker-Tiraha 2, T. Duffy, B. Elliot, K. Finefeuiaki tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 12 (S. Galeano, W. Reynolds tries; S. Faalogo 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 18-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Anderson, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Galeano; Jurd, Wright; Vaalepu, Garlick, Lewis, Geraghty (C), Howarth, Bailey. Int: Heenan, Sutton, Pitovao, Reynolds. Townsville: Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Laybutt, Sadrugu, Baker; Hampton, Duffy; Price, Bourke, McIntyre, Finefeuiaki, Sullivan, Dunn. Int: Hodges, Kaufusi, Maloney, Kenworthy.

Redcliffe 38 (B. Baira 2, A. Hoad, B. McGrady, S. Pitama, M. Plath tries; C. Hunter 7 goals) defeated Brisbane 22 (R. Jacks, G. Jennings, T. Powell, C. Thompson tries; T. Hope 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 20-0. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Brisbane: Wood, Thompson, Faataape, Ahomana, Jennings; Jacks (C), Pezet; Powell, Hope, Grant, Rafter, Pulu, Murray. Int: Geyer, Leslie, MacDonald, Natapu. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Bostock, Baira; Cullen, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama (C), Watts, Teague, Simbiken, Plath. Int: King, Hoad, Waqa, Jackson.

Wynnum-Manly 62 (D. Hoeter 3, O. Pascoe 2, K. Saitaua 2, B. Hartwig, M. Milson, B. O'Hagan, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 9 goals) defeated Mackay 0 at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 28-0. Penalties: Wynnum-Manly 4-2. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, To'o, Smith, Takitaki; Cook, Finnegan; Roycroft, Schneider, Russell, Cooper-Tetevano, Arthur, Mullany (C). Int: Gill, Stevens, Coombes, Honan. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan; Palasia, Pascoe, Jensen, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Saitaua, Foxwell, Page-Wilson, Martin.

Souths Logan 38 (J. Arthars 2, J. Pereira, R. Robinson, T. Sailor, J. Smith, J. Svendsen tries; J. Campagnolo 5 goals) defeated Ipswich 28 (G. Burns 2, R. Jacks, D. Macumboy, G. Whippy tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 4 goals) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 20-12. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Jennings, Arthars, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Mozer, Ten, Fai, Eggerling. Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Groth, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Whippy, Chong-Nee, Zampech, Veve. Int: Qionomacawa, Horvat, Tavodi, Pokipoki.

ROUND 14

Souths Logan 40 (J. Jennings 2, L. Bayliss-Brow, C. Eggerling, R. Robinson, J. Smith, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 6 goals) defeated PNG 10 (B. Kot, J. MIRE tries; T. SOLU goal) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 24-4. Referee: Ben Watts.

PNG: Morea, Nima (C), Lau, Tai, Wane; MIRE, Mavoko; Rop, Rimbu, Kapinias, Tanabi, Kot, Moide. Int: SOLU, Wabo, Dickson, Alu. Souths Logan: Whittaker, Humphris, Jennings, Ioane, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Ten, Fai, Elmore.

Townsville 34 (J. Feeney 2, J. Baker-Tiraha, B. Elliot, C. Maloney, R. Price tries; T. Duffy 5 goals) defeated Ipswich 18 (D. Burns, R. Falaniko, C. Mack, D. Macumboy tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe goal) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 24-10. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Townsville: Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Feeney, Baker, Yallop; Bourke, Duffy; Price, Hodges (C), Gunn-James, Johnson, Sullivan, Dunn. Int: Maloney, Baldwin, Shibasaki, Teutau. Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Burns, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Pokipoki, Chong-Nee, Zampech, Holdsworth. Int: Qionomacawa, Horvat, Veve, Tavodi.

Norths 23 (S. Elliott 2, M. Kaho, J. Reuben tries; B. Donovan 3 goals; B. Donovan field goal) defeated Redcliffe 22 (F. Kaufusi, S. Pitama, J. Simbiken, C. Williams tries; C. Hunter 3 goals) at Kayo Stadium.
Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 22-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Redcliffe: Fuller, Niu, Jennings, Bostock, Baira; Williams, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama, Lui (C), Kaufusi, Simbiken, Plath. Int: Hoad, Fa'amausili, Jackson, Teague. Norths: Ahearn (C), Kaho, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Horne, Puliueva, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, Sio. Int: Moseley, Brooks, Makirere, Vaipulu.

Wynnum-Manly 42 (L. Gale, G. Gela-Mosby, D. Mariner, M. Milson, B. O'Hagan, C. Page-Wilson, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 7 goals) defeated Western 32 (M. Watson 2, B. Lenehan, T. Mokohar, D. Schonig, D. Timms tries; C. McGrady 4 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 24-22. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Western: Diment, Waaka, Howlett, Ioka, Watson; Lipp, McGrady; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Sedger, White, Leonard, Oloapu. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan; Palasia, Smoothy, Jensen, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Saitau, Foxwell, Page-Wilson, Faatili.

Tweed 32 (S. Fifita, R. Jacobs, L. Liolveave, K. Ngamanu, J. Purcell, L. Turner tries; T. Sexton 4 goals) defeated Mackay 28 (B. Finnegan 2, R. Burns, W. Lauenstein, G. Smith tries; B. Finnegan 4 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 22-18. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Cook, Finnegan; Honan, Schneider, Russell, Cooper-Tetevano, Roycroft, Mullany (C). Int: Gill, Stevens, Bone, Smith. Tweed: Spry, Ngamanu, Fifita, Turner, Jacobs; Weaver, Sexton; Vuna, Woolf, Liolveave (C), Seiuli, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Bryant, Ross, Jackson, Summer.

Northern Pride 12 (E. Child, J. Moore tries; W. Partridge 2 goals) drew with Central QLD 12 (C. Marshall, B. Tenza tries; T. Browne, B. Moore goals) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 12-0. Penalties: Central QLD 8-2. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lewis, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Barnes, Freebairn, Moore, Moore, Frain, Hindmarsh-Takyi. Int: Ostwald (C), Flegler, Ta'ufu'o, Tongia. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Farr, Tenza; White, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Richard, Reid, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: Moore, Marshall, Christensen, Yegip.

Sunshine Coast 20 (S. Galeano, C. Lewis, L. Polselli tries; S. Faalogo 4 goals) defeated Brisbane 18 (C. Geyer, T. Powell, T. Rafter tries; J. Miers 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 14-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Brisbane: Wood, Thompson, MacDonald, Ahomana, McGavin; Jacks (C), Miers; Powell, Hope, Grant, Rafter, Chan, Murray. Int: Taibi, Geyer, Leslie, Natapu. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Galeano, Olam, Tonumaiepa, Anderson; Jurd, Wright; Vaalepu, Heenan, Lewis, Geraghty (C), Howarth, Burns. Int: Polselli, Sutton, Bailey, Reynolds.

ROUND 15

Burleigh 36 (K. Pere 2, J. Alick, T. Francis, K. Kini, J. Patston, S. Sauluma tries; T. Roberts 3, T. Steadman goals) defeated Tweed 22 (K. Leeming, T. Spry, L. Turner, T. Weaver tries; T. Sexton 3 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-10. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Pere, Politoni, Lynch, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: Roberts, Sikahele, Sheldon, Patston. Tweed: Spry, Ngamanu, Radzевич, Turner, Jacobs; Weaver, Sexton; Purcell, Leeming, Vuna, Seiuli, McCudden, Brimson. Int: Bryant, Ross, Burton, Summer.

Brisbane 46 (S. Faataape 2, S. Ahomana, T. Hope, G. Jennings, T. Powell, L. Pulu, C. Thompson tries; J. Miers 7 goals) defeated Ipswich 24 (G. Burns 2, J. Corrigan, D. Macumboy tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 4 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 24-12. Referee: Darian Furner.

Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Burns, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Whippy, Chong-Nee, Zampech, Qionomacawa. Int: Horvat, Veve, Tavodi, Reedy-Bartlett. Brisbane: Wood, Thompson, Faataape, Ahomana, Jennings; Jacks (C), Miers; Powell, Hope, Grant, Rafter, Pulu, Murray. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Chan, Wallis.

Central QLD 30 (B. Butler 2, C. Marshall, B. Roberts, B. Tenza tries; B. Moore 3, T. Browne 2 goals) defeated Mackay 22 (F. Camilleri, B. Russell, J. Smith, D. Takitaki tries; B. Finnegan 3 goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 14-10. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Marshall, Farr, Tenza; Moore, Madden; Butler, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: Clarke, Doyle, Richard, Buli. Mackay: Cook, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Gill, Finnegan; Honan, Schneider, Russell, Bone, Roycroft, Mullany (C). Int: Stevens, Cooper-Tetevano, Smith, To'o.

Northern Pride 26 (W. Partridge 2, J. Christian, J. Moore tries; W. Partridge 5 goals) defeated Townsville 6 (Z. Laybutt try; Z. Laybutt goal) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 18-0. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Townsville: Baker, Baker-Tiraha, Laybutt, MCQUEEN, Yallop; Bourke, Duffy; Price, Hodges (C), McIntyre, Johnson, Kaufusi, Dunn. Int: Baldwin, Maloney, Shibasaki, Teutau. Northern Pride: Christian, Young, Denny, Partridge, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Barnes, Ostwald (C), Moore, Moore, Frain, Hindmarsh-Takyi. Int: Fonoti, Freebairn, Ta'ufu'o, Tongia.

Wynnum-Manly 28 (L. Gale, G. Gela-Mosby, J. Madden, D. Mariner, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 3, J. Madden goals) defeated Redcliffe 26 (J. Hawkins 2, J. Bostock, D. Lui, S. Pitama tries; J. Bostock 3 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Wynnum-Manly 4-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Beale, Simm; Rogers, Madden; Palasia, Pascoe, Willison, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Martin, Saitau, Page-Wilson, O'Hagan. Redcliffe: Fuller, Niu, Jennings, Hawkins, Bostock; Williams, Cullen; Jackson, Pitama, Lui (C), Teague, Simbiken, Plath. Int: FINEANGANOFU, Fa'amausili, Cleal, Wilson.

Norths 40 (J. Reuben 3, M. Kaho 2, Z. Brooks, K. Coghill, T. Vaipulu tries; B. Donovan 4 goals) defeated Souths Logan 6 (J. Pereira try; J. Campagnolo goal) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Norths 28-0. Referee: Ben Watts.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Kaho, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Horne, Puliueva, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, Sio. Int: Moseley, Brooks, Makirere, Vaipulu. Souths Logan: Whittaker, Humphris, Pereira, Ioane, Johnson; Daunt, Campagnolo (C); Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Elmore. Int: Eggerling, Fai, Paletua-Kiri, Luke.

PNG 34 (T. SOLU 2, T. Moide, M. Morea, S. Wane, J. Yakopa tries; J. Mavoko 4, T. SOLU goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (L. Geraghty, W. Reynolds tries; G. Anderson goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: PNG 12-10. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Sunshine Coast: Polselli, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Anderson; Nikorima, Wright; Lewis, Heenan, Moeroa, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Miles, Vaalepu, Bailey, Reynolds. PNG: Morea, Nima, Igila, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Rambu, Kapinias, Kot, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: SOLU, Moide, Kalo, Noki.

ROUND 16

Sunshine Coast 24 (S. Galeano 2, L. Geraghty, L. Polselli, J. Wright tries; S. Faalogo 2 goals) defeated Burleigh 18 (T. Francis, J. Patston, K. Pere tries; T. Roberts 3 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-10. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Patston, Pere, Lusio; Roberts, Hamilton; Mikaele, Politoni, Fa'asuaaleai, Alick, Schwass, Coster. Int: McIntosh, Sikahele, Koellner, Sheldon. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Anderson; Nikorima, Wright; Moeroa, Heenan, Lewis, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Polselli, Vaalepu, Bailey, Pitovao.

PNG 14 (B. Kot, J. Rambu, S. Wabo tries; J. Mavoko goal) defeated Central QLD 8 (T. Browne, B. Roberts tries) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 10-8. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

PNG: Morea, Nima, Igila, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Rambu, Kapinias, Kot, Tau-Loi, Alu (C). Int: SOLU, Wabo, Kalo, Noki. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Gildart, Marshall, Tenza; Moore, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Richard, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: Clarke, Hubner, Leard-Lamont, Buli.

Brisbane 36 (A. MacDonald 2, S. Faataape, C. Geyer, T. Hope, N. McGavin tries; J. Pezet 5, T. Hope goals) defeated Northern Pride 10 (J. Frain, T. Ta'ufu'o tries; W. Partridge goal) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 18-4. Referee: Ben Watts.

Northern Pride: Christian, Young, Denny, Partridge, Woodhouse; Child, Lui; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Ostwald (C), Moore, Moore, Frain, Fonoti. Int: Ta'ufu'o, Freebairn, Flegler, Tongia. Brisbane: Wood, McGavin, Faataape, Bradley, Jennings; Jacks (C), Pezet; Grant, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, MacDonald. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Murray, Chan.

Redcliffe 24 (J. Bostock, T. Cleal, H. Graham, R. Jennings tries; C. Hunter 4 goals) drew with Townsville 24 (R. Derby, K. Feldt, Z. Laybutt, T. Sadrugu tries; T. Duffy 4 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 18-16. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Hawkins, Bostock; Cullen, Hunter; Cleal, Graham, Lui (C), Wilson, Teague, Plath. Int: Jackson, Fa'amausili, Boland, Simbiken. Townsville: Elliot, Feldt, Laybutt, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Johnson, Bourke, McIntyre, Kaufusi, Gosiewski, Dunn. Int: Hodges (C), Shibasaki, Baker, Sadrugu.

Souths Logan 48 (J. Arthars, C. Eggerling, J. Fai, R. Ferguson, B. Mozer, J. Pereira, J. Smith, B. Te Kura tries; J. Campagnolo 8 goals) defeated Western 22 (H. Budden 2, C. McGrady, R. Moore tries; B. Toomaga 3 goals) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 24-10. Referee: Jeremy Meadows.

Souths Logan: Johnson, Pereira, Ioane, Arthars, Smith; Daunt, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Mozer, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Elmore, Fai, Tararo. Western: Diment, Taulaga, Toomaga, Ioka, Waaka; Lipp, McGrady; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig, Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Moore, White, Oloapu, Leonard.

Mackay 36 (F. Camilleri 2, K. Bone, R. Burns, B. Finnegan, J. Honan tries; B. Finnegan 6 goals) defeated Ipswich 20 (G. Burns, R. Jacks, M. Qionomacawa, R. Rotavisoro tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Mackay 12-6. Penalties: Ipswich 5-4. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Ipswich: Burns, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Groth, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Cherrington, Whippy, Chong-Nee, Qionomacawa, Jacks (C). Int: Veve, Reedy-Bartlett, Tavodi, Tuhega. Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Cook, Finnegan; Honan, Schneider, Russell, Bone, Roycroft, Mullany (C). Int: Fogarty, Cooper-Tetevano, Smith, Bella.

Tweed 30 (L. Burton, R. Jacobs, K. Leeming, J. McCudden, T. Spry tries; L. McGrady 5 goals) defeated Norths 16 (J. Reuben 2, K. Kali tries; B. Donovan 2 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Tweed 18-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Kaho, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Horne, Puliuvea, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, Vaipulu. Int: Moseley, Kali, Tolo, Fai. Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Leeming, Liolveave, Seiuli, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Ross, Jackson, Woolf, Summer.

ROUND 17

Townsville 40 (T. Sadrugu 3, J. Bourke, R. Derby, B. Elliot, Z. Laybutt tries; T. Duffy 5, J. Hodges goals) defeated Ipswich 26 (D. Macumboy 2, Z. Chong-Nee, R. Falaniko, F. Groth tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 3 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 22-10. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Ipswich: Burns, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Groth, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Cherrington, Whippy, Chong-Nee, Qionomacawa, Jacks (C). Int: Reedy-Bartlett, Horvat, Tavodi, Fels. Townsville: Elliot, Baker, Laybutt, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Taunoa-Brown, Hodges (C), McIntyre, Kaufusi, Price, Dunn. Int: Bourke, Maloney, Feeney, Sadrugu.

Burleigh 30 (N. O'Meley, S. Sauliluma, H. Schwass, T. Steadman, C. Toia tries; T. Steadman 5 goals) defeated PNG 22 (B. Kot, M. Morea, B. Nima, S. Wane tries; M. Morea 3 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Referee: Tyson Brough.

PNG: Morea, Nima, Igila, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Kalo, Rimbu, Kapinias, Kot, Tau-Loi, Alu (C). Int: SOLU, Wabo, Dickson, Noki. Burleigh: Toia, O'Meley, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Sharp, Politori, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: McIntosh, Sikahale, Eveleigh, Kelly.

Souths Logan 34 (J. Arthars, L. Bayliss-Brow, R. Robinson, T. Sailor, C. Ten tries; J. Campagnolo 7 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 22 (M. Bailey, S. Galeano, J. Howarth, L. Polselli tries; T. Wishart 2, S. Faalogo goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 26-0. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Arthars, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Eggerling, Fai, Tararo, Svendsen, Ferguson (C). Int: Luke, Elmore, Kelly, Ten. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaipaea, Anderson; Nikorima, Wright; Moeroa, Wishart, Lewis, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Polselli, Vaalepu, Bailey, Pitovao.

Brisbane 34 (G. Jennings 4, C. Thompson 2, S. Faataape tries; J. Pezet 3 goals) defeated Western 18 (C. Howlett, J. Lipp, D. Schonig tries; B. Toomaga 3 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Western: Diment, Taulaga, Toomaga, Howlett, Waaka; Lipp, McGrady; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig, Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Moore, White, Oldham, Leonard. Brisbane: Wood, Thompson, Faataape, Bradley, Jennings; Jacks (C), Pezet; Grant, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, MacDonald. Int: Geyer, Chan, Murray, Lehmann.

Wynnum-Manly 30 (J. Madden 2, D. Mariner, K. Saitaua, X. Willison tries; J. Rogers 5 goals) defeated Northern Pride 14 (E. Child, J. Christian, W. Partridge tries; W. Partridge goal) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 24-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lui, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Ostwald (C), Moore, Moore, Frain, Fonoti. Int: Ta'ufou, Freebairn, Flegler, Tongia. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, Madden; Willison, Pascoe, Martin, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Page-Wilson, Saitaua, Foxwell, Stuckey.

Redcliffe 26 (T. Cleal, T. Fuller, J. Walsh, L. Wilson tries; C. Hunter 5 goals) defeated Tweed 24 (K. Ngamanu 2, J. Purcell, I. Seiuli tries; L. McGrady 4 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 1:15 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 18-12. Penalties: Redcliffe 5-2. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Leeming, Liolveave, Seiuli, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Ross, Summer, Woolf, Glossop. Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Bostock, Baira; Plath, Hunter; Cleal, Pitama, Lui, Wilson, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Walsh, Rahme, Boland, Tawha.

ROUND 18

Norths 44 (J. Reuben 2, C. Broadhurst, S. Elliott, L. Horne, M. Kaho, Z. McMinn tries; B. Donovan 8 goals) defeated Wynnum-Manly 32 (K. Foxwell 2, D. Farmer, O. Pascoe, J. Stuckey tries; J. Rogers 6 goals) at Wondai Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-12. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Kaho, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Horne, Fai, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, Brooks. Int: Moseley, McMinn, Tolo, Puliuvea. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Anders, Roache-Faimalo, Maddaford, Simm; Rogers, Foxwell; Stuckey, Pascoe, Page-Wilson, Hartwig, Farmer, Gale (C). Int: Faatili, hewett, Radel, Martin.

Central QLD 46 (B. Moore 3, B. Roberts 2, N. Halalilo, C. Marshall, A. Moore tries; T. Browne 7 goals) defeated Ipswich 6 (D. Burns try; D. Ngatuere-Wroe goal) at [unknown].

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 22-0. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Ipswich: Burns, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Groth, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Mack, Jacks (C), Whippy, Reedy-Bartlett, Qionomacawa, Horvat. Int: Veve, Harding, Stephensen, Pokipoki. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Marshall, Lee, Tenza; Moore, Madden (C); Hubner, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: White, McLachlan, John, Buli.

Redcliffe 38 (T. Fuller 3, B. McGrady, S. Pitama, M. Plath, J. Simbiken tries; B. Baira 5 goals) defeated Burleigh 6 (S. Sauliluma try; T. Steadman goal) at [unknown].

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 22-6. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Bostock, Niu, Baira; Plath, Cullen (C); Cleal, Pitama, Kerr, Walsh, Simbiken, Teague. Int: King, Fa'amausii, Boland, Tawha. Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Steadman, Hamilton; Mikaele, Coster, Lynch, Patston, Schwass, Sharp. Int: Sikahale, McIntosh, Koellner, Kelly.

Tweed 38 (L. McGrady 2, W. Brimson, R. Jacobs, K. Ngamanu, T. Spry tries; L. McGrady 7 goals) defeated Brisbane 12 (L. Pulu, C. Thompson tries; T. Hope 2 goals) at [unknown].

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Tweed 18-12. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Brisbane: Lehmann, Thompson, Faataape, Seve, Jennings; Jacks (C), Torpy; Grant, Hope, Powell, Bradley, Pulu, Rafter. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Wood, Chan. Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Leeming, Liolveave, Purcell, McCudden, Woolf. Int: Summer, Ziebell, Jones, Ross.

Sunshine Coast 24 (B. Garlick, J. Gibbons, T. Moeroa, J. Nikorima tries; J. Smoothy 2, J. Wright 2 goals) defeated Northern Pride 8 (R. Denny, D. Woodhouse tries) at [unknown].

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 12-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Sunshine Coast: Polselli (C), Galeano, Jackson, Tonumaipaea, Miles; Nikorima, Wright; Pene, Heenan, Moeroa, Gibbons, Howarth, Garlick. Int: Bailey, Burns, Smoothy, Vaalepu. Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Lui, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Hindmarsh-Takyi, Ostwald (C), Moore, Moore, Frain, Fonoti. Int: Ta'ufou, Freebairn, Little, Tongia.

Souths Logan 14 (T. Coburn, J. Jennings, B. Johnson tries; J. Campagnolo goal) defeated Mackay 12 (A. Cook, J. Smith tries; B. Finnegan 2 goals) at [unknown].

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 10-6. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Souths Logan: Johnson, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Tomane; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Svendsen, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Ten, Fai, Kelly. Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Cook, Finnegan; Honan, Schneider, Russell, Bone, Sweet, Mullany (C). Int: Fogarty, Cooper-Tetevano, Smith, Gill.

Townsville 42 (J. Baker-Tiraha 2, M. Baker, R. Derby, M. Dunn, B. Elliot, T. Sadrugu tries; T. Duffy 7 goals) defeated Western 12 (H. Budden, E. Ioka tries; B. Toomaga 2 goals) at [unknown].

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Townsville 18-6. Penalties: Western 10-5. Referee: Ben Watts.

Townsville: Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Baker, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Sadrugu, Hodges (C), McIntyre, Kaufusi, Price, Dunn. Int: Bourke, Maloney, Teutau. Western: Ioka, Taulaga, Toomaga, Howlett, Waaka; Lipp, McGrady; Leonard, Timms, Schonig (C), Mokohar, Budden, Malutoa. Int: Lenehan, Oldham, Oloapu.

ROUND 19

Wynnum-Manly 30 (J. Simm 2, D. Hoeter, O. Pascoe, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 5 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 28 (L. Polselli 3, G. Anderson, S. Galeano tries; S. Faalogo 2, J. Smoothy 2 goals) at Eskdale Park.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 12-10. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Galeano, Jackson, Olam, Anderson; Polselli, Nikorima; Lewis, Heenan, Pene, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Smoothy, Gibbons, Pitovao, Vaalepu. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Gela-Mosby, Roache-Faimalo, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, Madden; Page-Wilson, Pascoe, Martin, Hartwig, Stuckey, Gale (C). Int: Samuel, Laka, Saitaua, Faatili.

Burleigh 22 (T. Francis 2, J. Patston, K. Pere tries; T. Roberts 2, T. Steadman goals) drew with Northern Pride 22 (R. Denny 2, C. Ostwald, F. Tongia tries; W. Partridge 2, E. Child goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 10-4. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Steadman, Hamilton; Mikaele, Politori, Koellner, Alick, Patston, Coster. Int: Roberts, Sikahale, Kelly, Schwass. Northern Pride: Christian, Partridge, Denny, Feldt, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Moore, Ostwald (C), Hindmarsh-Takyi, Moore, Frain, Little. Int: Pua, Freebairn, Fonoti, Tongia.

Norths 41 (M. Kaho 2, T. Tumusa 2, K. Coghill, S. Elliott, W. Tolo tries; B. Donovan 6 goals; B. Donovan field goal) defeated Ipswich 34 (D. Burns, M. Cherrington, J. Corrigan, R. Falaniko, D. Ngatuere-Wroe, M. Qionomacawa tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe 5 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 29-12. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Burns, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Chong-Nee, Cherrington, Whippy, Qionomacawa, Reedy-Bartlett, Jacks (C). Int: Tavodi, Cooper, Stephensen, Horvat. Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Broadhurst, Tolo, Kaho; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Moseley, Fai, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, Puliuvea. Int: Flack, Gregorius, McMinn, Kali.

Townsville 46 (J. Baker-Tiraha 3, Z. Laybutt 2, J. Bourke, R. Derby, T. Sadrugu tries; T. Duffy 7 goals) defeated Mackay 6 (R. Burns try; B. Finnegan goal) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 16-6. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Townsville: Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Laybutt, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Teutau, Hodges (C), Sadrugu, Kaufusi, Price, Dunn. Int: Maloney, Bourke, Matautia, Baker. Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Cook, Finnegan; Smith, Schneider, Russell, Bone, Sweet, Mullany (C). Int: Honan, Fogarty, Gill, Cooper-Tetevano.

Central QLD 26 (J. Collins, L. Doyle, E. Lee, B. Moore, B. Roberts tries; B. Moore 2, T. Browne goals) defeated Western 10 (M. Fineanganofu, M. Watson tries; B. Toomaga goal) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 8-6. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Western: Ioka, Taulaga, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; Lipp, McGrady; Leonard, Timms, Schonig (C), Malutoa, Budden, Mokohar. Int: Lenehan, White, Oldham, Oloapu. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Doyle, Marshall, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: White, Hubner, John, Christensen.

Brisbane 32 (M. Lehmann 2, S. Faataape, C. Geyer, G. Jennings, C. Thompson tries; T. Hope 2, J. Pezet 2 goals) defeated PNG 18 (B. Kot, R. Tai, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: PNG 12-4. Penalties: Brisbane 11-4. Referee: Ben Watts.

Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Bradley, Jennings; Jacks (C), Pezet; Grant, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, Chan. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Natapu, Wallis. PNG: Morea, Konden, Nima, Tai, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Rop, Rimbu, Kapinias, Kot, Yakopa, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Kalo, Moide, Noki.

ROUND 20

PNG 26 (S. Wane 2, B. Kot, J. Lau, W. Tau-Loi tries; J. Mavoko 3 goals) defeated Redcliffe 22 (J. Bostock, C. Cullen, H. Graham, L. Wilson tries; C. Hunter 3 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 8-4. Referee: Ben Watts.

PNG: Morea, Konden, Nima, Tai, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Rop, Rimbu, Kapinias, Kot, Tau-Loi, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Kalo, Dickson, Richard. Redcliffe: Bostock, Dobson, Jennings, Hawkins, Baira; Hunter, Cullen (C); Cleal, Pitama, Fa'amausili, Walsh, Tawha, Teague. Int: Graham, Jackson, Boland, Wilson.

Northern Pride 34 (E. Moore 3, J. Frain, J. Moore, D. Woodhouse tries; E. Child 5 goals) defeated Tweed 24 (K. Ngamanu, T. Spry, L. Turner, J. Vuna tries; L. McGrady 4 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 18-12. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, Spry, Turner, Seiuli; Brimson, Weaver; Burton, Leeming, Liolovave, Purcell, McCudden, Woolf. Int: Vuna, Ziebell, Ross, Walker. Northern Pride: King-Smith, Partridge, Denny, Lui, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Frain, Little. Int: Freebairn, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Fonoti, Tongia.

Western 42 (M. Fineanganofu 2, J. Lipp 2, E. Ioka, T. Oloapu, D. Timms, M. Watson tries; B. Toomaga 5 goals) defeated Norths 34 (J. Reuben 2, C. Broadhurst, K. Coghill, S. Elliott, M. Noovao-McGreal tries; C. Broadhurst 5 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Western 22-6. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Western: Ioka, Taulaga, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; Lipp, McGrady; Leonard, Timms, Schonig (C), Malutoa, Budden, Mokohar. Int: Lenehan, White, Oldham, Oloapu. Norths: Ahearn (C), Kaho, Broadhurst, Tumusa, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Moseley, Fai, Noovao-McGreal, Elliott, McMin. Int: Flack, Gregorius, Puliuvea, Kali.

Central QLD 44 (T. Browne 2, E. Lee 2, B. Butler, N. Halalilo, N. Putt, B. Roberts tries; T. Browne 4, B. Moore 2 goals) defeated Townsville 22 (R. Derby 2, B. Hampton, J. Matautia tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 16-6. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Doyle, Marshall, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Hubner. Int: White, Szepanowski, John, Christensen. Townsville: Feeney, Baker-Tiraha, Baker, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Price, Hodges (C), Teutau, Kaufusi, Gosiewski, Dunn. Int: Bourke, Matautia, Niemoeller, Sadrugu.

Sunshine Coast 24 (S. Faalogo 2, M. Bailey, K. Jackson tries; S. Faalogo 2, R. Papenhuyzen 2 goals) defeated Ipswich 10 (D. Ngatuere-Wroe, J. Reedy-Bartlett tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 16-0. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Sunshine Coast: Papenhuyzen, Faalogo, Olam, Jackson, Anderson; Polselli (C), Nikorima; Lewis, Heenan, Pene, Gibbons, Howarth, Garlick. Int: Miles, Bailey, Pitovao, Vaalepu. Ipswich: Corrigan, Nokes, Macumboy, Burns, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Chong-Nee, Cherrington, Pokipoki, Reedy-Bartlett, Holdsworth, Jacks (C). Int: Cooper, Horvat, Christensen, Tavodi.

Brisbane 26 (T. Rafter 2, S. Faataape, M. Lehmann, T. Powell tries; J. Miers 2, T. Hope goals) defeated Souths Logan 24 (J. Smith 2, C. Eggerling, R. Robinson tries; J. Campagnolo 4 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Smith, Bradley; Jacks (C), Miers; Powell, Hope, Chan, Rafter, Pulu, MacDonald. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Natapu, Wallis. Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Mozer, Ten, Kelly, Eggerling.

Burleigh 35 (S. Sauliluma 2, J. Alick, G. Hamilton, K. Pere, T. Steadman tries; T. Roberts 4, G. Hamilton goals; G. Hamilton field goal) defeated Wynnum-Manly 6 (O. Pascoe try; J. Rogers goal) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 16-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Roache-Faimalo, Maddaford, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, Foxwell; Page-Wilson, Pascoe, Martin, Hartwig, Stuckey, Gale (C). Int: Samuel, Laka, Faatili, Farmer. Burleigh: McIntosh, Francis, Sauliluma, Pere, Maumalo; Roberts, Hamilton; Koellner, Politoni, Pere, Alick, Patston, Coster. Int: Steadman, Sikahale, Kelly, Schwass.

ROUND 21

Northern Pride 22 (E. Child, M. Egan, K. Fonoti, E. Moore tries; E. Child 3 goals) defeated Western 20 (M. Fineanganofu, E. Ioka, J. Lipp, B. Toomaga tries; B. Toomaga 2 goals) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 16-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Northern Pride: King-Smith, Partridge, Denny, Lui, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Frain, Little. Int: Freebairn, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Fonoti, Tongia. Western: Ioka, Taulaga, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; Lipp, McGrady; Lenehan, Timms, Schonig (C), Howlett, Budden, Mokohar. Int: White, Leonard, Oldham, O'Callaghan.

PNG 22 (J. Lau, J. Mavoko, M. Morea, W. Tau-Loi tries; J. Mavoko 3 goals) defeated Townsville 18 (K. Finefeuiaki, Z. Laybutt, S. McIntyre tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 12-10. Referee: Tyson Brough.

PNG: Morea, Konden, Nima, Tai, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rimbu, Kapinias, Kot, Tau-Loi, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Kalo, Dickson, Moide. Townsville: Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Laybutt, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; McIntyre, Hodges (C), Tamou, Finefeuiaki, Gosiewski, Dunn. Int: Bourke, Price, Maloney, Feeney.

Burleigh 24 (S. Sauliluma 2, J. Alick, D. Lusio, K. Pere tries; G. Hamilton, T. Steadman goals) defeated Mackay 10 (F. Camilleri, S. Mullany tries; B. Finnegan goal) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-4. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Burleigh: McIntosh, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Lusio; Roberts, Hamilton; Koellner, Politoni, Pere, Alick, Patston, Coster. Int: Fa'asamaleai, Steadman, Sikahale, Pahulu. Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Cook, Finnegan; Honan, Fogarty, Mullany, Bone, Cooper-Tetevano, Gill. Int: Schneider, Stevens, Smith, Russell.

Sunshine Coast 40 (L. Geraghty 2, J. Gibbons 2, S. Faalogo, R. Papenhuyzen, T. Wishart tries; R. Papenhuyzen 6 goals) defeated Norths 18 (K. Coghill, G. Fai, J. Gagan, J. Reuben tries; B. Donovan goal) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 20-4. Referee: Ben Watts.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Tumusa, Gagan, Broadhurst, Reuben; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, McGuire, Fai, Noovao-McGreal, Puliuvea, Elliott. Int: Moseley, Kaho, Flack, Toloi. Sunshine Coast: Papenhuyzen, Faalogo, Olam, Jackson, Anderson; Polselli, Wright; Lewis, Wishart, Pene, Gibbons, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Heenan, Bailey, Geraghty, Vaalepu.

Souths Logan 42 (J. Pereira 2, J. Smith 2, J. Campagnolo, J. Jennings, R. Robinson, T. Sailor tries; T. Sailor 5 goals) defeated Wynnum-Manly 30 (M. Milson 2, D. Hoeter, C. Page-Wilson, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 5 goals) at Ron Stark Oval.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 28-6. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Smith; Robinson, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Mozer, Ten, Kelly, Eggerling. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Anders, Hartwig, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, Madden; Willison, Pascoe, Martin, Farmer, Stuckey, Gale. Int: Foxwell, Page-Wilson, Laka, Faatili.

Redcliffe 32 (T. Fuller 2, C. Cullen, R. Jennings, M. Plath, O. Tawha tries; J. Bostock 4 goals) defeated Central QLD 26 (J. Collins, L. Doyle, N. Halalilo, E. Lee, A. Moore tries; T. Browne 3 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 16-12. Penalties: Central QLD 9-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Jennings, Hawkins, Bostock; Plath, Cullen (C); Cleal, Graham, Fa'amausili, Walsh, Wilson, Teague. Int: Pitama, Jackson, Boland, Tawha. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Doyle, Marshall, Lee; Moore, Madden; Butler, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: White, Leard-Lamont, Buli, Christensen.

Tweed 72 (L. Turner 3, W. Brimson 2, K. Ngamanu 2, I. Seiuli 2, J. De Groot, T. Spry, J. Vuna, R. Walker tries; L. McGrady 9, K. Ngamanu goals) defeated Ipswich 8 (J. Veve 2 tries) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 44-0. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Tweed: Spry, Ngamanu, Seiuli, Turner, De Groot; Brimson, McGrady (C); Burton, Woolf, Liolovave, Vuna, McCudden, Walker. Int: Bryant, Ziebell, Ross, Summer. Ipswich: Corrigan, Rotavisoro, Macumboy, Burns, Falaniko; Burns, Ngatuere-Wroe; Chong-Nee, Cherrington, Tavodi, Reedy-Bartlett, Horvat, Jacks (C). Int: Veve, Cooper, Stephensen, Pokipoki.

ROUND 22

Mackay 38 (W. Lauenstein 2, K. Bone, R. Burns, A. Cook, B. Gill, B. Russell tries; B. Finnegan 5 goals) defeated Western 18 (M. Fineanganofu, J. Lipp, J. Taulaga tries; B. Toomaga 3 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Mackay 16-12. Referee: Matt Gannon.

Mackay: Burns, Camilleri, Takitaki, Smith, Lauenstein; Cook, Finnegan; Honan, Fogarty, Mullany (C), Bone, Cooper-Tetevano, Gill. Int: Schneider, Riley, Stevens, Russell. Western: Ioka, Taulaga, Toomaga, Fineanganofu, Watson; Malutoa, Lipp; Lenehan (C), Timms, Leonard, Howlett, Budden, White. Int: O'Callaghan, Cullen, Oldham, Oloapu.

Norths 40 (M. Kaho 2, J. Gagan, J. Makirere, M. Noovao-McGreal, J. Stephens tries; B. Donovan 7, J. Ahearn goals) defeated PNG 30 (S. Komati, S. Konden, J. Mavoko, J. Rimbu, J. Rop tries; J. Mavoko 5 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-14. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Norths: Ahearn (C), Gregorius, Gagan, Broadhurst, Kaho; Coghill, Donovan; Stephens, Moseley, Fai, Noovao-McGreal, Puliuvea, Elliott. Int: McGuire, Flack, Sio, Makirere. PNG: Morea, Konden, Nima, Tai, Wane; Komati, Mavoko; Rop, Rimbu, Kapinias, Kot, Tau-Loi, Alu. Int: Tenza, Moide, Dickson, Noki.

Sunshine Coast 37 (J. Gibbons 3, S. Faalogo 2, S. Galeano 2 tries; R. Papenhuyzen 4 goals; R. Papenhuyzen field goal) defeated Tweed 12 (L. McGrady 2 tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 16-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Tweed: Spry, Ngamanu, Seiuli, Turner, Jacobs; Brimson, McGrady (C); Burton, Woolf, Liolevave, Vuna, McCudden, Purcell. Int: Bryant, Ziebell, De Groot, Walker. Sunshine Coast: Papenhuyzen, Faalogo, Olam, Jackson, Galeano; Polseili, Wright; Lewis, Wishart, Pene, Gibbons, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Heenan, Bailey, Vaalepu, Geraghty.

Burleigh 20 (S. Sauliluma 2, T. Francis, C. Toia tries; T. Roberts 2 goals) defeated Townsville 12 (J. Baker-Tiraha, J. Tamou tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 18-0. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Townsville: Elliot, Baker-Tiraha, Laybutt, Shibasaki, Derby; Hampton, Duffy; Taunoa-Brown, Hodges (C), Tamou, Finefeuiaki, Gosiewski, Dunn. Int: Bourke, Matautia, Maloney, Baker. Burleigh: Toia, Francis, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Lusio; Roberts, Hamilton; Koellner, Politoni, Pere, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Steadman, Sikahale, Kelly, Pahulu.

Central QLD 18 (T. Farr 2, B. Butler tries; B. Moore 2, T. Browne goals) defeated Souths Logan 14 (J. Jennings 2, J. Pereira tries; J. Campagnolo goal) at Browne Park.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 4:15 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 8-6. Referee: Ben Watts.

Central QLD: Moore, Farr, Doyle, Marshall, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Halalilo, John, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: White, McLachlan, Buli, Christensen. Souths Logan: Robinson, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Smith; Kelly, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Mozer, Ten, Fai, Elmore.

Northern Pride 28 (D. Woodhouse 2, M. Egan, J. Frain, W. Partridge tries; W. Partridge 4 goals) defeated Redcliffe 26 (B. Baira 2, W. Dobson, C. Jackson, M. Plath tries; B. Baira 3 goals) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 22-10. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Northern Pride: King-Smith, Partridge, Denny, Lui, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Frain, Little. Int: King, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Fonoti, Tongia. Redcliffe: Baira, McGrady, Jackson, Tawha, Dobson; Plath, Cullen (C); Cleal, Pitama, Fa'amausili, Walsh, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Goulding, Jackson, Boland, Casey.

Brisbane 41 (J. Chan, S. Faataape, C. Geyer, T. Hope, M. Lehmann, T. Powell, C. Thompson tries; J. Pezet 6 goals; J. Pezet field goal) defeated Wynnum-Manly 20 (B. Anders 2, B. Hartwig, D. Mariner tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 2:15 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 16-14. Penalties: Brisbane 5-1. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Anders, Mariner, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan; Willison, Pascoe, Jensen, Farmer, Stuckey, Gale (C). Int: Foxwell, Page-Wilson, Hartwig, Samuel. Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Smith, Bradley; Jacks (C), Pezet; Sims, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, MacDonald. Int: Geyer, Chan, Murray, Wallis.

2023 QUEENSLAND CUP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BURLEIGH	20	15	1	4	2	171	35
2	SOUTHS LOGAN	20	14	2	4	2	196	34
3	BRISBANE	20	14	1	5	2	141	33
4	CAPRAS	20	12	2	6	2	124	30
5	REDCLIFFE	20	11	3	6	2	121	29
6	WYNNUM	20	12	0	8	2	112	28
7	NORTHERN	20	11	2	7	2	-79	28
8	SC FALCONS	20	11	1	8	2	117	27
9	TWEED	20	11	0	9	2	138	26
10	PNG	20	9	1	10	2	-52	23
11	NORTHS	20	8	2	10	2	21	22
12	TOWNSVILLE	20	8	1	11	2	25	21
13	WESTERN	20	3	0	17	2	-232	10
14	MACKAY	20	3	0	17	2	-274	10
15	IPSWICH	20	0	0	20	2	-529	4

STATS LEADERS

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TOP TRIES

Pos	Player	Team/s	P	T
1	TONY FRANCIS	Burleigh	22	21
2	SAMI SAUILUMA	Burleigh	20	21
3	JONATHON REUBEN	Norths	18	20
4	JACK SMITH	Souths Logan	20	19
5	KALEB NGAMANU	Tweed	19	18
6	Brandon ROBERTS	Central	19	18
7	Mitchell WATSON	Western	17	18

TOP POINTS

Pos	Player	Team/s	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	JOSH ROGERS	Wynnum	21	11	97	1	239
2	JACK CAMPAGNOLO	Souths Logan	22	3	90	-	192
3	LINDON MCGRADY	Tweed	16	8	69	-	170
4	CODY HUNTER	Redcliffe	15	8	68	-	168
5	THOMAS DUFFY	Townsville	20	4	70	-	156
6	Tom STEADMAN	Burleigh	20	6	55	-	134
7	Trey BROWNE	Central	23	3	60	-	132

FINALS WEEK 1

Brisbane 34 (S. Faataape, T. Hope, M. Lehmann, N. McGavin, L. Pulu, T. Sims tries; T. Hope 5 goals) defeated Souths Logan 26 (J. Smith 2, R. Ferguson, J. Ioane, B. Mozer tries; J. Campagnolo 3 goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex. Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 10-6. Penalties: Souths Logan 12-8. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Pereira, Ioane, Jennings, Smith; Kelly, Campagnolo; Bayliss-Brow, Paix, Te Kura, Svendsen, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Mozer, Ten, Tararo, Elmore. Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Smith, McGavin; Jacks (C), Pezet; Sims, Hope, Powell, Bradley, Pulu, MacDonald. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Chan, Murray.

Burleigh 38 (T. Francis, D. Lusio, J. Patston, K. Pere, T. Roberts, S. Sauluma, C. Toia tries; T. Roberts 5 goals) defeated Central QLD 12 (L. Hubner, E. Lee tries; T. Browne 2 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-12. Referee: Ben Watts.

Burleigh: Toia, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Lusio; Roberts, Hamilton; Fa'asuaumaleaui, Politoni, Pere, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Steadman, Sikahale, Kelly, Koellner. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Lee, Marshall, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Christensen, John, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: Moore, McLachlan, Szeponowski, Hubner.

Sunshine Coast 42 (T. Wishart 2, G. Anderson, S. Faalogo, S. Galeano, J. Nikorima, J. Olam tries; T. Wishart 7 goals) defeated Redcliffe 36 (M. Plath 2, J. Boland, T. Fuller, B. McGrady, S. Pitama tries; B. McGrady 6 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 34-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Redcliffe: Fuller, McGrady, Te Whare, Jackson, Dobson; Plath, Cullen (C); Cleal, Pitama, Watts, Wilson, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Boland, Tawha, Jackson, Casey. Sunshine Coast: Faalogo, Anderson, Jackson, Olam, Galeano; Polselli (C), Nikorima; Pene, Wishart, Vaalepu, Gibbons, Howarth, Lewis. Int: Heenan, Burns, Bailey, Geraghty.

Wynnum-Manly 15 (K. Foxwell, X. Willison tries; J. Rogers 3 goals; J. Rogers field goal) defeated Northern Pride 14 (K. Fonoti, D. King, W. Partridge tries; W. Partridge goal) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Northern Pride 10-6. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Anders, Hartwig, Hoeter, Simm; Rogers, O'Hagan; Willison, Pascoe, Page-Wilson, Farmer, Stuckey, Gale (C). Int: Saitaua, Martin, Faatili, Foxwell. Northern Pride: King-Smith, Young, Denny, Partridge, Woodhouse; Child, Egan; Moore, Ostwald (C), Pua, Moore, Frain, Little. Int: King, Hindmarsh-Takyi, Fonoti, Tongia.

FINALS WEEK 2

Wynnum-Manly 30 (M. Milson 2, O. Pascoe, J. Simm, S. TALITA tries; B. Hartwig 5 goals) defeated Souths Logan 24 (I. Leota, J. Svendsen, C. Ten, B. Whittaker tries; J. Campagnolo 4 goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Wynnum-Manly 18-12. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Souths Logan: Whittaker, Leota, Tomane, Jennings, Smith; Kelly, Campagnolo; Svendsen, Paraia, Te Kura, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Ten, Luke, Elmore. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Anders, Hartwig, TALITA, Simm; Parslow, O'Hagan; Martin, Pascoe, Page-Wilson, Farmer, Stuckey, Gale (C). Int: Saitaua, Samuel, Faatili, Foxwell.

Central QLD 38 (B. Moore 2, J. Collins, L. Doyle, T. Farr, Z. John, C. Marshall, B. Roberts tries; T. Browne 2, B. Moore goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (L. Polselli try; J. Wright 2, J. Smoothy goals) at Browne Park.

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Central QLD 14-4. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 7-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Doyle, Marshall, Farr; Moore, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: White, Hubner, John, Szeponowski. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Galeano, Peut, Jackson, Gillard; Polselli, Wright; Vaalepu, Heenan, Bailey, Gibbons, Geraghty, Burns (C). Int: Smoothy, Duffy, Pitovao, Reynolds.

FINALS WEEK 3

Burleigh 57 (K. Kini 2, M. Koellner 2, J. Patston 2, T. Francis, K. Maumalo, E. Pere, C. Toia tries; T. Roberts 7, D. Kelly goals; D. Kelly field goal) defeated Wynnum-Manly 8 (B. Anders, D. Hoeter tries) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 20-0. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Roberts, Hamilton; Fa'asuaumaleaui, Politoni, Pere, Alick, Patston, Coster. Int: Toia, Sikahale, Kelly, Koellner. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Anders, TALITA, Hoeter, Simm; O'Hagan, Madden; Jensen, Pascoe, Page-Wilson, Farmer, Stuckey, Gale (C). Int: Saitaua, Hartwig, Foxwell, Martin.

Brisbane 14 (K. Bradley, S. Faataape, G. Jennings tries; T. Hope goal) defeated Central QLD 6 (K. Donoghoe try; T. Browne goal) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 8-6. Penalties: Brisbane 8-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Bradley, Jennings; Jacks (C), Miers; Grant, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, Murray. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Chan, Natapu. Central QLD: Moore, Roberts, Doyle, Marshall, Farr; Moore, Madden (C); Butler, Browne, Collins, Halalilo, Putt, Donoghoe. Int: White, Hubner, John, Szeponowski.

2023 QRL HOSTPLUS CUP GRAND FINAL

Brisbane Tigers claim Queensland supremacy in epic over Burleigh
AJ LUCANTONIO

The Brisbane Tigers have won their inaugural grand final downing minor premiers Burleigh by 22-18 in an enthralling match at Kayo Stadium.

Both sides engaged in a tough opening, before a Burleigh mistake compounded by a six again opened the door for the Tigers. Tristan Powell caught the ball from a standing start, beating defenders with a left foot step before beating the cover tackles to score the first try and lead 6-0.

Tristan Hope's availability for the State Championship was put in doubt after being penalised for a dangerous throw and placed on report by referee Tyson Brough. With under 14 minutes to go and after a slow start, Burleigh found their mojo as Keano Kini broke through some defenders before getting a clever flick pass out to Tony Francis. The missed conversion meant Brisbane led by 2.

Guy Hamilton's early kick look destined to be saved by Corey Thompson from being a 40/20. But, unfortunately for Thompson, the bat back went into Francis' waiting arms as he ran away to score his second try. Hamilton had an off night with the boot, but Burleigh led for the first time tonight.

Seven minutes before the break, Jonah Pezet launched a bomb high in the air. But, fellow Melbourne import Kane Bradley flew highest over the top of Kini and slammed it down. Pezet's conversion gave the Brisbane Tigers a slender 12-8 lead at the change of ends.

Tyrone Roberts was pinned for an escort six minutes into the second half. Pezet and the Tigers had a six point lead. Burleigh looked to hit back, but as Hamilton went into the line, he threw it straight into the arms of Max Lehmann who ran the length to extend the margin to two possessions.

Burleigh hit back on the hour mark as Sami Sauluma beat several defenders to score. Francis crossed for his grand final hattrick with 15 to play and the lead was down to two points. A late penalty conceded by Sam Coster allowed Pezet to take a gift two points to extend the margin to a try. Despite Brisbane holding down in the ruck and losing Jordan Grant for the final play for deliberate slowing down of the play the ball. The Tigers survived Burleigh's final assault and hung on for the premiership.

Brisbane 22 (K. Bradley, M. Lehmann, T. Powell tries; J. Pezet 5 goals) defeated Burleigh 18 (T. Francis 3, S. Sauluma tries; T. Roberts goal) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-8. Penalties: Burleigh 12-4. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Burleigh: Kini, Francis, Sauluma (C), Pere, Maumalo; Roberts, Hamilton; Fa'asuaumaleaui, Politoni, Pere, Alick, Patston, Coster. Int: Koellner, Toia, Sikahale, Kelly.

Brisbane: Thompson, Lehmann, Faataape, Bradley, Jennings; Jacks (C), Pezet; Grant, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, Murray. Int: Geyer, Leslie, Chan, Natapu.

2023 NSWRL HARVEY NORMAN NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 1 Mounties have a bye
Wests Tigers (18) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (30)
Sat 4 Feb 11:30AM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal
North Sydney Bears (30) v Newcastle Knights (20)
Sat 4 Feb 2:30PM at Hills Grammar, Kenthurst / Bediagal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (54) v St George Dragons (4)
Sat 4 Feb 2:45PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Central Coast Roosters (22) v Wentworthville Magpies (14)
Sat 4 Feb 4:30PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal / Darkinjung
Illawarra Steelers (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (16)
Sun 5 Feb 3:15PM at WIN Stadium, Wollongong / Dharawal

ROUND 2 Illawarra Steelers have a bye
St George Dragons (4) v Wests Tigers (30)
Sat 11 Feb 2:30PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
North Sydney Bears (22) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (10)
Sat 11 Feb 2:30PM at Hills Grammar, Kenthurst / Bediagal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (12) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16)
Sat 11 Feb 3:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Central Coast Roosters (12) v Mounties (14)
Sun 12 Feb 1:30PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal / Darkinjung
Newcastle Knights (22) v Wentworthville Magpies (28)
Mon 13 Feb 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 3 North Sydney Bears have a bye
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Central Coast Roosters (14)
Sat 18 Feb 1:00PM at Sharks Academy Fields, Cronulla / Dharawal
Wests Tigers (23) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (22)
Sat 18 Feb 2:30PM at Kirkham Oval, Elderslie / Dharawal
St George Dragons (0) v Mounties (62)
Sat 18 Feb 2:30PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot / Bidjigal
Newcastle Knights (26) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (4)
Sat 18 Feb 4:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown / Awabakal
Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Illawarra Steelers (4)
Mon 20 Feb 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 4 St George Dragons have a bye
Central Coast Roosters (16) v Illawarra Steelers (20)
Sat 25 Feb 3:30PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal / Darkinjung
Newcastle Knights (12) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (16)
Sat 25 Feb 4:10PM at Kurri Kurri Sports Ground, Kurri Kurri / Wonnarua
Wentworthville Magpies (12) v North Sydney Bears (48)
Sat 25 Feb 5:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (21) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22)
Sun 26 Feb 11:45AM at PointsBet Stadium, Woollooware / Dharawal
Wests Tigers (16) v Mounties (12)
Mon 27 Feb 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 5 Newcastle Knights have a bye
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (14) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
Sat 4 Mar 11:45AM at Sharks Academy Fields, Cronulla / Dharawal
Mounties (20) v Wentworthville Magpies (22)
Sat 4 Mar 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
St George Dragons (6) v Illawarra Steelers (40)
Sat 4 Mar 2:30PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal
Central Coast Roosters (38) v Wests Tigers (6)
Sat 4 Mar 3:30PM at Morry Breen Oval, Kanwal / Darkinjung
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28) v North Sydney Bears (18)
Mon 6 Mar 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 6 South Sydney Rabbitohs have a bye
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (10) v Illawarra Steelers (22)
Sat 11 Mar 11:30AM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
Mounties (24) v North Sydney Bears (14)
Sat 11 Mar 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
Wentworthville Magpies (10) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (36)
Sat 11 Mar 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
Wests Tigers (20) v Newcastle Knights (22)
Sat 11 Mar 4:00PM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal
Central Coast Roosters (50) v St George Dragons (0)
Mon 13 Mar 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 7 Wentworthville Magpies have a bye
Wests Tigers (12) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20)
Sat 18 Mar 1:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Central Coast Roosters (24)
Sat 18 Mar 3:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Illawarra Steelers (12) v North Sydney Bears (32)
Sat 18 Mar 3:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
St George Dragons (4) v Newcastle Knights (30)
Sat 18 Mar 3:30PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Mounties (30)
Mon 20 Mar 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 8 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have a bye
Wests Tigers (4) v North Sydney Bears (50)
Sat 25 Mar 2:30PM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Wentworthville Magpies (12)
Sat 25 Mar 3:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Illawarra Steelers (22) v Mounties (12)
Sat 25 Mar 3:45PM at Ron Costello Oval, Shellharbour / Wodi Wodi
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (46) v St George Dragons (12)
Sun 26 Mar 12:00PM at Sharks Academy Fields, Cronulla / Dharawal
Newcastle Knights (10) v Central Coast Roosters (20)
Mon 27 Mar 7:00PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock / Wonnarua

ROUND 9 Wests Tigers have a bye
South Sydney Rabbitohs (24) v St George Dragons (4)
Sat 1 Apr 1:30PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
North Sydney Bears (30) v Central Coast Roosters (10)
Sat 1 Apr 3:00PM at Hills Grammar, Kenthurst / Bediagal
Newcastle Knights (30) v Mounties (4)
Sat 1 Apr 3:20PM at Lakeside Sports Complex, Raymond Terrace / Worimi
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (34) v Wentworthville Magpies (10)
Sun 2 Apr 3:50PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
Illawarra Steelers (24) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)
Mon 3 Apr 7:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal

ROUND 10 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks have a bye
Wentworthville Magpies (6) v Wests Tigers (28)
Fri 7 Apr 12:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
Illawarra Steelers (18) v Newcastle Knights (34)
Sat 8 Apr 12:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
Mounties (40) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
Sat 8 Apr 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20) v Central Coast Roosters (16)
Sat 8 Apr 1:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
North Sydney Bears (48) v St George Dragons (0)
Sat 8 Apr 3:45PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal

ROUND 11 Central Coast Roosters have a bye
Newcastle Knights (30) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (4)
Sat 15 Apr 12:00PM at St John Oval, Charlestown / Awabakal
Wests Tigers (8) v Illawarra Steelers (28)
Sat 15 Apr 12:30PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Mounties (36) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (4)
Sat 15 Apr 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
Wentworthville Magpies (50) v St George Dragons (8)
Sat 15 Apr 5:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
North Sydney Bears (70) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (0)
Sun 16 Apr 12:00PM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal

2023 NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	NORTH SYDNEY	10	8	0	2	1	242	18
2	ILLAWARRA	10	7	0	3	1	42	16
3	CANTERBURY	10	7	0	3	1	35	16
4	MOUNTIES	10	6	0	4	1	112	14
5	NEWCASTLE	10	6	0	4	1	88	14
6	CENTRAL COAST	10	6	0	4	1	82	14
7	CRONULLA	10	4	0	6	1	15	10
8	WENTWORTHVILLE	10	4	0	6	1	-50	10
9	WESTS TIGERS	10	4	0	6	1	-67	10
10	SOUTHS	10	3	0	7	1	-107	8
11	ST GEORGE	10	0	0	10	1	-392	2

SEMI FINALS

North Sydney Bears (16) v Mounties (18)
Sun 23 Apr 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
Illawarra Steelers (8) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16)
Sun 23 Apr 12:45PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

2023 NSW WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL

Mounties (1) (M. Power 1 field goal) def Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs Women's (0)
Sat 29 Apr 6:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

2023 QRL WOMEN'S BMD PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 1

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (8) v Mackay Cutters (30)
 Sat 11 Mar 2:20PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
 Brisbane Tigers (12) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
 Sat 11 Mar 4:00PM at Leo Williams Oval, Carina / Yuggera
 CQ Capras (22) v Tweed Seagulls (4)
 Sat 11 Mar 5:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
 Norths Devils (14) v Burleigh Bears (28)
 Sat 11 Mar 5:20PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal

ROUND 2

Burleigh Bears (16) v CQ Capras (0)
 Sat 18 Mar 4:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
 Souths Logan Magpies (22) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20)
 Sat 18 Mar 5:15PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
 Mackay Cutters (26) v Tweed Seagulls (16)
 Sat 18 Mar 6:00PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Brisbane Tigers (16) v Norths Devils (16)
 Sun 19 Mar 5:45PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

ROUND 3

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (30) v Norths Devils (16)
 Sat 25 Mar 2:00PM at Iona College, Lindum / Quandamooka
 Tweed Seagulls (12) v Brisbane Tigers (24)
 Sat 25 Mar 2:40PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
 Mackay Cutters (14) v Burleigh Bears (34)
 Sat 25 Mar 3:10PM at Queensland Country Bank Stadium, Townsville / Wulgurukaba
 CQ Capras (6) v Souths Logan Magpies (50)
 Sat 25 Mar 7:10PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal

ROUND 4

Tweed Seagulls (10) v Burleigh Bears (24)
 Sat 1 Apr 2:10PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
 Mackay Cutters (24) v CQ Capras (16)
 Sat 1 Apr 5:15PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Souths Logan Magpies (22) v Norths Devils (12)
 Sat 1 Apr 5:15PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
 Brisbane Tigers (14) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (42)
 Sat 1 Apr 5:50PM at Leo Williams Oval, Carina / Yuggera

ROUND 5

Norths Devils (32) v CQ Capras (16)
 Sat 15 Apr 3:20PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
 Brisbane Tigers (4) v Mackay Cutters (48)
 Sat 15 Apr 5:20PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
 Souths Logan Magpies v Burleigh Bears
 Sun 16 Apr 12:00PM at Davies Park, West End / Yuggera-Turrbal
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (32) v Tweed Seagulls (10)
 Sun 16 Apr 12:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka

ROUND 6 ANZAC ROUND

Mackay Cutters (28) v Norths Devils (6)
 Sat 22 Apr 12:45PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Burleigh Bears (32) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
 Sat 22 Apr 1:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
 Tweed Seagulls (6) v Souths Logan Magpies (36)
 Sat 22 Apr 2:10PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
 CQ Capras (8) v Brisbane Tigers (16)
 Sat 22 Apr 3:45PM at Hartley Street Sports Complex, Emu Park / Darumbal

ROUND 7

Mackay Cutters (26) v Souths Logan Magpies (28)
 Sat 29 Apr 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
 Norths Devils (30) v Tweed Seagulls (10)
 Sat 29 Apr 3:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
 CQ Capras (18) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (44)
 Sat 29 Apr 4:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
 Burleigh Bears (42) v Brisbane Tigers (8)
 Sun 30 Apr 12:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

2023 QRL WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	SOUTHS LOGAN	7	7	0	0	0	128	14
2	BURLEIGH	7	6	0	1	0	84	12
3	MACKAY	7	5	0	2	0	84	10
4	WYNNUM	7	4	0	3	0	52	8
5	NORTHS	7	2	1	4	0	-24	5
6	BRISBANE	7	2	1	4	0	-98	5
7	CAPRAS	7	1	0	6	0	-100	2
8	TWEED	7	0	0	7	0	-126	0

PRELIMINARY FINALS 1 V 4, 2 V 3

Souths Logan Magpies (28) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (30)
 Sun 7 May 10:30AM at Davies Park, West End / Yuggera-Turrbal
 Burleigh Bears (18) v Mackay Cutters (22)
 Sun 7 May 12:15PM at Davies Park, West End / Yuggera-Turrbal

2023 QRL WOMEN'S PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL

Burleigh Bears 24 (Chelsea Lenarduzzi 2, Tazmin Gray, Sienna Laing tries; Zahara Temara 4/4 goals) def Wynnum Manly Seagulls 10 (Kim Hunt 2 tries; Brianna Clark 1/2 goals)
 Sat 13 May 1:15PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

2023 NSWRL RON MASSEY CUP

ROUND 1 Hills have a bye

Canterbury (10) v Ryde-Eastwood (40) Sat 18 Mar 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Brothers (17) v Silktails (16) Sun 19 Mar 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Wentworthville (18) v Glebe (26) Sun 19 Mar 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora St Marys (36) v Mounties (14) Sun 19 Mar 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

ROUND 2 Glebe have a bye

Silktails (44) v Canterbury (10) Sat 25 Mar 12:00PM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji Ryde-Eastwood (24) v Brothers (8) Sat 25 Mar 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug Mounties (4) v Wentworthville (18) Sat 25 Mar 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal St Marys (32) v Hills (12) Sat 25 Mar 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

ROUND 3 Canterbury have a bye

Mounties (18) v Ryde-Eastwood (26) Sat 1 Apr 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Wentworthville (10) v Hills (22) Sun 2 Apr 2:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal Brothers (6) v St Marys (30) Sun 2 Apr 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Glebe (22) v Silktails (4) Sun 2 Apr 4:45PM at Waminda Oval, East Campbelltown / Dharawal

ROUND 4 St Marys have a bye

Wentworthville (26) v Brothers (10) Fri 7 Apr 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora Ryde-Eastwood (18) v Glebe (22) Sat 8 Apr 3:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug Mounties (44) v Silktails (18) Sat 8 Apr 5:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Hills (48) v Canterbury (10) Sun 9 Apr 2:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal

ROUND 5 Wentworthville have a bye

Silktails (36) v Hills (24) Sat 15 Apr 12:00PM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji St Marys (16) v Ryde-Eastwood (10) Sat 15 Apr 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Mounties (18) v Brothers (12) Sat 15 Apr 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Canterbury (12) v Glebe (52) Sat 15 Apr 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal

ROUND 6 Silktails have a bye

Wentworthville (16) v Ryde-Eastwood (6) Sat 22 Apr 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora St Marys (34) v Canterbury (20) Sat 22 Apr 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Glebe (30) v Brothers (22) Sun 23 Apr 11:45AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Hills (30) v Mounties (18) Sun 23 Apr 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 7 Brothers have a bye

Canterbury (18) v Mounties (32) Fri 28 Apr 7:30PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal Hills (42) v Glebe (12) Sun 30 Apr 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal St Marys (20) v Wentworthville (14) Sun 30 Apr 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Ryde-Eastwood (40) v Silktails (14) Sun 30 Apr 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 8 Mounties have a bye

St Marys (36) v Glebe (14) Sat 13 May 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Wentworthville (28) v Silktails (20) Sat 13 May 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora Canterbury (36) v Brothers (12) Sat 13 May 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Hills (6) v Ryde-Eastwood (26) Sun 14 May 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 9 Ryde-Eastwood have a bye

Silktails (12) v St Marys (22) Sat 20 May 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji Mounties (20) v Glebe (34) Sat 20 May 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Hills (22) v Brothers (30) Sun 21 May 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal Wentworthville (38) v Canterbury (22) Sun 21 May 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 10 Hills have a bye

Mounties (12) v St Marys (24) Sat 27 May 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Silktails (23) v Brothers (10) Sat 27 May 8:00PM at Prince Charles Park, Nadi / Fiji Glebe (34) v Wentworthville (22) Sun 28 May 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Ryde-Eastwood (40) v Canterbury (20) Sun 28 May 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 11 Glebe have a bye

Silktails (34) v Canterbury (12) Sat 3 Jun 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji Brothers (34) v Ryde-Eastwood (20) Sat 3 Jun 5:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug Hills (12) v St Marys (40) Sun 4 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal Wentworthville (24) v Mounties (18) Sun 4 Jun 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 12 Canterbury have a bye

Silktails (42) v Glebe (14) Sat 17 Jun 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji St Marys (30) v Brothers (24) Sat 17 Jun 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Ryde-Eastwood (26) v Mounties (16) Sun 18 Jun 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal Hills (12) v Wentworthville (40) Sun 18 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 13 St Marys have a bye

Silktails (22) v Mounties (20) Sat 24 Jun 6:00PM at Prince Charles Park, Nadi / Fiji Glebe (0) v Ryde-Eastwood (22) Sun 25 Jun 11:45AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Canterbury (22) v Hills (54) Sun 25 Jun 3:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Brothers (30) v Wentworthville (30) Sun 25 Jun 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 14 Wentworthville have a bye

Glebe (28) v Canterbury (38) Sun 2 Jul 2:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Brothers (34) v Mounties (28) Sun 2 Jul 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug Hills (38) v Silktails (6) Sun 2 Jul 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal Ryde-Eastwood (16) v St Marys (20) Sun 2 Jul 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 15 Silktails have a bye

Ryde-Eastwood (12) v Wentworthville (17) Sat 8 Jul 2:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal Mounties (40) v Hills (6) Sat 8 Jul 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Canterbury (8) v St Marys (18) Sat 8 Jul 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Brothers (18) v Glebe (38) Sun 9 Jul 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 16 Brothers have a bye

Silktails (28) v Ryde-Eastwood (10) Sat 15 Jul 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji Mounties (26) v Canterbury (28) Sat 15 Jul 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Wentworthville (16) v St Marys (44) Sat 15 Jul 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora Glebe (32) v Hills (26) Sun 16 Jul 3:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 17 Mounties have a bye

Silktails (14) v Wentworthville (16) Sat 22 Jul 12:00PM at Prince Charles Park, Nadi / Fiji Brothers (46) v Canterbury (18) Sat 22 Jul 5:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug Glebe (12) v St Marys (38) Sun 23 Jul 12:30PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Ryde-Eastwood (10) v Hills (42) Sun 23 Jul 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 18 Ryde-Eastwood have a bye

Canterbury (26) v Wentworthville (14) Sat 29 Jul 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Glebe (18) v Mounties (14) Sun 30 Jul 2:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Brothers (22) v Hills (38) Sun 30 Jul 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug St Marys (50) v Silktails (18) Sun 30 Jul 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

FINALS WEEK 1

Ryde-Eastwood (26) v Hills (18) Sun 13 Aug 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Glebe (6) v Wentworthville (32) Sun 13 Aug 5:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

FINALS WEEK 2

St Marys (12) v Wentworthville (18) Sat 19 Aug 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Ryde-Eastwood (10) v Glebe (28) Sat 19 Aug 5:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

FINALS WEEK 3

St Marys (52) v Glebe (0) Sat 26 Aug 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug

2023 RON MASSEY CUP GRAND FINAL

St Marys 40 (Joe Vaegaau, Steven Tavita, Tony Satini, Stuart Mason, Christian Crichton, Masi Fidow, David Fale tries; Zac Greene 5, Jake Rafferty-Butfield 1 goals) def Wentworthville 12 (Dylan Smith, Keaton Walkington-Meads tries; Liam O'Brien 1, Dylan White 1 goals) Sun 3 Sep 3:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal

2023 PRESIDENT'S CUP FINAL

Maitland Pickers 32 (James Bradley 2, Matt Soper-Lawler, Lincoln Smith, Gary Anderson tries; Brock Lamb 5 goals) def St Marys 10 (Todd Sapienza, Christian Crichton tries; Jake Rafferty-Butfield 1 goal) Sun 24 Sep 11:00AM at Commbank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal

2023 RON MASSEY CUP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	ST MARYS	16	16	0	0	2	270	36
2	GLEBE DIRTY REDS	16	10	0	6	2	-4	24
3	WENTWORTHVILLE MAGPIES	16	9	1	6	2	27	23
4	RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS	16	8	0	8	2	59	20
5	HILLS BULLS	16	8	0	8	2	48	20
6	KAIVITI SILKTAILS	16	7	0	9	2	-26	18
7	PENRITH BROTHERS	16	5	1	10	2	-92	15
8	MOUNTIES	16	4	0	12	2	-32	12
9	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	16	4	0	12	2	-250	12

NSWRL: SYDNEY SHIELD

ROUND 1 Hills have a bye

Moorebank (10) v Ryde-Eastwood (28) Sat 18 Mar 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Brothers (14) v Cabramatta (28) Sun 19 Mar 1:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Wenty Utd (20) v Glebe (30) Sun 19 Mar 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora St Marys (40) v Mounties (12) Sun 19 Mar 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

ROUND 2 Glebe have a bye

Ryde-Eastwood (12) v Brothers (40) Sat 25 Mar 11:00AM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug Mounties (38) v Wenty Utd (28) Sat 25 Mar 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal St Marys (36) v Hills (20) Sat 25 Mar 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Cabramatta (40) v Moorebank (26) Sat 25 Mar 4:30PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal

ROUND 3 Moorebank have a bye

Mounties (16) v Ryde-Eastwood (30) Sat 1 Apr 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Wenty Utd (28) v Hills (24) Sun 2 Apr 12:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal Brothers (30) v St Marys (14) Sun 2 Apr 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Glebe (24) v Cabramatta (18) Fri 9 Jun 7:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal

ROUND 4 St Marys have a bye

Wenty Utd (40) v Brothers (22) Fri 7 Apr 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora Ryde-Eastwood (26) v Glebe (16) Sat 8 Apr 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug Mounties (20) v Cabramatta (22) Sat 8 Apr 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Hills (48) v Moorebank (14) Sun 9 Apr 12:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal

ROUND 5 Wenty Utd have a bye

St Marys (28) v Ryde-Eastwood (26) Sat 15 Apr 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Mounties (10) v Brothers (38) Sat 15 Apr 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Moorebank (24) v Glebe (18) Sat 15 Apr 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Cabramatta (28) v Hills (38) Sat 15 Apr 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal

ROUND 6 Cabramatta have a bye

Wenty Utd (40) v Ryde-Eastwood (26) Sat 22 Apr 12:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora St Marys (32) v Moorebank (30) Sat 22 Apr 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Glebe (12) v Brothers (38) Sun 23 Apr 10:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Hills (20) v Mounties (16) Sun 23 Apr 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 7 Brothers have a bye

Moorebank (12) v Mounties (28) Sat 29 Apr 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Hills (42) v Glebe (16) Sun 30 Apr 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal St Marys (38) v Wenty Utd (18) Sun 30 Apr 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Ryde-Eastwood (38) v Cabramatta (38) Sun 30 Apr 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 8 Mounties have a bye

St Marys (46) v Glebe (16) Sat 13 May 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Wenty Utd (28) v Cabramatta (29) Sat 13 May 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora Moorebank (6) v Brothers (28) Sat 13 May 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Hills (20) v Ryde-Eastwood (16) Sun 14 May 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 9 Ryde-Eastwood have a bye

Mounties (45) v Glebe (26) Sat 20 May 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Cabramatta (12) v St Marys (44) Sat 20 May 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Hills (44) v Brothers (10) Sun 21 May 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal Wenty Utd (16) v Moorebank (38) Sun 21 May 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 10 Hills have a bye

Mounties (8) v St Marys (42) Sat 27 May 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Cabramatta (4) v Brothers (34) Sat 27 May 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Glebe (24) v Wenty Utd (24) Sun 28 May 10:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Ryde-Eastwood (34) v Moorebank (26) Sun 28 May 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 11 Glebe have a bye

Brothers (20) v Ryde-Eastwood (8) Sat 3 Jun 3:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug Moorebank (25) v Cabramatta (24) Sat 3 Jun 6:45PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Hills (18) v St Marys (26) Sun 4 Jun 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal Wenty Utd (14) v Mounties (18) Sun 4 Jun 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 12 Moorebank have a bye

St Marys (28) v Brothers (24) Sat 17 Jun 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Cabramatta (24) v Glebe (22) Sat 17 Jun 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Ryde-Eastwood (38) v Mounties (20) Sun 18 Jun 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal Hills (38) v Wenty Utd (18) Sun 18 Jun 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 13 St Marys have a bye

Cabramatta (50) v Mounties (12) Sat 24 Jun 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Glebe (48) v Ryde-Eastwood (14) Sun 25 Jun 10:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Moorebank (16) v Hills (26) Sun 25 Jun 1:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Brothers (41) v Wenty Utd (12) Sun 25 Jun 1:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 14 Wenty Utd have a bye

Glebe (40) v Moorebank (22) Sun 2 Jul 12:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Brothers (34) v Mounties (18) Sun 2 Jul 1:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug Hills (28) v Cabramatta (24) Sun 2 Jul 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal Ryde-Eastwood (6) v St Marys (64) Sun 2 Jul 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 15 Cabramatta have a bye

Ryde-Eastwood (26) v Wenty Utd (40) Sat 8 Jul 12:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal Mounties (26) v Hills (24) Sat 8 Jul 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Moorebank (12) v St Marys (50) Sat 8 Jul 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Brothers (42) v Glebe (16) Sun 9 Jul 1:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 16 Brothers have a bye

Mounties (30) v Moorebank (16) Sat 15 Jul 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal Wenty Utd (14) v St Marys (44) Sat 15 Jul 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora Cabramatta (28) v Ryde-Eastwood (40) Sat 15 Jul 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal Glebe (28) v Hills (30) Sun 16 Jul 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 17 Mounties have a bye

Brothers (88) v Moorebank (6) Sat 22 Jul 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug Cabramatta (34) v Wenty Utd (16) Sat 22 Jul 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal St Marys def Glebe by forfeit - Sun 23 Jul 10:45AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Ryde-Eastwood (36) v Hills (34) Sun 23 Jul 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 18 Ryde-Eastwood have a bye

Moorebank (18) v Wenty Utd (36) Sat 29 Jul 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal Glebe (40) v Mounties (24) Sun 30 Jul 12:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal Brothers (16) v Hills (26) Sun 30 Jul 1:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug St Marys (70) v Cabramatta (4) Sun 30 Jul 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

FINALS WEEK 1

Cabramatta (12) v Ryde-Eastwood (16) Sun 13 Aug 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Brothers (34) v Hills (16) Sun 13 Aug 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

FINALS WEEK 2

St Marys (28) v Brothers (10) Sat 19 Aug 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug Hills (26) v Ryde-Eastwood (22) Sat 19 Aug 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

FINALS WEEK 3

Brothers (18) v Hills (22) Sat 26 Aug 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug

2023 NSWRL SYDNEY SHIELD GRAND FINAL

Hills 34 (Damon Smith, Dylan Marshall, Kruz Niutili-Schmidt, Ceiza James tries; Bradley Avery 5/6 goals) def St Marys 30 (Michael Tuavao 3, Jedd Gordon, Daniel Sykes, Sadee Sub Laban tries; Riley Stokes 3/6 goals) Sun 3 Sep 1:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal

2023 SYDNEY SHIELD FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	ST MARYS	16	15	0	1	2	353	34
2	PENRITH BROTHERS	16	11	0	5	2	235	26
3	HILLS BULLS	16	11	0	5	2	126	26
4	CABRAMATTA TWO BLUES	16	7	1	8	2	-72	19
5	RYDE-EASTWOOD HAWKS	16	7	1	8	2	-84	19
6	MOUNTIES	16	6	0	10	2	-133	16
7	GLEBE DIRTY REDS	16	5	1	10	2	-64	15
8	WENTWORTHVILLE UNITED	16	5	1	10	2	-96	15
9	MOOREBANK RAMS	16	3	0	13	2	-265	10

2023 NSWRL U21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP

ROUND 1 Newcastle Knights & St George Illawarra Dragons BYE
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (36)
Sat 4 Mar 11:00AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Parramatta Eels (14) v Canberra Raiders (20)
Sat 4 Mar 11:15AM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal
Penrith Panthers (26) v Melbourne Storm (22)
Sat 4 Mar 2:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (24) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (6)
Sat 4 Mar 5:20PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
Wests Tigers (16) v Sydney Roosters (26)
Sun 5 Mar 2:10PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

ROUND 2
Parramatta Eels (14) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (34)
Sat 11 Mar 1:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
St George Illawarra Dragons (10) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (32)
Sat 11 Mar 1:45PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
Penrith Panthers (16) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (17)
Sat 11 Mar 2:45PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
Melbourne Storm (34) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20)
Sat 11 Mar 5:00PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
Wests Tigers (32) v Newcastle Knights (20)
Sun 12 Mar 11:50AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
Canberra Raiders (16) v Sydney Roosters (46)
Sun 12 Mar 2:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt

ROUND 3 Melbourne Storm, Penrith Panthers BYE
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16) v Parramatta Eels (22)
Fri 17 Mar 6:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
St George Illawarra Dragons (30) v Newcastle Knights (26)
Sat 18 Mar 12:20PM at Ron Costello Oval, Shellharbour / Wodi Wodi
Wests Tigers (6) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38)
Sat 18 Mar 3:00PM at Kirkham Oval, Elderslie / Dharawal
Sydney Roosters (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
Sun 19 Mar 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
Canberra Raiders (16) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (28)
Sun 19 Mar 2:15PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal

ROUND 4 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Sydney Roosters BYE
Melbourne Storm (16) v Wests Tigers (18)
Sat 25 Mar 2:00PM at Comely Banks Recreation Reserve, Officer /
Woiworrung
Parramatta Eels (18) v Penrith Panthers (10)
Sat 25 Mar 3:15PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (25) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (22)
Sat 25 Mar 5:00PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
Newcastle Knights (24) v Canberra Raiders (12)
Sun 26 Mar 11:05AM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton /
Awabakal
St George Illawarra Dragons (22) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (30)
Sat 6 May 11:30AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal

ROUND 5 South Sydney Rabbitohs, Wests Tigers BYE
Penrith Panthers (28) v Canberra Raiders (6)
Sat 1 Apr 11:00AM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
St George Illawarra Dragons (16) v Parramatta Eels (32)
Sat 1 Apr 11:30AM at Ziems Park, Corrimal / Dharawal
Sydney Roosters (38) v Melbourne Storm (10)
Sun 2 Apr 12:00PM at Waminda Oval, East Campbelltown / Dharawal
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Newcastle Knights (18)
Sun 2 Apr 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (15) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (14)
Sun 2 Apr 1:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal

ROUND 6 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, St George Illawarra Dragons BYE
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (24)
Fri 7 Apr 10:00AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Wests Tigers (18) v Parramatta Eels (34)
Fri 7 Apr 11:00AM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Canberra Raiders (8) v Melbourne Storm (26)
Fri 7 Apr 1:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
Penrith Panthers (30) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16)
Sat 8 Apr 1:35PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
Newcastle Knights (16) v Sydney Roosters (34)
Sun 9 Apr 1:45PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal

ROUND 7
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (26) v Sydney Roosters (6)
Fri 14 Apr 3:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
Newcastle Knights (24) v Penrith Panthers (28)
Sat 15 Apr 12:30PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal
Canberra Raiders (16) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
Sat 15 Apr 2:00PM at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan / Ngunnawal
Melbourne Storm (14) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (21)
Sat 15 Apr 2:00PM at Comely Banks Recreation Reserve, Officer /
Woiworrung
Wests Tigers (20) v St George Illawarra Dragons (34)
Sat 15 Apr 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Parramatta Eels (22) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26)
Sat 15 Apr 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal

ROUND 8 Canberra Raiders, Parramatta Eels BYE
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (36) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (10)
Fri 21 Apr 7:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (24) v Penrith Panthers (24)
Sat 22 Apr 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Melbourne Storm (18) v Newcastle Knights (26)
Sat 22 Apr 2:00PM at Comely Banks Recreation Reserve, Officer /
Woiworrung
Wests Tigers (38) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (22)
Sun 23 Apr 11:50AM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah /
Dharawal
Sydney Roosters (42) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
Sun 23 Apr 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 9
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Melbourne Storm (14)
Thu 27 Apr 5:35PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
Fri 28 Apr 6:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Canberra Raiders (22) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (4)
Sat 29 Apr 11:00AM at McDonalds Park, Wagga Wagga / Wiradjuri
Parramatta Eels (8) v Newcastle Knights (28)
Sat 29 Apr 3:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Sydney Roosters (42)
Sat 29 Apr 3:15PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Penrith Panthers (30) v Wests Tigers (12)
Sun 30 Apr 3:00PM at Windsor Sporting Complex, Windsor / Dharug

ROUND 10 All clubs BYE

ROUND 11
Penrith Panthers (34) v Sydney Roosters (20)
Sat 13 May 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
Newcastle Knights (22) v St George Illawarra Dragons (30)
Sat 13 May 12:00PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock / Wonnarua
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20) v Melbourne Storm (34)
Sat 13 May 2:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Canberra Raiders (14) v Parramatta Eels (32)
Sat 13 May 3:40PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (4) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (40)
Sun 14 May 11:50AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (24) v Wests Tigers (20)
Sun 14 May 3:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot / Bidjigal

ROUND 12 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, Melbourne Storm BYE
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (26) v Newcastle Knights (20)
Sat 20 May 12:45PM at Henson Park, Marrickville / Gadigal-Wanngal
Wests Tigers (28) v Penrith Panthers (20)
Sat 20 May 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
St George Illawarra Dragons (12) v Sydney Roosters (34)
Sun 21 May 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26) v Canberra Raiders (10)
Sun 21 May 11:45AM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (32) v Parramatta Eels (20)
Sun 21 May 3:00PM at Mascot Oval, Mascot / Bidjigal

ROUND 13 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Penrith Panthers BYE
Parramatta Eels (20) v Melbourne Storm (22)
Sat 27 May 2:45PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (18) v Canberra Raiders (32)
Sat 27 May 3:25PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
St George Illawarra Dragons (32) v Wests Tigers (24)
Sun 28 May 11:15AM at Sid Parrish Park, Unanderra / Dharawal
Newcastle Knights (26) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (6)
Sun 28 May 11:30AM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton /
Awabakal
Sydney Roosters (35) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (14)
Sun 28 May 11:45AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 14
Newcastle Knights (26) v Parramatta Eels (6)
Sat 3 Jun 12:00PM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock / Wonnarua
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (34) v Canberra Raiders (32)
Sat 3 Jun 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Melbourne Storm (22)
Sat 3 Jun 3:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Wests Tigers (8)
Sat 3 Jun 5:20PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
Sydney Roosters (14) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (4)
Sun 4 Jun 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
Penrith Panthers (28) v St George Illawarra Dragons (12)
Sun 4 Jun 2:15PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 15 Canberra Raiders, Newcastle Knights BYE
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (36) v Wests Tigers (16)
Fri 9 Jun 5:45PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v Parramatta Eels (6)
Fri 9 Jun 6:30PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
St George Illawarra Dragons (22) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (24)
Sat 10 Jun 10:30AM at Sid Parrish Park, Unanderra / Dharawal
Melbourne Storm (28) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18)
Sun 11 Jun 1:30PM at Goschs Paddock, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
Sydney Roosters (22) v Penrith Panthers (24)
Sun 11 Jun 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 16 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Wests Tigers BYE
Newcastle Knights (16) v Melbourne Storm (42)
Sat 17 Jun 11:00AM at Cessnock Sports Ground, Cessnock / Wonnarua
Canberra Raiders (20) v St George Illawarra Dragons (30)
Sat 17 Jun 2:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
Parramatta Eels (24) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (38)
Sat 17 Jun 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26) v Penrith Panthers (0)
Sat 17 Jun 4:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (16) v Sydney Roosters (40)
Sun 18 Jun 1:00PM at Coogee Oval, Coogee / Gadigal-Bidjigal

ROUND 17

West's Tigers (28) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38)
 Sat 24 Jun 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Parramatta Eels (22)
 Sat 24 Jun 1:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 Penrith Panthers (20) v Newcastle Knights (18)
 Sat 24 Jun 3:30PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (48) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
 Sun 25 Jun 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
 Sydney Roosters (24) v Canberra Raiders (14)
 Sun 25 Jun 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Melbourne Storm (12) v St George Illawarra Dragons (22)
 Sun 25 Jun 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri

ROUND 18 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, South Sydney Rabbitohs BYE

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18) v St George Illawarra Dragons (34)
 Thu 29 Jun 5:35PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 Canberra Raiders (14) v Penrith Panthers (6)
 Sat 1 Jul 11:00AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
 Parramatta Eels (14) v Wests Tigers (16)
 Sat 1 Jul 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (36) v Newcastle Knights (16)
 Sun 2 Jul 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Melbourne Storm (6) v Sydney Roosters (37)
 Sun 2 Jul 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri

ROUND 19 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles, Sydney Roosters BYE

Newcastle Knights (16) v Wests Tigers (24)
 Sat 8 Jul 12:00PM at Maitland Regional Sportsground, Maitland /
 Wonnarua
 St George Illawarra Dragons (16) v Canberra Raiders (20)
 Sat 8 Jul 12:00PM at Centenary Field, Croom / Dharawal
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (16) v Penrith Panthers (18)
 Sat 8 Jul 1:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville / Gadigal-Wanngal
 Parramatta Eels (24) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
 Sat 8 Jul 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Melbourne Storm (18) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24)
 Sun 9 Jul 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri

ROUND 20 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs, Parramatta Eels BYE

St George Illawarra Dragons (26) v Penrith Panthers (20)
 Sat 15 Jul 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (12) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20)
 Sat 15 Jul 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16) v Melbourne Storm (24)
 Sat 15 Jul 3:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Sydney Roosters (36) v Newcastle Knights (14)
 Sun 16 Jul 1:30PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Wests Tigers (8) v Canberra Raiders (18)
 Sun 16 Jul 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug

ROUND 21 Canberra Raiders, Wests Tigers BYE

St George Illawarra Dragons (26) v Melbourne Storm (18)
 Sat 22 Jul 2:00PM at Ziems Park, Corrimal / Dharawal
 Penrith Panthers (40) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12)
 Sat 22 Jul 6:00PM at Windsor Sporting Complex, Windsor / Dharug
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16)
 Sun 23 Jul 11:35AM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Newcastle Knights (22)
 Sun 23 Jul 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Sydney Roosters (30) v Parramatta Eels (16)
 Sun 23 Jul 2:15PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

ROUND 22

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v Sydney Roosters (22)
 Fri 28 Jul 6:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 St George Illawarra Dragons (16) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (32)
 Sat 29 Jul 1:30PM at Ron Costello Oval, Shellharbour / Wodi Wodi
 Melbourne Storm (18) v Parramatta Eels (26)
 Sat 29 Jul 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
 Penrith Panthers (22) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20)
 Sat 29 Jul 3:35PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
 Wests Tigers (56) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
 Sun 30 Jul 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Canberra Raiders (26) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sun 30 Jul 1:15PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt

ROUND 23 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks, Melbourne Storm

Newcastle Knights, Penrith Panthers BYE
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (36)
 Sat 5 Aug 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Canberra Raiders (14) v Wests Tigers (10)
 Sat 5 Aug 1:15PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Parramatta Eels v St George Illawarra Dragons
 Sat 5 Aug 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Sydney Roosters (16) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (8)
 Sun 6 Aug 12:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 24 Parramatta Eels, Sydney Roosters BYE

Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (16) v Penrith Panthers (14)
 Thu 10 Aug 5:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (34) v Canberra Raiders (16)
 Fri 11 Aug 3:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (30) v St George Illawarra Dragons (12)
 Sat 12 Aug 11:00AM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Newcastle Knights (16) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30)
 Sat 12 Aug 12:00PM at Lyall Peacock Oval, Toronto / Awabakal
 Wests Tigers (18) v Melbourne Storm (24)
 Sat 12 Aug 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug

ROUND 25

Newcastle Knights (52) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
 Sat 19 Aug 12:00PM at Lyall Peacock Oval, Toronto / Awabakal
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (48) v St George Illawarra Dragons (6)
 Sat 19 Aug 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Canberra Raiders (32) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (10)
 Sat 19 Aug 1:15PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt
 Parramatta Eels (36) v Sydney Roosters (20)
 Sat 19 Aug 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Wests Tigers (10) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (34)
 Sun 20 Aug 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Melbourne Storm (24) v Penrith Panthers (20)
 Sun 20 Aug 2:00PM at Goschs Paddock, Melbourne / Wurundjeri

ROUND 26

St George Illawarra Dragons have a bye
 South Sydney Rabbitohs have a bye
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (6)
 Fri 25 Aug 7:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Penrith Panthers (14) v Parramatta Eels (26)
 Sat 26 Aug 12:30PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
 Melbourne Storm (16) v Canberra Raiders (20)
 Sat 26 Aug 12:30PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
 Sydney Roosters (34) v Wests Tigers (14)
 Sun 27 Aug 12:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Newcastle Knights (26) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (30)
 Sun 27 Aug 1:30PM at St John Oval, Charlestown / Awabakal

2023 JERSEY FLEGG CUP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	SYDNEY	22	17	1	4	4	270	43
2	CANTERBURY	22	15	1	6	4	167	39
3	CRONULLA	22	14	0	8	4	96	36
4	PENRITH	22	12	1	9	4	53	33
5	PARRAMATTA	22	11	0	11	4	24	30
6	MELBOURNE	22	11	0	11	4	-10	30
7	CANBERRA	22	10	0	12	4	-80	28
8	MANLY	22	9	0	13	4	-39	26
9	ST GEO ILLA	22	9	0	13	4	-148	26
10	SOUTHS	22	8	1	13	4	-193	25
11	NEWCASTLE	22	7	0	15	4	-30	22
12	WESTS TIGERS	22	7	0	15	4	-110	22

FINALS WEEK 1

Penrith Panthers (20) v Parramatta Eels (30)
 Sat 2 Sep 11:00AM at North Sydney Oval, North Sydney / Cammeraygal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (44) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)
 Sun 3 Sep 11:00AM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal

FINALS WEEK 2

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6) v Parramatta Eels (20)
 Sat 9 Sep 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
 Sydney Roosters (6) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26)
 Sat 9 Sep 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

FINALS WEEK 3

Sydney Roosters (31) v Parramatta Eels (18)
 Sat 16 Sep 12:30PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

2023 NSWRL U21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP GRAND FINAL

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 22 (Jordi Mazzone 2, Danny Gabrael, Harry Hayes; Joash Papalii 3/4 goals) def Sydney Roosters 20 (Xavier Chatfield-Mooka 2, Tayson Fakaosi, Salesi Foketi tries; Cassius Tia 2/4 goals)
 Sun 24 Sep 1:00PM at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta / Burrumattagal

QRL: U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS

ROUND 1 Burleigh Bears, CQ Capras BYE

Mackay Cutters (50) v Norths Devils (32)
Sat 22 Apr 10:55AM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (34) v Northern Pride (10)
Sat 22 Apr 1:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
Redcliffe Dolphins (70) v Ipswich Jets (16)
Sat 22 Apr 3:15PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Townsville Blackhawks (6) v Tweed Seagulls (34)
Sun 23 Apr 11:00AM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
Brisbane Tigers (44) v Western Clydesdales (16)
Sun 23 Apr 11:00AM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
Sunshine Coast Falcons (30) v Souths Logan Magpies (16)
Sun 23 Apr 12:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi

ROUND 2 Mackay Cutters, Tweed Seagulls BYE

Norths Devils (34) v Northern Pride (18)
Sat 29 Apr 11:00AM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
Townsville Blackhawks (58) v Souths Logan Magpies (12)
Sat 29 Apr 12:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
CQ Capras (8) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (36)
Sat 29 Apr 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (6)
Sat 29 Apr 3:00PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Western Clydesdales (42) v Ipswich Jets (34)
Sat 29 Apr 3:15PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
Burleigh Bears (26) v Brisbane Tigers (40)
Sun 30 Apr 10:15AM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

ROUND 3 Ipswich Jets, Redcliffe Dolphins BYE

Tweed Seagulls (56) v Western Clydesdales (14)
Sat 6 May 12:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (8) v Souths Logan Magpies (50)
Sat 6 May 1:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
Burleigh Bears (44) v CQ Capras (16)
Sat 6 May 2:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
Northern Pride (28) v Mackay Cutters (32)
Sat 6 May 3:30PM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinj
Brisbane Tigers (28) v Townsville Blackhawks (24)
Sun 7 May 12:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
Sunshine Coast Falcons (30) v Norths Devils (34)
Sun 7 May 12:30PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi

ROUND 4 Sunshine Coast Falcons, Townsville Blackhawks BYE

Mackay Cutters (22) v Burleigh Bears (14)
Sat 13 May 12:45PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
CQ Capras (24) v Redcliffe Dolphins (32)
Sat 13 May 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
Souths Logan Magpies (10) v Tweed Seagulls (48)
Sat 13 May 3:00PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
Western Clydesdales (56) v Northern Pride (22)
Sat 13 May 3:00PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (64) v Ipswich Jets (0)
Sat 13 May 4:30PM at Hammel Park, Beenleigh / Yugambeh
Norths Devils (4) v Brisbane Tigers (20)
Sun 14 May 12:15PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal

ROUND 5 Brisbane Tigers, Wynnum Manly Seagulls BYE

Redcliffe Dolphins (32) v Mackay Cutters (10)
Sat 20 May 1:00PM at Jim Lawrie Oval, Brighton / Turrbal
Ipswich Jets (22) v Tweed Seagulls (42)
Sat 20 May 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
CQ Capras (12) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (56)
Sat 20 May 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
Northern Pride (12) v Souths Logan Magpies (54)
Sat 20 May 4:00PM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinj
Burleigh Bears (30) v Western Clydesdales (24)
Sat 20 May 6:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
Norths Devils (6) v Townsville Blackhawks (52)
Sun 21 May 12:15PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal

ROUND 6 Northern, Sunshine Coast, Townsville, Western BYE

Tweed Seagulls (10) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20)
Sat 27 May 12:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
Ipswich Jets (6) v Burleigh Bears (40)
Sat 27 May 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
CQ Capras (26) v Norths Devils (26)
Sat 27 May 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
Souths Logan Magpies (12) v Redcliffe Dolphins (54)
Sat 27 May 3:00PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
Mackay Cutters (14) v Brisbane Tigers (30)
Sat 27 May 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara

ROUND 7 Norths Devils, Tweed Seagulls BYE

Souths Logan Magpies (30) v Burleigh Bears (40)
Sat 3 Jun 1:15PM at Cbus Super Stadium, Robina / Yugambeh
Townsville Blackhawks (32) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
Sat 3 Jun 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
Sunshine Coast Falcons (16) v Mackay Cutters (10)
Sat 3 Jun 3:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
Redcliffe Dolphins (34) v Western Clydesdales (10)
Sat 3 Jun 3:00PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Ipswich Jets (32) v Northern Pride (28)
Sun 4 Jun 12:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
Brisbane Tigers (40) v CQ Capras (6)
Sun 4 Jun 1:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

ROUND 8 Northern Pride, Western Clydesdales BYE

Tweed Seagulls (40) v CQ Capras (16)
Sat 10 Jun 12:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
Burleigh Bears (50) v Norths Devils (20)
Sat 10 Jun 1:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
Sunshine Coast Falcons (30) v Townsville Blackhawks (42)
Sat 10 Jun 3:00PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
Brisbane Tigers (22) v Redcliffe Dolphins (16)
Sat 10 Jun 3:30PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
Mackay Cutters (6) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (56)
Sat 10 Jun 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
Souths Logan Magpies (36) v Ipswich Jets (30)
Sun 11 Jun 12:00PM at Davies Park, West End / Yuggera-Turrbal

ROUND 9 Burleigh Bears, Souths Logan Magpies BYE

Western Clydesdales (34) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (35)
Sat 17 Jun 1:15PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
Townsville Blackhawks (56) v Ipswich Jets (6)
Sat 17 Jun 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
Redcliffe Dolphins (42) v Norths Devils (8)
Sat 17 Jun 3:15PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Mackay Cutters (20) v Tweed Seagulls (21)
Sat 17 Jun 3:45PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
Northern Pride (14) v CQ Capras (38)
Sun 18 Jun 12:00PM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinj
Brisbane Tigers (30) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (31)
Sun 18 Jun 1:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

ROUND 10

Ipswich Jets (18) v Brisbane Tigers (54)
Sat 24 Jun 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
Burleigh Bears v Tweed Seagulls
Sat 24 Jun 1:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
CQ Capras (32) v Mackay Cutters (24)
Sat 24 Jun 1:30PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
Townsville Blackhawks (58) v Northern Pride (6)
Sat 24 Jun 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
Wynnum Manly Seagulls v Redcliffe Dolphins
Sun 25 Jun 12:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
Norths Devils (28) v Souths Logan Magpies (32)
Sun 25 Jun 12:20PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
Sunshine Coast Falcons (44) v Western Clydesdales (4)
Sun 25 Jun 12:30PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi

ROUND 11 CQ Capras, Wynnum Manly Seagulls BYE

Burleigh Bears (60) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (22)
Sat 1 Jul 1:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
Northern Pride (12) v Brisbane Tigers (48)
Sat 1 Jul 3:00PM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinj
Ipswich Jets (30) v Mackay Cutters (52)
Sun 2 Jul 12:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
Souths Logan Magpies (32) v Western Clydesdales (26)
Sun 2 Jul 12:00PM at Davies Park, West End / Yuggera-Turrbal
Redcliffe Dolphins (28) v Townsville Blackhawks (24)
Sun 2 Jul 12:15PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Norths Devils (0) v Tweed Seagulls (50)
Sun 2 Jul 12:40PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal

ROUND 12

Tweed Seagulls (38) v Brisbane Tigers (30)
Sat 8 Jul 12:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
Ipswich Jets (16) v CQ Capras (48)
Sat 8 Jul 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
Redcliffe Dolphins (24) v Burleigh Bears (26)
Sat 8 Jul 1:00PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (74) v Norths Devils (24)
Sat 8 Jul 2:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
Western Clydesdales (6) v Townsville Blackhawks (62)
Sat 8 Jul 2:45PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
Souths Logan Magpies (30) v Mackay Cutters (30)
Sat 8 Jul 3:00PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
Northern Pride (4) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (86)
Sat 8 Jul 3:00PM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinj

ROUND 13 Brisbane Tigers, Souths Logan Magpies BYE

Sunshine Coast Falcons (25) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18)
Sat 29 Jul 11:45AM at Eskdale Park, Maryborough / Kabi Kabi
Redcliffe Dolphins (22) v Tweed Seagulls (24)
Sat 29 Jul 1:00PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Ipswich Jets (4) v Norths Devils (66)
Sat 29 Jul 1:00PM at North Ipswich Reserve, North Ipswich / Yuggera
Townsville Blackhawks (48) v Mackay Cutters (0)
Sat 29 Jul 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba
Western Clydesdales (30) v CQ Capras (28)
Sat 29 Jul 2:45PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
Burleigh Bears (54) v Northern Pride (8)
Sat 29 Jul 7:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

ROUND 14 Mackay Cutters, Redcliffe Dolphins BYE

Western Clydesdales (62) v Norths Devils (18)
Sat 5 Aug 12:45PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
Tweed Seagulls (64) v Northern Pride (4)
Sat 5 Aug 1:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
Sunshine Coast Falcons (62) v Ipswich Jets (10)
Sat 5 Aug 1:40PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
CQ Capras (14) v Townsville Blackhawks (38)
Sat 5 Aug 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
Brisbane Tigers (20) v Souths Logan Magpies (6)
Sat 5 Aug 3:30PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20) v Burleigh Bears (36)
Sun 6 Aug 12:00PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka

ROUND 15

Brisbane Tigers (52) v Ipswich Jets (14)
Fri 11 Aug 7:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
Northern Pride (6) v Townsville Blackhawks (44)
Sat 12 Aug 10:15AM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinj
Mackay Cutters (30) v CQ Capras (22)
Sat 12 Aug 4:15PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
Western Clydesdales (26) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (44)
Sat 12 Aug 4:15PM at Club Pittsworth, Pittsworth / Giabal
Norths Devils (58) v Souths Logan Magpies (28)
Sun 13 Aug 12:00PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
Redcliffe Dolphins (26) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (28)
Sun 13 Aug 12:15PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi
Tweed Seagulls (38) v Burleigh Bears (22)
Sun 13 Aug 1:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung

ROUND 16 Ipswich Jets, Norths Devils BYE

Mackay Cutters (28) v Western Clydesdales (26)

Sat 19 Aug 12:45PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara

Tweed Seagulls (50) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (32)

Sat 19 Aug 1:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung

Townsville Blackhawks (36) v Burleigh Bears (22)

Sat 19 Aug 2:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba

CQ Capras (26) v Souths Logan Magpies (34)

Sat 19 Aug 2:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal

Northern Pride (4) v Redcliffe Dolphins (58)

Sat 19 Aug 3:00PM at Barlow Park, Cairns / Yidinji

Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16) v Brisbane Tigers (36)

Sun 20 Aug 11:00AM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka

2023 QRL U21 COLTS FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	TWEED	14	12	0	2	2	283	28
2	BRISBANE	14	12	0	2	2	253	28
3	TOWNSVILLE	14	11	0	3	2	364	26
4	BURLEIGH	14	10	0	4	2	172	24
5	REDCLIFFE	14	9	0	5	2	248	22
6	SC FALCONS	14	9	0	5	2	170	22
7	WYNNUM	14	9	0	5	2	134	22
8	SOUTHS LOGAN	14	6	1	7	2	-86	17
9	MACKAY	14	6	1	7	2	-89	17
10	NORTHS	14	4	1	9	2	-180	13
11	WESTERN	14	4	0	10	2	-135	12
12	CAPRAS	14	3	1	10	2	-144	11
13	IPSWICH	14	1	0	13	2	-474	6
14	NORTHERN	14	0	0	14	2	-516	4

FINALS WEEK 1 QUALIFYING & ELIMINATION FINALS

Brisbane Tigers (36) v Townsville Blackhawks (12)

Sat 26 Aug 10:00AM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

Redcliffe Dolphins (42) v Souths Logan Magpies (36)

Sat 26 Aug 12:00PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera

Tweed Seagulls (46) v Burleigh Bears (10)

Sat 26 Aug 6:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

Sunshine Coast Falcons (34) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16)

Sun 27 Aug 12:00PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi

FINALS WEEK 2 SEMI FINALS

Townsville Blackhawks (44) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (30)

Sat 2 Sep 12:00PM at Jack Manski Oval, Kirwan / Wulgurukaba

Burleigh Bears (20) v Redcliffe Dolphins (33)

Sat 2 Sep 4:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

FINALS WEEK 3 PRELIMINARY FINALS

Tweed Seagulls (12) v Townsville Blackhawks (24)

Sat 9 Sep 4:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh

Brisbane Tigers (36) v Redcliffe Dolphins (14)

Sun 10 Sep 12:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

2023 QRL U21 COLTS GRAND FINAL

Townsville Blackhawks 40 (Jamal Shibusaki 2, Ragarive Wavik, Jesse Yallop, Cathane Hill, Wil Sullivan, Jeremiah

Matautia tries; Ragarive Wavik 6/8 goals) def Brisbane Tigers 0

Sun 17 Sep 3:15PM at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi

STATE JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE GRAND FINALS**NSWRL U19 SG BALL CUP**

Parramatta Eels 28 (Devonte Vaivela 2, Ethan Sanders, Charlie Guymer, Richard Penisini tries; Ethan Sanders 4/5 goals) def Newcastle Knights 22 (Taj Blackman, Ethan Ferguson, Mayson Metcalf, Beau Slade tries; Ethan Ferguson 3/4 goals)

NSWRL U19 TARSHA GALE CUP

Sydney Roosters Indigenous Academy 26 (Brooke Talataina, Jaydah Tofae, Lailani Montgomery, Krystal Bulmer, Paige Lowe tries; Mia Barber 3/5 goals) def Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 22 (Tarli Dennis, Noaria Kapua, Tatiana Finau, Abby Aros tries; Tatiana Finau 3/4 goals)

NSWRL U17 HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 32 (Mitchell Woods, Mohamed Hadid, Christopher Makhoul, Jope Rauqe, Tallis Mcewen-Welsh tries; Bronson Reuben 6/6 goals) def Newcastle Knights 6 (Connor Votano try, 1/2 goals)

QRL MAL MENINGA GUP (U18)

Redcliffe Dolphins 36 (Prestyn Laine-Sietu 2, Jayden Alefaio, Siosifa Kava, Michael Waqa, John Fineanganofu, Elijah Rasmussen tries; John Fineanganofu 3/6, Tauave Leofa 1/1 goals) def Townsville Blackhawks 18 (Harley Walker, Reece Foley, Rayzarlin Pearson, Aisake Manna tries; Xavier Hellyer 1/3 goals)

No finals were held in the QRL Harvey Norman U19 or Cyril Connell Cup U16 competitions

SUPER LEAGUE 2023

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ROUND 1

WARRINGTON 42 LEEDS 10

The Warrington Wolves have gotten their 2023 campaign off to a perfect start, thrashing the Leeds Rhinos by 42-10 in the opening match of the season. The Wolves were keen to show that last year was just one off year, while the Rhinos were looking to avoid second year syndrome under coach Rohan Smith.

The first half was played at a frantic pace and it was outspoken fullback Matt Dufty who crossed for the first try inside the first five minutes showing brilliant support play. Off the ensuing set, Leeds were ill disciplined which allowed Ratchford to shoot for goal and give Wolves an 8-0 cushion. Eight minutes later, hooker Daryl Clark fooled the defence with a dummy and strolled over the line and Leeds were in big trouble. It was getting worse for Rohan Smith's men conceding three tries in the 17 minutes before

half-time. Clark turned provider in the 23rd minute, tossing a long pass out to the right which allowed Josh Thewlis to leap acrobatically over in the corner. It was all too easy for the hosts as Danny Walker stretched the lead to 24 points by winning the race to his own grubber kick to touch down after opposite fullback Richie Myler slipped as he tried to gather. Sam Kasiano made an instant impression from the bench for his new side crossing after collecting a kick from half George Williams and it was 30-0 at the half.

The second half was a scrappy affair to start with, but four tries in the final twenty minutes brought the crowd back into the contest. Leeds avoided a shutout when new buy Derrell Olpherts touched down, but it would prove to be consolation. James Harrison and Greg Minikin crossed each within five minutes of each-other and it was becoming an opening night horror show for Leeds. French international Justin Sangare crossed inside the last ten minutes to make the score a bit respectable at 42-10.

CATALANS 38 WAKEFIELD 24

The Catalans Dragons have fought off a determined Wakefield side to get their Super League campaign off to a flying start with a 38-24 victory.

It was the home side that crossed early when Max Jowitt crossed inside the first ten minutes to give the Wildcats a 6-0 lead. Catalans responded twelve

minutes later when a clever grubber kick landed in the breadbasket of Matthieu Laguerre to reduce the gap to two points. Tom Johnstone crossed for the first of his three tries against his former side five minutes later. Wakefield stayed in the contest and were rewarded when Corey Hall crossed 12 minutes out from the break to keep the Wildcats back in front. The lead was short lived when Johnstone crossed for

his second six minutes out from half-time off a clever cross-field kick. This allowed the Dragons to have a 16-12 lead at the break.

After the resumption, Johnstone continued his homecoming party crossing for his hattrick five minutes into the second stanza. Wakefield weren't going out quietly and crossed seven minutes later

when Matty Ashurst barged over from close range to reduce the gap to two. However, their efforts were in vain, two quick tries to Tom Davies blew the match out of Wakefield's grasp. Despite a consolation try to Lee Gaskell, the Dragons ran away and sealed their first road win of the season with a try to Cesar Rouge on the full-time siren for a determined 14 point victory.

SALFORD 20 LEIGH 10

It was the return of the newly rebranded Leigh Leopards to the top flight of English Rugby League. However, their first up match for season 2023 wasn't to be with the home side going down 20-10 to the Salford Red Devils.

After a titanic struggle to open proceedings. The Leopards crossed for first points when former Wigan flyer Josh Charnley was on the end of a cut-out pass from Lachie Lam to stroll across for the first try and a handy 4-0 lead. Six minutes out from the break, Kallum Watkins converted a short range effort, charging over the top of a handful of defenders after a lovely pass from the newly re-signed Man of Steel

Brodie Croft. Salford went bang bang with Andy Ackers crossing just before the half-time buzzer to give the Red-Devils a 12-4 half-time advantage.

Salford extended their margin after the break when Scottish international fullback Ryan Brierley was on the end of another bust from Brodie Croft to give the Red-Devils an 18-4 advantage. Leigh would get a sniff

closer to this one after being awarded a contentious penalty try by video referee Liam Moore after Jack Hughes was impeded getting to the football. This got Leigh to within 8 points, but a late penalty goal on full-time was enough to keep Leigh away and secure an away victory to open 2023.

HULL KR 27 WIGAN 18

Hull Kingston Rovers have delivered the first shock of the season defeating the much fancied Wigan Warriors 27-18 at home.

The home side got off to the perfect start when Ryan Hall crossed in the fourth minute of play after a clever kick was batted back by Shaun Kenny-Dowall. Five minutes later, the Warriors hit back when Liam Marshall hauled in a Harry Smith chip and we were

set for quite the contest this afternoon. However, the Warriors would continue their scoring spree in the fifteenth minute of play when last year's most dynamic player Jai Field scored off a mid-field bomb that couldn't be handled by Rovers. This gave Wigan an 8-6 lead, they weren't finished there though with future NRL star Kai Pearce-Paul crossing seven minutes later to give the Wigan side a 6 point lead with Smith struggling with the boot. Rovers hit back when SKD crossed 11 minutes before the break using

his strength to get past three defenders and we were locked at 12-12. Jamie Abdull wasn't satisfied and knocked over a field goal to give Hull KR a 13-12 half-time lead.

Rovers continued their scoring spree when Scottish international Kane Linnett crossed seven minutes after the resumption from point blank range to extend their margin to five points, the missed conversion was cancelled out by a penalty goal which gave Hull

KR a 19-12 lead. After a fifteen minute arm-wrestle, SKD crossed for his second try to give the Rovers a two possession lead. Not to be outdone, Wigan hit back with new recruit Jake Wardle and with Smith's first conversion of the day, the margin was back to within a converted try. However, the Rovers were going to be victorious in their first round match. Victory was sealed five minutes from time with SKD securing his hattrick and the two competition points with a deserved 27-18 victory.

HULL FC 32 CASTLEFORD 30

Hull FC have held off a fast finishing Castleford Tigers side to escape with a 32-30 verdict at the MKM Stadium to begin the Tony Smith era in style.

It was an electric first forty minutes for the black and whites racing in five first half-tries in a devastating display of attacking football. The fun began in the eighth minute of play when Darnell McIntosh crossed after a lovely cut-out pass from new recruit Tex Hoy. The hosts doubled their score on the next set when

Liam Sutcliffe raced in for a debut try on the back of a break from Brad Dwyer. McIntosh grabbed his second in the fifteenth minute controlling the ball with his feet, staying in play and getting the ball down first and Hull had a convincing early lead of 16-0. The Tigers needed to respond and, on the back of a penalty, new buy Gareth Widdop creating space for former Hull winger Bureta Faraimo to score in the corner and give Castleford life down two possessions. Winger Adam Swift crossed for two tries in the space of five minutes. The first came in the twenty-eighth

minute after Jake Clifford created the extra man to allow Swift to score in the corner. In the thirty-third minute, Swift completed his double after a lovely pass from Hoy off a well worked scrum play, this gave Hull FC a 26-6 half-time lead.

The hosts continued their rampage after the break. Danny Houghton barged over after Ben McNamara jumped on a wayward kick to put Hull in complete control. With a seemingly comfortable margin, Hull decided to go asleep. Unfortunately, the Tigers had

other ideas when Kenny Edwards crossed on the hour mark to give the visitors some life in this contest. Minutes later, new half Jacob Miller strolled over to reduce the gap to three scores. If that wasn't scary enough Faraimo crossed for his second try with just over ten to play and the score was 32-24. The Tigers left their run too late, despite a late Jake Mamo try with five minutes to play. Castleford were unable to get the final blow to get a miraculous come from behind victory, this left Hull FC with the opening victory of the 2023 season.

ST HELENS 32 HUDDERSFIELD 18*

St Helens have won three on the trot after taking care of business with a 32-18 win over Huddersfield.

The match was rescheduled due to St Helens' trip down under in the early stages of the season. Saints had an early point to prove and after a well worked shift down the right-hand side of the field. Tommy Makinson was in space as he fended away from the cover tacklers to cross in the corner after just four minutes. Mark Percival converted from touch for

a 6-0 lead. Five minutes later, the script repeated as Makinson crossed for his second try. Kevin Naqama's attempted intercept backfired putting the Giants under further defensive pressure. It proved to be too much as Jack Welsby fired a rainbow pass to Makinson to finish the movement and it was a quick 12-0 lead. Huddersfield were dealt a blow when Matty English was shown a yellow card and ill-disciplined proved costly as Percival knocked over a gift two points for a 14-0 lead. Not long after, Joe Greenwood was sent off for a raised elbow by referee

Ben Thaler and they were reduced to 11. Despite this, Huddersfield hung on and English made amends for his sin-binning crossing three minutes prior to the break. However, the gap extended back to 12 in the dying moments when Makinson secured his hattrick.

The Giants were doing their slim chance of winning no harm when they were again pinned for dissent. Percival made no mistake and the gap extended back to 14. Huddersfield worked hard and rewards came 20 minutes from the end. Following a six again,

Ashton Golding finished off a scintillating backline play to give the Giants life. Leroy Cudjoe intercepted a loose pass six minutes later, the tide began to turn and Naqama crossed to reduce the gap to just two points. A bomb 5 minutes from the end wasn't dealt with by the Giants. Sione Matautia caught it, kicked ahead and the man who put the bomb up in Lewis Dodd crossed to put the doors shut on a brave Giants comeback. A late Welsby try put the issue beyond doubt and Huddersfield's chances of making the finals appear to be rather shaky.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

WARRINGTON 42 (D. Clark, M. Dufty, J. Harrison, S. Kasiano, G. Minikin, J. Thewlis, D. Walker tries; S. Ratchford 7 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 10** (D. Olpherts, J. Sangaré tries; R. Martin goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 16th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 30-0. Penalties: Warrington 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 11,082.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Harrison. Int: Kasiano, Walker, Bullock, Minikin.

LEEDS: Myler, Roberts, Fusitu'a, Handley, Olpherts; Austin, Sezer; Holroyd, Leeming (C), Lisone, Gannon, Martin, Tetevano. Int: Donaldson, O'Connor, Sangaré, Smith.

CATALANS 38 (T. Johnstone 3, T. Davies 2, M. Laguerre, C. Rougé tries; A. Keighran 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 24** (M. Ashurst, L. Gaskell, C. Hall, M. Jowitt tries; M. Lino 4 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th February. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-12. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,076.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Langi, Murphy; Gaskell, Lino; Whitbread, Smith, Atoni, Pitts, Ashurst (C), Proctor. Int: Kay, Batty, Butler, Hall.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Johnstone, Laguerre, Whitley, Davies; Rougé, Keighran; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Séguier, Ma'u, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Chan, Dezaria.

SALFORD 20 (A. Ackers, R. Brierley, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 10** (J. Charnley, J. Hughes tries; Z. Hardaker goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-4. Penalties: Leigh 6-2. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,589.

LEIGH: Hardaker, Charnley, Chamberlain, Leutele, Briscoe; O'Brien, Lam; Amon, Davis, Mulhern, Wardle, Holmes, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubuwai, Hughes, O'Donnell, Ipape.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Gerrard, Ormondroyd, Atkin, Wright.

HULL KR 27 (S. Kenny-Dowall 3, R. Hall, K. Linnett tries; L. Coote 3 goals; J. Abdull field goal) **DEFEATED WIGAN 18** (J. Field, L. Marshall, K. Pearce-Paul, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith goal) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Sat, 18th February. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 13-12. Penalties: Hull KR 6-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,029.

HULL KR: Coote, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Sue, Parcell, Kennedy, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: King, Litten, Storton, Hadley.

WIGAN: Field, French, King, Wardle, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Cooper, Powell, Havard, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Byrne, Singleton, O'Neill, Ellis.

HULL FC 32 (D. McIntosh 2, A. Swift 2, D. Houghton, L. Sutcliffe tries; J. Clifford 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 30** (B. Faraimo 2, K. Edwards, J. Mamo, J. Miller tries; G. Widdop 5 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 26-6. Penalties: Hull FC 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 15,383.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Sutcliffe, Scott, McIntosh; Clifford, McNamara; Taylor, Dwyer, Satae, Griffin (C), Lane, Fash. Int: Houghton, Lovodua, Cator, Evans.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Faraimo, Turner, Fonua, Mamo; Widdop, Miller; Watts, McShane (C), Massey, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Lawler, Griffin, Broadbent, Matagi.

THE FOLLOWING MATCH WAS POSTPONED DUE TO ST HELENS' PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CLUB CHALLENGE, PLAYED ON CHALLENGE CUP WEEKEND

ST HELENS 32 (T. Makinson 3, L. Dodd, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 6 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 18** (M. English, A. Golding, K. Naiqama tries; J. Connor 2, O. Russell goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 13th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 18-6. Penalties: St Helens 6-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 12,028.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Delaney, Roby (C), Lees, Royle, Mata'utia, Knowles. Int: Batchelor, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Norman, Mbye.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Golding, Naiqama, Bibby, Halsall; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen (C), English. Int: Peats, Greenwood, Ikahihifo, Hewitt.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 1

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	1	1	0	0	32	2
2	ST HELENS	1	1	0	0	14	2
3	CATALANS	1	1	0	0	14	2
4	SALFORD	1	1	0	0	10	2
5	HULL KR	1	1	0	0	9	2
6	HULL FC	1	1	0	0	2	2
7	CASTLEFORD	1	0	0	1	-2	0
8	WIGAN	1	0	0	1	-9	0
9	LEIGH	1	0	0	1	-10	0
10	HUDDERSFIELD	1	0	0	1	-14	0
11	WAKEFIELD	1	0	0	1	-14	0
12	LEEDS	1	0	0	1	-32	0

SUSPENSIONS

None

ROUND 2

HULL KR 24 SALFORD 10

Hull KR continued their strong start to the new season with a 24-10 win over Salford Red Devils on Thursday night at Salford Stadium.

The hosts were the first to strike with last year's Man of Steel Brodie Croft laid on the first pass for former NRL man Ken Sio to score in the corner. In a tense first half, chances were few and far between. Hull KR thought they had leveled just before the break before it was judged to be a knock on from a high kick.

Hull KR went back to the aerial route just after the break when the crossfield kick was grounded by Ethan Ryan and converted by Will Dagger to make it 6-4. They went to the boot again to make it 12-4 when Jordan Abdull grubbered through for Frankie Halton to dive over from close range. The right side

of the Red Devils attack roared to life again when Deon Cross stepped his way to the try line to bring it back to 12-10. The visitors had a double to Sam Wood which secured the two points and made it two from two to start the season. Both were provided by Shaun Kenny-Dowall and gave us a 24-10 final score.

WIGAN 60 WAKEFIELD 0

Grand Finalists Wigan Warriors got off the mark for 2023 in a 60-0 thrashing of Wakefield Trinity on Friday night at DW Stadium.

The Warriors bounced back from their defeat to Hull KR with an 11-try rout led by four tries from winger Liam Marshall. Bevan French picked up where he left off last season with a weaving run for 6-0 before his opposite winger Marshall strode onto a kick to double the advantage.

It was déjà vu again with both French and Marshall finding the stripe again to put the Warriors in a commanding position early in the contest. Jai Field and Liam Farrell pushed through some feeble Wakefield Trinity defence which helped the Warriors to a 34-0 lead at half-time.

Marshall added another two tries to open up the second half as Wigan continued to pile on the misery on the visitors in a one-sided performance. Sam Powell, Cade Cust and Harry Smith rounded out the dominant performance from the Warriors with four-pointers to make it a 60-0 score line.

HULL FC 22 LEEDS 18

Hull FC kept their unbeaten start to the season going with a 22-18 success over Leeds Rhinos on Friday night at Headingley Stadium.

The visitors were first to strike in the contest through Cameron Scott. It was a well timed pass from new recruit Jake Clifford to make it 4-0. Leeds hit back through their own Cameron, this time of the Smith variety. He spied some space behind the Hull FC defence and charged through to touch down for 6-4. Next, former Rhino Liam Sutcliffe put the visitors

back ahead. Chris Satae started the move which ended with the centre scoring from close range. Hull FC had a four-pointer chalked off to Kane Evans before a long range break ended with Adam Swift scoring after half-time to make it 16-4.

The Rhinos struck back with a pair of tries to retake the lead. Kruse Leeming raced away from a Justin Sangare offload then David Fusitu'a dived over in the corner for an 18-16 lead. It was Hull FC that took the chocolates in this enthralling encounter. Chris Taylor spun over from close range and Clifford converted for a 22-18 win for the visitors.

WARRINGTON 26 HUDDERSFIELD 18

Warrington Wolves stay at the top of the Super League ladder after their 26-16 win over Huddersfield Giants on Friday night at John Smith's Stadium.

It was the visitors with the first points in the contest. A grubber through was swooped on by Peter Matautia to make it 6-0. The only other points in the first half came from the boot of Stefan Ratchford. He piloted home a penalty goal to extend the Wolves lead to eight. Wolves were off the mark again quickly in the second half through James Harrison. He latched

onto an offload from Sam Kasiano to push the lead out to 14-0.

Huddersfield Giants gave their fans some hope when Joe Greenwood crossed the stripe. The Giants ran the ball on last tackle and the forward slammed the ball down. Their comeback was extinguished quickly by

Matty Ashton. The winger finished off a long range break that bamboozled the defense then snatched an intercept to make it 26-6. The Giants scored a pair of consolation tries to get back within ten points. Kevin Naiqama and Will Pryce finished off moves to give the home fans some cheer.

DRAGONS 14 LEOPARDS 6

Dragons outlast Leopards in a tight affair in France Catalans Dragons won back-to-back games with a 14-6 win over the Leigh Leopards at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

Leigh were the first side to test the defense. Winger Josh Charnley had two attempts to touch down in the corner but was denied by the Dragons resistance. Neither defense were budging in a tight tussle in the only Saturday night fixture this weekend. The first points came from the boot of Catalans Arthur Mourgue for 2-0. The Dragons breached the Leopards

defense late in the first half. It was a wonderful putdown from Tom Johnstone which made it 8-0 at the break.

Coming out of the break, Leigh felt just fine. Joe Wardle pounced on an error from a low kick and touched down to bring the visitors back to 8-6.

Catalans restored their eight point advantage through Mickael Goudemand. The forward charged through the Leopards line and made it 14-6. The hosts were able to hold that advantage for the final quarter of the game and banked another two points to remain unbeaten for the season.

ST HELENS 24 CASTLEFORD 6

World Champions St Helens made a winning return with their 24-6 win over a resilient Castleford Tigers on Sunday afternoon at Mend-a-Hose Jungle.

In front of a bumper crowd, Castleford Tigers had the first two chances of the contest through Niall Evalds twice but was repelled by the Saints defence. The

Saints had their own close call through Tee Ritson. The young winger flew high into the right corner but hit the sideline before he touched down. The visitors weren't to be denied for long. Jack Welsby found himself infield and finished off a slick Saints move for a 6-0 lead. While Ritson wasn't able to get on the scoreboard in the first half, he made quick amends in the second half. He trailed a break made by Jonny

Lomax to get his first Super League score.

Tigers finally broke through the Saints defense through Jack Broadbent. The back looked destined to score before a high tackle from Welsby felled him. The referee judged it a penalty try and the Tigers were within six. Lomax and Ritson almost combined again with a kick but it was fumbled. Welsby found the

Saints third from the boot which saw Alex Warmsley touch down. The big forward made it a double late in the contest. It was a rampaging effort from Warmsley who brushed aside the Tigers to make it 24-6. It was an afternoon of close shaves for the Tigers. Jordan Turner fumbled an effort on the left side before Bureta Faraimo was judged to have hit the sideline to deny him a four-pointer.

ROUND 2 RESULTS

HULL KR 24 (S. Wood 2, F. Halton, E. Ryan tries; W. Dagger 4 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 10** (D. Cross, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 23rd February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 4-0. Penalties: Hull KR 4-1. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 5,565.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Dupree, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Gerrard, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Wright.

HULL KR: Dagger, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall (C), Wood; Lewis, Abdull; Sue, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Halton, Litten, Hadley, Luckley.

WARRINGTON 26 (M. Ashton 2, J. Harrison, P. Mata'utia tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 16** (J. Greenwood, K. Naiqama, W. Pryce tries; W. Pryce 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 24th February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Warrington 8-0. Penalties: Warrington 4-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7731.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, McGillvary, Naiqama, Marsters, Cudjoe; Pryce, Fages; Hill, Peats, Wilson, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Greenwood, Golding, English, Trout.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Holroyd, Harrison. Int: Kasiano, Walker, Bullock, Minikin.

HULL FC 22 (C. Scott, L. Sutcliffe, A. Swift, S. Taylor tries; J. Clifford 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 18** (D. Fusitu'a, K. Leeming, C. Smith tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 24th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 10-6. Penalties: Leeds 5-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 16,140.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Macdonald, Handley (C), Olpherts; Austin, Sezer; Holroyd, Leeming, Tetevano, Gannon, Martin, Smith. Int: O'Connor, Lisone, Sangaré, Donaldson.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Scott, Sutcliffe, McIntosh; McNamara, Clifford; Fash, Dwyer, Taylor, Griffin (C), Lane, Lovodua. Int: Houghton, Satae, Cator, Evans.

WIGAN 60 (L. Marshall 4, B. French 2, C. Cust, L. Farrell, J. Field, S. Powell, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 8 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0** **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 24th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 34-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 12,306.

WIGAN: Field, French, King, Wardle, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Cooper, Powell, Singleton, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, Havard, O'Neill, Ellis.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Gaskell, Lineham, Hall, Taufua, Murphy; Langi, Lino; Whitbread, Smith, Butler, Pitts, Ashurst (C), Proctor. Int: Kay, Batty, Atoni, Tanginoa.

CATALANS 14 (M. Goudemand, T. Johnstone tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 6** (J. Wardle try; B. Reynolds goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 25th February. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 8-0. Penalties: Catalans 6-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,862.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Johnstone, Laguerre, Romano, Davies; Rougé, Tomkins; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Séguier, Goudemand, Garcia (C). Int: Scimone, Chan, Dezaria.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Hardaker, Leutele, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Smith, Mulhern, Wardle, Chamberlain, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubuwai, Davis, O'Donnell, Seumanufagai.

ST HELENS 24 (A. Walmsley 2, T. Ritson, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 3, J. Lomax goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 6** (G. Widdop goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Sun, 26th February. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 6-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,042.

CASTLEFORD: Evals, Faraimo, Turner, Broadbent, Mamu; Widdop, Miller; Griffin, McShane (C), Vete, Edwards, Mellor, Lawler. Int: Milner, Mustapha, Robb, Watts.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Ritson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Lussick, Lees, Mata'utia, Bell, Knowles. Int: Wingfield, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Norman, Royle.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 2

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	2	2	0	0	42	4
2	ST HELENS	2	2	0	0	32	4
3	HULL KR	2	2	0	0	23	4
4	CATALANS	2	2	0	0	22	4
5	HULL FC	2	2	0	0	6	4
6	WIGAN	2	1	0	1	51	2
7	SALFORD	2	1	0	1	-4	2
8	LEIGH	2	0	0	2	-18	0
9	CASTLEFORD	2	0	0	2	-20	0
10	HUDDERSFIELD	2	0	0	2	-24	0
11	LEEDS	2	0	0	2	-36	0
12	WAKEFIELD	2	0	0	2	-74	0

SUSPENSIONS

Hull FC Scott Taylor - 1 match ban

ROUND 3

WARRINGTON 36 SALFORD 20

A 30-0 second half surge from the Warrington Wolves has seen them taste victory over the Salford Red Devils in a back and forth opening clash to Round 3 of the Super League season.

The Wolves went ahead through Ben Currie's try inside the first ten minutes and it was set to be their night. But the Red Devils hit back with 20 unanswered points through tries from on-loan debutant Ellis Longstaff against his parent club, Ryan Brierley and Marc Sneyd, who converted all three and slotted over a penalty. This gave Salford a three possession lead going into the change of ends. Their lead was going to be short-lived. Warrington hit back

shortly after half-time when Matty Ashton dived over for a spectacular one-handed finish, sparking a turnaround in fortunes which continued for the home side after Salford's number 1 Brierley was sent to the sin-bin. New buy Tom Mikaele continued his strong start to the year crashing over to reduce the gap back down to two.

Josh Thewlis crossed after the hour mark to give the Wolves their second lead of the match, which was extended to six points following a foul in the act of scoring. It seemed Salford were running out of steam and after an explosive start, they were guilty of imploding in the final third. George Williams and Matt Dufty crossed with the latter's effort being deemed worthy of another eight point try due to foul play.

CATALANS 38 HULL FC 6

A ruthless display of attacking football has seen the Catalans Dragons thrash Hull FC by 38-6 in their Round 3 clash in the Super League.

After a slow opening to the game which saw a sole Adam Keighran penalty goal, the Dragons had the first try in the eighteenth minute of play when Tom Johnstone crossed for the first try. Four minutes later, Paul Séguier strolled over the line to give the Dragons a 14-0 lead at the change of ends.

Three minutes after the resumption of play, Mickael Goudemand went over to extend the lead to 20 points. Further tries to the former Roosters connection of Sio Siva Taukeiaho and Keighran extended the game further away from Hull FC. Hull finally got on the scoreboard inside the final five minutes when Andre

Savelio crashed over to give Hull some scoreboard credibility. However, the Dragons had the final laugh in this clash. Ben Garcia crossed in the final minute of play to give Catalans a 38-6 victory.

HUDDERSFIELD 8 WAKEFIELD 0

Despite fears over the safety of the pitch, Wakefield and Huddersfield went head to head in a scrappy game of football with the Giants holding on for a narrow 8-0 victory.

Both sides exchanged sets for large periods of the opening 40, with Trinity losing key winger Lewis Murphy halfway through the first half but the score remained at 0-0 at the break.

Minutes into the second half, the first points came from the boot of Tui Lolohea, as Theo Fages

was taken late, with the scores at a duck egg, the Giants immediately pointed for the two. The Tongan international did the rest and slotted over the penalty goal. It felt like an eternity, but the first try did eventually come, as smart play from Will Pryce and Tui Lolohea, saw the ball pass through hands, and end up with Joe Greenwood who powered over to score.

Huddersfield then continued to dominate, with Pryce dancing and coming close to the line, yet again was held up short, with Leroy Cudjoe also coming close. Wakefield's attack was repelled at every turn and were held to their second consecutive duck egg in 2023, alarm-bells for the Wildcats would be ringing early on.

WIGAN 36 CASTLEFORD 0

Despite a slow start, Wigan got themselves into gear to shut-out Castleford by 36-0 with winger Liam Marshall collecting a hat-trick.

The opening half was one to forget for both sides with attacking chances coming at a premium. Marshall crossed for the first of his three tries three minutes prior to half-time, the conversion was missed but it was made up for with a penalty goal by Harry Smith on the half-time buzzer for a 6-0 lead.

Three minutes after the resumption, a fantastic piece of play by Bevan French who sent a lofted kick on the last, which was fumbled by the Castleford man on the try line, with Ethan Havard on hand to put the ball down to lead 12-0, Smith added a penalty five minutes later to lead 14-0. Marshall crossed for his second when he intercepted a pass to run 70

metres to score and extend the margin to 20 points. Seven minutes from time, Toby King got through two defenders to cross and push the margin out to 26. Two minutes from time, Jai Field sped his way through to rub salt into the wound before Marshall completed his hat-trick to secure the 36-0 victory.

LEIGH 30 HULL KR 25

A last minute try by Josh Charnley has given the Leigh Leopards their first victory in their return to the Super League in a back and forth encounter.

Hull KR opened the scoring in the third minute when Shaun Kenny-Dowall crossed following a bat back by Kane Linnett. Eleven minutes later, captain Tom

Amone crashed over from short range and we were set for quite the back and forth affair. Three minutes later, Rovers hit back when Mikey Lewis crossed from the scrum, but you guessed it, the lead was short lived. Tom Briscoe crossed out wide for the first of his two tries to level us up at 12. However, Rovers had the final say on the buzzer when James Batchelor took a short ball from Sam Luckley's and barged over

to score. Following a big set after points, Jordan Abdull landed a field goal to give Rovers some further security in the contest. This made it 19-12 to Rovers at the change of ends.

Leigh crossed first nine minutes after the resumption when Charnley crossed off Rovers' own mistakes to reduce the gap to 1. Abdull had a try of his own just

before the hour mark when Lewis broke through and linked up with his man to put the margin back out to seven points. The Leopards made the game tighter in the final ten minutes when Briscoe added a second to reduce the gap to one point. However, the Leopards found a way to the line and crossed on the final play of the game when Charnley crossed to give Leigh their second away win in Super League history.

LEEDS 25 ST HELENS 24

The Grand Final rematch promised fireworks and it was a Blake Austin field goal that separated the two sides in this one.

The first try came to the Leeds side in the 11th minute of play. The visitors got possession close to their own line, but worked it wide for Nene Macdonald to race down the touchline before the ball ended up in Ash Handley's hands to cross for the first try.

Five minutes later, Joey Lussick bounced back for the Saints burrowing his way over out of acting half to tie the game up. It was bang bang for the Saints four minutes later, with Lewis Dodd bursting through the defence to give St Helens the early 12-6 lead. The lead didn't last long when Rhysy Martin won the race to an Aidan Sezer grubber to lock the game back up at 12. The game was only level for three minutes as Saints hit the front when Dodd collected his second following a disastrous in-goal mix up from Leeds and it was 18-12 where it stayed at the break. 5 minutes

into the second stanza, Mark Percival won the race to a Jack Welsby grubber and it appeared the Saints found their groove.

Curtis Sironen was given a yellow card on the hour mark in the first of many controversial decisions in this fixture. Leeds capitalised on the man advantage and Cam Smith crossed from short range to reduce the gap to just six points. With ten minutes to go, Martin crossed for his second from short fire range and the Rhinos were locked up at 24. Refereeing

controversies had a profound impact on the final result. What appeared to be a shoulder charge by Leeds's Sam Walters was deemed a fair shot by the referee and Saints were penalised for the overreaction by Welsby. A late shot on Myler by Konrad Hurrell was deemed to be direct contact to the head by Chris Kendall and he was shown red. Off the ensuing set, a field goal by Blake Austin sailed over the posts to give the Rhinos an upset one point victory and got revenge on the Saints.

ROUND 3 RESULTS

WARRINGTON 36 (M. Ashton, B. Currie, M. Dufty, T. Mikaele, J. Thewlis, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 6 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 20** (R. Brierley, E. Longstaff, M. Sneyd tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 2nd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 20-6. Penalties: Warrington 8-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,616.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Minikin, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Mata'utia, Harrison. Int: Kasiano, Walker, Bullock.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Dupree, Watkins (C), Longstaff, Partington. Int: Sidlow, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Wright.

CATALANS 38 (B. Garcia, M. Goudemand, T. Johnstone, A. Keighran, P. Séguier, S. Taukeiaho tries; A. Keighran 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 6** (A. Savelio try; J. Clifford goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-0. Penalties: Catalans 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,933.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; Rougé, May; Navarrete, McClorum, Bousquet, McMeeken, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Taukeiaho, Dezaria, Chan.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Sutcliffe, Scott, McIntosh; McNamara, Clifford; Evans, Dwyer, Satae, Griffin (C), Lane, Fash. Int: Sao, Savelio, Lovodua, Brown.

HUDDERSFIELD 8 (J. Greenwood try; T. Lolohea 2 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0** **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Wakefield (Trinity) 4-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,155.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Kay, Kershaw, Langi, Taufua, Murphy; Gaskell, Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Atoni, Pitts, Ashurst (C), Crowther. Int: Smith, Battye, Proctor, Eseh.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, McGillvary, Marsters, Bibby, Cudjoe; Pryce, Fages; Hill (C), Peats, Wilson, McQueen, Jones, Yates (C). Int: Greenwood, Golding, English, Trout.

WIGAN 36 (L. Marshall 3, J. Field, E. Havard, T. King tries; H. Smith 6 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 0** **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 6-0. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,565.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Eden, Fonua, Broadbent, Faraimo; Widdop, Miller; Vete, McShane (C), Lawler, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Massey, Milner, Matagi, Watts.

WIGAN: Field, French, King, Wardle, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Cooper, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Havard, Ellis, Mago, Pearce-Paul.

LEIGH 30 (T. Briscoe 2, J. Charnley 2, T. Amone tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 25** (J. Abdull, J. Batchelor, S. Kenny-Dowall, M. Lewis tries; W. Dagger 4 goals; J. Abdull field goal) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 19-12. Penalties: Leigh 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 8,448.

HULL KR: Dagger, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Sue, Litten, Kennedy, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Parcell, King, Halton, Luckley.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Hardaker, Leutele, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Davis, Mulhern, Shorrocks, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubwai, Seumanufagai, Chamberlain, Ipape.

LEEDS 25 (R. Martin 2, A. Handley, C. Smith tries; R. Martin 4 goals; B. Austin field goal) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 24** (L. Dodd 2, J. Lussick, M. Percival tries; T. Makinson 4 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 3rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 18-12. Penalties: Leeds 8-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 15,148.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Lussick, Lees, Mata'utia, Sironen, Knowles. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Bell.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Macdonald, Handley, Olpherts; Austin, Sezer, Holroyd, O'Connor, Tetevano, McDonnell, Martin, Smith. Int: Leeming (C), Sangaré, Walters, Donaldson.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 3

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	3	3	0	0	58	6
2	CATALANS	3	3	0	0	54	6
3	WIGAN	3	2	0	1	87	4
4	ST HELENS	3	2	0	1	31	4
5	HULL KR	3	2	0	1	18	4
6	HULL FC	3	2	0	1	-26	4
7	LEIGH	3	1	0	2	-13	2
8	HUDDERSFIELD	3	1	0	2	-16	2
9	SALFORD	3	1	0	2	-20	2
10	LEEDS	3	1	0	2	-35	2
11	CASTLEFORD	3	0	0	3	-56	0
12	WAKEFIELD	3	0	0	3	-82	0

SUSPENSIONS

Hull KR
Leigh Leopards
St Helens

Shaun Kenny-Dowall - 4 match ban
Ben Reynolds - 2 match ban
Konrad Hurrell - 2 match ban
Sione Mata'utia - 2 match ban
Curtis Sironen - 1 match ban

ROUND 4

CATALANS 18 WIGAN 10

Catalans Dragons went four for four on the season after their 18-10 win over Wigan Warriors on Thursday night at the DW Stadium.

The Dragons have had a wonderful start to the year and continued it against one of the strongest teams in the Super League competition. It was the hosts who struck first. Arthur Mourgue went close on the right side before former NRL star Manu Ma'u crashed over from close range. Former Rooster Adam Keighran extended Catalans advantage to eight points before Arthur Romano further added to the lead which made

it 12-0. Wigan Warriors were given a lifeline when try-scorer Ma'u was sent to the bin for a late tackle on a Warriors attacker. Harry Smith piloted home the conversion to give us a 12-2 score at the break.

The Warriors further cut into the deficit just after the break. Once again, Smith was involved taking a good offload to stride away which made it 12-8. All ten

points for the hosts were scored by Smith. He added another penalty goal which got the Warriors back within two points and set up a grandstand finish. Catalans stretched their lead back to eight again with Tyrone May kicking through and man of the moment Ma'u was able to find his way to the line for 18-10.

WARRINGTON 18 HULL KR 10

Warrington Wolves continued their strong start with an 18-10 success over Hull KR at Craven Park on Friday night.

The Wolves are one of two sides who are undefeated through the first month of the Super League competition after another away win over a gallant Hull KR side. It was the visitors who had much of the early attacks in the contest but it went awry at the final bounce. That allowed the Robins to strike first through Frankie Halton who brushed past the defense for the opener. Warrington did find their rhythm soon

enough and got on the scoresheet. It was a sick interchange of passes in the middle before Thomas Mikaele dived over from close range for 6-6. The visitors took the lead on the half hour mark through Matthew Nicholson. George Williams piloted through the perfect kick for the forward to pick up and score.

Hull KR got back within two points right after half-time. It was a delightful pass from fullback Lachlan Coote which sent Halton across for his second which made it 12-10. Former Dragon Paul Vaughan gave the Wolves an insurance score which secured the two points for them eventually. He swatted away the defense and slammed the ball down for the 18-10 win.

LEIGH 20 ST HELENS 12

Leigh Leopards claimed a big scalp in their 20-12 win over St Helens at Leigh Sports Village in an exciting game on Friday night.

It might be the biggest shock in the early part of the Super League season where newly promoted Leigh were able to take down the current world champions.

In the early stages of the game, it looked like a routine game for the Saints. They scored first through Tommy Makinson who raised the flags with a penalty goal. They followed that up with the first four-pointer. Five-eighth Jonny Lomax was on the spot to take the bat back from a kick to make it 8-0. Lomax was involved in the next try through the hands this time. He linked well with Jack Welsby before they connected with

winger Jonathan Bennison for a dozen point lead. The Leopards had a few chances to breach the Saints line in the first half but some stoic defense from the visitors repelled them and kept it at 12-0 going into the break.

Prolific try-scorer Josh Charnley was able to get the hosts on the board. He showed his eye for the

whitewash and dived over in the left corner. They were given a further boost when Matty Lees was binned for a high tackle on a kick chase. Leigh profited instantly when Tom Briscoe snaffled the kick to make it 12-8. Leigh took the spoils with a pair of scores in the final ten minutes. First, Zak Hardaker sliced through for the eight point advantage, and then Joe Shorrocks iced the victory cake with his late score.

LEEDS 26 WAKEFIELD 0

Leeds Rhinos were comfortable in their 26-0 win over Wakefield Trinity in a Friday night delight at Headingley Stadium.

The first half was a tense struggle between the top sides. Chances were few and far between and neither side could break the deadlock so they went into the break at 0-0. Coming out of the break, the Rhinos felt just fine. Former Warriors winger David Fusitu'a showed his ability to find the line to make it 4-0. The hosts went to the air for their next four-pointer.

Fusitu'a batted the kick back right into the hands of Harry Newman who crossed from close range for a double-digit lead. From there, it was one way traffic for the Rhinos. Tom Holroyd ran a good line off the halves and sliced through to get on the scoresheet.

It was double delight for Fusitu'a in the late stages of the contest. He had the line wide open from a wonderful cut-out pass to dive over for his second. Trinity tried their best to prevent the duck egg but the final pass wasn't there. It led to the Rhinos final score when former NRL star Nene Macdonald raced away to complete the 26-0 win.

HUDDERSFIELD 36 CASTLEFORD 6

Huddersfield Giants piled on the points in a 36-6 win over Castleford Tigers at John Smith's Stadium on a frigid Friday night.

The weather might have tried to get the game stopped but it was Huddersfield Giants who lit up

the turf at John Smith's stadium on a cold Friday night. Castleford Tigers were the first side to find the scoresheet early in the contest. Hooker Josh Lawler had a solo effort which caught the Giants defense napping to make it 6-0. Otherwise, it was one-way traffic for the hosts. They led 20 points to six at the halfway mark and kept their foot on the pedal for a vital two points. The Giants levelled the scoring

through a pair of Australians. Nathan Peats scooted from dummy half and linked up with Chris McQueen for a 6-6 score line. Peats was involved in the Giants second try from a scrum. He supplied the pass which saw Will Pryce slice through and give the home side the lead. Jake Bibby was the third Giant to find the line from a kick alongside a penalty goal from Oliver Russell gave them the 20-6 score at the break.

It was a similar story in the second half with the Giants the only side on the scoresheet. McQueen added his second after he sold the defense a dummy for an 18 point lead. Veteran Leroy Cudjoe laid on a four-pointer for Tui Lolohea before the winger found the line himself to help round out the 36-6 scoreline and an impressive win for the hosts.

SALFORD 60 HULL FC 14

Salford Red Devils rebounded from their defeat in a 60-14 thumping of Hull FC at MKM Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Looking to avoid back-to-back defeats after their strong start, Hull FC were the first to get on the board. Jake Clifford spied a gap in the defense and gave them a 4-0 lead. Salford Red Devils quickly kicked into gear

and laid on five tries in the first half. It started with them stretching the field and ended with Deon Cross diving over. Both halves from the Red Devils were heavily involved in the points scoring. Marc Sneyd sent Shane Wright over before a break from Brodie Croft ended with Ryan Brierley scoring. Next it was a simple effort from Tyler Dupree which showed off the hosts soft defense. He brushed away from a couple of defenders to add the fourth. Once again, it was the

Croft to Wright connection which had the Red Devils in pole position to take two points after the latter made it a double.

It was much the same in the second half for the Red Devils. Another play stretched from right to left saw Cross become the second player to register a double on the night. Kallum Watkins and Sneyd were another of the two Red Devils which found their way

onto the scoresheet in the one-sided affair as the visitors partied all afternoon. They rounded out the result with a late double to Tim Lafai which helped the Red Devils past 60 points and continued their reputation as one of the most entertaining sides. Hull FC did get a pair of late consolation scores which helped ease some of their pain. Adam Swift and Brad Fash both found the try line to round out the 60-14 score line.

ROUND 4 RESULTS

CATALANS 18 (M. Ma'u 2, A. Romano tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 10** (H. Smith try; H. Smith 3 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 9th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 12-2. Penalties: Wigan 9-6. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 11,451.

WIGAN: Field, French, King, Wardle, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Cooper, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Havard, Ellis, Mago, Pearce-Paul.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Johnstone; Keighran, May; McMeeken, McIlorum, Bousquet, Ma'u, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Dezaria, Chan, Tison.

HUDDERSFIELD 36 (C. McQueen 2, J. Bibby, L. Cudjoe, T. Lolohea, W. Pryce tries; O. Russell 6 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 6** (G. Lawler try; G. Widdop goal) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 20-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,070.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Golding, Marsters, Bibby, Cudjoe; Russell, Fages, Hill, Peats, Wilson, Jones, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Greenwood, English, Ashworth, Pryce.

CASTLEFORD: Broadbent, Eden, Sutcliffe, Fonua, Qareqare; Widdop, Miller; Massey, Lawler, Matagi, Edwards, Mellor (C), Westerman. Int: Milner, Mustapha, Smith, Watts.

WARRINGTON 18 (T. Mikaele, M. Nicholson, P. Vaughan tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 10** (F. Halton 2 tries; L. Coote goal) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,082.

HULL KR: Coote, Senior, Opacic, Wood, Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Luckley, Parcell (C), King, Halton, Batchelor, Hadley. Int: Sue, Litten, Kennedy, Storton.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Kasiano. Int: Walker, Bullock, Minikin, Whitehead.

LEEDS 26 (D. Fusitu'a 2, T. Holroyd, N. Macdonald, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 2, A. Sezer goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0** **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 13-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 11,717.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Macdonald, Handley (C), Olpherts; Austin, Sezer; Tetevano, O'Connor, Holroyd, McDonnell, Martin, Smith. Int: Walters, Bentley, Newman, Lisone.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Kay, Kershaw, Langi, Lyne, Taufua; Gaskell, Lino; Atoni, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst (C), Pitts, Crowther. Int: Smith, Battye, Proctor, Eseh.

LEIGH 20 (T. Briscoe, J. Charnley, Z. Hardaker, J. Shorrocks tries; Z. Hardaker 2 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 12** (J. Bennison, J. Lomax tries; T. Makinson 2 goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 10th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-0. Penalties: Leigh 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 7,734.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Mellor, Lam; Amone, Davis, Mulhern, Shorrocks, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubuwai, Seumanufagai, Chamberlain, Ipape.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Davies, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Paasi, Roby, Lees, Royle, Bell, Knowles. Int: Walmsley, Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield.

SALFORD 60 (D. Cross 2, T. Lafai 2, S. Wright 2, R. Brierley, T. Dupree, M. Sneyd, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 10 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 14** (J. Clifford, B. Fash, A. Swift tries; J. Clifford goal) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 11th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 30-4. Penalties: Hull FC 7-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,323.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Scott, Griffin (C), McIntosh; Lovodua, Clifford; Taylor, Houghton, Fash, Sao, Savelio, Lane. Int: Satae, Evans, Brown, Dwyer.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Wright, Atkin. Int: Dupree, Sidlow, Longstaff, Bourouh.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 4

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	4	4	0	0	66	8
2	CATALANS	4	4	0	0	62	8
3	WIGAN	4	2	0	2	79	4
4	SALFORD	4	2	0	2	26	4
5	ST HELENS	4	2	0	2	23	4
6	HUDDERSFIELD	4	2	0	2	14	4
7	HULL KR	4	2	0	2	10	4
8	LEIGH	4	2	0	2	-5	4
9	LEEDS	4	2	0	2	-9	4
10	HULL FC	4	2	0	2	-72	4
11	CASTLEFORD	4	0	0	4	-86	0
12	WAKEFIELD	4	0	0	4	-108	0

SUSPENSIONS

None

ROUND 5

CASTLEFORD 14 LEEDS 8

The Castleford Tigers have claimed their first victory of the season downing the Leeds Rhinos 14-8 at the Mend-a-Hose Jungle.

After a scrappy opening in which both sides were showing their slow start to 2023. The Tigers pounced when Bureta Faraimo crossed for the first of his two tries crossing in the corner. However, almost immediately they were made to pay just two minutes later when the impressive Cameron Smith barged through two tackles and passed to Austin, whose neat lay-off sent Richie Myler in for Leeds, with Rhyse

Martin's extras putting them in front.

Gareth Widdop knocked over a penalty goal three minutes later after a late shot from the much maligned James Bentley. Before the break, a short dropout failed to break the plane and Martin was jolly on the spot to add the extras to lock the scores up at 8-8 at the change of ends. After a competitive first

quarter-hour of the second half Castleford made them pay when Widdop farmed the ball out right from a scrum and Greg Eden's neat pass sent Faraimo in for his second. Widdop knocked over a gift two points to seal the six point advantage and win number one on the new season.

WIGAN 14 HUDDERSFIELD 12

Wigan has bounced back to winning ways beating a determined Huddersfield Giants side by 14-12 at John Smith Stadium.

Huddersfield opened the scoring with a penalty goal in the ninth minute, however Wigan were intent on bouncing back after last week's loss to Catalans and started intently. Bevan French opened the try scoring with a well worked set play. Huddersfield added another penalty goal when Oliver Russell added his second penalty goal to tie the game up. Wigan

added their second try nine minutes later when Jacob Wardle won the race to a bomb.

Huddersfield spent the rest of the first half and the early part of the second half camped in Wigan territory without fashioning a single try-scoring opportunity. They had a rare Liam Marshall blunder

to thank for their only score through Kevin Naiqama soon after the start of the second half. Wigan wouldn't be denied when French crossed for his second just after the hour mark to allow Wigan to bounceback after last week's shock loss to the Dragons.

ST HELENS 20 HULL FC 12

A Jon Bennison double has allowed St Helens to come from behind to down Hull FC 20-12.

Hull FC had conceded almost 100 points in their last two games so defence was at the forefront of their

game. It was a tight and scrappy opening to this contest with the first try of the game coming just before the half-time siren. Ben Davies was able to scoop up Jake Clifford's short dropout to score the opening try. Hull showed that Saints' try had failed to ruin their resolve as they scored eight minutes into the second half. Scott Taylor barged his way over from

close range. The conversion from Clifford gave Hull a 6-4 lead.

Eight minutes after Taylor's effort, Saints responded when Jon Bennison crossed for the first of his two tries after great lead-up work from Tee Ritson. This was added to 6 minutes later, when Jack Welsby

crossed after supporting James Bell well. Hull weren't going down without a fight and it was Clifford who scored with 16 minutes remaining in the contest. However, Saints made sure of the win with two minutes remaining when Bennison went over in the corner.

WARRINGTON 38 LEIGH 20

Warrington have continued their unbeaten start to 2023 downing the Leigh Leopards 38-20.

Warrington showcased their brutal attacking flair inside the very first minute when Josh Drinkwater was on the end of a brilliant attacking move by Matt Dufty. Eight minutes later, Paul Vaughan crashed over from short range and it looked set to be a long night

for the Leopards. Leigh responded in the 15th minute of play when Tom Briscoe crossed following a good set play from Joe Mellor and Gareth O'Brien, but still were trailing by 10-4. The kick proved troublesome for Leigh, when the Leopards failed to lure in Drinkwater's crossfield kick, Stefan Ratchford could, and the Wolves were up and about. Matt Dufty added to Adrian Lam and Leigh's troubles six minutes from the break when he crossed to extend the margin to 18 points. The Leopards crossed before the break when

Josh Charnley crossed in the far left hand corner to give Leigh a chance.

That was all extinguished in one scintillating raid of attacking football. Matty Ashton crossed for three tries within an eight minute period. His first came following a great offload from Greg Minikin. His second was off a lovely cut pass by Dufty which was batted onto Ashton by Ratchford. Leigh's issues were compounded when Edwin Ipape was yellow carded

for a late tackle by Ben Thaler. Ashton's third was off a great dummy half pass from Danny Walker. Leigh showed some resilience down 38-8 and they received a boost when Sam Kasiano was sent to the naughty corner by Thaler for a late swinging arm. Tom Amon was the beneficiary of a clever Lachie Lam kick to reduce the gap. Leigh added another late consolation try when Zak Hardaker crossed in controversial circumstances to reduce the margin to 18.

CATALANS 26 HULL KR 12

Catalans have continued their good run of recent form downing Hull KR by 26-12.

Tom Johnstone began the scoring with the first of his three tries inside the first five minutes of play after backing up Adam Keighran after the former Rooster

swooped onto an intercept. Fifteen minutes later, Tom Davies crossed for the Dragons after Lachlan Coote failed to clean up a grubber kick from Tyrone May and the Dragons were enjoying a good run of possession and had the points to back it up. The Dragons led 10-0 at half-time.

That margin was extended 9 minutes after the resumption of play when Johnstone crossed for his second try. Johnstone scooped up a poor pass from Mikey Lewis to race the best part of 50 metres untouched to get the Dragons third. Hull KR hit back four minutes later when Rowan Milnes crossed for the Rovers first try of the contest. However, two quick tries by the Dragons put the game beyond

doubt. Johnstone crossed for his hat-trick after a lovely cut-out ball from May. Before four minutes later, Julian Bousquet crossed the line for the first time since May 2022 to give the Dragons guaranteed points. A late consolation try to Ryan Hall gave Rovers some score-board credibility, but after a 2-0 start. It's proving to be quite the mountain for Willie Peters to climb.

SALFORD 14 WAKEFIELD 13

A field goal shootout late was the catalyst for 2023's first golden point match.

Salford had taken the lead in the fourth minute when Brodie Croft and Ryan Brierley combined on the left

edge to send Costello racing through for a try which Sneyd converted. But the scores were level in the 12th minute when Wakefield finally ended their long wait for a try. Corey Hall crossed in the 11th minute of play after quick hands saw the winger cross. Wakefield then took the lead in the 24th minute when Mason Lino's kick to the corner was spilled by Williams and

Reece Lyne was able to gather the ball and score. Lino missed the conversion but Wakefield led 10-6.

Chris Atkin spied a gap from dummy half and shot through from five metres to score. Sneyd converted to give Salford a 12-10 lead just before the break. After a desperate wait for points in the second half,

Lino added a penalty goal to tie the game up. Marc Sneyd and Mason Lino then exchanged field goals to send the match into golden point before Sneyd proved match winner with an 84th minute field goal to condemn the Wildcats to their fifth straight defeat.

ROUND 5 RESULTS

CASTLEFORD 14 (B. Faraimo 2 tries; G. Widdop 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 8** (R. Myler try; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Thu, 16th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 8-6. Penalties: Castleford 9-6. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 7,458.

CASTLEFORD: Eden, Faraimo, Broadbent, Fonua, Qareqare; Widdop, Miller; Lawler, McShane (C), Massey, Milner, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Edwards, Smith, Matagi, Watts.

LEEDS: Myler, Olpherts, Macdonald, Newman, Fusitu'a; Austin, Sezer; Holroyd, O'Connor, Tetevano, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Bentley, Lisone, Sangaré, Roberts.

WIGAN 14 (B. French 2, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith goal) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 12** (K. Naiqama try; O. Russell 4 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Wigan 8-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 6-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 5,777.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Bibby, Marsters, Naiqama, Cudjoe; Pryce, Russell; Hill, Peats, Wilson, McQueen, Jones, Yates (C). Int: Ashworth, Golding, Ikahihifo, Rushton.

WIGAN: Field, French, King, Wardle, Marshall; Cust, Smith, Byrne, Powell, Cooper, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Havard, Ellis, Mago, Pearce-Paul.

ST HELENS 20 (J. Bennison 3, B. Davies tries; J. Lussick 2 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (J. Clifford, S. Taylor tries; J. Clifford 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 4-0. Penalties: St Helens 4-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,350.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Davies, Ritson, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Bell, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Paasi.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Griffin (C), Scott, Litten; Lovodua, Clifford; Brown, Houghton, Satae, Savelio, Sao, Fash. Int: Lane, Cator, Taylor, Dwyer.

WARRINGTON 38 (M. Ashton 3, J. Drinkwater, M. Dufty, S. Ratchford, P. Vaughan tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 20** (T. Amone, T. Briscoe, J. Charnley, Z. Hardaker tries; Z. Hardaker 2 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 17th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 22-8. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 12,073.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Kasiano. Int: Walker, Minikin, Thomas, Philbin.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Mellor, Lam; Amone, Davis, Mulhern, Shorrocks, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubuwai, Seumanufagai, Ipape, Hughes.

CATALANS 26 (T. Johnstone 3, J. Bousquet, T. Davies tries; A. Keighran 2, A. Mourgue goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 12** (R. Hall, R. Milnes tries; M. Lewis 2 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 10-0. Penalties: Catalans 8-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,682.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; May, Rougé; McMeeken, McIlorum, Bousquet, Ma'u, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, Goudemand, Dezaria, Chan.

HULL KR: Coote, Senior, Opacic, Wood, Hall; Lewis, Abdull (C); Kennedy, Litten, King, Halton, Batchelor, Hadley. Int: Sue, Minchella, Milnes, Luckley.

SALFORD 14 (C. Atkin, M. Costello tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals; M. Sneyd 2 field goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 13** (C. Hall, R. Lyne tries; M. Lino 2 goals; M. Lino field goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-10. Penalties: Salford 4-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,757.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Wright, Atkin. Int: Stone, Addy, Dupree, Sidlow.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Kay, Kershaw, Lyne, Hall, Taufua; Smith, Lino; Atoni, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst (C), Pitts, Crowther. Int: Batty, Bowes, Eseh, Hewitt.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 5

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	5	5	0	0	0	84	10
2	CATALANS	5	5	0	0	0	76	10
3	WIGAN	5	3	0	2	0	81	6
4	ST HELENS	5	3	0	2	0	31	6
5	SALFORD	5	3	0	2	0	27	6
6	HUDDERSFIELD	5	2	0	3	0	12	4
7	HULL KR	5	2	0	3	0	-4	4
8	LEEDS	5	2	0	3	0	-15	4
9	LEIGH	5	2	0	3	0	-23	4
10	HULL FC	5	2	0	3	0	-80	4
11	CASTLEFORD	5	1	0	4	0	-80	2
12	WAKEFIELD	5	0	0	5	0	-109	0

SUSPENSIONS

Leeds Rhinos James Bentley - 1 match ban

St Helens Morgan Knowles - 1 match ban

ROUND 6

ST HELENS 14 HUDDERSFIELD 12

St Helens won back-to-back games in their 14-12 win over a gallant Huddersfield Giants side on Thursday night at John Smith's Stadium.

Both sides took their time to settle into the contest with some errors in the first half kept the score locked at 0-0 through the first 20 minutes. It was the World Champions who struck first, aided by a six again call. They mowed down the field then a short pass to a rampaging Konrad Hurrell saw the centre go over. The action returned to the right side for the Saints again for the Saints second. This time it was

quick hands with the last pass from Hurrell saw Tommy Makinson dive over for 12-0.

Huddersfield Giants did halve the deficit just before half-time. Ashton Goulding spied the defense backtracking and scooted over the line to make it 12-6. Once again, the game settled into the groove in the second half and points were at a premium. Saints

extended their lead to eight after a high tackle on Hurrell gave Makinson an easy two points. The Giants weren't going away and set up for a grandstand finish in the 65th minute. From a scrum, the ball went to Innes Senior who touched down in the left corner for 14-12.

WARRINGTON 38 CASTLEFORD 0

Warrington Wolves continue their work at the top of the Super League ladder with a 38-0 win over Castleford Tigers on Friday night.

The Wolves got the scoring started quickly through Sam Kasiano. The big forward rumbled onto an inside pass from Daryl Clarke to make it 6-0. Things went from bad to worse for the Tigers when an errant pass on their own line ended up Matty Russell having the easiest passage to the line. It was a front rower party for the Wolves. Next, Thomas Mikaele took

the short pass and sliced through some feeble Tigers defense for the third try. Matty Russell made it a first half double with a finish out on the right wing. He flew high and touched down to make it 24-0 for Warrington Wolves at the break.

Much like the first half, a forward got the first four-pointer in the second half for Wolves. This time, it was former Dragon Paul Vaughan who crashed over from close range. Rounding off the win was a pair of tries from the spine players. George Williams dived over from a support run then Matt Duffy popped up to get his own four-pointer to make it 38-0.

WIGAN 20 SALFORD 16

Wigan Warriors triumphed in a thriller 20-16 over a game Salford Red Devils side at the DW Stadium on Friday night.

The first points came from the tee in this contest when Warriors half Harry Smith piloted over a penalty goal for an early lead for the hosts. Salford

Red Devils built pressure on Wigan with a dropout then struck for their first score. Ryan Brierley kicked ahead for Ken Sio to touch down for 6-2. Last year's top try scorer showed off his skill in putting Wigan back ahead. Bevan French took the ball on the bounce, cut inside twice before he burnt the defense for a four-pointer. The game would be locked up going into the break after Marc Sneyd kicked a penalty goal for the Red Devils. It came after a long break from

former Warrior Joe Burgess which caught the hosts offside.

Buoyed by the late goal, Salford took the lead again early in the second half. Ken Sio picked up his second four-pointer of the night from a wonderful long pass for 14-8. Salford extended their lead to eight after a late hit on Chris Atkin. Sneyd stepped up for the penalty goal and piloted it through again. The

Warriors looked to French again to get back in the game. He had switched to fullback and sliced through the Red Devils defense for his second try of the night. Wigan went bang again to take the lead and win the contest. Jai Field poked his nose through the line before he unfurled a long pass to Toby King to dive over for 20-16.

HULL KR 34 WAKEFIELD 6

Hull KR got back in the winner's circle after their 34-6 win over Wakefield Trinity at Belle Vue on Friday night.

The Robins flew out to an early lead from a high kick.

It bounced back the visitors and ended in the hands of Sam Wood to cross the line. For the second try, Hull KR switched to their right side and touched down. Louis Senior was on the end of the backline move to make it 8-0. It continued to be one way traffic for the visitors in the first half. Former Eel Tom Opacic crossed on the right side before forward Kane Linnett

crashed over from close range.

Robins five-eighth Mikey Lewis got himself in the act with a solo effort. He ducked under the Wakefield defense before he eventually got the ball down. It was party time for the traveling Robins fans after their fifth try. They made another break and Elliot

Minchella was there in support to make it 30-0. Wakefield Trinity did find some late consolation through Jai Whitbread. He did a runaround play with Samuel Eseh to get the hosts on the board. Hull KR had the final say in the contest with a sixth four-pointer. Opacic was involved again and sliced through some feeble defense for the 34-6 final score.

LEEDS 32 CATALANS 22

Leeds Rhinos produced a stirring comeback in their 32-22 win over Catalans Dragons at Headingley Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The comeback win handed the French side their first loss of the season and moved the Rhinos just outside the top six. It was a pair of wonderful winger finishes that got the game underway in the afternoon soon.

Dragons winger Tom Davies opened the scoring before Harry Newman responded for the hosts. Leeds took the lead through a wonder try from Rhysie Martin. He picked up the scraps from the hosts first kick, toed away himself and got the ball just on the line for 8-6. The rest of the first half was all Dragons. Adam Keighran went over in the left corner before a vintage run from Mitch Pearce made it 16-8.

Dragons got a gift to hold a 14-point lead at the break. Some stifling defense forced an errant offload from the Rhinos and Paul Segulier was the recipient. The Rhinos were down to 12 men when Newman was sin binned but they still managed to cut open the Dragons defense and Richie Myler finished off the move. Stuningly the Rhinos scored a second during the sin bin time. Jarrod O'Connor spotted a gap in the Dragons line and touched down to make it 22-16. Riding the wave, Rhinos levelled up from another

Dragons error. Blake Austin went down the left side before he sent Derrell Olpherts across to get within two. Headingley Stadium was rocking at this point and the comeback being complete seemed inevitable. Austin was involved heavily again with a pass to Tom Holroyd to capture the lead. Newman put the icing on the win for the Rhinos late on. Myler sliced through from a Dragons kick before he found the winger in support to run away for the try.

LEIGH 24 HULL FC 16

Three tries in the opening 15 minutes helped Leigh Leopards to a 24-16 win over Hull FC at MKM Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Looking to get back in the winner's column after their loss last week, Leigh were able to pounce early

on the hosts who were on a bad run of form. Papua New Guinea international Lachlan Lam laid on the first four-pointer for the Leopards when he sent Kai O'Donnell over for the score. Leigh put together a quickfire double for Josh Charnley to make it 16-0 for the visitors. He was on the end of a pair of backline movements to touch down. Hull FC got themselves on the scoreboard in style. It was a raid from their

own half which ended with Davy Litton scoring in acrobatic fashion for 16-6.

The Leopards added to their advantage in the second half quickly. Ben Reynolds added two from the tee before Charnley completed his hat-trick with a strong effort. Once again, Hull FC hit back with a long range effort. Andre Savelio brushed off the defense several

times before he found Jake Clifford to slide over for 22-12. The hosts got themselves within a score and set up a grandstand finish. Liam Sutcliffe charged over from close range which got them to 22-16 with ten to go. Leigh had the final say after a forward pass from Hull FC working it from their own line. Reynolds piloted through the conversion for the 24-16 final.

ROUND 6 RESULTS

ST HELENS 14 (K. Hurrell, T. Makinson tries; T. Makinson 3 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 12** (A. Golding, I. Senior tries; O. Russell 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 23rd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-6. Penalties: St Helens 5-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,684.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Golding, Halsall, Naiqama, Senior; Marsters, Russell; Hill, Peats, Trout, McQueen, Livett, Yates (C). Int: Connor, Rushton, Ikaiahifo, Ashworth.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Hopoate, Bennis; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Sironen, Bell. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Royle.

WARRINGTON 38 (M. Russell 2, M. Dufty, S. Kasiano, T. Mikaele, P. Vaughan, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 0 AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 24th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 24-0. Penalties: Castleford 7-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,348.

CASTLEFORD: Eden, Faraimo, Broadbent, Turner, Qareqare; Widdop, Miller; Massey, McShane (C), Smith, Milner, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Edwards, Vete, Watts.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Minikin, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Mata'utia; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Kasiano. Int: Philbin, Walker, Dudson, Thomas.

HULL KR 34 (T. Opacic 2, M. Lewis, K. Linnett, E. Minchella, L. Senior, S. Wood tries; L. Coote 3 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 6** (J. Whitbread try; M. Lino goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 24th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-0. Penalties: Hull KR 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,705.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Butterworth, Kershaw, Lyne, Hall, Taufua; Langi, Lino; Atoni, Kay, Whitbread, Hewitt, Ashurst (C), Pitts. Int: Batty, Butler, Eseh, Forber.

HULL KR: Coote, Senior, Opacic, Wood, Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett (C), Minchella. Int: Sue, Litten, Storton, Luckley.

WIGAN 20 (B. French 2, T. King tries; H. Smith 4 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 16** (K. Sio 2 tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 24th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 6-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,497.

WIGAN: Field, French, King, Wardle, Marshall; Cust, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Cooper, Ellis, Havard, O'Neill.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Bourouh, Sidlow, Watkins (C), Stone, Addy. Int: Wright, Ormondroyd, Vuniyayawa, Atkin.

LEEDS 32 (H. Newman 2, T. Holroyd, R. Martin, R. Myler, J. O'Connor, D. Olpherts tries; R. Martin, A. Sezer goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 22** (T. Davies, A. Keighran, M. Pearce, P. Séguier tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 22-8. Penalties: Catalans 4-1. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 14,321.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Newman, Martin, Macdonald; Austin, Sezer; Holroyd, O'Connor, Walters, McDonnell, Tetevano, Smith (C). Int: Johnson, Olpherts, Lisone, Sangaré.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; Pearce, May; McMeeken, McIlorum, Bousquet, Ma'u, Whitley, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Dezaria, Da Costa, Séguier.

LEIGH 24 (J. Charnley 3, K. O'Donnell tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 16** (J. Clifford, D. Litten, L. Sutcliffe tries; J. Clifford 2 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-6. Penalties: Leigh 11-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 10,952.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Litten; Lovodua, Clifford; Brown, Dwyer, Satae, Savelio, Griffin, Fash. Int: Sao, Cator, Scott, Taylor.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Leutele, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Shorrocks, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubwai, Seumanufagai, Davis, Holmes.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 6

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	6	6	0	0	122	12
2	CATALANS	6	5	0	1	66	10
3	WIGAN	6	4	0	2	85	8
4	ST HELENS	6	4	0	2	33	8
5	HULL KR	6	3	0	3	24	6
6	SALFORD	6	3	0	3	23	6
7	LEEDS	6	3	0	3	-5	6
8	LEIGH	6	3	0	3	-15	6
9	HUDDERSFIELD	6	2	0	4	10	4
10	HULL FC	6	2	0	4	-88	4
11	CASTLEFORD	6	1	0	5	-118	2
12	WAKEFIELD	6	0	0	6	-137	0

SUSPENSIONS

Wigan Warriors

Willie Isa - 1 match ban

ROUND 7

WIGAN 34 LEIGH 6

The Wigan Warriors have won their third straight match downing the Leigh Leopards 34-6 in a convincing display to kick off Round 7.

It was Leigh who kicked off the scoring in the seventh minute of play. Tom Briscoe was able to finish off a nice movement down the left-hand side to set the home side up with a 6-0 lead. However, it was all one way traffic for the rest of this encounter. It appeared the Warriors were up against it when Jacob Wardle was sin binned, but six minutes later, Bevan French finished off a set play to slice through the defence.

Eight minutes later, Jai Field showcased his strength to finish off a movement and Wigan led 10-6 at half-time.

Five minutes after the resumption, Wardle atoned for his earlier sins when he finished off a Bevan French break following a kick which was charged down. Nine minutes later, Abbas Miski crossed for the first

of his two tries when he had enough pace to beat the cover to stroll over in the left corner. Field would add a second try just before the hour mark when he sliced through some would be tacklers to effectively seal the match. Two more Wigan tries through Toby King and Miski concluded a thorough hiding in the derby match.

ST HELENS 38 WAKEFIELD 0

St Helens have continued their revival with a third straight victory downing Wakefield by 38-0 at home.

It was a true David v Goliath battle and with St Helens' inconsistent start to the season it was anyone's guess

how this match was going to go. St Helens crossed inside the first ten minutes when Mark Percival crossed in the seventh minute of play but from there a stale mate reigned until the final ten minutes of the first half. Two quick tries in the space of four minutes to Will Hopoate and Tom Makinson gave the Saints a

12-0 lead with goalkicking proving to be the headache for the three time premiers.

Four second half tries to the Saints sealed Wakefield's fate with Lewis Dodd crossing first just shy of the hour mark. Konrad Hurrell added a second half double

and Johnny Lomax crossed to give the Saints a 38-0 shallacking to keep their hopes of a rare four-peat alive. For Wakefield, this season is looking more and more ugly through every passing game. It's an up hill battle to stay up in Super League for the Wildcats.

HULL KR 20 LEEDS 12

Hull Kingston Rovers have secured a 20-12 triumph over Leeds Rhinos in their Round 7 clash at Craven Park.

Ireland international Louis Senior crossed for the first try just shy of the 25 minute mark after a bomb from Jordan Abdull was allowed to bounce and Senior gathered to touch down to cross with Lachlan Coote's conversion stretching the advantage to 8-0. Rovers continued to add to their advantage when another Abdull grubber caused confusion at the back for the Rhinos. From there, Sauaso Sue was jolly on the

spot to collect their second try and what would be a sizable 14-0 advantage at half-time.

Leeds' start to the second half was an absolute fizzer with the kickoff bouncing over the sideline which allowed Rovers to place further pressure. Kane Linnett crossed off the ensuing set and Leeds were up against it. The Rhinos did bounce back off a kick of

their own when Luis Roberts dotted down a grubber kick into the corner, Martin's touchline conversion reducing the gap to 12 points. Coote knocked over another penalty to extend the gap back to 14. James McDonnell claimed the Rhinos' second try with Martin's kick making it 20-12 with six minutes remaining, but that was as close as the visitors got.

WARRINGTON 34 HULL FC 6

The Warrington Wolves have continued their undefeated start to the 2023 with a resounding 34-6 victory over Hull FC at home today.

It was a fast and furious start from the home side

crossing the stripe three times in the first quarter of the match. The scoring began in the sixth minute of play when Matty Ashton crossed following a George Williams kick. Five minutes later, Peter Mata'utia crashed over from short range. In the twentieth minute of action, another Williams kick provided a try for Ben Currie. Two more tries were to follow in

the first half when Matt Dufty backed up in support to finish off a Williams break from a loose Hull pass. Warrington claimed their fifth try of the half in the final minute when Drinkwater strolled through some poor defence and the Wolves were in total control at 28-0 at half-time.

Hull showed some resistance in the second half only conceding the one and countering it with a try of their own. They crossed just after the hour mark when Brad Dwyer dove across from short range with Jake Clifford bringing them within four converted tries. But, they were unable to come close and a late Matt Nicholson try sealed the deal for Wolves.

CATALANS 22 CASTLEFORD 18

The Catalans Dragons have come from behind in the final minutes of play to snatch victory over the Castleford Tigers.

The Dragons crossed for the first try after just six minutes of play. Paul Seguiuer crossed following a grubber from Tom Davies which was batted back in

by the winger and dived on by the Frenchman to score the game's first try. Four minutes later, the Tigers responded. Jack Broadbent scooped up an errant offload from Nathan Massey and ran the best part of 20 metres to cross for the game tying try. Adam Keighran added a penalty goal nine minutes later to give the home side an 8-6 lead. This was added to five minutes later. Tom Johnstone finished off some great individual work from Tyrone May to cross outside

and give the hosts a slender 6 point advantage at the change of ends.

Arthur Mourgue crossed a minute after the resumption when he made the Castleford defence look as foolish as their Australian counterparts to give the French side some breathing room to kickstart the second forty. Castleford would respond just before the hour mark. Jordan Turner crossed following some

desperate second phase play and some poor defence to reduce the gap to just four points. With just under 10 to go, Broadbent split the Dragons defence wide open and ran 80 metres to score the lead changing try and it appeared Castleford were home. However, a late try from Mike McMeekan was enough to give Catalans a desperate victory and keep in touch with the undefeated Warrington.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 SALFORD 16

The Huddersfield Giants have ended a two game losing streak with a 26-16 away victory over the Salford Red Devils at Salford Stadium.

The Giants opened the scoring in the twelfth minute of the game when Jamaican international Ashton Golding picked up a loose pass from Marc Sneyd and

raced away to score. Olly Russell added a penalty goal in the twenty-fifth minute when Salford were pinned for being inside the 10 and it was soon 8-0. Salford got themselves back into the match and crossed for a vital try before half-time. Shane Wright crashed over from short range and Sneyd added the extras and it was two points that separated the two sides, albeit for a brief period of the game. Owen Trout crossed for the visitors three minutes out from half-time after

backing up a break from Kevin Naiqama and it was 14-6 at the main change.

Salford struck first after the break when Matt Costello finished off a backline movement with an acrobatic finish. Sneyd was unsuccessful and the gap remained four points. Eight minutes later, more poor Salford discipline led Russell to add a penalty goal and extend the gap to a converted try. Victory was

assured 14 minutes from time when Trout crossed for his second try following a great short ball from Matty English. Chris McQueen put the game beyond doubt following great lead-up work from Naiqama. Salford managed a late consolation try through Kallum Watkins but it was all in vain for the hosts who slump to their second straight defeat and 3-4 on the season. Huddersfield are now 3-3 with a match in hand.

ROUND 7 RESULTS

WIGAN 34 (J. Field 2, A. Miski 2, B. French, T. King, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 6** (T. Briscoe try; B. Reynolds goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 30th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-6. Penalties: Leigh 5-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,189.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Leutele, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Holmes, Asiata (C). Int: Nakubuwai, Seumanufagai, Davis, Chamberlain.

WIGAN: French, King, Pearce-Paul, Wardle, Miski; Field, Smith; Cooper, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Ellis, Havard, O'Neill, Shorrocks.

HULL KR 20 (K. Linnett, L. Senior, S. Sue tries; L. Cooté 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12** (J. McDonnell, L. Roberts tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 31st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-0. Penalties: Hull KR 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 8,512.

HULL KR: Cooté, Senior, Wood, Batchelor, Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Kennedy, Parcell (C), King, Halton, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Sue, Litten, Hadley, Luckley.

LEEDS: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Newman, Martin (C), Olpherts; Austin, Sezer; Holroyd, O'Connor, Tetevano, McDonnell, Bentley, Smith. Int: Roberts, Lisone, Sangaré, Oledzki.

ST HELENS 38 (K. Hurrell 2, L. Dodd, W. Hopoate, J. Lomax, T. Makinson, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0** **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 31st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-0. Penalties: St Helens 4-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,304.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Hopoate; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Bell, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Royle, Delaney.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Dagger, Kershaw, Lyne, Langi, Senior; Smith, Lino; Whitbread, Kay, Batty, Pitts, Ashurst (C), Crowther. Int: Eseh, Butler, Bowes, Forber.

WARRINGTON 34 (M. Ashton, B. Currie, J. Drinkwater, M. Dufty, P. Mata'utia, M. Nicholson tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 6** (B. Dwyer try; J. Clifford goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 28-0. Penalties: Warrington 3-2. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 10,797.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Minikin, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Currie, Mata'utia. Int: Philbin, Dudson, Thewlis, Thomas.

HULL FC: Hoy, Litten, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Swift; Lovodua, Clifford; Taylor, Houghton, Satae, Savelio, Griffin, Fash. Int: Lane, Cator, Evans, Dwyer.

CATALANS 22 (T. Johnstone, M. McMeeken, A. Mourgue, P. Séguier tries; A. Keighran 2, A. Mourgue goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 18** (J. Broadbent 2, J. Turner tries; P. McShane 3 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 1st April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 12-6. Penalties: Catalans 9-2. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,109.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Laguerre, Johnstone; Rougé, Pearce; McMeeken, Da Costa, Bousquet, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Navarrete, Chan, Dezaria, Tomkins.

CASTLEFORD: Eden, Faraimo, Sutcliffe, Turner, Fonua; Broadbent, Miller; Massey, McShane (C), Matagi, Griffin, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Lawler, Edwards, Vete, Smith.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 (O. Trout 2, A. Golding, C. McQueen tries; O. Russell 5 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 16** (M. Costello, K. Watkins, S. Wright tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 2nd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 14-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 10-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 4,764.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Atkin, Ormondroyd, Watkins (C), Stone, Addy. Int: Vuniyayawa, Hellewell, Wright, Dixon.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Golding, Marsters, Naiqama, Halsall; Connor, Russell; Hill, Peats, English, Rushton, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Lolohea, Ikahihifo, Trout, Ashworth.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 7

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	7	7	0	0	0	150	14
2	CATALANS	7	6	0	1	0	70	12
3	WIGAN	7	5	0	2	0	113	10
4	ST HELENS	7	5	0	2	0	71	10
5	HULL KR	7	4	0	3	0	32	8
6	HUDDERSFIELD	7	3	0	4	0	20	6
7	SALFORD	7	3	0	4	0	-13	6
8	LEEDS	7	3	0	4	0	-13	6
9	LEIGH	7	3	0	4	0	-43	6
10	HULL FC	7	2	0	5	0	-116	4
11	CASTLEFORD	7	1	0	6	0	-122	2
12	WAKEFIELD	7	0	0	7	0	-175	0

SUSPENSIONS

Castleford Tigers

Hull FC

Wakefield Trinity

Warrington Wolves

Adam Milner - 2 match ban

Ligi Sao - 1 match ban

Sam Hewitt - 1 match ban

Sam Kasiano - 1 match ban

ROUND 8

CASTLEFORD 16 WAKEFIELD 4

Castleford Tigers picked up their second win in a 16-4 result over winless Wakefield Trinity on Thursday night to start Rivalry Round.

Both sides haven't had ideal starts to their Super League seasons and circled this fixture as their chance to start a run of form. It was the hosts that found the line first. Jack Broadbent sliced through and got the Tigers close then Paul McShane dived over to make it 6-0. The next score came right on the half hour mark. Will Dagger punched a kick through

for Wakefield which was scooped by McShane who found a streaking Greg Eden to stroll away for the Tigers.

Dagger didn't falter and set up the first Wakefield points after the break. He shuffled left and found Samisoni Langi to cross for a 12-4 score line. The

visitors cause was helped when Tigers forward Joe Westerman was sent to the bin for a trip and gave them a numerical advantage. It was the Tigers who struck despite being a man down. A left side shift found Eden again out wide who dived over for his second of the night.

HULL KR 40 HULL FC 0

Hull KR enjoyed their Good Friday with a 40-0 demolition of their local rivals Hull FC at a packed MKM Stadium.

There was a crowd of 20,000 plus on hand for one of the major fixtures in Rivalry Round and it was those

in red who enjoyed their afternoon out. Prolific try-scorer Ryan Hall got the scoring started for Hull KR after a high kick was shoveled to the winger who touched down. The boot wasn't the friend of the hosts with another kick giving Hull KR a second four-pointer when Tom Opacic picked up the scraps. It wasn't all roses for Hull KR with Joe Batchelor sent to the sin bin for a hip drop tackle on former Knights

halfback Jake Clifford. Fresh from returning to the field, Batchelor wasted no time making a positive impact for Hull KR. He steamed onto a short pass and got the visitors third.

From there, it was one-way traffic for Hull KR. They broke through on the right through Hall who lobbed it inside to fullback Lachlan Coote to make it 26-0.

It was party time for those in the stand that Hull KR were running towards. Hall completed his hat-trick with a fantastic finish then rounded off the scoring with his third from a Mikey Lewis pass. Lewis also got his name on the scoresheet combining with Hall on the right then saluted the traveling Robins fans on an afternoon they won't forget quickly.

WIGAN 14 ST HELENS 6

Wigan Warriors won their first derby in six years in a 14-6 win over champions St Helens at a packed DW Stadium on Good Friday.

The hosts rewarded the huge crowd with the first four-pointer in the 9th minute. It was a break on

the left which was finished by halfback Harry Smith for 6-0. Smith scored all of Wigan's points in the first half after he piloted home a penalty goal after an infringement from St Helens to make it an eight-point lead. St Helens weren't at their fluid best in this game. They did break through the Warriors resolve once in the first half and Tommy Makinson looked

destined for the corner before a Bevan French cover tackle saved the day.

Coming out of the break, Wigan felt just fine. Sione Mata'utia was penalised for a late hit which saw the hosts slice through and Toby King make it 14-0. The Saints did get a four-pointer to set up a grandstand

finish. Lewis Dodd grubber through for halves partner Jonny Lomax to touch down for 14-6. Riding the momentum, Saints looked to have their second in the 68th minute. Morgan Knowles tried to clean up a kick and dive over but once again the defense from Joseph Shorrocks denied them.

SALFORD 22 LEIGH 20

Salford Red Devils bounced back with a 22-20 win over Leigh Leopards at a sunny Leigh Sports Village on Saturday afternoon.

Both these sides were coming off losses in their last game and ready to get back in the winner's circle on

a perfect afternoon for rugby league. Leigh were the side to strike first through Josh Charnley. Lachlan Lam unfurled a wonderful cut-out pass which allowed the winger to dive over acrobatically. The Red Devils struck back through the Man of Steel, Brodie Croft. He punched a kick low which was swooped on by Ken Sio to make it 6-4. Croft was heavily involved in the Red Devils next two tries. He provided the pass for

Sam Stone to give them the lead then was the support runner to stride away for 16-6 lead.

The hosts got the best start to the second half when Red Devils fullback Ryan Brierley was binned for a professional foul on Edwin Ipape. Leigh stuttered in attack with the extra man but did pull back a score. It was another winger's finish, this time from

Tom Briscoe to make it 16-10. Salford restored their twelve-point advantage through Tyler Dupree. He steamed onto a short pass to get a four-pointer and salute the crowd. Leigh put up a fight to the final minute. Charnley added a second from his own kick then Ben Reynolds scored in the final minute for the final score.

WARRINGTON 20 CATALANS 14

Warrington Wolves remained unbeaten with their 20-14 success over Catalans Dragons at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

The Wolves were howling from the early minutes. They spun the ball wide to the right and Josh Thewlis dived over in the corner for 4-0. Dragons responded with a four-pointer of their own. A high kick was

batted back into the path of Mike McMeekan who leveled the score. The hosts fired into the lead from a long break. A kick inside was destined for Adam Keighran who was tackled before he could plant it down. The video referee awarded the score to the Dragons. Matt Dufty showed why he is a livewire and hit back for the Wolves. He burned defenders down the wing in a 90-metre effort to make it 10-8 at the break.

Once again the Wolves struck right after the break. Former Dragon Sam Kasiano pushed through then offloaded to George Williams to make it 14-10. The Dragons once again made it a see-saw battle with their third score. Arthur Romano was able to cross the line to make it 14-all. There was a moment of madness which saw the Wolves left with 12 men. Tom Johnstone intercepted a pass meant for Dufty then was tackled. On the ground Gil Dudson punched the

winger and was given his marching orders. Despite being down to 12, Wolves took the lead again. They stripped the numbers on the right and Thewlis was able to go over for his second. Catalans thought they had forced extra time late. Keighran hoisted up a kick which was spilled by Thewlis then Romano Gived over. The video referee ruled Romano offside and Wolves held on.

LEEDS 18 HUDDERSFIELD 17

Jake Connor's late miss saw Leeds Rhinos win 18-17 over Huddersfield Giants at Headingley Stadium on Easter Sunday.

The Giants struck first when Jake Connor's kick came back to the winger and it was sent out wide to Jermaine McGillvary to make it 4-0. It was double

delight for the Giants soon after. A short pass sent Chris McQueen over then a conversion from Connors makes the lead double digits. They continued to push forward and almost had a third. McGillvary tried to chase a kick and was hit high by Richie Myler who was promptly sent to the bin. Connor continued to excel from the boot. He potted the resulted penalty goal then slotted the field goal which made it 13-0. Leeds did get themselves on the board before the

breakthrough Ash Handley. He finished off a backline move for the first four-pointer for the hosts.

After half-time, Rhinos kicked their scoring into overdrive. James McDonnell sliced through then a long range effort ended with Rhys Martin brought the deficit to one point. The Rhinos hit the lead for the first time late in the game. A high kick from Aiden Sezer saw two Giants players collide and Cameron

Smith picked up the spoils for 18-13. Huddersfield set up a grandstand finish from their own end. Tui Lolohea sliced through and set them up then a few tackles later McQueen was on the end of a grubber to score. This left it up to Connor, who had been solid from the tee all night to win it. The Giants winger faded his kick wide of the mark to the joy of the local fans.

ROUND 8 RESULTS

CASTLEFORD 16 (G. Eden 2, P. McShane tries; P. McShane 2 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 4** (S. Langi try) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Thu, 6th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 12-0. Penalties: Castleford 4-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 8,075.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Faraimo, Fonua, Turner, Eden; Broadbent, Miller; Massey, McShane (C), Matagi, Griffin, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Lawler, Edwards, Mustapha, Johnson.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Dagger, Kershaw, Lyne, Langi, Senior; Smith, Lino; Mason, Hood, Whitbread, Hewitt, Ashurst (C), Pitts. Int: Crowther, Kay, Proctor, Atoni.

HULL KR 40 (R. Hall 3, J. Batchelor, L. Coote, M. Lewis, T. Opacic tries; L. Coote 6 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 0 AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-0. Penalties: Hull FC 8-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 20,985.

HULL FC: Shaul, Swift, Sutcliffe, Tuimavave (C), McIntosh; McNamara, Clifford; Fash, Dwyer, Satae, Lane, Griffin, Cator. Int: Evans, Sao, Taylor, Vulikijapani.

HULL KR: Coote, Wood, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Sue, Litten, Hadley, Luckley.

WIGAN 14 (T. King, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 6** (J. Lomax try; M. Percival goal) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 8-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 24,275.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; Shorrocks, Smith; Byrne, Powell, Cooper, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Singleton, Ellis, Havard, O'Neill.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Hopoate; Lomax, Dodd; Paasi, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Bell, Delaney.

SALFORD 22 (B. Croft, T. Dupree, K. Sio, S. Stone tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 20** (J. Charnley 2, T. Briscoe, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 8th April. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Salford 16-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 6,002.

LEIGH: Hardaker, Briscoe, Leutele, Chamberlain, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Holmes, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Hughes, Seumanufagai, Nisbet, Davis.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Addy. Int: Dixon, Atkin, Wright, Hellewell.

WARRINGTON 20 (J. Thewlis 2, M. Dufty, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 2 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 14** (A. Keighran, M. McMeeken, A. Romano tries; A. Keighran goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 8th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 10-8. Penalties: Warrington 5-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,786.

CATALANS: Zenon, Davies, Whitley, Romano, Johnstone; Keighran, Mourgue; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, McMeeken, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Taukejaho, Dezaria, Tison.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Dudson, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, McGuire. Int: Kasiano, Philbin, Minikin.

LEEDS 18 (A. Handley, J. McDonnell, R. Martin, C. Smith tries; R. Martin goal) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 17** (C. McQueen 2, J. McGillvary tries; J. Connor 2 goals; J. Connor field goal) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 9th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 13-4. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 13,234.

LEEDS: Myler, Macdonald, Newman, Martin, Handley (C); Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith. Int: Tetevano, Lisone, Sangaré, Johnson.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, McGillvary, Marsters, Naigama, Halsall; Connor, Lolohea; Hill, Peats, English, McQueen, Livett, Yates (C). Int: Rushton, Ikahihifo, O'Brien, Ashworth.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 8

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	8	8	0	0	156	16
2	WIGAN	8	6	0	2	121	12
3	CATALANS	8	6	0	2	64	12
4	HULL KR	8	5	0	3	72	10
5	ST HELENS	8	5	0	3	63	10
6	SALFORD	8	4	0	4	15	8
7	LEEDS	8	4	0	4	-12	8
8	HUDDERSFIELD	8	3	0	5	19	6
9	LEIGH	8	3	0	5	-45	6
10	CASTLEFORD	8	2	0	6	-110	4
11	HULL FC	8	2	0	6	-156	4
12	WAKEFIELD	8	0	0	8	-187	0

SUSPENSIONS

Castleford Tigers
Hull FC

Hull KR

St Helens
Warrington Wolves

Wigan Warriors

Joe Westerman – 1 match ban
Kane Evans – 1 match ban
Mitieli Vulikijapani – 1 match ban
James Batchelor – 1 match ban
Sauaso Sue – 2 match ban
Morgan Knowles – 5 match ban
Joe Philbin – 2 match ban
Gil Dudson – 5 match ban
Morgan Smithies – 1 match ban

ROUND 9

SALFORD 14 CASTLEFORD 6

The Salford Red Devils have recorded back to back victories after a hard fought 14-6 victory over the inconsistent Castleford Tigers at Salford Stadium.

Castleford opened the scoring in the first five minutes of the match. A looping cut-out pass from Kenny Edwards found winger Greg Eden in plenty of space to touch down for the game's first try. Gareth Widdop converted brilliantly from the touchline to give Castleford a 6-0 lead. The Tigers looked likely to be going to half-time up, however they conceded inside

the last five minutes of the first stanza to have the scores locked up. Kallum Watkins broke clear from inside his own half and linked up with Ryan Brierley before he drew the last man before his in-field kick sat up perfectly for the supporting Brodie Croft to cross.

Salford took the lead for the first time just shy of the hour mark when Shane Wright crossed. It was a great short ball from Marc Sneyd which allowed the former Cowboy to crash over and give his side a 12-6 cushion. Sneyd would knock over a penalty goal with 9 minutes to play to give the Red Devils an unassailable 8 point margin which Castleford couldn't chase down.

WIGAN 13 WARRINGTON 6

The Wigan Warriors have handed Warrington their first defeat of 2023 with a 13-6 upset victory away from the DW Stadium.

Wigan started the game the better side and were rewarded when Jake Wardle capped off a great week after his England call-up to cross inside the first five minutes. This gave Wigan a 4-0 lead. This was extended in the 27th minute of play when Bevan French's chip kick was collected by interchange forward Brad O'Neill for a 10-0 lead. Warrington

hit back before the break to stay in touch. A clever shift to the right saw Matty Nicholson cross for the undefeated home side and it was a close 10-6 score-line at the change of ends.

Matty Smith added a penalty goal after the break to extend the margin to a converted try. Sensing that

the 6 point margin wasn't enough. Smith then added a field goal to give the Warriors a 7 point lead. That point proved decisive when Warrington thought they got to within 3 points. However, the video referee denied two late cries for Wolves tries and Wigan become the first side to defeat the Wolves in 2023.

LEEDS 34 HULL FC 10

The Leeds Rhinos have extended Hull's six match losing streak to seven with a brutal 34-10 victory at home.

Leeds crossed first after a tense opening quarter

of the match. Blake Austin broke through before offloading to James McDonnell to cross for the opening try. Nine minutes later, Ash Handley crossed for a great try after excellent lead-up work from Harry Newman and Nene MacDonald which saw the PNG international kick back in-field for Handley who was on the spot to cross. Tom Holroyd celebrated his

England call-up with a try three minutes before the break and Leeds were showing their superiority with an 18-0 lead at the break. Eight minutes after the break, Handley collected his second when he was on the end of a Richie Myler pass.

Hull were able to get a try back when Carlos

Tuimavave collected a Ben McNamara kick to cross in the corner to reduce the gap to 24-4. Their joy was short lived when Sam Lisone charged up field and found fellow prop Mikolaj Oledzki to seal the match. Hull added a consolation when Davy Litten crossed to make it 30-10 but Leeds had the last laugh when Rhysy Martin crossed.

HULL KR 26 ST HELENS 14

Hull KR have recorded four wins on the bounce with a 26-14 upset of champions St Helens at Craven Park.

St Helens crossed for the first try after 11 minutes when Johnny Lomax crossed after Rovers were

caught short for numbers on the right edge and Lomax was in support to get the first try. Rovers wouldn't be deterred and Mikey Lewis caught the Saints napping with a brilliant show and go to lock the game up at the half-hour mark. Mark Percival added a penalty goal after Rovers were caught by Ben Thaler for offside. Matty Lees was given a yellow card

for a high tackle and this allowed Lachlan Coote to get the game back on level terms at the break.

After the break, Lewis got his second following a clever grubber from Matt Parcell to give Rovers a slender 14-8 lead. This was extended just shy of the hour mark when Coote crossed against his former

club which allowed Rovers to lead by 12. Parcell was in everything and added a second try assist when yet another of his grubbers found Jez Litten and Saints were up against it and weren't able to lure in the Rovers. The Saints did find a consolation try when Joey Lussick crashed over from short-range but they weren't able to get closer than 26-14.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 CATALANS 14

The Huddersfield Giants bounced back from their one point Easter heartbreak to beat the injury hit Catalans Dragons 26-14 ending a two game home losing streak.

Catalans crossed first when Tom Johnstone found the stripe for the 10th time this season. Adam Keighran added the extras for a 6-0 lead. Huddersfield soon hit back as Sam Halsall crossed for two tries either side of an Adam Keighran penalty, bagging his first in the 21st and his second 15 minutes later. This gave the Giants a 10-8 half-time lead.

That margin was extended six minutes after the break when Harvey Livett got a great short ball from Tui Lolohea. Jake Connor's conversion extended the margin out to two possessions. Four minutes later, Matthieu Laguerre crossed out wide to give Catalans a hope and with Keighran's sideline conversion it was 16-14. Connor added a penalty goal just before the

hour mark to make it 18-14. Kevin Naiqama sealed the game with 11 minutes to play with a try under the posts to put the Giants up by 10. Connor added an additional penalty goal on the buzzer for a 26-14 final score-line.

LEIGH 32 WAKEFIELD 0

The Leigh Leopards have dumped further misery on Wakefield with a 32-0 victory away from home to pile further pressure on the winless Wildcats.

After a tight opening quarter to the match, the tide began to turn in Leigh's favour which saw them

collect the first try of the match. Josh Charnley sprinted down the sideline before linking up with Gareth O'Brien for the first try of the match and a 4-0 lead. Six minutes later, Leigh's advantage was added to when Ben Reynolds crossed and converted his own try to give the Leopards a 10-0 lead. Wakefield nearly hit back when Mason Lino and Kevin Proctor combined but the movements failed and the duck-egg

would remain next to the Wildcats at the break.

After the break, Lachie Lam was on the end of a backline play after Charnley again exposed Wakefield's diabolical edge defence. After setting up two of the first three tries, Charnley got on the board himself when he capitalised on a spilt Wakefield grubber kick to cross out-wide. Charnley quickly

added a second and Joe Mellor also went over as Wakefield's resistance crumbled away on another afternoon to forget for the hosts. This is now the fourth time Wakefield have failed to score a point in a Super League match this season as the alarm bells are ringing for Mark Applegarth's side if they want to avoid the drop.

ROUND 9 RESULTS

SALFORD 14 (B. Croft, S. Wright tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 6** (G. Eden try; G. Widdop goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 13th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Salford 5-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,468.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Atkin, Wright, Ormondroyd, Addy.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Faraimo, Broadbent, Turner, Eden; Widdop, Miller; Lawler, McShane (C), Massey, Edwards, Mellor, Milner. Int: Griffin, Johnson, Smith, Hall.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 (S. Halsall 2, H. Livett, K. Naigama tries; J. Connor 5 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 14** (T. Johnstone, M. Laguerre tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 10-8. Penalties: Catalans 4-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 4,685.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, McGillvary, Marsters, Naigama, Halsall; Connor, Lolohea; Hill, Peats, English, McQueen, Livett, Yates (C). Int: Rushton, Ikahihifo, O'Brien, Ashworth.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Johnstone; Keighran, Rougé; Navarrete, Garcia (C), Bousquet, Whitley, Séguier, McMeeken. Int: Goudemand, Chan, Dezaria, Tomkins.

HULL KR 26 (M. Lewis 2, L. Coote, J. Litten tries; L. Coote 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 14** (J. Lomax, J. Lussick tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: St Helens 10-8. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 8,540.

HULL KR: Coote, Kenny-Dowall (C), Opacic, Hall, Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Hadley, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Halton, Litten, Storton, Luckley.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Hopoate, Bennis; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby (C), McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Percival, Royle, Bell. Int: Lussick, Wingfield, Ritson, Delaney.

LEEDS 34 (A. Handley 2, T. Holroyd, J. McDonnell, R. Martin, M. Oledzki tries; R. Martin 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 10** (D. Litten, C. Tuimavave tries; B. McNamara goal) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 18-0. Penalties: Leeds 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,644.

LEEDS: Myler, Macdonald, Newman, Martin, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Lisone, McDonnell, Tetevano, Smith (C). Int: Johnson, Sangaré, Holroyd, Tindall.

HULL FC: Litten, McIntosh, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Swift; McNamara, Lovodua; Sao, Houghton, Fash, Lane, Griffin, Cator. Int: Satae, Brown, Gardiner, Dwyer.

WIGAN 13 (B. O'Neill, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 2 goals; H. Smith field goal) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 6** (M. Nicholson try; S. Ratchford goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-6. Penalties: Warrington 5-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 15,026.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Kasiano, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, McGuire. Int: Clark, Minikin, Russell, Green.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; Shorrock, Smith; Singleton, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Havard, Mago, Pearce-Paul, O'Neill.

LEIGH 32 (J. Charnley 2, L. Lam, J. Mellor, G. O'Brien, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0** **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 10-0. Penalties: Leigh 8-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,710.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Dagger, Kershaw, Lyne, Langi, Taufua; Smith, Lino; Whitbread, Hood, Atoni, Hewitt, Ashurst (C), Pitts. Int: Battye, Kay, Bowden, Proctor.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Leutele, Hardaker, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Holmes, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Mellor, Davis, Wilde, Seumanufagai.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 9

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	9	8	0	1	149	16
2	WIGAN	9	7	0	2	128	14
3	HULL KR	9	6	0	3	84	12
4	CATALANS	9	6	0	3	52	12
5	ST HELENS	9	5	0	4	51	10
6	SALFORD	9	5	0	4	23	10
7	LEEDS	9	5	0	4	12	10
8	HUDDERSFIELD	9	4	0	5	31	8
9	LEIGH	9	4	0	5	-13	8
10	CASTLEFORD	9	2	0	7	-118	4
11	HULL FC	9	2	0	7	-180	4
12	WAKEFIELD	9	0	0	9	-219	0

SUSPENSIONS

Wakefield Trinity
Warrington Wolves

Liam Hood – 2 match ban
Paul Vaughan – 1 match ban

ROUND 10

ST HELENS 28 WARRINGTON 6

St Helens got back in the winner's circle with their 28-6 win over leaders Warrington Wolves on Thursday night.

The Saints rebounded from their back-to-back losses to Hull KR and Wigan Warriors to get themselves into the top six. Their first points came from some smart thinking from Konrad Hurrell. The pacy centre snatched an intercept and ran the distance to make it 4-0. It was another piece of individual brilliance which doubled the Saints lead when Jonny Lomax

sliced through the defence to touch down. Saints continued to keep their foot down with their third score which saw Will Hopoate get on the end of a kick to make it 16-0.

The Wolves did strike a blow before half-time through Matty Russell. He took a cutout pass and finished in

typical winger style.

It was the hosts who did all the scoring in the second half, Jonathan Bennison was on the end of a sweeping move and planted it down. Joey Lussick added a penalty goal then Hurrell combined well with Tee Ritson in the corner to make it 28-6 for the champions.

HULL KR 12 CASTLEFORD 7

Hull KR keep their spot in the top four after their 12-7 win over Castleford Tigers on Friday night at Mend-A-Hose Jungle.

The Robins were made to work for the result after trailing by six at the break but fly home with a

strong wind to secure their seventh win. It was Miller time early for the Tigers when the halfback did it all himself. He lofted the kick high then when the ball spilled, scooped it up and scored for a 6-0 lead. The Robins went close when Ryan Hall touched down from a Mikey Lewis kick but some last ditch defending forced the error. Backs for each side had

a chance either side of the break to score. Shaun Kenny Dowall was taken into touch for Hull KR then Mahe Fonua met a similar fate after the break for Castleford.

While Ryan Hall was denied, Corey Hall was not. The Hull KR back finished off a back line after a Fonua

high tackle to make it 6-6. Castleford Tigers edged back ahead just before the hour mark when Miller was successful from the boot again, nailed a field goal to make it 7-6. In a tight contest, it was Matt Parcell who was the match winner. He scooted from dummy half and slammed it down to give Hull KR the lead.

LEIGH 20 LEEDS 6

Leigh Leopards secured back-to-back wins with their 20-6 win over Leeds Rhinos at Leigh Sports Village on Friday night.

The Leopards were quick out of the blocks with a score within 120 seconds. A deft kick was superbly picked up by Edwin Ipape to make it 6-0. All the Leopards tries were scored in the first 20 minutes after Kai O'Donnell crashed over from close range then Ipape scooted over from dummy half for a 16-0

lead. Leeds struck just before half-time through James Bentley. Blake Austin delayed the pass long enough for the forward to push himself over the line.

It was a tight second half where the only points were from the boot. Ben Reynolds raised the flags

twice from penalty goals to extend the lead past 14 points. The Rhinos did have their chance to cut into the deficit. They were held up close to the line then a forward pass in the attacking zone summed up their work.

SALFORD 16 CATALANS 14

Red Devils survived a late scare to win 16-14 over Catalans Dragons at Salford Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Both these sides are sat inside the top six and keen to consolidate their spot as the season heads towards

the halfway mark. It was the hosts which struck first. King Vuniyayawa showed strength and guile to step out of a tackle and get the first try. The Red Devils pushed their advantage further after a high tackle. Marc Sneyd piloted home a penalty goal to make it 8-0. After the start, Catalans found their first points from a scrum. It was spun wide left and Tom Johnstone dived over in the left corner.

Salford's second try came from smart work from Joe Burgess. He tapped the ball quick, sped away and despite a last-ditch tackle spun over to make it 14-4. Some more ill-discipline from the Dragons saw the hosts extend the lead to a dozen. A late tackle on the kicker saw Sneyd kick a fourth penalty goal. The French side weren't going quietly into the night. Paul

Seguier dived over from a kick then a try from former Rooster Adam Keighran in the final 60 seconds gave them a chance for Golden Point. Keighran stepped up to take the kick after his four-pointer heroics and he steadied himself for the kick but it was waved wide which meant Salford held on for a valuable two points.

WIGAN 22 WAKEFIELD 6

Wigan Warriors head to the summit of the Super League after their 22-6 win over Wakefield Trinity on Sunday afternoon.

The hosts got the scoring under way on the left. It

was a cut-out pass which found Liam Marshall who dived over for the score. Next, the Warriors went to the right for their second four-pointer. Abbas Miski flew through the air and made it 12-0 for the hosts. Right on the half hour mark, Wigan struck again. This one was in more atypical style with an error from

Wakefield falling right to Ethan Havard to cross under the sticks.

Wakefield Trinity sit rock bottom in the Super League ladder and needed to find a spark quickly to get themselves back in the contest. It felt like the field

was tilted left with all the scoring down that end. Wakefield crossed through Jay Pitts then Mason Lino converted for an 18-6 score line. A Wigan win wouldn't be true without a score from Bevan French. The livewire backed up well to dive over in the corner and make it 22-6.

HULL FC 20 HUDDERSFIELD 14

Hull FC won their third game of the season, 20-14 over Huddersfield Giants at MKM Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

It has been a tough year for the Hull FC squad and this win gives them a further buffer to the relegation spot

occupied by Wakefield Trinity. The first points came from the boot. Hull FC failed with a short dropout which allowed Jake Connor to hand the visitors the lead. Hull FC fought back with the first score. It was a fantastic chain of passing which saw Liam Sutcliffe stroll over for a 6-2 lead. Huddersfield Giants struck back through try machine Chris McQueen. He sped

through a gap to dive over on the right to get the lead back. We went into the break tied after a late hit which saw Jake Clifford raise the flags and get it back to 8-8 at oranges.

In front of a 10,000 plus crowd, Hull FC snatched back the lead. An inside ball to Chris Satae saw the

forward go over for a 14-8 lead. The Giants went close to leveling the score but an error in the process chalked it off then Hull FC went down the other end and Sutcliffe completed a double. Huddersfield Giants gave the game a grandstand finish when Esan Marsters dived on a kick and touched down but it was to be Hull FC's day.

ROUND 10 RESULTS

ST HELENS 28 (J. Bennison, W. Hopoate, K. Hurrell, J. Lomax, T. Ritson tries; J. Bennison 2, J. Lussick 2 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 6** (M. Russell try; S. Ratchford goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 20th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-6. Penalties: St Helens 6-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 14,866.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Bennison, Hurrell, Hopoate, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby (C), McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Batchelor, Royle, Bell. Int: Lussick, Delaney.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Minikin, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, McGuire, Nicholson, Currie, Clark. Int: Mata'utia, Kasiano, Green, Thewlis.

HULL KR 12 (C. Hall, M. Parcell tries; L. Coote 2 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 7** (J. Miller try; P. McShane goal; J. Miller field goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 21st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 6-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,110.

CASTLEFORD: Eden, Faraimo, Mellor, Turner, Fonua; Broadbent, Miller; Lawler, McShane (C), Griffin, Milner, Edwards, Westerman. Int: Matagi, Hall, Watts, Tate.

HULL KR: Coote, Kenny-Dowall (C), Opacic, Hall, Hall; Lewis, Abdull; King, Parcell, Kennedy, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Litten, Luckley, Storton, Hadley.

LEIGH 20 (E. Ipape 2, K. O'Donnell tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 6** (J. Bentley try; R. Martin goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 21st April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-6. Penalties: Leigh 6-2. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 6,686.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Leutele, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Holmes, Asiata (C). Int: Mellor, Seumanufagai, Davis, Wilde.

LEEDS: Myler, Macdonald, Newman, Martin, Handley (C); Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Lisone, McDonnell, Tetevano, Smith. Int: Bentley, Sangaré, Holroyd, Tindall.

SALFORD 16 (J. Burgess, K. Vuniyayawa tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 14** (T. Johnstone, A. Keighran, P. Séguier tries; A. Keighran goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 2:15 PM. Halftime: Salford 14-4. Penalties: Catalans 5-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 3,974.

SALFORD: Brierley, Williams, Costello, Cross, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Ormondroyd, Atkin, Wright, Longstaff.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Johnstone; Keighran, Tomkins; McMeeken, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Taukeiaho, Dezaria, Zenon.

HULL FC 20 (L. Sutcliffe 2, T. Satae tries; J. Clifford 4 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 14** (C. McQueen, E. Marsters tries; J. Connor 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,856.

HULL FC: Litten, Scott, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Swift; Clifford, McNamara; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Griffin, Lane, Cator. Int: Satae, Gardiner, Taylor, Dwyer.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, McGillvary, Marsters, Naigama, Halsall; Connor, Lolohea; Hill, Peats, English, McQueen, Livett, Yates (C). Int: Rushton, Ikahihifo, O'Brien, Wilson.

WIGAN 22 (B. French, E. Havard, L. Marshall, A. Miski tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 6** (J. Pitts try; M. Lino goal) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 23rd April. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 12,240.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; Shorrocks, Smith; Byrne, Powell (C), Havard, Isa, Pearce-Paul, Smithies. Int: Mago, O'Neill, Hill, Nsemba.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Kay, Kershaw, Lyne, Langi, Taufua; Milnes, Lino; Whitbread, Bowes, Proctor, Hewitt, Ashurst (C), Pitts. Int: Battye, Bowden, Atoni, Eseh

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 10

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WIGAN	10	8	0	2	144	16
2	WARRINGTON	10	8	0	2	127	16
3	HULL KR	10	7	0	3	89	14
4	ST HELENS	10	6	0	4	73	12
5	CATALANS	10	6	0	4	50	12
6	SALFORD	10	6	0	4	25	12
7	LEIGH	10	5	0	5	1	10
8	LEEDS	10	5	0	5	-2	10
9	HUDDERSFIELD	10	4	0	6	25	8
10	HULL FC	10	3	0	7	-174	6
11	CASTLEFORD	10	2	0	8	-123	4
12	WAKEFIELD	10	0	0	10	-235	0

SUSPENSIONS

Castleford Tigers

Kenny Edwards - 1 match ban

Bureta Faraimo - 1 match ban

Liam Watts - 1 match ban

Catalans Dragons

Siosiu Taukeiaho - 1 match ban

Michael McIlorum - 1 match ban

Wigan Warriors

Willie Isa - 2 match ban

ROUND 11

HULL FC 14 WIGAN 10

Hull FC won back-to-back games after their 14-10 triumph over Wigan Warriors at MKM Stadium on Thursday night.

Coming off their huge win over Huddersfield, the

hosts were keen to build on that against one of the top teams in Super League and struck first. It was a smart kick from Jake Clifford which fell right into the path of winger Darnell McIntosh who brushed off a defender and slammed it down. The second Hull FC score came from pure grit. Josh Griffin got the legs pumping for a quick play-the-ball then Clifford snuck between the defense to make it 12-0. Clifford

continued his strong start with two points from the boot. An offside offered the opportunity and he raised the flags to stretch the advantage.

Wigan did strike back to get on the board. McIntosh wasn't able to snatch the intercept and from the resulted scrum, Iain Thornley dived over in the corner. The Warriors got back within four with an

identical play to their first four-pointer. Another back line movement to the left saw Thornley make it a double for 14-10. We were set for a grandstand finish. Jake Trueman was sin binned for a professional foul from a dropped bomb which gave Wigan a chance. Wigan tried to go the powerplay close to the line and dropped the ball which sparked huge celebrations from the Hull FC players.

HULL KR 28 HUDDERSFIELD 0

Hull KR posted a commanding 28-0 win over Huddersfield Giants down at Craven Park on Friday night.

Both teams had chances to open the scoring but the

final touch went awry for both close to the line in a tight contest. It was the Robins who struck first. Prolific try scorer Ryan Hall was on the end of a run-around grubber to plant the ball down in the left corner. Rowan Milnes added two from the tee before it was double delight for Hall. He intercepted the ball

in his try line and ran the remainder to make it 12-0. He again brought on the tee for his second penalty goal to stretch the advantage to 14. Hull KR looked ready to bank another two points.

Hull KR continued to keep the foot on the throat with

three tries in the second half. James Batchelor picked up a grubber to score then he laid on the four-pointer for Tom Opacic from a kick. Batchelor got the final rose for Hull KR in their win. He was once again on the end of a low kick and touched down for his second four-pointer of the night.

LEIGH 30 CASTLEFORD 6

Leigh Leopards poured on the points in the second half in a 30-6 win over Castleford Tigers at Leigh Sports Village on Friday night.

It was a tight opening between these two sides fighting for the top six with chances going begging for both from the boot. The Tigers were the first side to get on the board. Joe Westerman kept the legs pumping and bounced over the line to make it 6-0. Leigh levelled the score with some slick passing. The

chain of passes ended up with forward Ben Reynolds diving over for a tie game.

In the second half, it was all Leopards. Kai O'Donnell sliced through to touch down then forward Ava Seumanufagai got low, low low and made it 18-6.

They added two more scores to round the score off to 30-0. Ricky Leutele was on the end of a low kick then Matt Davis supported the ball carrier well to dive over close to the sticks.

LEEDS 12 SALFORD 22

Salford Red Devils made it four on the bounce in their 22-12 win over Leeds Rhinos at Headingley Stadium on Friday night.

The visitors had the best of the opportunities early in the contest but lacked a finishing touch on any of

the moves to open the scoring. Salford did find the opener through Rhys Williams. The Welsh winger was on the end of the backline movement to make it 6-0. Their next score came in a more robust fashion. A nice short pass saw Sam Stone brush off the defenders and extend his arm to touch down. Leeds started to find their groove with a long range break ending with

the ball going over the sideline but it got the locals engaged. It was another break which created the Rhinos four-pointer. The exchange of passes opened up the field and fullback Richie Myler was there to support for a 12-6 half-time score.

The Red Devils pushed their advantage to eight from

a penalty goal from Marc Sneyd after a dropout from Leeds went out on the full. It was all Salford in this contest with Ellis Longstaff getting the third from a grubber then Sneyd piloted home another penalty goal to make it 22-6. The hosts did find some consolation when James Bentley cleaned up the scraps from a high kick and scored in the left corner.

WARRINGTON 32 WAKEFIELD 18

Warrington Wolves moved back to top spot after a 32-18 win over Wakefield Trinity at the Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

Josh Thewlis had more steps than a pedometer on the way to the first four-pointer then doubled down with his second supporting through the middle to make it 12-0. Wakefield were stung into action with their own long range break which ended with Morgan Smith rolling over to touch down. The visitors levelled up just after the quarter mark in the game

when Kelepi Tanginoa ran wide and steamed on the ball. The visitors hopes were dealt a heavy blow after Kevin Proctor was sent off for a swinging arm which saw Wolves kick ahead through Stefan Ratchford.

It was the other Wolves winger turn to get into the action. Matty Ashton dived over from a wonderful

George Williams cutout then added another late for his brace. Williams got himself on the scoresheet as well with some nifty footwork to avoid the Trinity defenders and dive over under the sticks. Trinity did find a late consolation score through Matty Ashurst. He was able to streak past a few defenders and touch down late.

CATALANS 22 ST HELENS 12

Catalans Dragons defeated St Helens 24-12 to move into the top four at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Friday night.

The visitors were the first side to get points on the board. Alex Warmsley stepped inside the defense to slam the ball down for 6-0. Saints doubled their delight through Jack Welsby. Konrad Hurrell drifted cross field before he found the steaming fullback to make it a dozen. From there, Catalans took the bull by the horns and turned the game around. Arthur

Mourgue took an inside pass and sprinted past the Saints defense. Both teams had a man binned. Firstly Konrad Hurrell got his marching orders for dissent then Sio Siau Taukeiaho followed for a high tackle. The Dragons did send us into the break at 12-all following a dream debut for former Shark Matt Ikavalu who dived over from close range.

Catalans inched ahead just after the break. Mitch Pearce was fouled by a late hit which saw Adam Keighran raise the flags to make it 14-12. Tom Davies picked up a quick double on the right wing. Both his scores had to be checked by the video referee but were judged fair tries to make it 22-12.

ROUND 11 RESULTS

HULL FC 14 (J. Clifford, D. McIntosh tries; J. Clifford 3 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 10** (I. Thornley 2 tries; H. Smith goal) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 4th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 14-6. Penalties: Hull FC 5-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 10,251.

HULL FC: Litten, McIntosh, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Scott; Clifford, McNamara; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Griffin, Lane, Cator. Int: Trueman, Satae, Taylor, Dwyer.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Thornley; Shorrocks, Smith; Havard, Powell, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Mago, O'Neill, Hill, Nsemba.

View **CATALANS 24** (T. Davies 2, M. Ikuvalu, A. Mourgue tries; A. Keighran 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 12** (A. Walmsley, J. Welsby tries; T. Makinson 2 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: St Helens 4-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,763.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Pearce, Tomkins; Dezaria, Garcia (C), Boussquet, Séguier, Whitley, McMeeken. Int: Navarrete, Taukeiaho, Ma'u.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Ritson, Hurrell, Hopoate, Makinson; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Royle, Batchelor, Bell. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Delaney.

View **HULL KR 28** (J. Batchelor 2, R. Hall 2, T. Opacic tries; R. Milnes 4 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 0 AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,490.

HULL KR: Cooze, Kenny-Dowall (C), Opacic, Hall, Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Hadley, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Sue, Litten, Kennedy, Luckley.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Cudjoe, Marsters, Naigama, Senior; Connor, Lolohea; Hill, Peats, Wilson, McQueen, Hewitt, Yates (C). Int: O'Brien, Trout, Ashworth, Rushton.

View **Salford 22** (E. Longstaff, S. Stone, R. Williams tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) defeated **Leeds 12** (J. Bentley, R. Myler tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: Salford 10-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 13,007.

LEEDS: Myler, Macdonald, Newman, Martin, Handley; Austin, Sinfield; Lisone, O'Connor, Oledzki, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith (C). Int: Holroyd, Johnson, Walters, Gannon.

SALFORD: Brierley, Williams, Cross, Longstaff, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Ormondroyd, Dixon, Atkin, Wright.

View **LEIGH 30** (M. Davis, R. Leutele, K. O'Donnell, B. Reynolds, A. Seumanufagai tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 6** (J. Westerman try; G. Widdop goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: 1-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,423.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Leutele, Hardaker, Charney; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Holmes, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Mellor, Seumanufagai, Wilde, Davis.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Faraimo, Broadbent, Turner, Wallis; Widdop, Miller; Lawler, McShane (C), Massey, Edwards, Milner, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Mellor, Robb, Hall.

View **WARRINGTON 32** (M. Ashton 2, J. Thewlis 2, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 6 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 18** (M. Ashurst, M. Smith, K. Tanginoa tries; W. Dagger 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 5th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Warrington 4-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 10,209.

WARRINGTON: Thewlis, Russell, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, McGuire. Int: Dufty, Kasiano, Philbin, Bullock.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Dagger, Kay, Pitts, Gaskell, Taufua; Smith, Lino; Whitbread, Bowes, Proctor, Tanginoa, Ashurst (C), Crowther. Int: Hood, Atoni, Bowden, Eseh.

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	11	9	0	2	141	18
2	WIGAN	11	8	0	3	140	16
3	HULL KR	11	8	0	3	117	16
4	CATALANS	11	7	0	4	62	14
5	SALFORD	11	7	0	4	35	14
6	ST HELENS	11	6	0	5	61	12
7	LEIGH	11	6	0	5	25	12
8	LEEDS	11	5	0	6	-12	10
9	HUDDERSFIELD	11	4	0	7	-3	8
10	HULL FC	11	4	0	7	-170	8
11	CASTLEFORD	11	2	0	9	-147	4
12	WAKEFIELD	11	0	0	11	-249	0

SUSPENSIONS

None

ROUND 12

HULL FC 26 WAKEFIELD 6

Hull FC made it three on the spin with their 26-6 win over Wakefield Trinity on Thursday night at Be Well Support Stadium.

The visitors made a Swift opening to the contest when Adam dived over in the corner from a wonderful Jake Clifford cut-out pass. Wakefield Trinity put the foot on the gas to get a four-pointer in the first half but were denied by some superb defense from the black-and-whites to keep their lead. Hull FC doubled their delight seven minutes into the second half.

Interchange forward Brad Dwyer started the move before he found Carlos Tuimavave to make it 12-0. Clifford extended their advantage to 14 with a penalty goal then Liam Sutcliffe sliced through from a break to push the score line to 20-0.

There was a consolation score for Wakefield. Matty Ashurst was denied in the first half but he steamed onto a pass from Mason Lino to touch down late on. Scott Taylor had a wonderful game for Hull FC and got himself on the scoresheet. The bustling forward kept his legs moving and slammed the ball down for 26-6.

LEIGH 30 HUDDERSFIELD 4

Leigh Leopards were comfortable in their 30-4 win over Huddersfield Giants at John Smith's Stadium on Friday night.

The Leopards maintained their strong recent form and has them sat in fifth spot on the Super League ladder after 12 rounds. They pounced from the opening whistle. Edwin Ipape trapped a kick well and streamed up field before the ball swung to Ben Reynolds to dive over untouched. Next, it was some superb finishing from Josh Charnley. He scored either

side of half-time with one well-timed dive in the corner then he picked up the scraps to make it 18-0.

Leigh continued to enjoy their football and pile on points. A precise kick inside, bounced up perfectly and into the hands of Lachlan Lam to score the fourth. Their fifth might be the simplest score that Joe Mellor

would get. A standard kick return from Huddersfield was coughed up to the forward who strolled to the line. Huddersfield Giants got some late consolation through Kevin Naiqama who was on the end of the backline move in the final minutes for a 30-4 final score.

CATALANS 46 CASTLEFORD 22

Catalans Dragons made it back-to-back wins with their 46-22 win over Castleford Tigers at Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Friday night.

the French side in Castleford. Jordan Dezaria cleaned up the spoils for the first try then Adam Keighran showed off some swift feet to dance inside the defense and make it 12-0. One of the newer Dragons recruits Matt Ikavalu scored in back-to-back games with a burrowed effort before Keighran made his a double in the onslaught. Castleford Tigers did pull

one back one try before the break. Alex Mellor was the quickest to react to a bomb to give the Tigers some life in this game. Tom Johnstone added a superb diving finish alongside Benjamin Garcia who bumped off some flimsy defense for a commanding 34-6 lead at the break.

The Dragons finished their scoring before the hour mark with two more tries. Matt Whitley dived over from an offload then Sam Tomkins sliced through. Castleford put a bandage on a bullet wound in the second half with another try to Mellor alongside a double from winger Bureta Faraimo to give us the 46-22 final.

The Dragons came out of the gates breathing fire with four tries in the opening half hour to set the tone for

LEEDS 40 WIGAN 18

Leeds Rhinos finished strongly in their 40-18 win over Wigan Warriors in their game at Headingley Stadium on Friday night.

showed his strength from a scrum to duck under the Rhinos defense and make it 12-0. The Warriors extended the advantage to 14 from a penalty goal piloted through from Harry Smith as they looked to put last week behind them. For the Rhinos, they needed a circuit breaker and it came in the form of Harry Newman who plucked the intercept and strode away for a 14-6 half-time score.

The Rhinos were dealt a blow when Zane Tetevano was given his marching orders for a shoulder charge on Harry Smith just before the break. Despite being reduced to 12, Leeds posted the first points in the second half. Tom Holroyd charged onto the ball and touched down while the six again hooter sounded. Richie Myler put up the kick and chased through from the fortunate bounce to score and put Leeds Rhinos into the lead at 18-14. Wigan struck back and took the

lead again just before the hour mark. They stretched the field well and it ended with Iain Thornley diving over in the left corner. There was a sense of déjà vu when Newman again snaffled the intercept to hand the lead back to Leeds Rhinos in this pulsating contest. The Rhinos finished the game with a flurry of points. Rhyse Martin found the whitewash while Cameron Smith and Liam Tindall also got themselves on the board to round it out.

It was the visitors who started strongly. Wigan dominated possession in the opening quarter before Abbas Miski flew high to score in the corner. Bevan French is known for his speed but the fullback

WARRINGTON 21 HULL KR 14

Warrington Wolves had a stirring comeback in their 21-14 win over Hull KR at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

The Robins flew out of the gates with the first two scores. Ethan Ryan finished off a superb move from the visitors diving over from a flick pass. They made it 12-0 when Kane Linnett who has had a late career resurgence in the second row ran a terrific line to slice through the Wolves. Warrington did strike back with a score late in the first half. Former Dragon Josh

McGuire was on the spot to pick up the scraps from a kick to make it 12-6 at the break.

Six minutes into the second stanza, Wolves locked up the game through Ben Currie. It was another good line run by a forward and he strolled through. Hull KR snatched the lead back from the tee. Linnett caught

the defense offside which let Mikey Lewis raise the flags for 14-12. The Wolves saluted twice from the tee to wrestle back the advantage. Stefan Ratchford was precise with both kicks to make it 16-14 to the hosts. They settled the game in fine fashion. Matty Ashton scored a typical wingers finish to make it 20-14 then George Williams slotted the field goal to ice the game.

ST HELENS 26 SALFORD 12

St Helens celebrated James Roby in style with a 26-12 win over Salford Red Devils at the Totally Wicked Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

the leader for the famous club. Early on, it looked like Salford were keen to spoil the party. King Vuniyayawa broke through then found Brodie Croft to touch down after some consultation with the video referee. The Red Devils were on the front foot and made it 12-0 quickly. Ryan Brierley went through the gap chained passes with Kallum Watkins before the fullback strode away. St Helens responded on the half hour

mark. Curtis Sironen produced a fabulous flick pass for James Bell to find the line for 12-6.

The Saints were charged up after the break and struck three times to put their stamp on this game and make it a celebratory night. Sironen scored from a Jonny Lomax short pass then the five-eighth swooped on a loose pass from the Red Devils on their own line for

a 16-12 lead. The hosts extended their advantage through Tommy Makinson. Alex Warmesley popped up the pass then it was shunted wide for the winger to finish. It was party time for those inside the Totally Wicked Stadium. Another superb pass from Lomax saw Joe Batchelor stretch out to make it 26-12.

On a bright afternoon, it was James Roby's 532nd Saints appearance which sees him pass Kel Coslett as

ROUND 12 RESULTS

HULL FC 26 (L. Sutcliffe, A. Swift, S. Taylor, C. Tuimavave tries; J. Clifford 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 6** (M. Ashurst try; W. Dagger goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 11th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 6-0. Penalties: Hull FC 8-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 3,976.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Dagger, Lineham, Gaskell, Langi, Taufua; Smith, Lino; Proctor, Bowes, Whitbread, Ashurst (C), Tanginoa, Pitts. Int: Batty, Hood, Bowden, Eseh.

HULL FC: Litten, Scott, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Swift; Trueman, Clifford; Sao, Houghton, Taylor, Griffin, Lane, Lovodua. Int: McIntosh, Satae, Brown, Dwyer.

LEIGH 30 (J. Charnley 2, L. Lam, J. Mellor, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 4** (K. Naiqama try) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-0. Penalties: Leigh 3-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,977.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Cudjoe, Marsters, Naiqama, Bibby; Connor, Rush; Hill, O'Brien, Wilson, McQueen, Hewitt, Yates (C). Int: Peats, Ikahihifo, Rushton, English.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Leutele, Hardaker, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Holmes, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Mellor, Seumanufagai, Nakubuawai, Davis.

CATALANS 46 (A. Keighran 2, J. Dezaria, B. Garcia, M. Ikuvalu, T. Johnstone, S. Tomkins, M. Whitley tries; A. Keighran 5, A. Mourgue 2 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 22** (B. Faraimo 2, A. Mellor 2 tries; P. McShane 2, G. Widdop goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 34-6. Penalties: Castleford 6-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,788.

CASTLEFORD: Evalds, Faraimo, Broadbent, Mellor, Wallis; Widdop, Miller; Lawler, McShane (C), Massey, Milner, Griffin, Westerman. Int: Johnson, Hall, Watts, Matagi.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Romano, Ikuvalu, Keighran, Johnstone; Tomkins, Pearce; Dezaria, McIlorum, McMeeken, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Bousquet, Goudemand, Navarrete, Ma'u.

WARRINGTON 21 (M. Ashton, B. Currie, J. McGuire tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals; G. Williams field goal) **DEFEATED HULL KR 14** (K. Linnett, E. Ryan tries; M. Lewis 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 12-6. Penalties: Warrington 11-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 10,179.

WARRINGTON: Thewlis, Russell, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Bullock, Walker, Vaughan, McGuire, Currie, Harrison. Int: Kasiano, Clark, Philbin, Dufty.

HULL KR: Ryan, Kenny-Dowall (C), Opacic, Hall, Hall; Litten, Lewis; Hadley, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Sue, Wood, Kennedy, Luckley.

LEEDS 40 (H. Newman 2, T. Holroyd, R. Martin, R. Myler, C. Smith, L. Tindall tries; R. Martin 6 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 18** (B. French, A. Miski, I. Thornley tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 12th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 14-6. Penalties: Wigan 7-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,167.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Thornley; Shorrocks, Smith; Havard, Powell, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Cust, Pearce-Paul, Mago, O'Neill.

LEEDS: Handley, Macdonald, Newman, Martin, Tindall; Austin, Myler; Oledzki, O'Connor, Lisone, Tetevano, Bentley, Smith (C). Int: Donaldson, Holroyd, Gannon, Sangaré.

ST HELENS 26 (J. Batchelor, J. Bell, J. Lomax, T. Makinson, C. Sironen tries; T. Makinson 3 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 12** (R. Brierley, B. Croft tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: St Helens 6-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,881.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hopoate, Davies, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Bell. Int: Bennison, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Wingfield, Delaney.

SALFORD: Brierley, Williams, Costello, Cross, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Atkin, Wright, Gerrard, Longstaff.

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Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	12	10	0	2	148	20
2	WIGAN	12	8	0	4	118	16
3	HULL KR	12	8	0	4	110	16
4	CATALANS	12	8	0	4	86	16
5	LEIGH	12	7	0	5	51	14
6	SALFORD	12	7	0	5	21	14
7	ST HELENS	11	6	0	5	61	12
8	LEEDS	12	6	0	6	10	12
9	HULL FC	12	5	0	7	-150	10
10	HUDDERSFIELD	11	4	0	7	-15	8
11	CASTLEFORD	12	2	0	10	-171	4
12	WAKEFIELD	12	0	0	12	-269	0

SUSPENSIONS

SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 12

Castleford Tigers	Liam Watts - 1 match ban Bureta Faraimo - 1 match ban
Huddersfield Giants	Nathan Peats - 1 match ban
Hull FC	Scott Taylor - 1 match ban
Hull KR	Sauaso Sue - 1 match ban
Leeds Rhinos	Zane Tetevano - 2 match ban
St Helens	Curtis Sironen - 1 match ban Matty Lees - 2 match ban
Wakefield Trinity	Kelepi Tanginoa - 1 match ban

CHALLENGE CUP SIXTH ROUND

Hull KR	Rhys Kennedy - 1 match ban
St Helens	Morgan Knowles - 2 match ban
Warrington Wolves	Josh Drinkwater - 1 match ban

ROUND 13

WIGAN 26 HULL KR 22

A golden point classic has opened Round 13 of the Super League season with Wigan pipping Hull KR by 26-22.

Wigan opened the scoring in the twelfth minute of play when Liam Farrell crossed for the first of his three tries. Liam Marshall ran away before getting the pass to Farrell to score for the Warriors. Ten

minutes later, Rovers responded with noted try scorer Ryan Hall crossing after burrowing his way through the Wigan defence. Farrell responded with a virtual carbon copy of his first, taking a brilliant ball from Bevan French. Harry Smith kicked the first successful conversion of the evening to take Wigan 10-4 clear at the break.

Wigan extended their lead straight after the break when they pressured Rovers and ran a simple backline play which allowed Marshall to cross. The

sides had to endure two-minute delay after the try when a drone temporarily hovered over the stadium. After the resumption, Rovers hit back when Matt Parcell scored out of dummy half to reduce the gap to 14-12. Rovers were dealt a blow when Hall was dispatched to the sin-bin for a jag back on French. However, Rovers were the better side in the sin bin period and James Bachelor crossed to give the lead for Rovers. Luis Johnson then pounced on Jez Litten's clever cross-field grubber with Lewis' third conversion stretching Rovers beyond one-score

range at 22-14. However, Rovers collapsed in the last ten minutes conceding two late tries as Marshall and Abbas Miski crossed. Smith proved to not be the hero for Wigan missing both kicks at goal taking his tally for the day at a measly 1/5 as the game went to golden point. After Mikey Lewis had hit the posts with a drop-goal attempt. Wigan capitalised and went down field to score with Farrell crossing for his third and sealing the come from behind win for the Warriors.

CATALANS 36 WAKEFIELD 6

Catalans have heaped the pain on a winless Wakefield side thrashing the Wildcats by 30 points at home.

The Dragons crossed for their first try after a rough opening quarter to the contest. Tom Johnstone

crossed for the first of his two tries after a break down field which he backed up some clever passing. Two quick tries added to their 6-0 advantage when Cesar Rouge and Mike McMeeken crossed from relatively easy range to put Catalans up 18-0 at the break. Wakefield were the first side to cross after the resumption when Liam Kay gave the Wildcats a

chance after a lovely cut-out pass from Mason Lino. However, that would be the only joy their fans would have.

Three second half Catalans tries were more than enough to give the Dragons victory. Johnstone's second try was a clear stand-out, beating his way

through some quite frankly horrible defence to run 70 metres to score. Two late tries in the last ten minutes to Arthur Mourgue and Tanguy Zenon added more salt to the Wakefield wound who also lost Kelepi Tanginoa with a broken arm.

HUDDERSFIELD 20 CASTLEFORD 4

The Huddersfield Giants have rebounded with a 20-4 victory over the Castleford Tigers at home.

The scoring got started nice and early as a high bomb from Theo Fages was spilt by Gareth Widdop into the

waiting arms of Tui Lolohea who fired pass to Esan Marsters who jinked inside and cross for the first try of the game. The Giants were awarded a penalty 10 metres out due to a ball strip from the Castleford defence, which Jake Connor duly dispatched over the posts to make it 8-0. Another penalty gave the Giants another opportunity to take the two points. Conner

made no mistake for a 10-0 lead. Castleford bounced back when Alex Mellor scored from a relatively easy scrum play and made his way through some would-be tacklers to make the margin six.

In a relatively quiet second half. The Giants picked up two tries within a seven minute period to put

the issue beyond doubt. Innes Senior crossed after some fast hands across the Huddersfield back-line to put the score out to 14-4. Kevin Naiqama continued his happy UK revival crossing after a lovely short ball from Theo Fages to slip through some would be defence to score and put it out of reach at 20-4.

ST HELENS 13 LEEDS 12

A Lewis Dodd field goal in the dying seconds of golden point has lifted St Helens to a 13-12 victory over Leeds.

The Rhinos crossed for the first try in the first five minutes, Rhyse Martin got through some tacklers

before finding Ash Handley to get across the white line for the first try. Martin converted for a 6-0 scoreline. Six minutes later, Tommy Makinson hit back for the three time champs crossing in the corner but missed the kick to keep his side behind. However, he turned from hero to villain when he collided with Jack Welsby in trying to defuse a bomb. Cam Smith was on the spot to score and take the score out to 12-

4. That's the way the score stayed at half-time.

St Helens were able to crack the Leeds defence five minutes after the resumption. Curtis Sironen crashed over from short range. Makinson made no mistake this time to reduce the gap to two. Justin Sangare made a cardinal sin, taking Jake Wingfield late off the ball, Makinson took the penalty goal for 12-12.

There was more drama to come. A mass brawl saw Liam Moore's patience run out. James McDonnell was sent off and we were off to golden point. However, the drama continued. Sione Mata'utia was sin-binned in golden point, and we were down to 12 v 12. Dodd made no mistake with the field goal in the final seconds of time and sealed the win for the Saints.

LEIGH 30 WARRINGTON 12

The Leigh Leopards have continued an impressive winning streak downing the Warrington Wolves 30-12. Today's win made it five wins on the trot for the newly promoted club.

The scoring began in the first six minutes of play when Gareth O'Brien sold the Wolves defence a

huge dummy to run away to score. That gave Leigh the early 6-0 advantage. On the halfway mark of the opening 40, Tom Briscoe crossed after Ben Reynolds drew in the defence to make the score 12-0. Reynolds added a penalty goal to extend the margin out beyond three converted tries. Warrington hit back when George Williams backed up a great run from Daryl Clark to beat the cover and get to the try line and the

Wire back in the contest. However, O'Brien's second try gave Warrington fans little hope after Edwin Ipape cut the defence open before finding his fullback to score. Joe Philbin's try before the break brought some hope to the Wolves fans as the forward reached out from close range to reduce the margin to 20-12 at the break.

The second half started slowly, but Leigh got the tries that mattered at critical moments. Josh Charnley continued his try scoring form when he was on the end of a cutout ball from Lachie Lam to cross in the corner. Reynolds sealed the result in the last minutes of play with a runaway effort to make the score 30-12.

SALFORD 29 HULL FC 22

Salford have returned to winning ways in the Super League downing Hull FC 29-22 in an enduring match at AJ Bell Stadium.

Hull FC opened the scoring inside the first five minutes of play. Adam Swift broke clear after some strong lead up work and he found Jake Clifford to give the black and whites an early 4-0 lead. This

lead lasted just twelve minutes when Salford found a bounce back. Tylor Dupree scored from point blank range to give the Red Devils back to level pecking. Hull FC responded just after the half-way mark of the first half. Jake Trueman took on the Salford defence and won the battle, giving the black and whites a 10-6 advantage. The remaining first half luck and play belonged to Salford. Brodie Croft's well angled cross-field kick was taken by Deon Cross who collected the ball and scored for the Red Devils. Just before the

break, a scrum play paid off when Marc Sneyd's kick sat up inch perfectly for the flying Ryan Brierley to touch down and give Salford an 18-10 half-time lead.

Just like the start of the first half, Hull FC started the second in flying style. Darnell McIntosh was on the end of a lovely Trueman cut-out ball to score in the corner to reduce the gap down to just two points. Salford hit back with half an hour to play, Sam Stone did well to get his pass away in the tackle to

the supporting Sneyd who raced in for a try he also converted to make it 24-16. Hull refused to go down without a fight as Josh Griffin found himself in space after taking Clifford's pass and he strolled over for a try which Clifford converted to make it 24-22. Ken Sio put the icing on the Salford victory with an incredible finish in the corner. Sneyd missed the kick to keep Hull in touch before a field goal in the last five minutes ended any hope of a Hull revival in this fixture.

ROUND 13 RESULTS

WIGAN 26 (L. Farrell 3, L. Marshall 2, A. Miski tries; H. Smith goal) **DEFEATED HULL KR 22** (J. Batchelor, R. Hall, L. Johnson, M. Parcell tries; M. Lewis 3 goals) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Thu, 25th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-4. Penalties: Hull KR 7-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,068.

HULL KR: Ryan, Hall, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Litten; Sue, Parcell, Hadley, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Storton, Wood, Johnson, Luckley.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Smith; Ellis, Powell, Byrne, Smithies, Farrell (C), Shorrocks. Int: Mago, O'Neill, Hill, Nsemba.

CATALANS 36 (T. Johnstone 2, M. McMeeken, A. Mourgue, C. Rougé, T. Zenon tries; A. Mourgue 6 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 6** (L. Kay try; W. Dagger goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 18-0. Penalties: Wakefield (Trinity) 5-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 8,123.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Yaha, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; May, Rougé; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, McMeeken, Whitley, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Taukeiaho, Dezaria, Zenon.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Kay, Croft, Dagger, Taufua; Smith, Lino; Proctor, Hood, Bowden, Tanginoa, Ashurst (C), Pitts. Int: Bowes, Battye, Crowther, Eseh.

HUDDERSFIELD 20 (E. Marsters, K. Naiqama, I. Senior tries; J. Connor 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 4** (A. Mellor try) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 10-4. Penalties: Huddersfield 10-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,206.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Bibby, Naiqama, Marsters, Senior; Connor, Fages; Hill, Peats, English, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: O'Brien, Greenwood, Rushton, Ikahihifo.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Faraimo, Mellor, Turner, Wallis; Broadbent, Miller; Matagi, McShane (C), Massey, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Mustapha, Martin, Hall, Watts.

ST HELENS 13 (T. Makinson, C. Sironen tries; T. Makinson 2 goals; L. Dodd field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12** (A. Handley, C. Smith tries; R. Martin 2 goals) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 14,161.

LEEDS: Myler, Handley, Newman, Macdonald, Olpherts; Gannon, Sezer; Walters, O'Connor, Holroyd, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Oledzki, Donaldson, Johnson, Sangaré.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Hopoate, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Sironen, Batchelor, Bell. Int: Mata'utia, Lussick, Paasi, Wingfield.

Leigh 30 (G. O'Brien 2, T. Briscoe, J. Charnley, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Warrington 12 (J. Philbin, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 20-12. Penalties: Warrington 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,120.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Leutele, Hardaker, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Holmes, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Mellor, Seumanufagai, Halton, Davis.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Dean; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, McGuire, Clark. Int: Kasiano, Philbin, Dudson, Minikin.

SALFORD 29 (R. Brierley, D. Cross, T. Dupree, K. Sio, M. Sneyd tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 22** (J. Trueman 2, J. Griffin, D. McIntosh tries; J. Clifford 3 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 18-10. Penalties: Hull FC 10-9. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,569.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Ackers, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Atkin, Ormondroyd, Sidlow, Hellewell.

HULL FC: Hoy, McIntosh, Scott, Sutcliffe, Swift; Trueman, Clifford; Sao, Houghton, Fash, Griffin (C), Lane, Cator. Int: Satae, Brown, Taylor, Dwyer.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 13

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WARRINGTON	13	10	0	3	130	20
2	WIGAN	13	9	0	4	122	18
3	CATALANS	13	9	0	4	116	18
4	HULL KR	13	8	0	5	106	16
5	LEIGH	13	8	0	5	69	16
6	SALFORD	13	8	0	5	28	16
7	ST HELENS	12	7	0	5	62	14
8	LEEDS	13	6	0	7	9	12
9	HUDDERSFIELD	12	5	0	7	1	10
10	HULL FC	13	5	0	8	-157	10
11	CASTLEFORD	13	2	0	11	-187	4
12	WAKEFIELD	13	0	0	13	-299	0

SUSPENSIONS

Warrington Wolves - Josh McGuire - 12 match ban

ROUND 14 MAGIC WEEKEND

SALFORD 26 HULL KR 16

Salford Red Devils won 26-16 over Hull KR to kick off Magic Weekend in Newcastle on Saturday night.

These two kicked off Magic Weekend in bright sunshine and brought football to match to get things

going with a bang. It was the Robins who were flying early from a break that saw them exchange passes and ended with Elliot Minchella to dive over under the sticks. Salford responded in kind with their own break. Brodie Croft sliced through and found a trailing Joe Burgess to make it 6-6. The Red Devils edged ahead after Mikey Lewis was pinged for offside which allowed Marc Sneyd to pilot home the kick to make

it 8-6. The see-saw nature of the contest continued when Hull KR struck back through another forward as George King powered over the line.

The Red Devils kicked a penalty goal either side of the half-time break to lock things up again and set up for thrilling final act. Sneyd who was playing game number 300 was becoming tethered to the tee. He

kicked a fourth penalty goal after Dean Hadley was binned for a late shot. Despite being down a man, Hull KR struck again. They stripped the numbers on the left then Kane Linnett flicked it to Ryan Hall to finish acrobatically. Salford struck twice to ultimately take the win. Ryan Brierley broke free then set up Ken Sio for the four-pointer then Chris Aitken put the icing on the cake to make it 26-16.

CATALANS 46 WIGAN 22

Catalans Dragons lit up Magic Weekend with a 46-22 win over Wigan Warriors on Saturday afternoon in Newcastle.

The Warriors were the first side to score in a game which saw 68 points scored. They gave the ball air on the left and ended with Jake Wardle scoring the

try. The French side struck back from the boot. A kick went high and into the pack and it ended up with Sam Tomkins picking up the scraps. Catalans were prolific attacking the left with their next two scores. Tom Johnstone dived over from a scrum then Matt Whitley surged over. They were in full flow in the sunshine when Arthur Mourgue sliced through the Warriors defense and made it 24-4 for the Dragons. Wigan pulled one back before the break. It was an exchange

of passes on the right which ended with prolific try scorer Bevan French touch down.

The Dragons came out of the half breathing fire. Sam Tomkins hoisted up a kick which saw a flying Johnstone grasp it and make it double. Everything was coming easy for the Dragons. Whitley dived over again for a double then Arthur Romano added himself to the scoresheet to help them pass 40. Johnstone

completed his hat-trick in style. It was a slick backline move which ended with the winger finished off acrobatically to make it 46-8. The Warriors added a trio of tries in the final 20 minutes to massage the scoreline. Wingers Abbas Miski and Liam Marshall crossed alongside Morgan Smithies in a 46-22 final score.

CASTLEFORD 26 LEEDS 24

Castleford Tigers won a thriller 26-24 over Leeds Rhinos to round off Saturday on Magic Weekend in Newcastle.

The Rhinos were the first to score through a former Tiger as Darrell Olypherts finished off a backline move

to dive over in the left corner. Castleford responded in kind through with a break. Gareth Widdop set up the move which saw his halves partner Jacob Miller touch down. Once again, Widdop was involved for the Tigers in their second score. He fired the ball out to Elliot Wallis who walked the tightrope on the sideline to make it 10-6. Leeds took the lead into half-time after some improv play. They kept it going

on last tackle before a kick ended with James Bentley planting the ball down.

They took that momentum into the second half and extended their lead. It was slick pass from Blake Austin which put Rhyse Martin into the gap to make it 18-10. The Tigers pulled one back again from the hand of Widdop. He showed some slight of hand with

his pass to a rampaging Alex Mellor to get back within four. Leeds restored their advantage to ten points with their fourth try. Mikolaj Oledzki finished off the work from forward partner Bentley to make it 24-14. Castleford Tigers stunned the Rhinos with a pair of late tries to snatch the win. Mellor completed his double with his score then Jason Qareqare completed the win.

LEIGH 30 WAKEFIELD 4

Leigh Leopards survived being down to 11 players at one stage to win 30-4 over Wakefield Trinity to kick off Sunday afternoon on Magic Weekend.

The Leopards ignited their attack early with Papua New Guinea international Lachlan Lam slicing

through and beating the defender to the line for a 4-0 lead. They doubled their delight minutes later. They swept the ball back towards the middle and a short pass sent Robbie Mulhern over untouched. Despite the lead. Leigh were reduced to firstly 12 men when Ben Reynolds was sent off for a punch then 11 after Tom Nisbet was sent to the sin bin. Wakefield despite this advantage weren't able to make it count. Tom

Lineham went closest but he dropped the ball over the line as the Leopards held them off until half-time.

Leigh dominated the game with twelve men. They weaved past the Trinity defense with their passing and Edwin Ipape finished off the move. On the hour mark, they stripped the numbers on the wing well and Josh Charnley had the simplest of putdowns for

24-0. The Leopards were chasing 30 points to take third and Lam got them to the required score. He weaved past the Trinity defense again and touched down. Wakefield Trinity did get some consolation with a late four-pointer to Max Jowitt but their Super League life is starting to fade.

ST HELENS 48 HUDDERSFIELD 6

Tom Makinson scored four as St Helens won 48-6 over Huddersfield Giants on Sunday afternoon at Magic Weekend.

It was the Giants who struck first. A wide kick missed everyone, but former Saint Kevin Naiqama was able

to touchdown in the corner. From there, Saints kicked into gear. Their first came from a kick as well which saw Konrad Hurrell dive over then Mark Percival put them into the lead after his four-pointer. Things went from bad to worse for Huddersfield when Luke Yates was binned for a cannonball tackle. St Helens extended their advantage to 16-6 after Tom Makinson

got his first.

The second half was where the Saints were ruthless. They scored 32 points in the half and laid down a big marker on their Super League rivals. Louie McCarthy-Scarsbrook got the train started with a charging run which ended with the veteran slamming

the ball down close to the posts. Makinson had a day out. He scored 28 of the Saints 48 points which included three tries in the second half alongside six conversions in the game. Hurrell and Joey Lussick rounded off the scoring for St Helens in the dominant win which has them on the edge of the top four after Magic Weekend.

HULL FC 30 WARRINGTON 18

Hull FC produced a stirring second half to win 30-18 over Warrington Wolves to round out Magic Weekend on Sunday afternoon.

The Wolves had a chance go back to the top of the

Super League ladder and started the game quickly with a pair of scores. Connor Wrench found the try line three minutes in before halfback George Williams four-pointer doubled their delight to 12-0. Hull FC who has been in good form recently, responded with a score of their own through Danny Houghton to give us the half-time score of 12-6.

They turned the game around in a 20-minute salvo after half-time. Adam Swift touched down to get Hull FC back within two and make it game on. Josh Griffin starred for Hull FC with a hat-trick that put them in a commanding position. The second rower completed the feat in 18 minutes to make it 24-18. The Wolves

did find the line once themselves in this passage with Wrench completing his double to keep the high flying side in the contest. Hull FC confirmed the two points in the final ten minutes. Australian Tex Hoy scored the black-and-whites six try and get them back in the winner's circle.

ROUND 14 RESULTS

SALFORD 26 (C. Atkin, J. Burgess, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 16** (R. Hall, G. King, E. Minchella tries; L. Coote 2 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.**

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 12-10. Penalties: Salford 9-8. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 36,943.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Atkin, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Bourouh, Ormondroyd, Sidlow, Hellewell.

HULL KR: Coote, Kenny-Dowall (C), Opacic, Hall, Hall; Litten, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Hadley, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: King, Storton, Wood, Luckley.

CATALANS 46 (T. Johnstone 3, M. Whitley 2, A. Mourgue, A. Romano, S. Tomkins tries; A. Mourgue 7 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 22** (B. French, L. Marshall, A. Miski, M. Smithies, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith goal) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.**

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Catalans 24-8. Penalties: Wigan 7-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 36,943.

WIGAN: French, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; Field, Smith; Ellis, Powell, Byrne, Smithies, Farrell (C), Shorrocks. Int: Cust, Mago, Hill, Nsemba.

Catalans: Mourgue, Johnstone, Ikuvalu, Romano, Yaha; Pearce, Tomkins; Taukeiaho, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: May, Bousquet, Séguier, Dezaria.

CASTLEFORD 26 (A. Mellor 2, J. Miller, J. Qareqare, E. Wallis tries; G. Widdop 3 goals) defeated Leeds 24 (J. Bentley, R. Martin, M. Oledzki, D. Olpherts tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.**

Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-10. Penalties: Leeds 7-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 36,943.

LEEDS: Handley, Macdonald, Roberts, Martin, Olpherts; Austin, Myler; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, McDonnell, Donaldson, Smith (C). Int: Johnson, Bentley, Sangaré, Tindall.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Qareqare, Mellor, Turner, Wallis; Broadbent, Miller; Matagi, McShane (C), Watts, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Mustapha, Martin, Hall.

LEIGH 30 (L. Lam 2, J. Charnley, E. Ipape, R. Mulhern tries; Z. Hardaker 4, B. Reynolds goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 4** (M. Jowitt try) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.**

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 10-0. Penalties: Leigh 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 26,326.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Taufua, Kay, Croft, Lineham; Dagger, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Proctor, Ashurst (C), Hewitt, Pitts. Int: Battye, Crowther, Bowes, Fifita.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Nisbet, Holmes, Asiatia (C). Int: Mellor, Davis, Wilde, Seumanufagai.

ST HELENS 48 (T. Makinson 4, K. Hurrell 2, J. Lussick, L. McCarthy-Scarsbrook, M. Percival tries; T. Makinson 6 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 6** (K. Naiqama try; J. Connor goal) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.**

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 2:15 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-6. Penalties: St Helens 7-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 26,326.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Bell. Int: Mata'utia, Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi.

HUDDERSFIELD: Lolohea, Bibby, Naiqama, Marsters, Senior; Connor, Fages; Hill, Peats, English, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Milner, Greenwood, Rushton, Ikahihifo.

HULL FC 30 (J. Griffin 3, D. Houghton, T. Hoy, A. Swift tries; J. Clifford 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 18** (C. Wrench 2, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **AT ST JAMES' PARK.**

Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-6. Penalties: Warrington 7-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 26,326.

HULL FC: Hoy, McIntosh, Scott, Sutcliffe, Swift; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Taylor, Griffin (C), Lane, Cator. Int: Sao, Satae, Savelio, Dwyer.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Wrench, Minikin, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Dudson, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Harrison, Mata'utia. Int: Philbin, Walker, Bullock, Green.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 14

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	14	10	0	4	0	140	20
2	WARRINGTON	14	10	0	4	0	118	20
3	WIGAN	14	9	0	5	0	98	18
4	LEIGH	14	9	0	5	0	95	18
5	SALFORD	14	9	0	5	0	38	18
6	ST HELENS	13	8	0	5	0	104	16
7	HULL KR	14	8	0	6	0	96	16
8	LEEDS	14	6	0	8	0	7	12
9	HULL FC	14	6	0	8	0	-145	12
10	HUDDERSFIELD	13	5	0	8	0	-41	10
11	CASTLEFORD	14	3	0	11	0	-185	6
12	WAKEFIELD	14	0	0	14	0	-325	0

SUSPENSIONS

Castleford Tigers

Leigh Leopards

Wakefield Trinity

Liam Watts - 1 match ban

Tom Nisbet - 1 match ban

Ben Reynolds - 2 match ban

Liam Hood - 1 match ban

ROUND 15

SALFORD 42 CASTLEFORD 10

Salford have strung together three consecutive league victories after an impressive 42-10 demolition over the Castleford Tigers at the Jungle.

The Red Devils crossed just after the 10 minute mark when Rhys Williams was able to get over for the first

of his two tries. Not to be outdone, the Tigers hit back out wide when Jason Qareqare scooped onto an intercept and the game was anyone's early. A clever Salford bomb caused problems at the back for the Tigers and after some quick hands, Chris Atkin was on the end of it to score. A few minutes later, it was the same old story. Brodie Croft got a lovely pass to Deon Cross who raced away to add more salt to the

Tigers wound. Ken Sio finished off another neat back-line play and it was 24-4 in the shadows of the break. Cas did respond when Ken Edwards crossed before the break, however their supporters would have little to cheer for in the second half.

Williams finished off his double five minutes after the resumption after a lovely Tim Lafai offload. The

party was continuing when Sio latched onto another intercept racing the best part of 40 metres to score for the Red Devils. Lafai was able to cross for his own try when Williams flicked it back on the inside before Sam Stone capped off a great game with a try nine minutes from time leaving Castleford way behind in the semi-final race. While for Salford, they went joint top of the table

LEIGH 28 HULL FC 16

The Leigh Leopards have continued a great first season back in the top-flight with a 28-16 victory over Hull FC at home.

The home side continued to play some enterprising football and were rewarded with first points. Gareth O'Brien was on the end of a lovely set play which saw

him beat the Hull cover and it was 6-0 early in the contest. Zak Hardaker opted to take a penalty goal to extend the margin to 8. Four minutes later, Tom Briscoe finished off a well worked scrum play and Leigh were out to an imposing 12-0 lead early. But, the black and whites hung in deep and were rewarded with a try of their own. A lovely left side play puts Liam Sutcliffe into a gap and the centre finds Adam Swift to score, this saw the margin reduce to 8.

The resistance was minimal as leading try scorer Josh Charnley crossed out wide to extend the margin back out to 12 points for the Leopards, but it was again short lived. A short kickoff worked for Hull and it was Darnell McIntosh who crossed out wide and it was 16-10 at the break. Jake Clifford had to be assessed and failed to pass his HIA for the visitors making their task difficult. Hardaker added another two points eight minutes into the second half for an 18-10 lead

before Charnley continued his try scoring spree with another try off a set play. Hull weren't going away and despite missing their star half they were coming home with a wet sail. A great pass from Jake Trueman sent Josh Griffin over to score and it was a 6 point game. However, a late Joe Mellor try sealed the match for the home side.

ST HELENS 34 WIGAN 16

A dominant display from Jack Welsby has seen St Helens blitz rivals Wigan to win 34-16 at home.

The home side got the party started early when England international Joe Batchelor crossed after collecting a Welsby offload to score and an early 6-0 lead. Ill discipline cost Saints in the next passage of

play as Wigan hit back when Jai Field beat everyone to the loose ball to lock the game up at 6-6. Tommy Makinson missed a gift two points but atoned for his mistake by collecting a lovely cut-out pass from Welsby and racing away down the sideline to score. Makinson even rediscovered his kicking boots to extend beyond a converted try. Welsby showed he was human when he spilled a Bevan French kick

which allowed the fullback to score for the Warriors. He got his revenge with a brilliant chip of his own for a try, this saw the score at 18-10 as both sides headed to the sheds.

Saints showed their championship qualities in the second half. Eight minutes in, Agnatius Paasi extended Saints' lead when he crashed over to

score. James Roby showed age is just a number with a brilliant run, he linked up with Welsby to score and put the game beyond doubt for the three time champs. Welsby's delivered a brilliant pass that sent Makinson over in the corner for his second of the night. Abbas Miski grabbed a late consolation for Wigan for a 34-16 verdict on a night where Jack Welsby continued to shine.

WARRINGTON 30 HUDDERSFIELD 26

The Warrington Wolves have bounced back after an indifferent run of form to defeat the Huddersfield Giants by 30-26 back on home soil.

The home side kicked off the scoring in the fourth minute of play when big Sam Kasiano crashed over for an early lead. This was quickly countered seven

minutes later when Jake Bibby finished off great lead up work to reduce the gap for the visitors to two points. Two quick Wire tries seemed to put the game away from the visitors. Firstly, Josh Thewlis ran the length of the field to extend the gap beyond a single possession. This was added to by George Williams and at 18-4, the Giants were up against it. However, a lazy Wire error gave the Giants some much needed

possession to cross. Leroy Cudjoe got his way through the defence and the gap was only 8 at the break.

However, a chance to reduce the gap further went away and from the scrum win, Danny Walker raced away. This put Warrington back up 14 points. It should've been more but the video ref snuffed out a Wire cry of a try. The Giants put two quick tries on

through Kevin Naiqama and Theo Fages and what was looking comfortable for the Wire, was looking rather shaky. Warrington put the game to bed inside the final quarter and it was Matt Dufty who capitalised sealing victory off a Giants mistake. The away side still managed to keep the home side on the edge of their seats with a late try to Tui Lolohea but it was in vein.

CATALANS 38 HULL KR 4

The Catalans Dragons have won three on the trot with a 38-4 thrashing of Hull Kingston Rovers at home.

A penalty goal in the 16th minute of play from Arthur Mourgue was a welcome relief for both sides battling through an oppressive 30 degree day in the South of

France. The Dragons added to that penalty goal with a try 9 minutes later when Matt Whitby raced away to score. Five minutes later, Tyrone May powered his way through to the line and it was 12-0. The home side were disadvantaged when Julian Bosquet was sin-binned. However, it did not stop Whitley scoring his second just before the interval, picking up a clever

grubber kick from Mitch Pearce. Adam Keighran nailed a penalty goal from 50m out and it was 20-0 at the change of ends.

Rovers defence was abysmal and it was on full display as the second half began to open up. Mike McMeekan wrestled his way over the line to score, Mourgue

adding the conversion to put the Dragons 26-0 ahead. Despite another sin-binning (Mickaël Goudemand for time wasting), the home side continued dominating with Tom Johnstone finishing off Whitley's good lead-up work and Mourgue crossing for a 38-0 score-line. A late run-away effort from Ryan Hall at least gave Rovers some scoreboard credibility.

WAKEFIELD 24 LEEDS 14

Wakefield have overcome their recent history and the sending off of debutant Hugo Salabio to upset the Leeds Rhinos to win their first match of the season.

The Wildcats crossed for the first try inside the opening quarter of the match when Will Dagger's wayward kick was tapped back into play by Lee Kershaw and Jack Croft gathered to go over for the

early lead. Off the next set following a howler from Nene MacDonald. Wakefield extended their lead when Max Jowitt spun the ball right and Romain Franco crossed for his first in Trinity colours. However, Leeds hit back with two quick tries to level the scores. Richie Myler split the tiring defence before finding Cam Smith to score for the Rhinos. A 40/20 from Blake Austin again allowed Myler to do his thing in the attacking phase to find Leon Ruan to tie the game up.

Salabio was dismissed by the referee for a spear tackle whilst in possession. The debutant tried to fend away a Leeds defender but flipped him into a dangerous position and was promptly given a red card. However, the Wildcats dug deep and kicked ahead to a lead from Dagger's boot after a failed short dropout. However, Austin was able to conduct the Wildcats on a string and found Rhysy Martin to put Leeds in front by 2. More ill discipline from the visitors gave Dagger another two points and it was

14-14 heading into the crunch period. Leeds imploded when Ash Handley was sin-binned for a professional foul. Leeds were breaking down, as Ashurst crashed through to wrestle back the momentum and within three minutes Myler's dropped kick let in another try as Morgan Smith was able to lunge over the line. Dagger's second successful conversion pinged in off the post to put Wakefield 24-14 in front and a historic first win of the season.

ROUND 15 RESULTS

SALFORD 42 (K. Sio 2, R. Williams 2, C. Atkin, D. Cross, T. Lafai, S. Stone tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 10** (K. Edwards, J. Qareqare tries; G. Widdop goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 9th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 24-10. Penalties: Castleford 10-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 6,354.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Qareqare, Fonua, Turner, Tate, Broadbent, Miller, Martin, McShane (C), Griffin, Edwards, Sutcliffe, Westerman. Int: Massey, Mustapha, Robb, Willis.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Williams; Croft, Sneyd; Dupree, Atkin, Vuniyayawa, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Bourouh, Ormondroyd, Sidlow, Hellewell.

LEIGH 28 (J. Charnley 2, T. Briscoe, J. Mellor, G. O'Brien tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 16** (J. Griffin, D. McIntosh, A. Swift tries; L. Sutcliffe 2 goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 9th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-10. Penalties: Leigh 11-8. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 6,006.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Leutele, Hardaker, Charnley; Mellor, Lam, Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Holmes, O'Donnell, Asiata (C). Int: Seumanufagai, Norman, Davis.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Sutcliffe, Tuimavave (C), McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Taylor, Griffin, Lane, Cator. Int: Brown, Dwyer, Sao, Savelio.

ST HELENS 34 (T. Makinson 2, J. Welsby 2, J. Batchelor, A. Paasi tries; T. Makinson 5 goals) **DEFEATED WIGAN 16** (J. Field, B. French, A. Miski tries; H. Smith 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 9th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 18-10. Penalties: Wigan 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 17,088.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Mata'utia, Lussick, Paasi, Bell.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, Thornley, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Shorrocks, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Cust, Singleton, Mago, Hill.

WARRINGTON 30 (M. Dufty, S. Kasiano, J. Thewlis, D. Walker, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 26** (J. Bibby, L. Cudjoe, T. Fages, T. Lolohea, K. Naiqama tries; O. Russell 3 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-10. Penalties: Warrington 4-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,007.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Wrench, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Mata'utia, Williams; Dudson, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Harrison, Kasiano. Int: Clark, Bullock, Green.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Senior, Marsters, Naiqama, Bibby; Russell, Fages; Hill, Peats, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Milner, Ikahihifo, Rushton, Lolohea.

CATALANS 38 (M. Whitley 2, T. Johnstone, M. McMeeken, T. May, A. Mourgue tries; A. Mourgue 6, A. Keighran goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 4** (C. Hall try) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 20-0. Penalties: Hull KR 10-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 9,453.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Ikuvalu, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Bousquet, Goudemand, Dezaria, Tomkins.

HULL KR: Walker, Wood, Hall, Kenny-Dowall (C), Hall; Lewis, Abdull; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Johnson, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Litten, Storton, Luckley, Aydin.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 24 (M. Ashurst, J. Croft, R. Franco, M. Smith tries; W. Dagger 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 14** (B. Austin, L. Ruan, C. Smith tries; R. Martin goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Wakefield (Trinity) 7-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,710.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Kershaw, Croft, Kay, Franco; Dagger, Smith; Proctor, Bowes, Battye, Hewitt, Ashurst (C), Pitts. Int: Eseh, Law, Fifita, Salabio.

LEEDS: Handley (C), Macdonald, Roberts, Martin, Tindall; Austin, Myler; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, McDonnell, Bentley, Smith. Int: Sangaré, Donaldson, Johnson, Ruan.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 15

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	15	11	0	4	174	22
2	WARRINGTON	15	11	0	4	122	22
3	LEIGH	15	10	0	5	107	20
4	SALFORD	15	10	0	5	70	20
5	ST HELENS	14	9	0	5	122	18
6	WIGAN	15	9	0	6	80	18
7	HULL KR	15	8	0	7	62	16
8	LEEDS	15	6	0	9	-3	12
9	HULL FC	15	6	0	9	-157	12
10	HUDDERSFIELD	14	5	0	9	-45	10
11	CASTLEFORD	15	3	0	12	-217	6
12	WAKEFIELD	15	1	0	14	-315	2

SUSPENSIONS

SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 16

Catalans Dragons

Mitchell Pearce - 3 match ban

Matt Whitley - 1 match ban

Wakefield Trinity

Sam Eseh - 1 match ban

Sam Hewitt - 1 match ban

Hugo Salabio - 7 match ban

CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Hull FC

Josh Griffin - 7 match ban

Leigh Leopards

Zak Hardaker - 1 match ban

Kai O'Donnell - 6 match ban

Tom Nisbet - 2 match ban

Ava Seumanufagai - 1 match ban

Wigan Warriors

Kaide Ellis - 3 match ban

ROUND 16

HULL FC 34 ST HELENS 6

Hull FC kicked off Round 16 in style with a 34-6 upset over St Helens at MKM Stadium on Thursday night.

The black-and-whites got it started from the boot.

Jake Trueman hoisted it high and it ended up in the hands of Jake Clifford to score. They went to their right again to make it 10-0. It was a superb short pass which saw Carlos Tuimavave dive over for a four-pointer. Hull FC were just outmatching the Saints with energy. Darnell McIntosh chased a kick before he batted it back for Trueman to touch down. It was

all downhill running for the hosts. Chris Satae made it 22-0 at the break with a charging effort that saw him wrestle towards the line.

St Helens needed a quick start to the second stanza and scored within 120 seconds. A wonderful pass saw James Bell dive over under the posts for 22-6. It was

Hull FC's night in this one. Clifford stabbed through a kick which was taken well by Cameron Scott and he twisted over the line. Coming towards the end, it was party time at MKM Stadium. McIntosh rounded things off picking up an errant pass from a scrum to beat a chasing Tee Ritson to the line.

LEEDS 54 HUDDERSFIELD 0

Leeds Rhinos were in fine form in their 54-0 thrashing of Huddersfield Giants at Headingley Stadium on Friday night.

The Rhinos strolled through early and often against

a flimsy Giants defense. Sam Walters opened the scoring after he weaved past defenders from a short ball. Blake Austin brushed off the Giants defense before he popped a pass to Richie Myler who strolled over and made it 12-0 for the hosts. The five-eighth was involved in the third score when he sliced through and sent Ash Handley over then the other

winger David Fusitu'a dived over to make it 22-0 at the break.

Leeds went on a scoring spree in the second half, they piled on 32 points with three doubles from Walters, Fusitu'a and Rhyse Martin. James McDonnell kicked off the spree when he was on hand to back up superb

work from Austin and Myler to touch down. The Rhinos broke through with ease. The Austin and Myler combination worked their magic again for Martin's first from the boot on a magical night at Headingley. Myler provided two more assists from the boot to complete doubles for Martin and Fusitu'a as they went past the half century mark.

CASTLEFORD 23 WARRINGTON 14

Castleford Tigers started fast to upset title challengers Warrington Wolves 23-14 at Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Friday night.

The Tigers pounced early on the Wolves after James

Harrisons sin bin. Gareth Widdop piloted home the penalty goal to make it 2-0. They further added to their advantage with a slick backline move which ended with Will Tate diving over the corner. Widdop was kept busy from the tee with a pair of penalty goals which stretched Castleford Tigers advantage to 10-0. The hosts took a 14-0 lead into the half-time

break after Jason Qareqare was on the spot to catch the spoils of a kick as an upset was brewing.

Warrington needed a response and delivered it early in the second half. Matty Ashton showed off great hands to take the ball and dive over in the corner. The Wolves were howling after their second four-pointer.

It was another backline move which saw the winger cut inside and score. It was set up for a grandstand finish when Connor Wrench scored to make it 14-all after his slicing effort down the right touchline. The Tigers held their nerve to take the two points. Widdop inched them ahead 15-14 with his drop goal then Jack Broadbent's four-pointer made it 23-14.

HULL KR 28 WAKEFIELD 12

Hull KR got back in the winner's circle with their 28-12 win over last place Wakefield Trinity on Friday night.

The Robins flew out of the blocks with an early score.

Former Eel Tom Opacic stretched over from an offload to make it 4-0. They continued to push forward their advantage with their second try. It was a backline move which ended with Louis Senior diving over. Hull KR were in the doubles game to lead 22-6 at the break. Opacic and Senior both grabbed their second

four-pointer despite having Foud Yaha binned.

Wakefield Trinity did pull one back late in the first half. Romain Franco was under the high ball to touch down for the visitors. The visitors further cut into the advantage just before the hour mark. Luke Gale

muscled his way over from close range to make it 22-12. Hull KR rounded out their win with a late four-pointer. Mikey Lewis rolled through a gap from a short pass to make it 28-12.

CATALANS 38 LEIGH 30

Catalans Dragons prevailed 38-30 over Leigh Leopards in a points fest at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

The Dragons were fast starts with three tries in

the first 16 minutes of the game. Arthur Mourgue, Benjamin Garcia and Tom Johnstone all touched down to make it 20-0. Leigh worked their way into the game and were within two points at half-time. Ed Chamberlain scored twice after the half hour mark to make it 20-12. The Leopards inched closer again through winger Josh Charnley. The prolific try-scorer

finished off the backline movement in the French sun.

Once again, the Dragons were quickest from the blocks. Arthur Romano ran a terrific line to slice through the line to make it 26-18. The visitors weren't deterred and took their first and only lead in the contest with a pair of tries. Hooker Edwin Ipape

found the line alongside Tom Briscoe for a 30-26 lead. Catalans took home the two points with two scores in six minutes. Garcia found his way to the line from a short ball to give them back the lead. Johnstone rounded off the scoring with his second four-pointer. He pounced on a Leopards error and went the distance to make it 38-30.

WIGAN 26 SALFORD 6

Wigan Warriors won 26-6 over Salford Red Devils at Salford Stadium on Sunday afternoon to complete Round 16.

It was a closely fought early exchange between the

two top six hopefuls. The Warriors were the first to find the whitewash. The visitors struck from Harry Smith's boot. His kick fell right into the lap of Joe Shorrocks who was able to dive over for 4-0. Salford were missing their main man in Brodie Croft but took the lead. A well-timed short ball saw Ben Hellewell go over untouched. The Warriors took a half-time

lead through their skipper. Jai Field stretched past the defense and offloaded to Liam Farrell to get the four-pointer.

Wigan took control of the second half. Abbas Miski was able to burrow over from a scrum play to extend the visitors lead. Farrell doubled his delight to make

it 20-6. Wigan sliced through on the left and he was there to take the last pass and get his second try of the afternoon. The Warriors iced the victory cake in style. Liam Marshall showed good reflexes to take the ball from a Red Devils kick and ran the distance to get on the scoresheet.

ROUND 16 RESULTS

HULL FC 34 (J. Clifford, D. McIntosh, T. Satae, C. Scott, J. Trueman, C. Tuimavave tries; J. Clifford 5 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 6** (J. Bell try; J. Bennison goal) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 22nd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 22-0. Penalties: St Helens 7-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,937.

HULL FC: Shaul, Litten, Scott, Tuimavave (C), McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Lovodua, Savelio, Cator. Int: Satae, Lane, McNamara, Brown.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Ritson, Hurrell, Hopoate, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Knowles, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, McCarthy-Scarsbrook. Int: Roby (C), Mata'utia, Paasi, Bell.

CASTLEFORD 23 (J. Broadbent, J. Qareqare, W. Tate tries; G. Widdop 5 goals; G. Widdop field goal) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 14** (M. Ashton 2, C. Wrench tries; P. Mata'utia goal) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 23rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 14-0. Penalties: 10-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,066.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Tate, Mellor (C), Turner, Qareqare; Broadbent, Miller; Watts, Massey, Griffin, Edwards, Sutcliffe, Westerman. Int: Mustapha, Robb, Martin, Hall.

WARRINGTON: Duffy, Thewlis, Wrench, Minikin, Ashton; Mata'utia, Ratchford (C); Dudson, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Harrison, Philbin. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Bullock, Russell.

HULL KR 28 (T. Opacic 2, L. Senior 2, M. Lewis tries; R. Milnes 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 12** (W. Dagger, L. Gale tries; W. Dagger 2 goals) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 23rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 22-6. Penalties: Hull KR 6-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,185.

HULL KR: Zenon, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall (C), Yaha; Lewis, Milnes; King, Litten, Luckley, Hadley, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Parcell, Kennedy, Storton, Aydin.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Kershaw, Croft, Dagger, Franco; Smith, Gale; Batty, Hood, Bowden, Ashurst (C), Pitts, Kay. Int: Bowes, Fifita, Shaw, Atoni.

LEEDS 54 (D. Fusitu'a 2, R. Martin 2, S. Walters 2, A. Handley, J. McDonnell, R. Myler tries; R. Martin 9 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 0** **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 23rd June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 22-0. Penalties: Leeds 10-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 14,590.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Martin, Roberts, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, McDonnell, Bentley, Smith (C). Int: Johnson, Lisone, Donaldson, Sangaré.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Senior, Bibby, Naiqama, McGillvary; Russell, Fages; Hill, Peats, Greenwood, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Wilson, Ashworth, Ikahihifo, Lolohea.

CATALANS 38 (B. Garcia 2, T. Johnstone 2, A. Mourgue, A. Romano tries; A. Mourgue 7 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 30** (E. Chamberlain 2, T. Briscoe, J. Charnley, E. Ipape tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 20-18. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,636.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Johnstone, Keighran, Romano, Davies; Tomkins, May; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Séguier, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Goudemand, Ikuvalu, Dezaria, Ma'u.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Leutele, Hanley, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Mulhern, Ipape, Amone, Chamberlain, Holmes, Asiata (C). Int: Wilde, Davis, Mellor, Norman.

WIGAN 26 (L. Farrell 2, L. Marshall, A. Miski, J. Shorrocks tries; H. Smith 3 goals) defeated Salford 6 (B. Hellewell try; M. Sneyd goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 8-6. Penalties: Wigan 7-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 7,854.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Atkin, Sneyd; Vuniyayawa, Bourouh, Sidlow, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Costello, Dupree, Hellewell, Addy.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, O'Neill, Byrne, Shorrocks, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Singleton, Hill, Mago, Cust.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 16

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	16	12	0	4	182	24
2	WARRINGTON	16	11	0	5	113	22
3	WIGAN	16	10	0	6	100	20
4	LEIGH	16	10	0	6	99	20
5	SALFORD	16	10	0	6	50	20
6	ST HELENS	15	9	0	6	94	18
7	HULL KR	16	9	0	7	78	18
8	LEEDS	16	7	0	9	51	14
9	HULL FC	16	7	0	9	-129	14
10	HUDDERSFIELD	15	5	0	10	-99	10
11	CASTLEFORD	16	4	0	12	-208	8
12	WAKEFIELD	16	1	0	15	-331	2

SUSPENSIONS

Warrington Wolves

James Harrison – 2 match ban

ROUND 17

LEEDS 22 WARRINGTON 6

The Warrington Wolves have fallen to their fifth league defeat in six matches after going down 22-6 to a determined Leeds Rhinos side.

Sam Walters opened the scoring in the sixth

minute of play when he backed up a Blake Austin line break to cross. Rohan Smith's side continued their enterprising play with an impressive array of backline movements. One of them led to Ash Handley crossing five minutes later. It was all one way traffic early with Leeds going in for try number three. More accurate passing between Cameron Smith and Rhyse Martin gave Handley a walk-in for his double. Martin

was on target with two conversions to give Leeds an early 16-0 lead. It should've been more early after Sam Kasiano was dispatched to the sin-bin for a shoulder charge, but the video referee called Austin back for obstruction. The score remained unchanged as the sides headed for the dressing sheds.

Warrington hit back strongly to start the second

half with a more determined effort. This effort was quickly rewarded when Matty Ashton crossed in the corner and Ratchford converted from the touchline with 17 minutes remaining. Unfortunately, it was in vein with Richie Myler sealing victory with a try underneath the crossbar for a 22-6 verdict leaving Warrington staring down the barrel of what might've been.

WIGAN 22 HUDDERSFIELD 6

Wigan have bounced back to two straight league wins with a 22-6 effort over Huddersfield at home leaving the visitors stranded with four successive league defeats away from home.

The first try came from the home side in the eighth minute of play after Bevan French delivered a

wonderful pass to flying winger Abbas Miski to cross out wide. The conversion was missed and for a while the game developed into a sluggish arm-wrestle with both sides struggling to get over the top of one another. Unfortunately for the visitors, Wigan were able to gain the ascendancy in the closing minutes of the first half. Miski collected his second try of the contest after Jai Field nearly split the defence. Off the next play, Wigan shifted to the right hand side where

a simple backline play was executed to perfection allowing the winger to cross for try number two giving the Warriors a 10-0 advantage.

Six minutes after the resumption, Wigan were at it again. Jai Field was able to get his way past some quite frankly horrific Huddersfield defence to cross for yet another try on his strong Super League season and the game was slipping away from the visitors yet

again. Wigan's scoring came to an end when Liam Marshall finished off another well executed play, a clever grubber kick was put in behind the defence and Marshall beat Jermaine McGillvary to the ball for the try. Huddersfield finished with a consolation try when Jake Connor crossed in the final five minutes from broken play in a good individual effort in what was a dour performance from the visitors.

WAKEFIELD 32 SALFORD 6

Wakefield have kept their slim hopes of safety alive with a 32-6 upset win over Salford at home.

The scoring began nice and early for the home side when Max Jowitt split the visitors defence. He was able to link up with Liam Kay and the lock forward ran the remaining 20 metres to cross for the first try of

the contest. Will Dagger knocked over a penalty goal for an 8-0 lead. Dagger then went over for a try of his own when hooker Liam Hood broke through some feeble attempts of tackle before finding his halfback to cross under the posts. This gave Wakefield an unlikely 14-0 lead after half an hour of play. Dagger then landed another penalty goal and Wakefield were punishing a poorly disciplined Salford 16-0. It got worse in the shadows of half-time. Reece Lyne

crossed after an intercept from Jowitt who looked likely to run the length before being ankle tapped, he then got a magical pass to Lyne who crossed for a 22-0 lead at the break.

Salford's poor discipline continued in the second half when they were again penalised by Ben Thaler and a gift penalty goal extended the margin. Winger Lee Kershaw continued to rub salt into the wound for the

Red Devils with a try which was converted by Dagger for a 30-0 margin. Yet another penalty gave Dagger a penalty goal to end their scoring at 32. The visitors got a late consolation try when bench forward Alex Gerrard crossed from short range to give some score board credibility to the visitors. But they were still losers by 32-6 in a one sided contest.

LEIGH 34 HULL KR 4

The Leigh Leopards have continued their dream run in their return to Super League with a ruthless 34-4 victory over Hull KR.

It was an early rampage that did the damage for the home side. The Leopards crossed for three tries in the space of eight minutes to completely blow Rovers away. A disastrous first half for the visitors

was summed up in the third minute as Mikey Lewis was sin binned for a late slide on Tom Briscoe. The first of these efforts came in the eighth minute when Briscoe crossed following a Gareth O'Brien pass that was misguided but was still able to finish in the corner. Off the next set, Edwin Ipape finished off great leadup work from man in demand Lachie Lam to cross for the Leopards. From there, Leigh ran riot when Ed Chamberlain crossed off another try assist from Lam and it was 16-0 early. Rovers showed some

defensive resilience after the early onslaught, but it wasn't long before Leigh again showed their class. A 40/20 from Ben Reynolds saw Leigh cross for their fourth try of the first half. It was quick hands which saw Josh Charnley walk over in the corner, Reynolds converting to bring the score to 22-0 at half-time.

Ricky Leutele continued the domination going over for a rare penalty try nine minutes after the resumption after Matt Parcell pulled him back off

the ball. This made it 28-0 and it was only going to get worse for the visitors. Robbie Mulhern added to the misery barging his way across the stripe to make it 34-0. With just under 10 minutes remaining Lewis showed the dummy and fended off Reynolds to slide over for a consolation try for Hull KR but a 34-4 victory moved the Leopards up to second in the Super League table.

ST HELENS 22 CASTLEFORD 0

St Helens have guided themselves back on course with a 22-0 shutout of the struggling and inconsistent Castleford Tigers.

It was a struggle early in the contest with both sides struggling for ascendancy. This stalemate came to an

end in the 16th minute of the game. A cross-field kick from Saints was batted back by winger Jon Bennison into the waiting arms of Sione Matautia who crossed for the first try of the contest and the 4-0 lead. Five minutes from the break, Jack Welsby gave the Saints some breathing room going into the half. He was able to get on the outside of the Castleford defence although it appeared he caught the ball on the inside

shoulder and disadvantaged the visitors in defence. However, without the video referee the try was given and it was 10-0 at the break.

Fifteen minutes after the resumption, Bennison collected a try of his own. Johnny Lomax delivered a wonderful pass and the flying winger barged his way over the top of the fullback to score and it was 16-0.

Castleford tried all game but they were unable to get past the Saints defensive structure. Saints capped off a great team performance when Mark Percival added a try of his own in a great individual effort. From the scrum win, Percival beat four defenders on his way to the line to secure a comfortable 22-0 verdict.

CATALANS 28 HULL FC 18

The Catalans Dragons have continued their dominance at the top of the table with a 28-18 victory over Hull FC.

Catalans opened the scoring early when Sam Tomkins put boot to ball. The race to the ball was won by leading try scorer Tom Johnstone and the Dragons had an early 6-0 lead. A loose pass from Hull spelt

trouble for the visitors and they paid the price for throwing the football around in their own end. Tom Davies picked up the loose ball and ran 40 metres to score under the posts for a 12-0 lead. Hull hung in the contest despite these setbacks. Chris Satae crossed from short range and they were up for the contest only trailing 12-6. But, two quick tries to Catalans threatened to derail their confidence. Arthur Romano crashed over from dummy half in what can only be described as a soft effort. Three minutes later Julien

Bousquet crashed into the goal-posts and spun his way around to score and it was looking ominous. Luckily, Hull delivered a quick response of their own before the break. Some quick hands across their back line saw Darnell McIntosh score an acrobatic try in the corner which saw Clifford convert to reduce the gap to ten. But, a scrum play turned disastrous for the Dragons, Tomkins pass was intercepted by Adam Swift which saw a comfortable margin of 16 at the break reduce to four for the home side.

There was just one try in the second half, it went to the visitors. A clever grubber kick from Tyrone May sat up perfectly for Tom Davies and the winger was able to finish it off in the right corner which sealed a 28-18 victory. Even though Catalans are winning, there was enough of a defensive turnoff to suggest that anyone can put a quick few tries on them and take ascendancy on matches.

ROUND 17 RESULTS

LEEDS 22 (A. Handley 2, R. Myler, S. Walters tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 6** (M. Ashton try; S. Ratchford goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 29th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 16-0. Penalties: 10-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,981.

WARRINGTON: Thewlis, Russell, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Ashton; Dufty, Drinkwater; Dudson, Clark, Vaughan, Holroyd, Currie, Philbin. Int: Kasiano, Bullock, Walker, Wrench.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Martin, Macdonald, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith. Int: Lisone, Holroyd, Donaldson, Johnson.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 32 (W. Dagger, L. Kay, L. Kershaw, R. Lyne tries; W. Dagger 8 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 6** (A. Gerrard try; M. Sneyd goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Wakefield (Trinity) 22-0. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,854.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Croft, Kershaw; Dagger, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Battye, Pitts, Ashurst, Kay. Int: Bowes, Eseh, Atoni, Fifita.

SALFORD: Atkin, Williams, Sio, Lafai, Burgess; Watkins, Sneyd; Hellewell, Bourouh, Vuniyayawa, Dixon, Cross, Partington. Int: Dupree, Gerrard, Sidlow, Longstaff.

LEIGH 34 (T. Briscoe, E. Chamberlain, J. Charnley, E. Ipape, R. Leutele, R. Mulhern tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 4** (M. Lewis try) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 22-0. Penalties: Hull KR 7-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,012.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Mulhern, Ipape, Amone, Chamberlain, Holmes, Asiata. Int: Hughes, Nakubuwai, Mellor, Norman.

HULL KR: Zenon, Yaha, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Milnes; Luckley, Litten, King, Hadley, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Parcell, Kennedy, Storton, Aydin.

ST HELENS 22 (J. Bennison, S. Mata'utia, M. Percival, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 0** **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-0. Penalties: Castleford 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 11,490.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Hopoate, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby, Lees, Mata'utia, Bell, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Delaney.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Tate, Mellor, Turner, Qareqare; Dean, Miller; Griffin, Broadbent, Watts, Sutcliffe, Edwards, Hall. Int: Vete, Mustapha, Robb, Martin.

WIGAN 22 (A. Miski 2, J. Field, L. Marshall tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 6** (J. Bibby try; J. Connor goal) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 30th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-0. Penalties: Wigan 8-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 13,464.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, O'Neill, Byrne, Shorrocks, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Singleton, Hill, Mago, Cust.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Cudjoe, Bibby, Naiqama, McGillvary; Russell, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Livett, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, Ikahihifo, Hewitt, Rogers.

CATALANS 28 (T. Davies 2, J. Bousquet, T. Johnstone, A. Romano tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 18** (D. McIntosh, T. Satae, A. Swift tries; J. Clifford 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 22-18. Penalties: Catalans 4-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 13,480.

HULL FC: Shaul, Swift, Scott, Tuimavave, McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Lovodua, Savelio, Cator. Int: Satae, Lane, McNamara, Brown.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; May, Tomkins; McMeeken, McClorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Da Costa, Dezaria, Ma'u.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 17

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	17	13	0	4	0	192	26
2	LEIGH	17	11	0	6	0	129	22
3	WIGAN	17	11	0	6	0	116	22
4	WARRINGTON	17	11	0	6	0	97	22
5	ST HELENS	16	10	0	6	0	116	20
6	SALFORD	17	10	0	7	0	24	20
7	HULL KR	17	9	0	8	0	48	18
8	LEEDS	17	8	0	9	0	67	16
9	HULL FC	17	7	0	10	0	-139	14
10	HUDDERSFIELD	16	5	0	11	0	-115	10
11	CASTLEFORD	17	4	0	13	0	-230	8
12	WAKEFIELD	17	2	0	15	0	-305	4

SUSPENSIONS

Catalans Dragons

Leeds Rhinos

Warrington Wolves

Romain Navarrete - 1 match ban

Blake Austin - 1 match ban

Sam Kasiano - 1 match ban

ROUND 18

WAKEFIELD 27 WIGAN 26

Wakefield Trinity upset Wigan Warriors 27-26 in an extra time thriller down at Belle Vue on Friday night.

The hosts sprung into action early with a backline movement which ended with Tom Lineham diving

over in the right corner for 6-0. Wakefield was punished for letting a bomb bounce, especially to Jai Field, who strode away quickly to level things. The visitors took their first lead of the contest through Bevan French. He sliced through from a scrum play to make it 12-6. The game was evenly poised going into halftime when Lee Kershaw snaffled an intercept and strode away for the four-pointer. Wigan looked

to keep relegation threatened Wakefield at bay with a pair of scores through Field who sliced through for his second and Liam Marshall to make it 20-12.

Wakefield scored tries either side of the hour mark through Renouf Atoni and Jai Whitbread to snatch back the lead and on course for an upset. The Warriors took advantage again in the see-sawing

contest when they stretched the ball left to right and put Toby King over to make it 26-24. There was one more twist to the tale. Wakefield got a penalty in the final minute which Will Dagger duly converted to send us to extra time. The upset was complete when Will put the Dagger into the Warriors hearts with his field goal to hand Wakefield their third win of the season.

LEIGH 34 CASTLEFORD 16

Leigh Leopards defeated Castleford Tigers 34-16 in their game down at Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Friday night.

The Leopards leapt to an 18-0 lead in the opening

quarter of the contest with tries to Tom Amone, Lachlan Lam and Tom Briscoe. Castleford struck back with a double blow before the break to get back into the game. Gareth Widdop snatched a grubber for the first then Elliot Wallis finished off a backline for the second. Leigh stretched their advantage again with a score just after half-time. Prolific winger Josh

Charnley dived over in the left corner to make it 22-12.

The Tigers remained in the hunt with a score of their own. Wallis picked up his second four-pointer of the contest finishing off another backline move. Once again, Leigh showed why they are a top team in

Super League this year as they put away the game and moved into second spot. Both Lam and Charnley picked up doubles of their own in the success. Charnley crashed over from close range then Lam sliced through to make it 34-16.

ST HELENS 24 WARRINGTON 20

St Helens beat Warrington Wolves 24-20 in a closely fought game at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

The Wolves were the first side to hit the scoreboard

from the tee. Stefan Ratchford piloted home a penalty goal to make it 2-0. St Helens responded with a four-pointer through Mark Percival. He found a gap after some slick handling before wrongfooting the Wolves fullback for 6-2. Wolves kept on the front foot and scored their first four-pointer. From a set restart, they swept it to the left and Matty Ashton dived over in the

corner. The two sides tussled for the lead again with the Saints breaking through. The inside ball created the gap which ended with James Bell to make it 12-6.

Warrington struck twice in ten minutes to stun the reigning champions. Ashton snatched an intercept from the air and ran away for the score. Livewire

back Matt Dufty followed it up a score when he supported a long break from the Wolves side to make it 20-12 for the hosts. The Saints regained their composure and took the points. Jonny Lomax sliced through for a score then his halves partner Lewis Dodd rounded off the win.

HUDDERSFIELD 22 CATALANS 14

Huddersfield Giants upset Catalans Dragons 22-14 in a pulsating contest at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

The visitors had a spring in their step early in the south of France when Kevin Naiqama weaved past the Dragons defense to make it 6-0. Catalans struck back with a slick move of their own. They gave the ball some air and found Tom Davies who scored in the corner. Oliver Russell inched the Giants ahead with a

penalty goal before former Rabbitoh Chris McQueen finished off an inside move to make it 14-6.

The Dragons got themselves within two points before the break. Once again, Davies was on the end of the move to get his second four-pointer. Catalans brought

the game level again with a penalty goal. Arthur Mourgue slotted the goal and made it 14-all with all to play. Huddersfield got themselves on the cusp of the upset through McQueen's second four-pointer. Russell added a further two from the tee to complete the feat.

HULL FC 16 HULL KR 6

Hull FC took bragging rights in the derby with their 16-6 win over Hull KR at Craven Park on Sunday afternoon.

The Robins got off to a flying start and posted first points. Mikey Lewis cut through the defense before

he found Jack Walker to touch down. Hull KR continued to pile on the pressure looking to further extend their lead in front of a huge crowd but were repelled by the Hull FC defense. The rest of the first half was a tight affair befitting a derby but there wasn't any further scoring as the Robins held a six-point lead at the break. Hull FC roared into life in the second half and took the points. Adam Swift was

there to support and score followed by Jake Clifford's conversion to make it 6-all. The hosts had a chance to take back the lead through the boot. Rowan Milnes stepped up and sent his kick wide of the mark.

There was further misery for the Robins when Shaun Kenny-Dowall was sent to the sin bin for a tackle on Hull FC halfback Clifford. Hull FC made an instant

impact from the extra man. Forward Ligi Sao powered over from close range to give them a 12-6 lead. The visitors sealed the derby win late in the contest. Swift again was the main man after taking a Danny Houghton pass to give the Hull FC fans a delightful trip home.

LEEDS 16 SALFORD 14

Leeds Rhinos edged out Salford Red Devils 16-14 in a thriller down at Salford Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Rhinos stampeded out of the gates in this vital

contest for their top six hopes. Cameron Smith pushed through the Red Devils defense to score. Salford recovered from their slow start to make it 6-4. Marc Sneyd punched through a grubber which experienced back Tim Lafai touched down. The visitors extended their advantage through Ash Handley. It was a superb long ball from Richie Myler which found the winger to

dive over. Rhysie Martin added two more from the tee to give the Rhinos an eight point lead headed into the break in a tense contest.

Coming out of the break, Salford felt just fine. Lafai added a second try quickly followed by Ken Sio to hand the hosts the lead at 14-12. The pressure built

in the game, and it spilled out in an angry exchange between the two sides which saw Chris Atkin and Mikolaj Oledzki sent to the bin. It was the Rhinos who held their nerve to take the points. Martin piloted home a pair of penalty goals to get them home 16-14 and help their finals chances.

ROUND 18 RESULTS

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 27 (R. Atoni, L. Kershaw, T. Lineham, J. Whitbread tries; W. Dagger 5 goals; W. Dagger field goal) **DEFEATED WIGAN 26** (J. Field 2, B. French, T. King, L. Marshall tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.** Date: Fri, 7th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: 12-11. Penalties: Wigan 3-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,185.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Langi, Kershaw; Dagger, Kay; Bowden, Hood, Whitbread, Pitts, Ashurst (C), Battye. Int: Bowes, Proctor, Atoni, Fifita.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Thornley, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, O'Neill, Byrne, Shorrocks, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Singleton, Nsemba, Mago, Cust.

LEIGH 34 (J. Charnley 2, L. Lam 2, T. Amone, T. Briscoe tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 16** (E. Wallis 2, G. Widdop tries; G. Widdop 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 7th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,344.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Faraimo, Broadbent, Turner, Wallis; Dean, Miller; Watts, Johnstone, Griffin, Edwards, Mellor (C), Westerman. Int: Sutcliffe, Mustapha, Robb, Hall.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Leutele, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Nakubuwei, Chamberlain, Holmes, Asiata (C). Int: Mellor, Hughes, Davis, Wilde.

ST HELENS 24 (J. Bell, L. Dodd, J. Lomax, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 20** (M. Ashton 2, M. Dufty tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 7th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-6. Penalties: Warrington 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,385.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Minikin, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Mata'utia, Drinkwater; Dudson, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Whitehead, Philbin. Int: Walker, Bullock, Holroyd, Green.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Hopoate, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Bell, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Delaney.

HUDDERSFIELD 22 (C. McQueen 2, K. Naiqama tries; O. Russell 5 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 14** (T. Davies 2 tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 14-12. Penalties: Huddersfield 6-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 9,182.

CATALANS: Mourgue, Davies, Ikuvalu, Romano, Johnstone; May, Keighran; McMeeken, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, Goudemand, Dezaria, Ma'u.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Halsall, Bibby, Naiqama, McGillvary; Russell, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Livett, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Peats, Ikahihifo, Hewitt, English.

HULL FC 16 (A. Swift 2, L. Sao tries; J. Clifford 2 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 6** (J. Walker try; R. Milnes goal) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 6-0. Penalties: Hull KR 6-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 10,050.

HULL KR: Walker, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Milnes, Lewis; Kennedy, Litten, King, Keinhorst, Linnett, Hadley. Int: Parcell, Storton, Johnson, Luckley.

HULL FC: Hoy, Swift, Scott, Tuimavave, McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford; Taylor, Houghton, Sao, Fash, Lane, Cator. Int: Satae, Brown, Gardiner, Dwyer.

LEEDS 16 (A. Handley, C. Smith tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 14** (T. Lafai 2, K. Sio tries; R. Brierley goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-4. Penalties: Leeds 10-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,157.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Gerrard, Addy, Hellewell, Partington. Int: Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Dupree, Costello.

LEEDS: Myler, Handley, Martin, Macdonald, Fusitu'a; Johnson, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith. Int: Lisone, Holroyd, Roberts, Donaldson.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 18

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	18	13	0	5	0	184	26
2	LEIGH	18	12	0	6	0	147	24
3	ST HELENS	17	11	0	6	0	120	22
4	WIGAN	18	11	0	7	0	115	22
5	WARRINGTON	18	11	0	7	0	93	22
6	SALFORD	18	10	0	8	0	22	20
7	LEEDS	18	9	0	9	0	69	18
8	HULL KR	18	9	0	9	0	38	18
9	HULL FC	18	8	0	10	0	-129	16
10	HUDDERSFIELD	17	6	0	11	0	-107	12
11	CASTLEFORD	18	4	0	14	0	-248	8
12	WAKEFIELD	18	3	0	15	0	-304	6

SUSPENSIONS

Salford Red Devils - Oliver Partington - 1 match ban

ROUND 19

CATALANS ST HELENS

Catalans have hung on for a determined two point victory over defending champs St Helens to move four points clear at the top of the Super League ladder.

It was a game that was played at a frantic pace and showcased both sides deserved to be competing

for the top spots in 2023. It took 15 minutes for the scorers table to be put to work, showcasing both sides tenacity in defence. Adam Keighran knocked over a penalty goal. Six minutes later, Johnny Lomax's kick was intercepted by Keighran who found the flying Tom Johnstone who raced away for the first try of the match. Saints crossed for a try just before the break. Mark Percival latched onto a Lewis Dodd grubber to cross for a deserved try working through several defensive sets on their own line before

working their way down field. Percival added the extras and only trailed by two at the break.

Five minutes after the resumption, Catalans added to their advantage when Matt Ikuvalu squeezed his way through several defenders to score in the corner. Keighran again nailed his conversion from the sideline to extend the margin beyond two scores. Saints lost Percival and James Roby to failed HIA's leaving them in doubt for the Challenge Cup semi. Will Hopoate

finally unlocked the Dragons defence with a clever ball inside to send Dodd over with six minutes left. Joey Lussick's conversion made it a two-point game and Saints almost snatched it on the hooter when Hopoate blazed down the right but a costly mistake saw the Tongan fling his final pass and the game away.

HUDDERSFIELD 34 WAKEFIELD 6

Wakefield's two game winning streak has come to an end after getting thrashed 34-6 by the Huddersfield Giants who kick started a two game winning streak of their own.

The Giants opened the scoring inside the first five minutes. Chris McQueen crashed his way through some would be attempts of tackle to score the first

try of the game. Oliver Russell's conversion made the score 6-0. Wakefield showed signs of their recent defensive resilience holding Huddersfield at bay throughout the first half. However, in the latter stages of the half. Their resilience began to crumble. Kevin Naiqama crossed seven minutes from the break, showcasing his footwork when he stepped past the defence to go over to make it 12-0. Huddersfield increased their advantage with seconds

left before the interval, as a good passing move resulted in Sam Halsall gliding over in the corner to lead 16-0 at the break.

Two minutes after the resumption. The Giants continued from where they left off. Jermaine McGillvary got the ball over the line within 90 seconds of the restart and Russell made no mistake from the kick this time extending the margin to 22. Five

minutes later, it was beginning to look like a cricket score. Tui Lolohea reacted first after Trinity mistake, but he made no mistake in getting the try and neither did Russell with his conversion. Wakefield avoided yet another Super League duck egg this season when Sanisoni Langi lunging over from close range, making it to the line. Max Jowitt added the extras. Lolohea added a second try in the closing stages to make the score look like the domination it was at 34-6.

HULL KR 19 LEEDS 18

A golden point field goal capped a dream debut for mid-season signing Brad Schneider as Hull KR slithered to a 19-18 victory over the Leeds Rhinos.

The fresh signing from Canberra opened the scoring inside 7 minutes. Shaun Kenny-Dowall broke through before offloading to Schneider to collect the opening try on his Super League debut. Rowan Milnes converted for a 6-0 score. Leeds soon countered the

fast start from the visitors. Jarrod O'Connor darted over from close range beating some sloppy defence from the visitors who should've done a better job at containing the little man. Rhysie Martin converted to level the scores. Rovers responded in the 17th minute of the game when fellow Australian Tom Opacic was on the end of Schneider's kick to touch down for the visitors. Milnes converted to extend the margin back out to six for the visitors. Ten out from the break, brilliant quick hands from Ethan Ryan and Opacic put

Louis Senior away to the corner to extend the margin to 10. Just before the break, Leeds were able to bring the margin back to four points. Nene Macdonald stepped inside SKD and put Corey Johnson over the line to score. Martin's excellent conversion saw the margin reduce to four. Milnes added a penalty goal to make it 18-12 at the break.

13 minutes after the resumption. Leeds were able to level the scores. It took a beautiful kick by Aidan

Sezer and Ash Handley had the pace to get there ahead of Senior to score for the home side. Martin converted from touch to level the scores at 18 apiece. Both sides tried their hand at winning the game in regulation through attacking plays and the humble drop-goal. But, both sides failed at that task and the game was sent to golden point. Rovers' new signing proved to be the hero that they needed with Schneider nailing a field goal in the opening period of golden point to secure victory for the visitors.

WIGAN 26 WARRINGTON 12

Warrington have continued their spectacular Super League collapse dropping five of their last six, including a 26-12 loss to Wigan.

The visitors started so well when James Harrison crossed inside the opening ten minutes. But it was Wigan who'd dominate the remainder of the match.

They set up camp in Warrington's end of the ground and after wave after wave of attack they finally breached the Wire's line. Liam Marshall crossed and it looked as if the Warriors would continue their domination. However, Wolves took advantage of their limited possession and capitalised. Daryl Clark crossed from short distance and with Ratchford's conversion. They look poised to be in front at the break. However, the Wolves counted their chickens

before they hatched and Bevan French capitalised on a break from Jake Wardle to score and level the scores at 12-12.

Wigan capitalised on a penalty when Marshall was taken out off the ball. Matty Smith calmly slotted a penalty goal to give the Warriors a 14-12 lead. Future Newcastle Knight Kai Pearce-Paul continued to show his future club why they paid for him in advance with

several strong runs up the middle. One of these runs put Wigan on the front foot. This saw the ball go wide and Wardle crossed to put his side ahead beyond two scores. Wigan sealed the game 10 minutes from time when Liam Farrell crossed to submit Wolves to an embarrassing run of recent form which has their finals position in jeopardy.

HULL FC 36 CASTLEFORD 18

A second half onslaught from Hull FC has stormed the home side to a 36-18 victory over a struggling Castleford Tigers placing further relegation pressure on the visitors.

The home side got off to a fast start crossing after just seven minutes of play. Adam Swift was jolly on the

spot when Jake Clifford's crossfield kick was batted back by Davy Litten into the waiting arms of Swift for the first try. The Tigers hit back five minutes later when Elliot Wallis finished off a clever back-line play and beat the cover defence to score in the corner to take a 6-4 lead. Hull didn't panic despite trailing early and it was their other half that gave the lead back to the home side. Carlos Tuimavave crashed onto a Jake Trueman pass and the lead was back in Hull's hand,

although the goal-kicking could do with some work. Cas drew level when Gareth Widdop added a penalty goal and it was 8-8 at the break.

It was a furious start to the second half from the home side scoring consecutive tries. Chris Satae charged onto a Brad Fash pass and stretching to ground on the line. From the restart, Satae again exposed some horror Cas defence before finding Swift to complete

his double. The 20-8 margin was cut in half thanks to Joe Westerman poking through a gap before finding Jack Broadbent to cross. Broadbent turned from hero to villain after dropping the ensuing restart. Litten scored easily from the ensuing scrum. Cameron Scott would add a further two tries making a dull afternoon for the visitors, but they would leave the scoreboard looking a bit respectable thanks to Bureta Faraimo crossing late.

LEIGH 24 SALFORD 22

A late Ben Reynolds penalty goal has sealed victory for the Leigh Leopards with a narrow 24-22 verdict over Salford to record their first away win over the Red Devils since 1983.

The home side dominated early possession and was rewarded by crossing the stripe first after 11 minutes of play. Ken Sio was on the end of a well worked backline play and crossed out wide. Marc Sneyd's conversion was waved away. Leigh crossed for two

quick tries to quickly evaporate the control the home side had on the clash. John Asiata made a strong carry but was taken short of the line, before offloading to Ed Chamberlain to cross against his former club. Reynolds converted for a slender lead. This was added to when Ricky Leutele charged over after a clever link-up play with Asiata and Lachie Lam. The tide changed soon after when a Sneyd 40/20 changed momentum back to the home side. Salford capitalised on the field position which allowed King Vuniyayawa to cross from point blank range. With just two minutes before the break, Andy Ackers exploited

some poor Leigh defence to cross and with Sneyd's conversion it was 16-10 at the break to the home side.

Salford soon extended this margin at the start of the second half. A clever kick from man in demand Brodie Croft was grounded by Ben Hellewell and it was looking ominous for the high flying Leopards. But, like all good sides they were gearing up for the fight. 29 minutes from time, Lam crashed over after supporting a strong run from Tom Amone and being on the end of his late and clever offload. With 15 minutes to go, the scores were locked at 22 all. Zak

Hardaker was quickest to react to a loose ball close to the Salford line and with Reynolds' conversion the scores were once again locked up, this time at 22-22. A chance at field goal from Sneyd faded wide and in the following set Salford were then pulled up for offside. This was then compounded by another penalty for dissent towards referee Ben Thaler giving Reynolds the chance to go for goal. The effort sailed through the posts to seal the Leopards' come from behind victory.

ROUND 19 RESULTS

CATALANS 14 (M. Ikuvalu, T. Johnstone tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 12** (L. Dodd, M. Percival tries; J. Lussick, M. Percival goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Thu, 13th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 8-6. Penalties: St Helens 9-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,193.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Hopoate, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Roby, Lees, Mata'utia, Bell, Knowles. Int: Lussick, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Paasi, Delaney.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Ikuvalu, Keighran, Johnstone; May, Pearce; Navarrete, McIlorum, McMeeken, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Chan, Dezaria, Ma'u.

Huddersfield 34 (T. Lolohea 2, S. Halsall, J. McGillvary, C. McQueen, K. Naiqama tries; O. Russell 5 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 6** (S. Langi try; M. Jowitt goal) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 4-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,872.

Huddersfield: Connor, McGillvary, Bibby, Naiqama, Halsall; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, Greenwood, English, Hewitt.

Wakefield (Trinity): Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Langi, Kershaw; Dagger, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Battye, Ashurst, Pitts, Kay. Int: Bowes, Fifita, Atoni, Proctor.

HULL KR 19 (T. Opacic, B. Schneider, L. Senior tries; R. Milnes 3 goals; B. Schneider field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 18** (A. Handley, C. Johnson, J. O'Connor tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-12. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 13,728.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Martin, Macdonald, Handley; Edgell, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith. Int: Lisone, Holroyd, Sangaré, Johnson.

HULL KR: Ryan, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Milnes, Schneider; Kennedy, Litten, King, Batchelor, Keinhorst, Hadley. Int: Parcell, Storton, Johnson, Luckley.

WIGAN 26 (L. Farrell, B. French, L. Marshall, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 12** (D. Clark, J. Harrison tries; S. Ratchford 2 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 14th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Wigan 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,105.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Shorrocks, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Pearce-Paul, Mago, Hill, Nsemba.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Minikin; Walker, Drinkwater; Dudson, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Harrison, Philbin. Int: Kasiano, Bullock, Whitehead, Holroyd.

HULL FC 36 (C. Scott 2, A. Swift 2, D. Litten, T. Satae, C. Tuimavave tries; L. Sutcliffe 4 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 18** (J. Broadbent, B. Faraimo, E. Wallis tries; G. Widdop 3 goals) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 5-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 12,352.

HULL FC: Litten, Swift, Sutcliffe, Tuimavave, Barron; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Scott, Savelio, Cator. Int: Dwyer, Lane, Satae, Taylor.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Faraimo, Fonua, Broadbent, Wallis; Dean, Miller; Watts, Johnstone, Vete, Mellor, Edwards, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Sutcliffe, Mustapha, Hall.

LEIGH 24 (E. Chamberlain, Z. Hardaker, L. Lam, R. Leutele tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 22** (A. Ackers, B. Hellewell, K. Sio, K. Vuniyayawa tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 16-10. Penalties: Leigh 10-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 6,892.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Ackers, Dupree, Addy, Stone, Atkin. Int: Vuniyayawa, Sidlow, Bourouh, Hellewell.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Leutele, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Mellor, Mulhern, Chamberlain, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Nakubuwai, Holmes, Davis, Wilde.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 19

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	BRISBANE	23	18	0	5	3	224	42
2	PENRITH	23	17	0	6	3	301	40
3	WARRIORS	23	16	0	7	3	148	38
4	MELBOURNE	23	15	0	8	3	158	36
5	NEWCASTLE	23	13	1	9	3	155	33
6	CRONULLA	23	13	0	10	3	104	32
7	CANBERRA	23	13	0	10	3	-119	32
8	SOUTHS	23	12	0	11	3	73	30
9	NORTH QLD	23	12	0	11	3	36	30
10	SYDNEY	23	12	0	11	3	-38	30
11	PARRAMATTA	24	12	0	12	2	13	28
12	MANLY	23	10	1	12	3	-36	27

SUSPENSIONS

SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 19

Wakefield Trinity - Liam Hood - 1 match ban

CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Leigh Leopards - Edwin Ipage - 1 match ban

St Helens - Sione Mata'utia - 2 match ban

Wigan Warriors - Joe Shorrocks - 1 match ban

ROUND 20

HUDDERSFIELD 19 HULL FC 12

Huddersfield Giants won back-to-back games with their 19-12 win over Hull FC at John Smith's Stadium on Thursday night.

The Giants were the first side to hit the scoreboard. Jake Connor unfurled a pass to a flying Jermaine McGillvary to dive over in the corner. Hull FC responded in style from long range. They exchanged passes through the middle and Adam Swift was able to find his way to the line for 6-6. The visitors took the lead four minutes later. Brad Fash went like a

flash from a Jacob Trueman inside ball to go over underneath the sticks.

The game headed to the break level through Tui Lolohea. He chased the Oliver Russell kick well and was able to touch down to make it 12-all. It was a tense second half which didn't have a score until

late. Some lovely passing through the middle saw a rampaging Chris McQueen stroll over for the winner. Huddersfield gave themselves a seven-point buffer to ensure they took the two points. Russell capped off a solid display with the field goal to give them a 19-12 win.

HULL KR 34 CASTLEFORD 16

Hull KR leapt into sixth spot on the Super League ladder after their 34-16 over Castlefield Tigers at Craven Park on Friday night.

The Robins flew out of the blocks with three tries in the opening quarter of the game to get the crowd going at Craven Park. Tom Opacic got the party started with his four-pointer when he picked up the scraps after mid-season import Brad Schneider flicked it wide. Next, Rhys Kennedy and Kane Linnett got themselves over the stripe in quick succession

which gave Hull KR a 16-0 lead. The Tigers struck back with tries to Will Tate and Jack Broadbent which brought them within six points at the half-time break.

Hull KR had another bright start to the second half. Elliot Minchella backed up well from a break by Matt Parcell to go over. Joe Batchelor and Ethan Ryan

chipped in with tries to help extend the Robins lead alongside a penalty goal from Rowan Milnes to make it 34-10.

Castleford Tigers got some late consolation through Greg Eden. The prolific winger touched down in the left corner for the four-pointer.

ST HELENS 22 LEEDS 18

St Helens defeated Leeds Rhinos 22-18 in their game at Totally Wicked Stadium on Friday night in a top four battle.

The Saints were off to a flying start looking to avenge their semi-final defeat. Jack Welsby grubbered through for Will Hopoate to touch down. Leeds Rhinos responded with back-to-back tries to take a 12-6 lead. Rhyse Martin showed some good footwork to touch down then Sam Walters brushed through for a score. St Helens drew level past before the break

through Tee Ritson. He finished off a swift backline move with the final pass from Hopoate to make it 12-all.

The Premiers showed off their might again with a quick start. Welsby was able to shrug off defenders and touch down to give the hosts the lead. The Rhinos

swung the tide of the game again in their favour again. Some superb hands from Nene Macdonald on the wing gave them an 18-16 advantage. Needing to find a spark, Saints went to their main man. Welsby again sliced through a gap and sent the home fans into rapture and home with two points.

WIGAN 44 LEIGH 18

Wigan Warriors took possession of second spot in a 44-18 win over Leigh Leopards at DW Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

It was the visitors who pounced early in the contest.

Tom Amone powered over from close range to give them a 6-0 lead. The first half was tight affair but it was broken open by livewire Bevan French. He backed up well for the first four-pointer then latched onto a kick to touch down in a blitz which saw Toby King also find the whitewash.

The Warriors extended their advantage after the break. Tyler Dupree showed off his pace and footwork to stride over the line. Tries to continue to flow for the Warriors. Abbas Miski got himself a quickfire double. The first was an interception then followed up with a tiptoed finish to make it 32-6. Wigan Warriors put their Challenge Cup semi-final heartbreak behind

them with this display which saw Liam Marshall add himself to the tryscorer list. Leigh Leopards found a consolation tries through Tom Briscoe and Robbie Mulhern which added some gloss to the heavy defeat. There was one final party trick for the Warriors. Miski completed his hat-trick after picking up the scraps from an errant Leopards pass.

CATALANS 42 SALFORD 0

Catalans Dragons were 42-0 winners over Salford Red Devils down at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

The Dragons put on a scintillating display which helped them strengthen their hold on top spot on the Super League ladder. Adam Keighran kicked off the scoring with his pickup from a Michael McIlorum grubber before he made it a double from a similar kick for a 12-0 lead. Dragons halfback Tyrone May helped the Dragons to a strong half-time advantage.

He brushed off several defenders to score from close range.

Tom Johnstone got into the act either side of half-time. The winger was on the end of another well-timed grubber then finished off a backline move for his second. Keighran rounded off his 16-point display

with a penalty goal which further extended Catalans lead in front of a bumper crowd. The Dragons kept their foot on the throat and piled up the points. Tiaki Chan rumbled over then fullback Sam Tomkins finished off another move to round off the 42-0 scoreline.

WAKEFIELD 42 WARRINGTON 6

Wakefield Trinity thumped Warrington Wolves 42-6 to boost their Super League survival hopes on Sunday afternoon.

The hosts were powered by a four-try haul from Innes Senior which helped Wakefield to a 22-0 going into the half-time break. Senior got the first try for the hosts early in the contest with a backline movement that ended with him touching down in the corner. Next, Kevin Proctor got into the act. The forward got his first four-pointer for the season with a powerful effort to make it 10-0. Winger Senior completed a

first half hat-trick and gave Wakefield a 22-0 lead at the break. Both finishes were well taken by the man returning to the club.

The Wolves needed a fast start and got what they needed. Forward Paul Vaughan pushes over from close range to get them on the board. Trinity continued their dominance quickly after conceding.

Tom Lineham provided an acrobatic finish in the corner to restore their 22-point advantage. Liam Hood got his name on the scoresheet when he scooted over and gave Wakefield hope in their fight for survival in the Super League. Wakefield iced the win with a pair of late scores. Senior added his fourth try on a momentous return alongside a score by Max Jowitt to round off the 42-6 scoreline.

ROUND 20 RESULTS

HUDDERSFIELD 19 (T. Lolohea, J. McGillvary, C. McQueen tries; O. Russell 3 goals; O. Russell field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (B. Fash, A. Swift tries; L. Sutcliffe 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: 12-10. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,579.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Halsall, Bibby, Naiqama, McGillvary; Russell, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, Greenwood, English, Hewitt.

HULL FC: Litten, Swift, Sutcliffe, Scott, McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Sao, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Dwyer, Lovodua, Satae, Taylor.

HULL KR 34 (J. Batchelor, R. Kennedy, K. Linnett, T. Opacic, M. Parcell, E. Ryan tries; R. Milnes 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 16** (J. Broadbent, G. Eden, W. Tate tries; R. Dean 2 goals) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 16-10. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,636.

HULL KR: Lewis, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Senior; Milnes, Schneider; Kennedy, Litten, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Parcell, Storton, Keinhorst, Luckley.

CASTLEFORD: Broadbent, Wallis, Mellor, Tate, Eden; Dean, Miller; Watts, Johnstone, Griffin, Edwards, Lawler, Westerman. Int: Massey, Matagi, Foster, Tsikrikas.

ST HELENS 22 (J. Welsby 2, W. Hopoate, T. Ritson tries; T. Makinson 2, L. Dodd goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 18** (N. Macdonald, R. Martin, S. Walters tries; R. Martin 3 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: St Helens 9-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,108.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Hopoate, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Delaney, Royle, Bell, Knowles. Int: Mbye, Norman, Baxter, Davies.

LEEDS: Myler, Fusitu'a, Martin, Macdonald, Handley; Austin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Bentley, McDonnell, Smith. Int: Johnson, Lisone, Holroyd, Sangaré.

WIGAN 44 (A. Miski 3, B. French 2, T. Dupree, T. King, L. Marshall tries; H. Smith 6 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 18** (T. Amone, T. Briscoe, R. Mulhern tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 16-6. Penalties: Leigh 3-1. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 15,377.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Cust, Mago, Nsemba, Dupree.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Chamberlain, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Mellor, Mulhern, Holmes, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Nakubwai, Wardle, Wilde, Davis.

CATALANS 42 (T. Johnstone 2, A. Keighran 2, T. Chan, T. May, S. Tomkins tries; A. Keighran 4, S. Tomkins 3 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 0** **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 22-0. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 9,503.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Ikuvalu, Keighran, Johnstone; May, Pearce; Navarrete, McIlorum, McMeeken, Séguier, Whitley, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Chan, Dezaria, Ma'u.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Costello, Burgess; Croft, Atkin; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Gerrard, Hellewell, Stone, Partington. Int: Ackers, Dixon, Sidlow, Greenwood.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 42 (I. Senior 4, L. Hood, M. Jowitt, T. Lineham, K. Proctor tries; M. Jowitt 3, L. Gale 2 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 6** (P. Vaughan try; S. Ratchford goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield (Trinity) 22-0. Penalties: Wakefield (Trinity) 4-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,470.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Langi, Senior; Lino, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Proctor, Pitts, Ashurst, Atoni. Int: Eseh, Battye, Bowes, Fifita.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Bullock, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Philbin. Int: Kasiano, Holroyd, Walker, Dudson.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 20

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	20	15	0	5	0	228	30
2	WIGAN	20	13	0	7	0	155	26
3	LEIGH	20	13	0	7	0	123	26
4	ST HELENS	19	12	0	7	0	122	24
5	HULL KR	20	11	0	9	0	57	22
6	WARRINGTON	20	11	0	9	0	43	22
7	SALFORD	20	10	0	10	0	-22	20
8	LEEDS	20	9	0	11	0	64	18
9	HULL FC	20	9	0	11	0	-118	18
10	HUDDERSFIELD	19	8	0	11	0	-72	16
11	CASTLEFORD	20	4	0	16	0	-284	8
12	WAKEFIELD	20	4	0	16	0	-296	8

SUSPENSIONS

None

ROUND 21

HUDDERSFIELD 28 CASTLEFORD 0

The Huddersfield Giants have won four on the trot after an impressive 28-0 shut-out over the lowly Castleford side away from home. The result was the last straw for Andy Last, who was sacked as Castleford coach post game.

Huddersfield opened the scoring inside the opening ten minutes of play when Sam Halsall crossed for the first of his three tries being on the end of a clever back-line play. Castleford were their own worst enemy with mistakes giving the Giants field position and a second try came nine minutes later when Leroy Cudjoe charged through a gaping hole and it was quickly 10-0. Some temporary resistance stopped the

Giants further adding to their lead, but the hammer blow came two minutes from the main change. Chris McQueen charged over from short range capping off a great week for the now 36 year old. Oliver Russell's kick was just short and it was 14-0 at half-time.

After a tense opening, the Tigers dropped their bundle and went back to the defensive doormat that they've

showed in previous matches. Halsall collected his second after a lovely pass from Jake Connor and it was 18-0. The game was long gone at this stage and two quick tries late from the visitors added salt into a wound that's been infecting for some time. Halsall grabbed a hat-trick, while Adam Milner crossed with 2 minutes to play.

WIGAN 64 HULL KR 6

Wigan have put a much weakened Hull KR to the sword, thrashing Rovers by 64-6. It's easy to look at this game as a blip on the radar, with Rovers resting virtually their entire squad ahead of next week's Challenge Cup final with Leigh.

That being said, Wigan ran absolutely riot and despite Rovers holding out the Warriors for 10 minutes. It

wouldn't be long before the floodgates would open to a flurry of four pointers from the home side. Abbas Miski crossed for the first of his four tries in the 12th minute, before adding another in the 22nd and it was 10-0 rather quickly. A further three tries in a 6 minute period stun the life out of the rookie Rovers side, with their defence seemingly having no answers for the well drilled Wigan unit. Jacob Wardle crossed in the 28th minute, which was soon followed by Miski

collecting his hat-trick before Toby King crossed for the home side in what was one way traffic with a 26-0 lead. However, as the hooter sounded with the ball in Hull KR hands, a kick through the middle of Wigan's defence was dived upon by Jack Walker to score, with Rowan Milnes' kick making it 26-6 at half-time.

Despite that brief resistance in the scoring, Wigan ran riot in the second half. Harry Smith finished off a

great back-line movement to extend the margin back out to 26. Jai Field was ruthless against the weakened Rovers when he provided a great pass to Miski to cross for his fourth (his seventh in his last two games!). Pat Mago got his first of the year charging over before Field grabbed three tries in the space of six minutes in some champagne rugby league. Liam Marshall finished the scoring route crossing in the final five minutes to bring up the 60 point mark.

CATALANS 30 WARRINGTON 10

Warrington's week of pain went from bad to worse with a 30-10 defeat to the high flying Catalans Dragons at home. After the departure of coach Daryl Powell, it was expected that the Wolves would show some rare glimpses of consistency that has plagued them in recent weeks.

However, Catalans continued their good recent run of form and opened the scoring in the 13th minute. Adam Keighran crossed after a clever cross-field kick from Mitchell Pearce which found the future Wigan Warrior to score, he converted his own try for a 6-0 lead. Tom Davies added to the advantage 5 minutes later when he crossed after being on the end of a clever back-line play for 10-0. Some poor discipline hurt the Wire in this one and they were made to pay when Matt Dufty stole the ball illegally. Keighran

added the two points to extend the margin out to 12-0. Pearce put the exclamation mark on a great first half with a superb effort to cross for his second try of the season and an 18-0 lead. Wolves did cross before the break when George Williams found Ben Currie with a lovely pass to score. The goal was added and it was 18-6 at the break.

14 minutes into the second half and Catalans continued to add to their 12 point half-time lead. A

clever grubber from Tyrone May sat up perfectly for Matt Whitley to chase down and place it down for his sixth try of the season. Keighran converted for a 24-6 lead. After being denied on the hour mark, Matt Ikuvalu got the green lights with his second effort in as many minutes scoring off another May grubber. Josh Thewlis grabbed a consolation try for the home side, but it was in vain as they slump to their 7th straight loss in all competitions.

ST HELENS 18 SALFORD 15

St Helens have overturned a 15-0 half-time deficit to overcome the Salford Red Devils in an enthralling Super League clash.

The home side dominated early proceedings and it looked as if Saints had their minds on other things, this was put to a side for a brief moment when Mark Percival knocked over a penalty goal. Salford made

the Saints pay for their early lapse in concentration, Kallum Watkins crossed on his return to the side as he powered across, Marc Sneyd added the extras for a 6-2 lead. Salford added a second five minutes later. Salford got the ball by the halfway line and then shifted to the right-hand side, they kicked behind the defence with space and Ryan Brierley grounded it. Sneyd added the extras for a commanding 12-2 lead. Saints were called inside the 10m after 23 minutes

and that gave an extra shot at penalty goal, Sneyd added the gift two points for before adding a field goal on the break for a 15-2 half-time lead.

Straight after the break, the tide turned. Deon Cross was given a yellow card for a professional foul on Tee Ritson and they immediately capitalised on the one man advantage. Some second phase play was catching the home side off guard and Matty Lees

crossed. Percival added the extras and it was 15-8. Just after the hour mark, Tommy Makinson scored in the corner and with another conversion from Percival, they were within one point. With just 11 minutes to go, Jack Welsby caused more defensive misery and he caused the Salford defence to fall in a heap as he crossed to give the Saints an 18-15 lead. The scores remained the same and St Helens get their second straight victory.

LEIGH 13 LEEDS 6

Leigh have bounced back from a disastrous trip to Wigan to win 13-6 against a Leeds side desperate to keep their play-off hopes alive.

After a determined start which saw both sides jostle for possession, the Leigh side crossed for the first

try of the contest in the 23rd minute. Edwin Ipape crashed over from dummy half, and after an extensive video referee process, the try was given to the PNG hooker. Ben Reynolds missed the conversion and it was 4-0 to Leigh. Leigh's margin was taken away moments before the break. Jarrod O'Connor sparked Leeds with a burst from dummy half and he crashed over for the try. Rhysie Martin added the extras and it

was 6-4 at the change of ends going into an important half-time break.

Straight after the break, Leigh came out hungry and determined. This saw the score-line quickly change hands once more. Tom Amone stepped through some sloppy easy to score between the sticks. Reynolds made no mistake for a 10-6 score-line. Sam Lisone

was given 10 minutes for a trip, but Leeds held firm and only gave up a Gareth O'Brien penalty goal for a converted try. O'Connor thought he had a second, but the video referee took the try away and the game was quickly gone. O'Brien added a field goal and Leigh escaped Leeds with a narrow victory.

HULL FC 42 WAKEFIELD 4

Hull FC have kept their slender finals hopes alive with a 42-4 slaughter of Wakefield Trinity.

Hull quickly got the first try on the board after just 10 minutes of action. Jake Clifford made a break beating some would-be tacklers before linking up with Adam Swift to score in the corner. Clifford

converted. After a tight struggle, the game turned on some bad fortune. Wakefield ran the ball on what they believed was tackle 4, only for referee Chris Kendall to rule a turnover on halfway and the Black and Whites wasted no time in converting the field position. Darnell McIntosh streaking away down the right before finding Carlos Tuimavave in support for a converted try. Clifford nailed the conversion which put Hull two scores ahead at the break.

Hull went on a scoring bonanza in the opening 10 of the second half, scoring two quick tries blowing Wakefield's chances up in smoke. Cam Scott and Jordan Lane were the beneficiaries of the end of some slick back-line play. Clifford converted both tries and it was quickly 24-0. Wakefield got a late consolation try when Innes Senior was on the end of some slick back-line hands for their lone try of the contest. However, that was as good as it got for Wakefield as

Hull dominated the final quarter. Adding a double for McIntosh, before Andre Savelio put the perfect chip over the top for Joe Lovodua to score under the posts and rubber-stamp an impressive win for Hull. This 38 point victory keeps their finals chances alive, and Wakefield's for-and-against took a tumble in the race to avoid relegation.

ROUND 21 RESULTS

HUDDERSFIELD 28 (S. Halsall 3, L. Cudjoe, C. McQueen, A. Milner tries; O. Russell 2 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 0 AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 4th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 14-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 6,452.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Wallis, Tasipale, Mellor, Eden, Broadbent, Miller; Matagi, Johnstone, Lawler, Edwards, Foster, Westerman. Int: Massey, Hall, Tsikrikas, Horne.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Halsall, Bibby, Naiqama, Golding, Russell, Lolohea, Hill, Milner, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen, English. Int: Peats, Greenwood, Hewitt, Ikahihifo.

CATALANS 30 (T. Davies, M. Ikuvalu, A. Keighran, M. Pearce, M. Whitley tries; A. Keighran 5 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 10** (B. Currie, J. Thewlis tries; S. Ratchford goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 4th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 18-6. Penalties: Warrington 7-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,312.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Wrench; Williams, Drinkwater; Dudson, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Crowther. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Philbin, Bullock.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Keighran, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; May, Pearce; Bousquet, Da Costa, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Goudemand, Chan, Romano, Scimone.

WIGAN 64 (A. Miski 4, J. Field 3, T. King, P. Mago, L. Marshall, H. Smith, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 8 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 6** (J. Walker try; R. Milnes goal) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 4th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 26-6. Penalties: Hull KR 2-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 11,464.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Dupree, O'Neill, Ellis, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Cust, Mago, Hill, Nsemba.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Gorman, Hall, Barley; Laulu-Togaga'e, Milnes; Storton, Rougé, Aydin, Johnson, Keinhorst, Hadley. Int: Ellis, Tennison, Shaw, Thomas.

HULL FC 42 (D. McIntosh 2, J. Lane, J. Lovodua, C. Scott, A. Swift, C. Tuimavave tries; J. Clifford 7 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 4** (I. Senior try) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 12-0. Penalties: Wakefield (Trinity) 8-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,956.

HULL FC: Litten, McIntosh, Tuimavave, Scott, Swift; Trueman, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Satae, Lovodua, Brown, Dwyer.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Lineham, Lyne, Langi, Senior; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Proctor, Pitts, Ashurst, Kay. Int: Battye, Atoni, Dagger, Fifita.

LEIGH 13 (T. Amone, E. Ipape tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals; G. O'Brien field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 6** (J. O'Connor try; R. Martin goal) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 6-4. Penalties: Leeds 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 12,785.

LEEDS: Hooley, Macdonald, Roberts, Martin, Handley; Johnson, Sezer; Holroyd, O'Connor, Oledzki, McDonnell, Bentley, Smith. Int: Lisone, Sangaré, Donaldson, Sinfield.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Chamberlain, Gildart, Nisbet; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Davis, Wardle, Seumanufagai, Mellor.

ST HELENS 18 (M. Lees, T. Makinson, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 15** (R. Brierley, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 15-2. Penalties: St Helens 11-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 6,515.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Partington, Watkins, Stone, Addy. Int: Ormondroyd, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Hellewell.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Ritson; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Delaney, Royle, Bell, Knowles. Int: Sironen, Norman, Baxter, Mbye.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 21

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	21	16	0	5	248	32
2	WIGAN	21	14	0	7	213	28
3	ST HELENS	21	14	0	7	139	28
4	LEIGH	21	14	0	7	130	28
5	WARRINGTON	21	11	0	10	23	22
6	HULL KR	21	11	0	10	-1	22
7	SALFORD	21	10	0	11	-25	20
8	HULL FC	21	10	0	11	-80	20
9	LEEDS	21	9	0	12	57	18
10	HUDDERSFIELD	21	9	0	12	-58	18
11	CASTLEFORD	21	4	0	17	-312	8
12	WAKEFIELD	21	4	0	17	-334	8

SUSPENSIONS

SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 21

Hull FC - Brad Fash - 1 match ban

St Helens - James Bell - 1 match ban

Wigan Warriors - Kaide Ellis - 1 match ban

CHALLENGE CUP FINAL AND SUPER LEAGUE R1 ST HELENS VS HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

Hull KR - Elliot Minchella - 1 match ban

St Helens - Matty Lees - 2 match ban

ROUND 22

SALFORD 32 HUDDERSFIELD 8

Salford Red Devils triumphed 32-8 against Huddersfield Giants down at John Smith's Stadium on Friday night.

The Giants had the perfect start with Jake Bibby picking up the scraps from a grubber close to the line to make it 6-0. That spurred the Red Devils into action which saw Ryan Brierley go over. The fullback steamed onto a short pass to level things up. Huddersfield Giants edged ahead 8-6 after a high

tackle penalty. Oliver Russell stepped up and piloted home the kick for the home faithful.

Sam Stone gave the Red Devils the lead before half-time with his gliding run then helped the visitors extend the advantage with his second four-pointer in

the second stanza to make it 18-8. Salford Red Devils pushed their advantage further with Ken Sio touching down on the hour mark then Chris Atkins rounded off the display late on.

ST HELENS 28 HULL KR 6

St Helens won 28-6 in an impressive display against Challenge Cup finalists Hull KR at Totally Wicked Stadium on Friday night.

The Saints continue their surge to the top of the Super League ladder and after the win sit equal second with rivals Wigan Warriors. It was a Challenge Cup comedown for Hul KR. After their extra time defeat, their attention turned back to the league and making the top six. The first half was a robust battle between the two sides. Saints were the only team to find the

whitewash through Peter Mata'utia after an earlier Mark Percival penalty goal.

St Helens powered home their advantage after the break. They scored three tries in 15 minutes to blow open the contest. Winger Tommy Makinson grabbed himself a double alongside a score from mid-season

signing Moses Mbye to make it 22-0. Percival added a second penalty goal to stretch the advantage then Ben Davies added the final touch with his late four-pointer. Hull KR didn't fire many shots but their only try was well worked. It was worked on the right before a kick infield which saw Mikey Lewis touch down.

WIGAN 13 HULL FC 12

Wigan Warriors won 13-12 over Hull FC in Golden Point in their game down at the DW Stadium on Friday night.

Hull FC looked to build off their huge win against

Wakefield Trinity and boost their hopes for making the top six. The visitors were the first side to hit the scoreboard. They received a penalty which was duly converted by Liam Sutcliffe to make it 2-0. Wigan responded through the air. Liam Marshall was unable to take the kick on the first chance but made no mistake on the second time of asking to make it

4-2. It seemed like the kick was the order of the day. A kick from Hull FC ended with Adam Swift scoring on half-time to give the visitors the lead.

Hull FC went to the well again and it was a rare score for Brad Dwyer. He cleaned up a kick which bounced around to make it 12-4. The Warriors had

back-to-back scores in the final 20 minutes to send us to golden point. Toby King crashed over before Jake Wardle touched down after Carlos Tuimavave was binned. It took until the final minutes of Golden Point before Harry Smith delivered the killer blow to give Wigan Warriors an important two points.

CASTLEFORD 28 WAKEFIELD 12

Castleford Tigers helped their survival hopes with a 28-12 win over Wakefield Trinity at Belle Vue on Friday night.

The Tigers pounced first from a high kick. It was

batted right into the hands of Charbel Tasipale to get himself a rare four-pointer. Wakefield Trinity struck back with back-to-back tries to snatch the lead. Max Jowitt sliced through first then Josh Griffin crashed over from close range to make it 8-6. Castleford Tigers delivered a double blow late in the first half to

lead 16-8. Winger Greg Eden dived over twice which sent the traveling support into raptures. The Tigers added to their advantage from Elliot Walis' kick return. It ended up with Alex Foster finishing off the move in the left corner.

The hosts got themselves back into the game with their third try. Griffin picked up his second after he crossed from a superb backline move for 22-12. Eden completed his hat-trick to confirm the Tigers win with his 150th four-pointer. Gareth Widdop also added a penalty goal after a late hit to round off the scoring.

CATALANS 30 LEIGH 14

Catalans Dragons downed Challenge Cup winners Leigh Leopards 30-14 at Leigh Sports Village on Saturday afternoon.

Buoyed by their win Leigh Leopards started fast.

Ben Reynolds piloted over a penalty goal after Tom Amoné was hit late then Amoné dusted himself off for the first four-pointer for 8-0. The Dragons responded with back-to-back tries to take the lead despite being a man down. Mitch Pearce danced through the defense then he laid on the second for Paul Seguier. Leigh would take the lead going into the break after

Michael McIlorum was the second Dragons player to be binned. Ben Nakubwai crashed over from close range for 14-12.

Catalans regrouped in the second half and piled on the points. They had an earlier effort chalked off before Tom Davies touched down off a grubber. Next,

it was another solo effort from the Dragons. Tyrone May stepped past the defense to score close to the sticks to make it 24-14. Pearce capped off a terrific display from the league ladders with another try assist. He punched through a kick which saw Manu Ma'u cross.

LEEDS 24 WARRINGTON 22

Leeds Rhinos triumphed 24-22 in their game against Warrington Wolves at Headingley Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Wolves were the first team to get on the

scoreboard. Matt Dufty produced a nifty solo work to kick and chase to the line. Both sides traded tries after the tight opening to the game. Sam Walters put Leeds ahead before Matty Ashton answered back for the visitors to give them a 12-6 lead. They maintained this nip tuck nature after the break. Prolific winger David Fusitu'a leapt highest for the Rhinos then

Stefan Ratchford sliced through for the Wolves.

Leeds Rhinos broke the tug of war with a pair of tries to make it 24-16. Luke Hooley strode away from a Blake Austin break then James Bentley picked up the scraps for his four-pointer. Warrington Wolves gave the contest a grandstand finish when Matty

Nicholson latched onto a kick for 24-22. The Wolves went inches from a win after Dufty couldn't corral a Ratchford kick on the hooter. This might be a sliding doors moment for the two sides. Leeds Rhinos snapped their losing streak and get back in the top six hunt while Warrington Wolves had their loss streak extend to seven.

ROUND 22 RESULTS

SALFORD 32 (S. Stone 2, C. Atkin, R. Brierley, K. Sio tries; M. Sneyd 6 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 8** (J. Bibby try; O. Russell 2 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-8. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 4,685.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Halsall, Bibby, Naiqama, Marsters; Russell, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, Wilson, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, English, Hewitt, Ikahihifo.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Partington, Stone, Watkins, Addy. Int: Ormondroyd, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Hellewell.

ST HELENS 28 (T. Makinson 2, B. Davies, S. Mata'utia, M. Mbye tries; M. Percival 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 6** (M. Lewis try; B. Schneider goal) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 6-0. Penalties: St Helens 5-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 11,258.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Davies, Percival, Bennisson; Lomax, Dodd; Knowles, Roby, Delaney, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Bell. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Norman, Royle, Mbye.

HULL KR: Lewis, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Milnes, Schneider; Kennedy, Litten, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Hadley. Int: Parcell, Storton, Keinhorst, Luckley.

CASTLEFORD 28 (G. Eden 3, A. Foster, C. Tasipale tries; G. Widdop 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 12** (J. Griffin 2, M. Jowitt tries) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 16-8. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 4,710.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Senior, Griffin, Lyne, Lineham; Lino, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst, Pitts, Proctor. Int: Kay, Fifita, Atoni, Battye.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Wallis, Broadbent, Turner, Eden; Austin, Miller; Watts, Horne, Lawler, Edwards, Tasipale, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Massey, Matagi, Foster.

WIGAN 13 (T. King, L. Marshall, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (B. Dwyer, A. Swift tries; L. Sutcliffe 2 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 6-4. Penalties: Wigan 9-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 12,107.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Dupree, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Mago, Hill, Nsemba.

HULL FC: Litten, Swift, Sutcliffe, Tuimavave, McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford; Taylor, Houghton, Brown, Scott, Savelio, Cator. Int: Dwyer, Lane, Lovodua, Satae.

CATALANS 30 (T. Davies, M. Ma'u, T. May, M. Pearce, P. Séguier tries; A. Keighran 5 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 14** (T. Amone, B. Nakubuwai tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 14-12. Penalties: Leigh 7-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,602.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Charnley, Gildart, Hardaker, Briscoe; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Mellor, Mulhern, Hughes, O'Donnell, Wardle. Int: Nakubuwai, Asiata, Ipape, Davis.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Goudemand, Mourgue, Ma'u.

LEEDS 24 (J. Bentley, D. Fusitu'a, L. Hooley, S. Walters tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 22** (M. Ashton, M. Dufty, M. Nicholson, S. Ratchford tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 10-6. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 15,166.

LEEDS: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Martin, Macdonald, Handley; Johnson, Sezer; Walters, O'Connor, Oledzki, McDonnell, Bentley, Smith. Int: Newman, Lisone, Holroyd, Donaldson.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Crowther. Int: Harrison, Philbin, Clark, Dudson.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 22

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	22	17	0	5	0	264	34
2	WIGAN	22	15	0	7	0	214	30
3	ST HELENS	22	15	0	7	0	161	30
4	LEIGH	22	14	0	8	0	114	28
5	WARRINGTON	22	11	0	11	0	21	22
6	SALFORD	22	11	0	11	0	-1	22
7	HULL KR	22	11	0	11	0	-23	22
8	LEEDS	22	10	0	12	0	59	20
9	HULL FC	22	10	0	12	0	-81	20
10	HUDDERSFIELD	22	9	0	13	0	-82	18
11	CASTLEFORD	22	5	0	17	0	-296	10
12	WAKEFIELD	22	4	0	18	0	-350	8

SUSPENSIONS

Catalans Dragons
Hull FC

Michael McIlorum - 1 match ban
Carlos Tuimavave - 2 match ban

ROUND 23

HULL KR 52 LEIGH 10

Hull KR have atoned their Challenge Cup heartache by thrashing the same opposition by 52-10 to kick-off Round 23 of the Super League.

Rovers opened the scoring with a penalty goal to Brad Schneider in the seventh minute. Four minutes later,

Shaun Kenny-Dowall crossed for the first try crashing onto a lovely pass and began the Hull KR onslaught. Another five minutes passed before Elliot Minichella crashed over from short range to keep Leigh shell-shocked. Rovers were scoring at will and it was Ryan Hall who continued the fun with an acrobatic finish in the 20th minute. Two further tries in the first half through Louis Senior and Mikey Lewis capped off a comprehensive opening half. This saw Rovers lead

30-0 at half-time and the hope Leigh had of a top 3 finish was fading away.

The second half began just the way the first had gone. Lewis crossed for his second try in what was the best individual effort of the game beating four defenders on his way to the line. Leigh got on the board in the 55th minute when Lachie Lam provided a lovely pass to Josh Charnley to cross in the left corner. But Rovers

continued running riot with three tries in the final twenty minutes of play. Hall collected his second just after the hour mark. Kane Linnett finished off a great team effort with 10 minutes to play before Jez Litten brought up the half-century with a few minutes to play. Edwin Ipape collected the last try as consolation for what was a poor Leigh performance as Rovers charged towards the play-offs emphatically.

ST HELENS 34 CASTLEFORD 4

St Helens have thrashed Castleford by 34-4 to keep their top 3 hopes alive.

The Saints opened the scoring after just 11 minutes. A move down the right edge saw the ball moved through the hands as Jonny Lomax found Mark Percival who shifted it to Tommy Makinson who got it back inside

to Percival for the first try. Seven minutes later, Saints were at it again when Makinson burrowed over from close range and it was soon 12-0 to the visitors. Six minutes later, the first half rampage continued. Saints shifted to the left where Jon Bennison was on the end of a well-worked set play to cross and run it round under the posts. Percival's conversion made it 1000 points as a Saint for the man and an 18-0 lead. Two minutes later, Joe Batchelor was on the end of a break

from Jack Welsby to score. Makinson completed his double in the shadows of half-time when Welsby delivered a peach of a pass to his right winger to cross out-wide. Just like that, it was 30-0 at the break.

It took the Saints just 5 minutes to add to their half-time lead when Lomax was on the end of another well-worked move down the right which sent Makinson away. The jolly half just had to accept the

pass to score and make the margin 34-0. Despite the warning of more points, Castleford's defence held firm and didn't concede again. They did add their one try of the game just on the hour mark. Former Saint Jordan Turner crossed out-wide for a rare bit of consolation for the home side and it's where the score finished at 34-4.

SALFORD 20 WAKEFIELD 0

Salford have given Wakefield's relegation hopes a slight bite of reality, thrashing the Wildcats by 20-0 tonight.

It was a game that only the purists would enjoy and a

game that would be quickly forgotten about by both sides. However, it was Salford that opened the scoring after just three minutes. Ryan Brierley crossed under the posts beating some sloppy defence on his way to the line. Marc Sneyd added the extras for a 6-0 lead. A penalty for offside gave Sneyd an opportunity to add a gift two points which was converted for an 8-0

cushion going into the sheds for half-time.

Nine minutes into the second half, Andy Ackers eventually grabbed the second try after Trinity had attempted a short drop-out from their own line which bobbed kindly for the hooker to stroll through. With the score now at 14-0 and Wakefield's

fluttering attack again stuttering, it appeared Salford were going to be safely home. Brierley's second try with a few minutes to go sealed a comprehensive home victory for the Red Devils. Tonight's result saw Wakefield held to nil for an incredible 6th occurrence this season.

WIGAN 34 CATALANS 0

Wigan have thrashed Catalans by a remarkable 34-0 score-line away from the DW Stadium, putting Catalans title hopes in serious jeopardy.

Wigan dominated from start to finish and begun their scoring adventure in the first ten minutes. Abbas

Miski crossed for the first of his three tries after the video referee confirmed he grounded the ball first. Catalans did have their chances with Tom Johnstone denied by some brilliant Wigan defence. Wigan struck back immediately when Miski turned provider to put centre Toby King over in the 25th minute, Harry Smith was on target with the conversion from wide to give the Warriors a 10-0 advantage. Bevan French

capitalised on some poor Dragons defence with an incredible individual try to go up 16-0. Miski added his second on the stroke of half-time and the game was quickly getting away from the Dragons down 22-0 at the break and would need yet another great escape.

However, Steve McNamara's men wouldn't even

trouble the scorer in the second half as Wigan continued to run riot away from home. Another cheap turn-over allowed the visitors to strike and again it was Miski who crossed for a hattrick finishing off a set move to lead by 28. Jake Wardle poured on the misery for home supporters with a try five minutes from time and Smith finished off the scoring with the conversion from in front of the posts.

WARRINGTON 18 HULL FC 4

Warrington have given incoming coach Sam Burgess something to think about, with their first league win since June recording an 18-4 win over Hull FC.

The Wire conceded early when Adam Swift crossed

for Hull after just 15 minutes of play. Swift scooped up a loose George Williams pass and sprinted 90 metres for the opening try. Hull couldn't build on the lead and were dealt a major blow losing half Jake Trueman to a season ending Achilles injury in the first half. Wire capitalised on the lack of organisation in the home team's ranks, keeping the ball alive, with a

couple of offloads seeing Williams make amends for his earlier blunder by diving over under the sticks after good work from Josh Thewlis to cut back inside. Matt Dufty broke away in the shadows of half-time sprinting away to score. Stefan Ratchford added the extras to give the Wire a 12-4 lead at the break.

There was just one try in the second half, and it was scored nine minutes into the final period. Williams turned provider for Matty Ashton to finish in the corner after a miraculous spiralling pass. Williams added the extras as Warrington celebrated their first SL win since early June.

HUDDERSFIELD 21 LEEDS 12

The Huddersfield Giants have kept their Super League finals hopes alive with a 21-12 victory over the Leeds Rhinos at home.

It was a game played at a frantic pace and the Giants crossed three times in the first 25 minutes. Sam Halsall crossed after 11 minutes after being on the receiving end of a lovely cut-out pass from Jake

Connor. Olly Russell landed the conversion from touch for 6-0. Play was stopped for a lengthy period after James Bentley went down following a heavy collision with Connor and he was stretchered from the field. The Rhinos forward was put in a neck brace and taken in an ambulance to hospital. When play resumed, Huddersfield took full advantage. Kevin Naiqama crossed from short range. Russell added the extras for a 12-0. Four minutes later and they were in again, this time Lolohea swooping on the ball after

Leeds fumbled his kick, but Russell was unable to convert. Leeds took advantage of limited possession and crossed in the shadows of half-time. But with seven minutes left a nice interchange of close passing between saw Luke Hooley score, with the try converted by Rhyse Martin, in his 100th appearance for the club, to reduce the lead to 16-6.

Then right on half-time Sam Lisone brushed through some weak tackling to put Ash Handley over in the

left-hand corner. Martin's conversion putting the Rhinos right back in it at the interval only trailing by 16-12 at the main change.

In a try-less second half. Huddersfield knocked over two penalty goals through Russell to extend the margin out to 8 points. Connor's field goal with limited time remaining sealed a 21-12 victory for the home side in this contest.

ROUND 23 RESULTS

SALFORD 20 (R. Brierley 2, A. Ackers tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 0 AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 8-0. Penalties: Wakefield (Trinity) 7-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,836.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Partington, Watkins (C), Stone, Addy. Int: Ormondroyd, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Hellewell.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Senior, Griffin, Lyne, Lineham; Lino, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst (C), Pitts, Kay. Int: Dagger, Fifita, Atoni, Proctor.

ST HELENS 34 (T. Makinson 2, J. Batchelor, J. Bennison, J. Lomax, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 5 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 4 (J. Turner try) AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 30-0. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 6,868.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Wallis, Tasipale, Turner, Tate; Westerman (C), Miller; Watts, Horne, Griffin, Mellor, Edwards, Lawler. Int: Hall, Johnstone, Foster, Tsikrikas.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Knowles, Roby (C), Delaney, Batchelor, Mata'utia, Bell. Int: Royle, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Norman, Mbye.

HULL KR 52 (R. Hall 2, M. Lewis 2, K. Linnett 2, S. Kenny-Dowall, E. Minchella, L. Senior tries; B. Schneider 8 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 10 (J. Charnley, E. Ipape tries; Z. Hardaker goal) AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 30-0. Penalties: Hull KR 8-2. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,013.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Litten, Storton, Hadley, Luckley.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Gildart, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Nakubuwai, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Amone, Davis, Mellor, Wardle.

WARRINGTON 18 (M. Ashton, M. Dufty, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 4 (A. Swift try) AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-4. Penalties: Hull FC 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,624.

HULL FC: Litten, Swift, Sutcliffe, Scott, McIntosh; Trueman, Clifford (C); Fash, Dwyer, Satae, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Brown, Gardiner, Lovodua, Shaul.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Harrison. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Philbin, Crowther.

WIGAN 34 (A. Miski 3, B. French, T. King, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 5 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 0 AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,614.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Romano, Keighran, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Bousquet, Taukeiaho, Ma'u.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell (C), Smithies. Int: Powell, Mago, Nsemba, Dupree.

HUDDERSFIELD 21 (S. Halsall, T. Lolohea, K. Naiqama tries; W. Pryce 2, O. Russell 2 goals; J. Connor field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 12 (A. Handley, L. Hooley tries; R. Martin 2 goals) AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-12. Penalties: Leeds 7-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 6,621.

HUDDERSFIELD: Connor, Marsters, Naiqama, Bibby, Halsall; Russell, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, Ashworth, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates (C). Int: Greenwood, Ikahihifo, Hewitt, Pryce.

LEEDS: Hooley, Olpherts, Roberts, Newman, Handley; Martin, Sezer; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, Bentley, Walters, Smith (C). Int: Gannon, Lisone, Donaldson, Ruan.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 23

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	CATALANS	23	17	0	6	230	34
2	WIGAN	23	16	0	7	248	32
3	ST HELENS	23	16	0	7	191	32
4	LEIGH	23	14	0	9	72	28
5	WARRINGTON	23	12	0	11	35	24
6	SALFORD	23	12	0	11	19	24
7	HULL KR	23	12	0	11	19	24
8	LEEDS	23	10	0	13	50	20
9	HUDDERSFIELD	23	10	0	13	-73	20
10	HULL FC	23	10	0	13	-95	20
11	CASTLEFORD	23	5	0	18	-326	10
12	WAKEFIELD	23	4	0	19	-370	8

SUSPENSIONS

Castleford Tigers

Liam Horne - 2 match ban

Liam Watts - 2 match ban

ROUND 24

WIGAN 26 SALFORD 8

Wigan Warriors won 26-8 over Salford Red Devils to move in first spot in Super League down at DW Stadium on Friday night.

It is back-to-back big wins for Wigan Warriors which sees them leap over Catalans Dragons and take over the competition lead headed into the final month. The Red Devils hit the scoreboard first through a penalty goal from Ryan Brierley for 2-0 before Liam Farrell's mazy run put the hosts ahead. That pattern continued again when Brierley inched the visitors

ahead with another penalty goal to make it 4-2 in an engrossing contest. Wigan Warriors put on a trio of scores to lead 20-4 at the break. Abbas Miski touched down in the corner then Jake Wardle crashed over. Jai Field then stretched the leads on the hooter to put an exclamation mark on the half.

The visitors job got harder when King Vuniyayawa was sin binned for a high tackle. Wigan capitalised quickly and sent Toby King over. Salford Red Devils did avoid being niled in the game late on. A slick backline movement ended with Ken Sio sliding over to make it 28-6.

HULL KR 26 CATALANS 18

Hull KR picked up a big win in their 26-18 win over Catalans Dragons down at Craven Park on Friday night.

Looking to bounce back from last week, Catalans got off to the perfect start. Mitch Pearce found a

rampaging Romain Navarrete to score. The Robins coming off a huge win responded with their own four-pointer. The experienced Shaun Kenny-Dowall sliced through the defense for 6-all. Adam Keighran put the Dragons ahead with a penalty goal for 8-6. They extended the lead to eight after Benjamin Garcia went over from close range. Hull KR went into the break closing the gap with their second try. Kane

Linnett latched onto a grubber just before the break for a 14-12 scoreline.

The Robins flew out of the blocks after half-time. It was another solid backline movement which ended in Jack Walker going over. They made it a six-point lead after Brad Schneider caught the defense offside. The half stepped up and piloted through the penalty

to make it 20-14. Catalans refused to go away and closed the gap again. Foud Yaha was on the end of the backline move and touched down in the left corner. Hull KR would take the spoils through Mikey Lewis. The half seemed to pop up in vital spots for the Robins and he finished off a runaround play for 26-18.

WARRINGTON 66 CASTLEFORD 12

Warrington Wolves ran rampant in their 66-12 win over Castleford Tigers at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Tigers had the perfect start to the game with a

try to Sam Hall early which gave them an early 6-0 advantage over the Wolves. Wolves howled into action with three scores to lead 18-6 at the break. Paul Vaughan got the scoring started with his close range effort. Matt Dufty showed off his burst of speed to put the hosts into the lead before Ben Currie strolled over from a knocked down pass to get his

century of tries.

It was déjà vu to start the second half for Castleford. Gareth Widdop fired a pass wide to Greg Eden to touch down in the corner. The match turned on a sin bin. Tigers half Jacob Miller was binned for a dangerous tackle. Wolves profited during the

man advantage with Daryl Clark, Dufty and Matty Nicholson all scoring. They added one more during the advantage through Matty Ashton to make it 42-12 in front of a raucous home crowd. It was party time for Warrington. George Williams got himself a double while James Harrison also crossed alongside a second from Paul Vaughan.

LEEDS 28 HULL FC 12

Leeds Rhinos keep their playoff hopes alive with a 28-12 win over Hull FC at MKM Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The visitors got off to a positive start through Luke Hooley. The fullback supported well and snaffled the kick and made it 4-0 then a penalty goal from Martin made it six. Hull FC knew a win was needed to keep their finals hopes alive. They struck back through winger Adam Swift who dived over in the left corner. Leeds stretched their advantage to 18-6 going into

half-time through a rare Sam Lisone double. He strode over from an offload for his first then spun over from close range for the other.

The Rhinos kept their foot on the throat with a score right after the break. David Fusitu'a dived over in the corner from another superb offload. Hull FC

responded with a pair of scores to give them a chance. Harvey Barron and Cameron Scott touched down to make it 22-12 but goalkicking let them down. The hosts finished the game off in style. Lisone picked up a hat-trick with a strong support run. The forward was cheering before he hit the line as the Rhinos stay alive for the playoffs.

LEIGH 34 HUDDERSFIELD 16

Leigh Leopards were 34-16 winners against Huddersfield Giants at Leigh Sports Village on Sunday afternoon.

The game was abandoned due to flood light failures just after half-time with Leigh leading 16-12 and the rest of the game was completed on Sunday.

Leigh Leopards pounced from the offset with the first score. Josh Charnley was able to touch down in the corner from a kick to make it 4-0. Huddersfield Giants bounced back with a score of their own from five-eighth Jake Connors. He weaved past the Leopards defense to give the visitors the lead. The Leopards who were looking to arrest back-to-back defeats scored twice to lead 16-6 at the break. Charnley

added a second before fellow winger Tom Briscoe got into the action. The Giants clawed back again just after half-time. Again, it was Connors who touched down this time from a high kick for 16-12.

When the game resumed on Sunday, Leigh extended their lead through Edwin Ipape. He scooted over from close range. Huddersfield remained in the fight again

with their third score. The Giants stripped numbers on the right which saw Sam Halsall dive over. Leigh confirmed the two points with two late scores. Captain John Asiata went over from an offload then Lachlan Lam snaffled an intercept to complete the 34-16 win.

ST HELENS 32 WAKEFIELD 16

St Helens triumphed 32-16 against Wakefield Trinity in their game down at Belle Vue on Sunday afternoon.

The Saints made it six wins in a row and made it a three-way dance in the League Leaders Shield race

with all three on 34 points. St Helens stretched their legs early with a score. Konrad Hurrell skittled defenders before he offloaded to Jonny Lomax to touch down. The hosts struck back through a former Saint. Matty Ashurst finished off the movement from close range to make it 6-all. The visitors responded to that setback with three tries to lead 20-6 at the

break. Tommy Makinson dived over from a Jack Welsby pass then veteran James Roby and Jonathan Bennison rounded off the first half display.

Coming out of the break, Wakefield felt just fine. The hosts worked the ball well before Lee Kershaw went over in the corner. St Helens again showed their

skill with back-to-back scores. Makinson added his second then Lewis Dodd sprinted past the defense. Wakefield Trinity did find some consolation late in the contest. Kershaw got himself a double off another backline move to make it 32-16.

ROUND 24 RESULTS

HULL KR 26 (S. Kenny-Dowall, M. Lewis, K. Linnett, J. Walker tries; B. Schneider 5 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 18** (B. Garcia, R. Navarrete, F. Yaha tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 1st September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-12. Penalties: Hull KR 8-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 9,102.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Litten, Storton, Hadley, Luckley.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Yaha; May, Pearce; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia. Int: Mourgue, Goudemand, Dezaria, Ma'u.

WIGAN 26 (L. Farrell, J. Field, T. King, A. Miski, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 8** (K. Sio try; R. Brierley 2 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 1st September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 20-4. Penalties: Wigan 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 12,905.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Shorrocks, Mago, Nsemba.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Partington, Watkins, Stone, Addy. Int: Vuniyayawa, Ormondroyd, Hellewell, Atkin.

LEEDS 28 (S. Lisone 3, D. Fusitu'a, L. Hooley tries; R. Martin 4 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (H. Barron, C. Scott, A. Swift tries) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 18-4. Penalties: Hull FC 4-2. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 11,064.

HULL FC: Shaul, Swift, Sutcliffe, Scott, Barron; Lovodua, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Brown, Dwyer, Hoy, Satae.

LEEDS: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Newman, Roberts, Olpherts; Martin, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, McDonnell, Walters, Smith. Int: Gannon, Lisone, Ruan, Donaldson.

WARRINGTON 66 (M. Dufty 2, P. Vaughan 2, G. Williams 2, M. Ashton, D. Clark, B. Currie, J. Harrison, M. Nicholson tries; S. Ratchford 11 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 12** (G. Eden, S. Hall tries; G. Widdop 2 goals) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.** Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-12. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,103.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Harrison. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Philbin, Crowther.

CASTLEFORD: Widdop, Wallis, Tasipale, Turner, Eden; Austin, Miller; Hall, Lawler, Griffin, Edwards, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Martin, Johnstone, Foster, Tsikrikas.

LEIGH 34 (J. Charnley 2, J. Asiata, T. Briscoe, E. Ipape, L. Lam tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 16** (J. Connor 2, S. Halsall tries; W. Pryce 2 goals) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-6. Penalties: Leigh 8-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,064.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Gildart, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Mulhern, Ipape, Amone, Hughes, O'Donnell, Asiata. Int: Mellor, Nakubwai, Halton, Wardle.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Halsall, Bibby, Naiqama, Marsters; Connor, Lolohea; Hill, Milner, English, Cudjoe, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, Wilson, Hewitt, Ikahihifo.

ST HELENS 32 (T. Makinson 2, J. Bennison, L. Dodd, J. Lomax, J. Roby tries; M. Percival 4 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 16** (L. Kershaw 2, M. Ashurst tries; W. Dagger, M. Lino goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 20-6. Penalties: St Helens 5-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,544.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Dagger, Senior, Franco, Croft, Kershaw; Lino, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Kay, Fifita, Battye, Eseh.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Delaney, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Bell. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Norman, Royle, Mbye.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 24

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WIGAN	24	17	0	7	266	34
2	CATALANS	24	17	0	7	222	34
3	ST HELENS	24	17	0	7	207	34
4	LEIGH	24	15	0	9	90	30
5	WARRINGTON	24	13	0	11	89	26
6	HULL KR	24	13	0	11	27	26
7	SALFORD	24	12	0	12	1	24
8	LEEDS	24	11	0	13	66	22
9	HUDDERSFIELD	24	10	0	14	-91	20
10	HULL FC	24	10	0	14	-111	20
11	CASTLEFORD	24	5	0	19	-380	10
12	WAKEFIELD	24	4	0	20	-386	8

SUSPENSIONS

Castleford Tigers
Hull FC
Salford Red Devils
St Helens

Jacob Miller - 1 match ban
Jake Clifford - 1 match ban
Kallum Watkins - 1 match ban
Konrad Hurrell - 1 match ban

ROUND 25

ST HELENS 22 LEIGH 12

St Helens have drawn level with Wigan and Catalans at the top of the Super League ladder downing Leigh by 22-12.

It was a frantic start to the clash as Leigh opened the scoring after just 9 minutes of play. It was quick hands down the blindside which saw Gareth

O'Brien find Oliver Gildart to cross in the corner. Ben Reynolds converted from touch for a 6-0 lead. Saints responded 8 minutes later. Mark Percival's pass set Tommy Makinson away down the wing, finding Jonny Lomax in support on his inside who found Joe Batchelor before getting it to Makinson again alone on the wing, to stroll over for the first score of the game. Percival levelled the scores up. Both sides struggled for ascendancy and the scores were level

at 6-6 at the main change of ends.

Saints capitalised with two tries in a ten minute period following the break. In the 51st minute, a bomb from Lewis Dodd was spilled by Leigh, James Roby recovered and worked up field before giving a wonderful offload for Makinson to cross for his second try. Seven minutes later, Dodd turned provider again by finding Lomax to extend the margin

to 12. Leigh hit back to set-up a grandstand finish. Edwin Ipape found Rob Mulhern who crashed over underneath the posts. Reynolds' goal made it 18-12. Saints secured the match with less than 10 to go. James Bell charged close to the line and was able to offload to ball to Batchelor who dove over from close range. Saints had a two-score lead as we entered the final two minutes. Percival added an extra two points for a well deserved victory.

CASTLEFORD 29 HULL FC 12

The Castleford Tigers have all but secured safety for another season with a comprehensive 29-12 victory over Hull FC.

It was a fast start for the home side when Jason Qareqare crossed after quick hands saw him break away. He was able to beat the cover to score after just three minutes. Gareth Widdop converted from

out-wide for the early lead. Not to be outdone, Hull hit back 8 minutes later courtesy of Adam Swift. A well worked set play saw the Cas defence scrambling and the winger crossed out-wide. Darnell McIntosh levelled the scores up at 6-6. Following a scrum, Tex Hoy's pass was intercepted by Qareqare who sprinted 90 metres untouched to score for the home side. That intercept proved to be a turning point in the game. Castleford would pick up a late try before the break

to give the home side an 18-6 lead at the main change. Greg Eden pounced on a grubber that was spilled in-goal when Hoy and Liten collided in the in-goal.

The second half began frustratingly for both sides, failing to get the break-throughs they needed to get the match in their favour. Tired of waiting, Blake Austin knocked over a field goal in the 64th minute to expand the lead beyond two possessions. Off the

back of that field goal, Eden collected the ball and grubbered ahead and it was Alex Foster who had the pace to ground it. Hull grabbed a consolation try when Swift collected his second try. He ran from dummy-half exposing some poor defence and crossing out-wide. The conversion reduced the gap to 25-12. However, Castleford had the last laugh when Jordan Turner crossed with five to play to seal a convincing 17 point win and their survival in 2023.

HULL KR 26 HUDDERSFIELD 18

Hull KR have rebounded nicely winning their third game on the run beating Huddersfield by 26-18.

It was a fast start by the home side with future NRL star Will Pryce taking the ball from the scrum and turning on the jets after 7 minutes. Pryce ran close to 50 metres untouched to score the opening try

and the score was 4-0. Huddersfield knocked over a quick penalty goal to get the margin at a converted try. After a lull, Rovers captain Shaun Kenny-Dowall charged over. SKD beat three of them to the line and although the grounding wasn't the best, the try was awarded and levelled the scores. Brad Schnieder knocked over a penalty goal to give Rovers a narrow lead. With 7 to go before the break, Jordan Abdull fooled them all out of dummy half to score and it was

a comfortable 14-6 lead lead for Rovers at the change of ends.

After the break, it was experienced man Kane Linnett that gave the away fans something to cheer about. Mikey Lewis provided a great pass and Linnett crashed through the space for a 20-6 lead. The Giants hit back when Jermaine McGillvary crossed. McGillvary scooped up the low pass and beat the

cover to score a vital try out-wide and it was a 20-12 game. Rovers eventually sealed it with just under 10 minutes to play. It had a touch of controversy when Schneider ran behind his own player and took advantage to pass and find Louis Senior to cross outwide. Despite the valid complaints, Tom Grant pointed to the spot. Sam Halsall crossed with just 5 minutes to play to give the Giants hope, but a late penalty goal sealed the win for Rovers by 26-18.

CATALANS 18 WAKEFIELD 10

Wakefield's chances of avoiding the drop appear to be slim to none after falling by 18-10 to Catalans.

Catalans dominated the match and if it wasn't for two late tries, it would've been another score-less outing for the home side. A familiar face came back to bite when Tom Johnstone crossed, diving on a Sam

Tomkins grubber after just 7 minutes of play. Adam Keighran's goal crossed the uprights for a 6-0 lead. Ten minutes later, Keighran collected some early ball and capitalised on some poor defence. He beat four Wildcats on his way to the line and with his conversion it was 12-0. That would be our score as the teams turned to the sheds for the break, and for Wakefield it was 40 minutes to save their chances of being relegated.

It was a lethargic second half, with both sides being guilty of squandering chances, and the seconds kept ticking down the clock as Wakefield were stuck on 0. That's been a familiar theme this season for the home side. Fortunately, Tom Davies crossed for the visitors after 62 minutes. Keighran's conversion missed, but he atoned with a penalty goal seven minutes later. Wakefield did cross for tries, but they came in a quick period where the game was over. Kelepi Tanginoa

crossed when Mason Lino drew in the defence and found his back-rower charging into a gaping hole for an 18-4 score. The consolation final try came to Lee Kershaw when he intercepted Keighran's pass to score and reduce the gap to 8 as they appear certain to be relegated.

WIGAN 50 LEEDS 0

The Wigan Warriors have put 50 on the Leeds Rhinos and their third score above 50 for the year as they cemented their top spot on the ladder.

Wigan opened the scoring after a tight opening 15 minutes of play. Jake Wardle crossed for the first of

his hat-trick when he collected Matty Smith's high kick. Jai Field grounded the ball to score in the 22nd minute and despite the ref ruling no try, the video ref overruled his middle man to award the try. Wardle soon turned provider providing silky hands finding Liam Marshall who sped over unchallenged in the corner. When Wardle added his second shortly before the break, the home fans began to make

their frustration known booing their side off the park shortly after Matty Smith landed his third goa. Morgan Smithies reacted very quick to scoop up the charge down and send incoming Newcastle Knight Kai Pearce-Paul over for Wigan's fifth. James Donaldson's low drive over the line was penalised for a forward pass and Wigan continued to exploit their opposition, with Wardle completing his hat-trick then

Abbas Miski cutting in for his side's seventh.

They were still not done, Farrell and Patrick Mago also crossing late on before Smith's final kick brought up the 50, and led to the final whistle being blown on Leeds' finals chances. They were roundly booed off Headingly by their disgruntled fans.

SALFORD 24 WARRINGTON 20

A golden try by Sam Stone in the opening period of golden point has secured a 24-20 victory for Salford keeping their play-off chances alive.

Warrington players were keen to impress new coach Sam Burgess watching in Sydney. They started with intent and crossed after just two minutes of play. Matty Nicholson collected a Josh Drinkwater grubber which was spilled in the in-goal by Joe Burgess to score. Stefan Ratchford converted for an early

lead. Salford hit back twenty minutes later after near chances went begging. Deon Cross had a try disallowed, penalised for a double movement, and Ken Sio twice tested Warrington's left edge defence. It took a delightful pass to sent Ben Hellewell into a yawning gap for the equaliser. Marc Sneyd converted for a 6-6 score-line. Eight minutes later, Ratchford spilled the ball in his own end and Salford took the lead. Chris Atkin set up Brodie Croft to stroll over. The video ref denied the Wire before the break when Josh Theuwis' boot touched the line and they trailed 12-6

at the break.

The second half was a tense affair with both sides claiming the momentum at stages of the match. However, it wasn't sustained enough for the full 40 minutes of the second period. George Williams' kick was dropped by Sio and was scooped up by Ben Currie to cross. Ratchford converted and we remained level. Ratchford added a further long range penalty goal to recapture the lead at 14-12. Salford refused to surrender. Croft grabbed a fortunate second try 15

minutes from full-time. However, Warrington hit back four minutes later, Matt Duffy broke through before off-loading to Williams to cross and it was 20-18. A late penalty was awarded to Salford for an offside play when Gil Dudson was involved. Sneyd converted and it was 20-20. Golden point showcased tense, survival style footy as these sides needed a win for their finals lives. Sneyd's attempt at field goal in the 83rd minute rebounded back into play before Stone proved the unlikeliest of match winners keeping their finals chances alive.

ROUND 25 RESULTS

CATALANS 18 (T. Davies, T. Johnstone, A. Keighran tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 10** (L. Kershaw, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Jowitt goal) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 12-0. Penalties: Catalans 8-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 3,358.

Wakefield (Trinity): Jowitt, Senior, Griffin, Croft, Kershaw; Lino, Gale; Atoni, Hood, Balttye, Proctor, Ashurst, Pitts. Int: Kay, Tanginoa, Fifita, Eseh.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Keighran, Romano, Johnstone; Tomkins, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Da Costa, Chan, Ma'u.

HULL KR 26 (J. Abdull, S. Kenny-Dowall, K. Linnett, L. Senior tries; B. Schneider 5 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 18** (S. Halsall, J. McGillvary, W. Pryce tries; J. Connor 3 goals) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-6. Penalties: Hull KR 9-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,628.

Huddersfield: Pryce, Halsall, Marsters, Naigama, McGillvary; Connor, Lolohea; Ikaiahifo, Peats, Ashworth, Hewitt, Livett, Yates. Int: O'Brien, Wilson, McQueen, Greenwood.

Hull KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Kennedy, Parcell, King, Keinhorst, Linnett, Hadley. Int: Abdull, Litten, Storton, Luckley.

CASTLEFORD 29 (J. Qareqare 2, G. Eden, A. Foster, J. Turner tries; G. Widdop 4 goals; B. Austin field goal) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (A. Swift 2 tries; D. McIntosh 2 goals) **AT MEND-A-HOSE JUNGLE.**

Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 18-6. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 7,947.

Castleford: Widdop, Qareqare, Turner, Broadbent, Wallis; Eden, Austin; Watts, Johnstone, Mustapha, Mellor, Edwards, Westerman. Int: Griffin, Massey, Robb, Foster.

Hull FC: Litten, Swift, Scott, Tuimavave, McIntosh; Lovodua, Hoy; Fash, Houghton, Taylor, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Brown, Dwyer, Satae, Staveley.

ST HELENS 22 (T. Makinson 2, J. Batchelor, J. Lomax tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 12** (O. Gildart, R. Mulhern tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Leigh 4-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,428.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Knowles, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Bell. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Royle, Delaney, Mbye.

Leigh: O'Brien, Briscoe, Chamberlain, Hardaker, Gildart; Reynolds, Lam; Amon, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Davis. Int: Mellor, Halton, Nakubwai, Wardle.

WIGAN 50 (J. Wardle 3, L. Farrell, J. Field, P. Mago, L. Marshall, A. Miski, K. Pearce-Paul tries; H. Smith 7 goals) **DEFEATED LEEDS 0** **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 2:45 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0. Penalties: Leeds 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,861.

Leeds: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Newman, Martin, Handley; Gannon, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, McDonnell, Walters, Smith. Int: Donaldson, Lisone, Johnson, Ruan.

Wigan: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, O'Neill, Byrne, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Nsemba, Mago, Dupree.

SALFORD 24 (B. Croft 2, B. Hellewell, S. Stone tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 20** (B. Currie, M. Nicholson, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 4 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: Warrington 7-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 6,252.

Salford: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Singleton, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Hellewell, Stone, Atkin. Int: Vuniyayawa, Dixon, Addy, Bourouh.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Mata'utia, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Harrison. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Dudson, Crowther.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 25

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WIGAN	25	18	0	7	316	36
2	CATALANS	25	18	0	7	230	36
3	ST HELENS	25	18	0	7	217	36
4	LEIGH	25	15	0	10	80	30
5	HULL KR	25	14	0	11	35	28
6	WARRINGTON	25	13	0	12	85	26
7	SALFORD	25	13	0	12	5	26
8	LEEDS	25	11	0	14	16	22
9	HUDDERSFIELD	25	10	0	15	-99	20
10	HULL FC	25	10	0	15	-128	20
11	CASTLEFORD	25	6	0	19	-363	12
12	WAKEFIELD	25	4	0	21	-394	8

SUSPENSIONS

Huddersfield Giants

Luke Yates - 1 match ban

Jack Ashworth - 1 match ban

Leeds Rhinos

Sam Walters - 1 match ban

Salford Red Devils

Brad Singleton - 1 match ban

Wakefield Trinity

Renouf Atoni - 1 match ban

ROUND 26

LEIGH 20 WAKEFIELD 19

Leigh Leopards won a golden point thriller 20-19 against Wakefield Trinity at Leigh Sports Village on Friday night.

The result confirms that Wakefield Trinity will be relegated to the RFL Championship for next season after a tough season. It was a quick fire opening to the game. Leigh opened the scoring through winger Tom Briscoe before Wakefield responded as Liam Hood scooped up a loose ball to make it 6-all. Leigh were able to retake the lead before half-time. Josh Charnley stepped inside his defender after an offload

to touch down.

Coming out of the break, Leigh felt just fine. Jack Hughes was able to power his way over from close range for 16-6. Wakefield needed to win to keep their hopes alive. Lee Kershaw produced a quickfire double to put the visitors into the lead. The Leopards levelled things up again after Ben Reynolds piloted

through a penalty goal on the hour mark to make it 18-all. Drama was at a high in the closing stages. Both teams traded field goals through Gareth O'Brien and Luke Gale which sent the game to Golden Point. Leigh were triumphant in the extra period. O'Brien nailed his second field goal of the game and gave the Leopards a 20-19 win.

ST HELENS 18 WARRINGTON 6

St Helens won 18-6 against Warrington Wolves in a gritty game down at the Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

The chase for the League Leader Shield goes down to the final weekend with Wigan, Catalans and St Helens all tied on 38 points. Warrington's loss in this game also left their hopes for the top six hanging by a thread headed into the final weekend. Saints marched over for the first score. Jonny Lomax found a charging Curtis Sironen who went over for a four-

pointer on his return. They went to the right for their second try which made it 12-0. It was a superb line run by Mark Percival to slice through.

The Wolves showed some signs of life in the second half. Daryl Clarke scooted over from close range to get them on the board. There were some late nerves

for the visitors after Jon Bennison was sin binned late in the contest and left them with twelve. Mid-season signing Moses Mbye iced the game for the Saints despite being a man down. He spied a gap and dived over to make it 18-6.

WIGAN 48 CASTLEFORD 6

Wigan Warriors ran rampant in their 48-6 win over Castleford Tigers down at DW Stadium on Friday night.

after their dominant win. It was a Miski magic night in Wigan. The winger scored five tries in the comfortable win to become equal top scorer in the Super League.

He started off the scoring for Wigan with back-to-back tries through both hand and foot to give the hosts a 10-nil lead. Next, Jake Wardle got into the

action. He was able to take the inside pass from Liam Marshall to touch down in the left corner. Castleford Tigers got their sole try in the first half. Jason Qareqare finished off the backline move from a scrum to get them on the board. Miski bookended the half with two more tries to bring his tally to four including another acrobatic winger finish to make it 22-6 at the break.

The Warriors came out firing in the second half. Sam Powell and Kai Pearce-Paul both found their way over the stripe while Ryan Hampshire took over kicking duties. It was party time for Wigan in the later stages. Jai Field weaved past the defense to score followed by a late tries from Bevan French and Miski completed the scoring.

The Warriors remain in prime position to take out the League Leaders shield headed into the final weekend

HUDDERSFIELD 52 HULL FC 20

Huddersfield Giants won 52-20 over Hull FC in an open game down at MKM Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The visitors struck first in the game. Jermaine

McGilvary strolled over from a scrum play to make it 6-0 early in the contest. Hull FC hit back with a pair of tries. Tex Hoy sliced through the defense to level then Darnell McIntosh finished off a long range effort to make it 10-6. Tries continued to come in bunches in the game. Steven Marsters went over then Sebastian

Ikahihifo charged over for a 16-10 half-time lead.

Hull FC were the first side to get on the board in the second stanza. Andre Savelio took Hoy's short pass to go over. The Giants turned into a steamroller and piled on the points. Both Kevin Naiqama and Leon

Pryce notched up doubles to make it 40-14. Naiqama completed his hat-trick with a strong effort then McGilvary got himself a double with a late score in the one-sided rout. Hull FC did find some late consolation through Scott Taylor. He barged over from close range to complete the 52-20 scoreline.

CATALANS 61 WARRINGTON 0

Catalans Dragons thumped Warrington Wolves 61-0 in their game at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

The Dragons won back-to-back games which keeps silverware in their sights headed into an epic final

weekend. They blew the Rhinos away early doors to set the tone. Adam Keighran, Benjamin Garcia and Tom Davies to make it 18-0. Catalans kept their foot on the throat with a further two scores to lead 28-0. Davies picked up his second four-pointer alongside winger Tom Johnstone. After announcing his retirement mid-week, Mitch Pearce got involved in

the scoring after taking a Tyrone May offload to touch down. The points kept flowing for the hosts. Keighran got his second try alongside a good solo effort from Johnstone to make it 27 tries for the year.

Matt Ikavlau got himself a four-pointer after some patient football from the Dragons as the score blew

past the half century mark. Catalans were in pure pointscoring mode. Sam Tomkins kicked a field goal to make it 53-0 then added a penalty goal on the buzzer to push them past 60. Keighran put the icing on the cake for Catalans. The centre completed his hat-trick latching onto a chip kick from Tomkins against a 12-man Rhinos.

HULL KR 12 SALFORD 0

Hull KR won 12-0 against Salford Red Devils in their game down at Craven Park on Saturday night.

The Rovers were flying high after this game which confirmed they will finish inside the top six and

make the finals. They had some early chances in the contest but Brad Schneider wasn't able to handle an offload from Shaun Kenny-Dowall with the line open. Schneider made up for that error to set up the opener. He turned the ball inside before it found James Batchelor to went over for a 6-0 lead. Both

sides had chances to get on the scoreboard before the half. Mikey Lewis was wrapped up after his break then Salford had theirs chalked off for a forward pass.

Salford were reduced to twelve when King Vuniyayawa was binned after a late hit on a Robins

player but they held on to only trail by six. Lewis was involved again when he won a penalty after a high tackle. Schneider stepped up and converted to make it 8-0. Hull KR confirmed their top six spot with a late score. Veteran winger Ryan Hall rampaged down the sideline to get on the board and make it 12-0.

ROUND 26 RESULTS

LEIGH 20 (T. Briscoe, J. Charnley, J. Hughes tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals; G. O'Brien 2 field goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 19** (L. Kershaw 2, L. Hood tries; M. Lino 3 goals; L. Gale field goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 15th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-6. Penalties: Leigh 8-1. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 5,565.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Gildart, Chamberlain, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Davis. Int: Mellor, Wardle, Nakubwai, Holmes.

WAKEFIELD (Trinity): Jowitt, Kershaw, Croft, Franco, Lineham; Gale, Lino; Battye, Hood, Whitbread, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Tanginoa, Kay, Proctor, Salabio.

ST HELENS 18 (M. Mbye, M. Percival, C. Sironen tries; M. Percival 3 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 6** (D. Clark try; S. Ratchford goal) **AT HALLIWELL JONES STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 15th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-0. Penalties: Warrington 9-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,855.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Russell, Wrench, Ratchford, Ashton; Hayes, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Clark, Vaughan, Currie, Nicholson, Crowther. Int: Harrison, Kasiano, Philbin, Walker.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Davies, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Mata'utia, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Bell, Royle, Mbye.

WIGAN 48 (A. Miski 5, J. Field, B. French, K. Pearce-Paul, S. Powell, J. Wardle tries; R. Hampshire 3, H. Smith goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 6** (J. Qareqare try; B. Austin goal) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 15th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-6. Penalties: Wigan 4-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,109.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Ellis, Powell, Dupree, Pearce-Paul, Nsemba, Smithies. Int: Shorrocks, Mago, Hill, Hampshire.

CASTLEFORD: Eden, Wallis, Broadbent, Turner, Qareqare; Austin, Miller; Watts, Horne, Mustapha, Mellor, Lawler, Hall. Int: Griffin, Massey, Martin, Johnstone.

HUDDERSFIELD 52 (K. Naiqama 3, J. McGillvary 2, W. Pryce 2, S. Ikaahifo, E. Marsters tries; J. Connor 8 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 20** (T. Hoy, D. McIntosh, A. Savelio, S. Taylor tries; J. Clifford, S. Taylor goals) **AT MKM STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 16-10. Penalties: Hull FC 4-1. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 10,451.

HULL FC: McIntosh, Swift, Scott, Sutcliffe, Barron; Hoy, Clifford; Fash, Houghton, Satae, Lane, Savelio, Cator. Int: Brown, Lovodua, Staveley, Taylor.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Halsall, Marsters, Naiqama, McGillvary; Connor, Lolohea; Ikaahifo, Milner, Greenwood, Hewitt, Livett, English. Int: O'Brien, Wilson, McQueen, Cudjoe.

CATALANS 61 (A. Keighran 3, T. Davies 2, T. Johnstone 2, B. Garcia, M. Ikuvalu, M. Pearce tries; A. Keighran 9, S. Tomkins goals; S. Tomkins field goal) **DEFEATED LEEDS 0** **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 28-0. Penalties: Catalans 5-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 9,162.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Ikuvalu, Keighran, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McLorum, Navarrete, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Da Costa, Chan, Ma'u.

LEEDS: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Newman, Handley, Olpherts; Martin, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor, Holroyd, McDonnell, Gannon, Smith. Int: Lisone, Johnson, Ruan, Donaldson.

HULL KR 12 (J. Batchelor, R. Hall tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) **DEFEATED SALFORD 0** **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 6-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,848.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Hadley, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Abdull, Sue, Kennedy, Luckley.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Hellewell, Ackers, Ormondroyd, Watkins, Stone, Partington. Int: Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Addy, Bourouh.

2023 SUPER LEAGUE LADDER AFTER ROUND 26

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	WIGAN	26	19	0	7	358	38
2	CATALANS	26	19	0	7	291	38
3	ST HELENS	26	19	0	7	229	38
4	LEIGH	26	16	0	10	81	32
5	HULL KR	26	15	0	11	47	30
6	WARRINGTON	26	13	0	13	73	26
7	SALFORD	26	13	0	13	-7	26
8	LEEDS	26	11	0	15	-45	22
9	HUDDERSFIELD	26	11	0	15	-57	22
10	HULL FC	26	10	0	16	-170	20
11	CASTLEFORD	26	6	0	20	-405	12
12	WAKEFIELD	26	4	0	22	-395	8

SUSPENSIONS

Salford Red Devils

Wakefield Trinity

Warrington Wolves

King Vuniyayawa - 2 match ban

Kevin Proctor - 1 match ban

Jai Whitbread - 1 match ban

Paul Vaughan - 4 match ban

ROUND 27

WARRINGTON 20 HUDDERSFIELD 8

The Warrington Wolves have secured a finals spot with a 20-8 win over the Huddersfield Giants after Salford's home loss to Catalans.

It was a fast and furious start for the home side in the opening minutes of the contest scoring two tries in the opening quarter of the contest. Matt Dufty crossed first after just six minutes when he was on the end of a lovely pass from George Williams. Six minutes later, this was added to when James Harrison crossed next to the posts and it was an imposing early lead for the visitors. Huddersfield did have some attacking chances, but some stout defence from the visitors held them out for most of the first half. However, in the shadows of half-time, retiring veteran Chris McQueen capped his brilliant career by crossing for a farewell try and it was 12-4 at the break.

There was a distinct lack of tries in the second half, and the Wire chose to keep going up by two's. Stefan Ratchford knocked over the first of his four second half penalty goals six minutes into the stanza. Huddersfield took advantage of some limited field position and Will Pryce celebrated his last UK appearance with a try. Ratchford added three further penalty goals to secure the victory as fans celebrated the Salford demise in the stands as after a season that best depicted a roller-coaster. They were going to be playing finals footy!

LEEDS 46 CASTLEFORD 0

Leeds have capped a disappointing year in dominating fashion, thrashing the Castleford Tigers 46-0 at home.

Despite some early attacking chances from the visitors, the Rhinos defence held firm and would do so for the entire 80 minutes. Luke Hooley opened the scoring after 12 minutes with a great individual effort. A penalty opened up the Tigers defence again minutes later and it was David Fusitu'a down the short-side who charged over the top of Greg Eden to score. Derrell Olpherts joined the scorers-sheet when he was on the end of a well-worked overlap and ran past some would-be defenders for a 16-0 advantage. Jack Sinfield got his first try for the Rhinos in Super League as he picked off Jacob Miller's pass and scored under the posts as the half came to a close and it was 22-0.

Cas wanted the season to end and end quickly. A poor mistake from the restart gave Leeds cheap possession. A clever cross kick from Sinfield allowed Fusitu'a to fly high and cross for his second of the contest. Liam Watts and Sam Lisone had a final scrap to end the year, but the pair were quickly dispatched to the sin-bin. Fusitu'a's 150th career appearance was capped with his hat-trick after another blind-side raid five minutes later. Lisone made up for his sin-binning when he joined the scorers list before the hour mark charging onto Sinfield's pass. Sam Walters capped his final appearance in a Rhinos shirt crossing to secure the 46-0 home slaughter of the Tigers to end their season on a high.

WIGAN 10 LEIGH 6

Sheer grit and determination highlights this dual between Wigan and Leigh. It was a tight contest, but at 10-6, it was enough to secure a minor premiership for the Warriors.

Leigh made some early handling errors, immediately putting them on the back-foot and after the 44-18 hiding they were given earlier in the year by the same opposition. It wasn't exactly the start they would've been hoping for. Wigan pounced crossing for two quick tries. Jai Field opened the scoring after 18 minutes, showcasing his fleet footed stepping and shrugging away from three defenders to cross. Harry Smith nailed the side-line conversion for a 6-0 lead. Despite further attacking raids, Leigh held on resiliently, but it was a short-lived fight. Jake Wardle scored in his seventh consecutive match in the 27th minute. Liam Marshall made a fantastic break after a set-restart and Wardle muscled his way over on the left edge to push Wigan further ahead. The touchline conversion from Smith was just wide of the uprights but Wigan held the 10-0 advantage.

Leigh hit back in the shadows of the half-time hooter. Lachlan Lam supported a break to collect the ball inside and race under the sticks, with Reynolds converting the score to reduce Wigan's lead to 10-6 going into the interval. The second half was what could've been. Field's second try was called back for obstruction ten minutes into the stanza. While for Leigh, temporary centre Oliver Gildart's effort was denied thanks to Ben Nakubuwai impeding the Wigan defence. These efforts were to no-avail as Wigan's gritty defence held Leigh out and secured their status as this season's League Leaders Shield winners.

CATALANS 19 SALFORD 8

The Catalans Dragons have ended Salford's season with a 19-8 victory away from home.

Matt Whitley put the home side in front after 10 minutes after Tyrone May engaged the line and drew in the defence. Whitley accepted the offload and crashed over out-wide. Sam Tomkins added the extras for a 6-0 lead. The rest of the first half was a tense and gritty affair with Salford refusing to go down without a fight. Tomkins knocked over a penalty goal with just under 10 minutes to play in the first half for an 8-0 lead. Marc Sneyd answered with a penalty goal of his own in the shadows of the break and it was only a converted try difference at the change of ends.

Salford came out aggressive in the second half and their efforts were duly rewarded when Ben Hellewell charged over. It was a simple short ball and Hellewell crashed through two poor attempts of tackle to give his side the equaliser they needed, and it was 8-8. Sensing the tightness of the contest, Tomkins took a gamble and shot a field goal with 11 to play. The kick was successful, and it put Salford on the back-foot chasing points late in the match. That solitary point proved decisive with Catalans going onto score two late tries through Julien Bosquet and Tomkins to seal Salford's fate in the 2023 Super League season.

ST HELENS 30 HULL FC 12

St Helens have secured a top 3 finish in their first season under Paul Wellens with a 30-12 victory over Hull FC.

It was a tense opening quarter of the match with no tries being scored. Mark Percival added a penalty goal after ten minutes for a 2-0 cushion. However, Hull's determined defence could only hold a side like St Helens out for so-long and soon they conceded their first try. Percival got through the gap between Carlos Tuimavave and Darnell McIntosh to score the half's only try, which he converted himself for the final points of the half. After such a tight first half, whichever side crossed first in the second stanza was going to closest to victory. Lewis Dodd crossed immediately after the resumption for Saints after a clever little grubber kick saw him win the race to the ball and score and it was 14-0. Hull did hit back with a lovely try to debutant Lewis Martin who steamed onto the ball at pace to crash over. Tex Hoy converted from touch and it was 14-6.

After Hull's try, there was a lull in the action with both sides keen to crash their way through the opposition. However, the class of Saints was on full display when Johnny Lomax crashed his way over with 16 to go. This was then added in quick time by Jack Welsby exposing a tiring Hull middle third and within a blink of an eye, it was 26-6. Hull did collect a consolation try. Cam Scott snatched a Saints pass out of the air and raced away 75 meters on the heavy turf to score an interception try. Hoy converted and it was 26-12. Welsby completed his double in the shadows of the final siren to secure an 18 point deficit and third spot for the conduct of the finals.

HULL KR 56 WAKEFIELD 12

Wakefield's time in Super League has ended in disappointing fashion, thrashed by Hull KR to the tune of 56-12.

The fun began nice and early for the visitors with Jack Walker crossing after just five minutes of play after a lovely chip from Mikey Lewis and it was clear to see that it wasn't going to be a happy ending for the home side. This was added to 9 minutes later when Lewis crossed and it was 12-0 early. Wakefield collected some field position and it was Kelepi

Tanginoa who crashed over for the home side to cut the deficit in half. Rovers responded with 6 to go in the half when Lewis again turned provider with a crash ball to Matty Storton, who powered over. Brad Schneider added the extras and it was 18-6 at the break. Refusing to go down without a fight, Liam Kay crossed in the corner for the home side six minutes into the second and it was 18-12 but the fight ended right there. Eight minutes later, Rovers crashed over to score A Jack Walker kick deflects into the hands of Matt Parcell, who then finds Schneider to dive under the sticks. Schneider then converted his own try

A break up field saw Hull kick through but Max Jowitz obstructed the chaser and it was a yellow card. Rovers went bananas in the sin-bin period. Schneider's grubber was collected by Tom Opacic who won the race to the loose ball and scored to make it 30-12. Four minutes later, Schneider fooled the Wakefield defence to crash over for his second try of the contest. This was followed up by a penalty try in the 66th minute when Storton crossed after another superb bit of lead up play by Lewis. With under 10 to play, Lewis again ran riot, this time linking with Ryan Hall to cross. This was followed by a quick-fire double to Jez Litten to secure a 56-12 victory and a date with Leigh next week.

ROUND 27 RESULTS

STADIUM, Date

WARRINGTON 20 (M. Dufty, J. Harrison tries; S. Ratchford 6 goals) **DEFEATED HUDDERSFIELD 8** (C. McQueen, W. Pryce tries) **AT JOHN SMITH'S STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-4. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 5,656.

HUDDERSFIELD: Pryce, Halsall, Marsters, Naigama, McGillivray; Connor, Lolohea; Ikahihifo, Milner, Greenwood, Hewitt, McQueen, Yates. Int: Peats, Wilson, English, Cudjoe.

WARRINGTON: Dufty, Thewlis, Wrench, Ratchford, Russell; Williams, Drinkwater; Mikaele, Walker, Harrison, Currie, Nicholson, Crowther. Int: Clark, Kasiano, Philbin, Holroyd.

LEEDS 46 (D. Fusitu'a 3, L. Hooley, S. Lisone, D. Olpherts, J. Sinfield, S. Walters tries; R. Martin 7 goals) **DEFEATED CASTLEFORD 0** **AT HEADINGLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 22-0. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 15,109.

LEEDS: Hooley, Fusitu'a, Newman, Handley, Olpherts; Martin, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor, Walters, Gannon, McDonnell, Donaldson. Int: Edgell, Lisone, Nicholson-Watton, Johnson.

CASTLEFORD: Rooney, Qareqare, Broadbent, Turner, Eden; Austin, Miller; Matagi, Horne, Massey, Edwards, Mellor, Lawler. Int: Mustapha, Martin, Hall, Watts.

WIGAN 10 (J. Field, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith goal) **DEFEATED LEIGH 6** (L. Lam try; B. Reynolds goal) **AT LEIGH SPORTS VILLAGE STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-6. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,308.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Gildart, Chamberlain, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Hughes, O'Donnell, Wardle. Int: Mellor, Davis, Nakubuwai, Holmes.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Dupree, O'Neill, Ellis, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Mago, Hill, Nsemba.

ST HELENS 30 (J. Welsby 2, L. Dodd, J. Lomax, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 5 goals) **DEFEATED HULL FC 12** (L. Martin, C. Scott tries; T. Hoy 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-0. Penalties: Hull FC 5-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 14,036.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Hopoate; Lomax, Dodd; Mata'utia, Roby, Lees, Batchelor, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Walmsley, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Delaney, Mbye.

HULL FC: Litten, Martin, Tuimavave, Scott, McIntosh; Hoy, Clifford; Taylor, Dwyer, Satae, Lane, Fash, Cator. Int: Lovodua, Brown, Gardiner, Jebson.

CATALANS 19 (J. Bousquet, S. Tomkins, M. Whitley tries; S. Tomkins 3 goals; S. Tomkins field goal) **DEFEATED SALFORD 8** (B. Hellewell try; M. Sneyd 2 goals) **AT SALFORD STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 8-2. Penalties: Catalans 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,212.

SALFORD: Brierley, Sio, Cross, Lafai, Burgess; Croft, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Singleton, Watkins, Stone, Partington. Int: Atkin, Addy, Sidlow, Hellewell.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; May, Pearce; Navarrete, Mellorum, Dezaria, Whitley, McMeeken, Garcia. Int: Bousquet, Da Costa, Chan, Ma'u.

HULL KR 56 (J. Litten 2, B. Schneider 2, M. Storton 2, R. Hall, M. Lewis, T. Opacic, J. Walker tries; B. Schneider 8 goals) **DEFEATED WAKEFIELD (TRINITY) 12** (L. Kay, K. Tanginoa tries; W. Dagger 2 goals) **AT BE WELL SUPPORT STADIUM.**

Date: Fri, 22nd September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 4,710.

WAKEFIELD (TRINITY): Jowitt, Kay, Pratt, Croft, Kershaw; Dagger, Gale; Atoni, Hood, Bowden, Ashurst, Tanginoa, Pitts. Int: Smith, Batty, Salabio, Schofield.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Luckley, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Storton, Minchella. Int: Abdull, Sue, Litten, Aydin.

MATCH REVIEW - FINES & SUSPENSIONS

Huddersfield Giants
St Helens
Wakefield Trinity
Wigan Warriors

Adam Milner - 1 match ban
George Delaney - 1 match ban
Luke Gale - 1 match ban
Kaide Ellis - 1 match ban
Bevan French - 1 match ban
Harvie Hill - 1 match ban

2023 SUPER LEAGUE FINAL TABLE

Team	Home							Away							Overall						Stats			
	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG
1. Wigan	13	11	2	-	387	154	233	13	9	4	-	313	160	153	27	20	7	-	722	360	40	+362	26.74	13.33
2. Catalans	13	10	3	-	367	170	197	13	9	4	-	309	228	81	27	20	7	-	722	420	40	+302	26.74	15.56
3. St Helens	13	11	2	-	338	151	187	13	8	5	-	227	209	18	27	20	7	-	613	366	40	+247	22.70	13.56
4. Hull KR	13	9	4	-	316	190	126	13	7	6	-	257	282	-25	27	16	11	-	589	498	32	+91	21.81	18.44
5. Leigh	13	8	5	-	272	207	65	13	7	6	-	283	297	-14	27	16	11	-	585	508	32	+77	21.67	18.81
6. Warrington	13	8	5	-	347	233	114	13	6	7	-	232	249	-17	27	14	13	-	597	512	28	+85	22.11	18.96
7. Salford	13	6	7	-	208	228	-20	13	6	7	-	260	268	-8	27	13	14	-	494	512	26	-18	18.30	18.96
8. Leeds	13	7	6	-	300	210	90	13	5	8	-	211	298	-87	27	12	15	-	535	534	24	+1	19.81	19.78
9. Huddersfield	13	6	7	-	234	216	18	13	5	8	-	233	288	-55	27	11	16	-	473	552	22	-79	17.52	20.44
10. Hull FC	13	6	7	-	262	332	-70	13	3	10	-	184	304	-120	27	10	17	-	476	654	20	-178	17.63	24.22
11. Castleford	13	4	9	-	147	332	-185	13	1	12	-	150	418	-268	27	6	21	-	323	774	12	-451	11.96	28.67
12. Wakefield (Trinity)	13	4	9	-	211	324	-113	13	-	13	-	88	388	-300	27	4	23	-	303	742	8	-439	11.22	27.48

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Abbas MISKI	WIG	23	28
2	Josh CHARNLEY	LEI	26	27
	Tom JOHNSTONE	CAT	28	27
4	Liam MARSHALL	WIG	26	24
5	Thomas MAKINSON	STH	23	23
6	Adam SWIFT	HUL	24	19
7	Matthew ASHTON	WTN	25	18
	Jai FIELD	WIG	23	18
9	Bevan FRENCH	WIG	29	17
10	Tom DAVIES	CAT	25	15
	Jacob WARDLE	WIG	28	15
12	Tom BRISCOE	LEI	28	14
	Ryan HALL	HKR	25	14
	Kevin NAIQAMA	HUD	25	14
15	Matt DUFTY	WTN	28	13
	Adam KEIGHRAN	CAT	25	13
17	Mikey LEWIS	HKR	27	12
18	Chris McQUEEN	HUD	27	12
19	Ken SIO	SAL	24	12

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Harry SMITH	WIG	29	4	97	2	212
2	Stefan RATCHFORD	WTN	28	2	99	-	206
3	Adam KEIGHRAN	CAT	25	13	74	-	200
4	Rhyse MARTIN	LEE	27	10	77	-	194
5	Marc SNEYD	SAL	26	3	84	4	184
6	Ben REYNOLDS	LEI	24	5	76	-	172
7	Mark PERCIVAL	STH	21	9	58	-	152
8	Thomas MAKINSON	STH	23	23	29	-	150
9	Jake CLIFFORD	HUL	25	5	50	-	120
10	Abbas MISKI	WIG	23	28	-	-	112
11	Josh CHARNLEY	LEI	26	27	-	-	108
	Tom JOHNSTONE	CAT	28	27	-	-	108
13	Arthur MOURGUE	CAT	24	6	40	-	104
14	Liam MARSHALL	WIG	26	24	-	-	96
15	Brad SCHNEIDER	HKR	10	3	35	1	83
16	Oliver RUSSELL	HUD	14	-	40	1	81
17	Will DAGGER	HKR, WAK	18	2	35	1	79
	Gareth WIDDOP	CAS	21	1	37	1	79
19	Adam SWIFT	HUL	24	19	-	-	76

2023 SUPER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

ELIMINATOR: 4TH V 5TH HULL KR 20 LEIGH 6

Hull KR moved through to the semifinals with their 20-6 win over Leigh Leopards at Craven Park on Friday night.

It was a fiercely fought encounter between these two sides with their seasons on the line which saw them cancel each other out early. The visitors were the first side to hit the scoreboard. Hull KR were penalised in possession which allowed Ben Reynolds to pilot through the penalty and make it 2-0 Leigh. Hull KR levelled up the game after getting their own penalty. The high tackle allowed the NRL bound Brad Schneider to make it 2-all. From there, Hull KR found their rhythm. They chained together some passing before Jack Walker dived over close to the sticks. They made it 14-6 at the break from some smart play from Matt Purcell. He snatched the ball from the Leigh back then it was fed to Ryan Hall to go over.

Coming out of the break, Hull KR felt just fine. Schneider decided to run on last then slung the pass out to Sam Luckley to put them ahead by three scores. Leigh did get themselves a four-pointer through winger Josh Charnley. It was a sweeping backline movement which ended with Charnley touching down for 18-6. The hosts added a second penalty goal to confirm their win. Another high tackle sent up Schneider again who raised the flags. Despite their loss, it has been a wonderful first season of the rebrand for Leigh. The Leopards won the Challenge Cup against this opposition and finished in the top four.

HULL KR 20 (R. Hall, S. Luckley, J. Walker tries; B. Schneider 4 goals) **DEFEATED LEIGH 6** (J. Charnley try; B. Reynolds goal) **AT SEWELL GROUP CRAVEN PARK.**

Date: Fri, 29th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-2. Penalties: Hull KR 6-4. Referee: Jack Smith.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; King, Parcell, Sue, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Abdull, Litten, Storton, Luckley.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Gildart, Chamberlain, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Hughes, O'Donnell, Wardle. Int: Mellor, Davis, Nakubuwai, Holmes.

ELIMINATOR: 3RD V 6TH ST HELENS 16 WARRINGTON 8

St Helens beat Warrington Wolves 16-8 in their elimination final at Totally Wicked Stadium on Saturday night.

The three-time champions remain on course to add another title to their cabinet after making it through to the semi-finals. It also means the dream ending for James Roby remains on course and made his last home game a winning one against the Wolves. The Saints came out of the blocks firing. They had a pair of early chances which went to ground as the Wolves defense survived. They did break the Wolves resistance eventually. Curtis Sironen busted through and positioned Lewis Dodd to touch down and make it 6-0. Saints would take an eight point advantage into the break after Josh Drinkwater's dangerous tackle. Mark Percival stepped up to pilot through the conversion.

Coming out of the break, Warrington felt just fine. Connor Wrench rampaged down the right side and shrugged off a defender to make it 8-6. The visitors were boosted further after Alex Walmsley was binned for a high shot. Another penalty further down the field allowed Stefan Ratchford to tie the game. St Helens survived the rest of the bin period and struck back. Jack Welsby poked his nose through then offloaded for Tommy Makinson to score in the corner. Right from the kick-off, it was Warrington's turn for a sin bin. Joe Bullock was binned for a high tackle on Matty Lees. Mid-season signing Moses Mbye created a break which helped Saints make it 18-6. Another high shot allowed Percival to kick his fourth of the game. Saints held off the Wolves in the late stages to book their spot in the Super League semi-finals and their chance for four straight titles.

ST HELENS 16 (L. Dodd, T. Makinson tries; M. Percival 4 goals) **DEFEATED WARRINGTON 8** (C. Wrench try; S. Ratchford 2 goals) **AT TOTALLY WICKED STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 30th September. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-0. Penalties: Warrington 7-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 13,801.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Hopoate, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Lees, Roby, Mata'utia, Batchelor, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Walmsley, McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Bell, Mbye.

Warrington: Dufty, Russell, Wrench, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Kasiano, Currie, Nicholson, Crowther. Int: Mata'utia, Clark, Philbin, Bullock.

SEMI FINAL: CATALANS 12 ST HELENS 6

Catalans Dragons won 12-6 in an intense semi-final against St Helens at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Friday night.

The Dragons have made their second Grand Final in the club's history and look to secure another trophy for their cabinet. Some congratulations for St Helens. They won't be challenging for a fourth straight title but the Saints have been the dominant team in Super League in recent years. Points were at a premium in this contest. There were only 18 points scored with 16 of them coming in the second half. Catalans had a chance to open the scoring through Tom Johnstone. It went to the video and was chalked off due to a push from the winger. The hosts did get the first points on the half hour mark. Sam Tomkins was hit high twice which allowed Adam Keighran to pilot home the penalty for 2-0.

Coming out of the break, St Helens felt just fine. Jack Welsby drifted across the field and found Will Hopoate to slice through for the first four-pointer. While they weren't finding the try line, Catalans were perfect from the tee. Keighran raised the flag with a pair of penalty goals to make it 6-all. Morgan Knowles was pinged for the infraction and was binned for a professional foul which left the Saints a player down for the final ten minutes of regulation. Cometh the hour, cometh the man. Tomkins was set for a field goal, got rushed then slalomed through the Saints defense to win the game. That dramatic winner ends St Helens 1,455-day reign as Super League champions and their hopes for a four peat this season.

CATALANS 12 (S. Tomkins try; A. Keighran 4 goals) **DEFEATED ST HELENS 6** (W. Hopoate try; M. Percival goal) **AT STADE GILBERT BRUTUS.**

Date: Fri, 6th October. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 2-0. Penalties: Catalans 7-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,530.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Keighran, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Taukeiaho, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Bousquet, Navarrete, Mourgue, Ma'u.

ST HELENS: Welsby, Makinson, Percival, Hopoate, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; McCarthy-Scarsbrook, Roby (C), Lees, Mata'utia, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Walmsley, Bell, Delaney, Mbye.

SEMI FINAL: WIGAN 42 HULL KR 12

Wigan Warriors won 42-12 against Hull KR in their semi-final game at the DW Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Warriors are back into the big dance after a two-year absence and will look to make it a double after winning the League Leader Shield. Hull KR's fantastic season comes to an end here. They won a play-off game and also made the Challenge Cup final which they lost to Leigh Leopards. Wigan flew out of the blocks in this game and led 18-0 early which set the tone in front of their raucous home crowd. Liam Marshall got the party started for the Warriors after Jai Field sliced through and positioned the winger to score and make it 6-0. Harry Smith put in an inventive kick which Field somehow didn't knock on and touched down after some more video referee intervention. The hits kept coming for the rampaging Warriors. Marshall picked up his second four-pointer after cutting inside the Hull defense to make it 18-0. Hull KR got into their rhythm and got on the scoreboard. An offload kept the play going and Elliot Minchella dived over from close range.

The Warriors picked up where they left off early in the second half. Marshall completed his hat-trick with a simple catch then Toby King picked up the scraps for 30-6. Field was next on the scoresheet. The livewire fullback dazzled past the tiring Hull KR defense to get himself into the action. It was a parade for the Warriors backline. Another superb pass from Field found Abbas Miski who went over in the right corner for 42-6. Hull KR did find some late consolation through Jez Litten. He was there to back up after a break to give us the final scoreline of 42-12. Wigan Warriors had an afternoon stroll in the sunshine which was highlighted by halfback Harry Smith kicking seven from seven goals.

WIGAN 42 (L. Marshall 3, J. Field 2, T. King, A. Miski tries; H. Smith 7 goals) **DEFEATED HULL KR 12** (J. Litten, E. Minchella tries; B. Schneider 2 goals) **AT DW STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 7th October. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 15,162.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Dupree, O'Neill, Ellis, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Isa, Mago, Hill.

HULL KR: Walker, Senior, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Lewis, Schneider; Hadley, Parcell, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Abdull, Litten, Storton, Luckley.

2023 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

WARRIORS SUPER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AFTER GRINDING FINAL AGAINST DRAGONS

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Wigan Warriors won the Super League Grand Final 10-2 against Catalans Dragons at Old Trafford on Saturday night.

The Warriors completed the double in 2023 after they picked up the League Leaders Shield for being the best regular season side.

Their win at Old Trafford also puts Wigan Warriors on 23 championships in English rugby league and extending their lead over rivals St Helens.

It was a raucous crowd of 58,137 welcomed both teams onto the field at the 'Theater of Dreams' to decide a champion for 2023.

The game had a tight and physical opening between first and second sides on the Super League ladder on a perfect evening for rugby league.

The first flashpoint for the game came 15 minutes in. Adam Keighran was sent to the sin bin for his dangerous tackle on Kai Pearce-Paul.

Catalans held firm despite being down to 12 men but Wigan scored first. Harry Smith piloted home a penalty goal after another high tackle.

The Dragons would level things up just before half-time. The Warriors defensive line was pinged for offside which allowed Keighran to make it 2-all.

It was discipline which let the Dragons down right after half-time. They scrambled to shut down a break from the Warriors at the expense of Tom Davies going to the sin bin.

Wigan thought they had broken the deadlock with a long-range effort. Jai Field created the break before his final pass to Bevan French was ruled forward.

They did make use of the extra man and score the first try. Jake Wardle sliced through then Liam Marshall backed up to make it 8-2.

The Warriors made the difference eight after another high tackle penalty. Smith stepped up and converted in the tight contest.

Dragons threw everything they could at the Warriors but couldn't send retirees Mitch Pearce and Sam Tomkins out on a high on Saturday night.

WIGAN 10 (L. Marshall try; H. Smith 3 goals) **DEFEATED CATALANS 2** (A. Keighran goal) **AT OLD TRAFFORD.**

Date: Sat, 14th October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 2-all. Penalties: Wigan 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 58,137.

WIGAN: Field, Miski, King, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Dupree, O'Neill, Ellis, Pearce-Paul, Farrell, Smithies. Int: Powell, Isa, Havard, Mago.

CATALANS: Tomkins, Davies, Keighran, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; May, Pearce; McMeeken, McIlorum, Taukeiaho, Whitley, Séguier, Garcia. Int: Mourgue, Navarrete, Bousquet, Ma'u.



SUPER LEAGUE HONOUR ROLL 1996-2023

Year	Premiers	League Leaders' Shield
1996	St Helens	N/A
1997	Bradford	N/A
1998	Wigan	Wigan
1999	St Helens	Bradford
2000	St Helens	Wigan
2001	Bradford	Bradford
2002	St Helens	St Helens
2003	Bradford	Bradford
2004	Leeds	Leeds
2005	Bradford	St Helens
2006	St Helens	St Helens
2007	Leeds	St Helens
2008	Leeds	St Helens

2009	Leeds	Leeds
2010	Wigan	Wigan
2011	Leeds	Warrington
2012	Leeds	Wigan
2013	Wigan	Huddersfield
2014	St Helens	St Helens
2015	Leeds	Leeds
2016	Wigan	Warrington
2017	Leeds	Castleford
2018	Wigan	St Helens
2019	St Helens	St Helens
2020	St Helens	Wigan
2021	St Helens	Catalans
2022	St Helens	St Helens
2023	Wigan	Wigan

2023 BETFRED CHALLENGE CUP

RESULTS COMPILED BY RUGBY LEAGUE PROJECT

FIRST ROUND								
Sat	11-Feb-23	West Bowling	30	Waterhead	12		Horsfall	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Brentwood	34	Bedford Tigers	24	M. Rossleigh	Ashwells	
Sat	11-Feb-23	British Army	12	Ashton Bears	28	W. Gilder	Military	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Edinburgh	20	Saddleworth	30		Royal HS	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Navy	28	Barrow Is.	16		Victory	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Skirlaugh	16	West's Warriors	26		Staithe's	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Westgate Common	36	Crosfields	18	D. Arnold	Park Grove	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Distington	4	Orrell St James	16	J. Hughes	West View	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Doncaster	24	RAF	36		Prospect	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Featherstone Lions	6	British Police	20	S. Jenkinson	Wakefield	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Fryston	38	Thornhill	22	C. Hughes	Askham	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Hull Dockers	54	Rhondda Outlaws	10		Willows Sports	
Sat	11-Feb-23	London Chargers	32	North Herts	12		King's House	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Stanningley	38	Milford Amateurs	4		Arthur Miller	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Wigan St Pats	22	Ince Rose Bridge	30	F. Lincoln	Clarrington	
Sat	11-Feb-23	Hammersmith	8	Dublin Exiles	42	H. Winnard	Dukes Meadows	
Sun	12-Feb-23	Heworth	22	Oulton	6	J. Covell-Wood	Elm Park Way	
Sun	12-Feb-23	Jarrow Vikings	26	Myton	40	T. Gibbs	Monkton	
SECOND ROUND								
Sat	25-Feb-23	Brentwood	4	Wath Brow Hornets	58	W. Gilder	Ashwells	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Cornwall	14	Rochdale Mayfield	20	M. Rossleigh	Memorial Ground	1,061
Sat	25-Feb-23	Fryston	12	Stanningley	28	A. Belafonte	Askham	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Lock Lane	22	West Bowling	30	A. Rhodes	Lock Lane Sports	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Saddleworth	4	Thatto Heath	18	J. Hughes	Bank Road	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Ashton Bears	8	Dewsbury	38	E. Burrow	FLAIR	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Hunslet ARLFC	66	Pilkington Recs	0	C. Hughes	The Oval	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Myton	22	Leigh Miners R.	34	M. Clayton	Marist Sporting	
Sat	25-Feb-23	North Wales	70	Navy	0	F. Lincoln	Stadium CSM	
Sat	25-Feb-23	RAF	10	York Acorn	12	S. Jenkinson	RAF College	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Siddal	14	West Hull	8	R. Cox	Siddal Sports	
Sat	25-Feb-23	West's Warriors	18	London Chargers	14	H. Winnard	Twyford Av	
Sat	25-Feb-23	Orrell St James	68	Dublin Exiles	14	S. Houghton	Bankes Ave	
Sun	26-Feb-23	Rochdale	42	London	4	M. Lynn	Crown Oil Arena	
Sun	26-Feb-23	Hull Dockers	4	Midlands	50	A. Sweet	Craven Park	
Sun	26-Feb-23	Police	18	Westgate Common	22	T. Jones	Scholes Lane	
Sun	26-Feb-23	Workington	68	Ince Rose Bridge	6	B. Milligan	Derwent Park	603
Sun	26-Feb-23	Doncaster	28	Oldham	26	K. Moore	Eco-Power	
Sun	26-Feb-23	Hunslet	68	Heworth	6	L. Bland	South Leeds	556
THIRD ROUND								
Sat	11-Mar-23	Westgate Common	12	Hunslet ARLFC	15	E. Burrow	Park Grove	
Sat	11-Mar-23	Leigh Miners R.	10	Rochdale Mayfield	38	M. Smaill	Leigh Miners	
Sat	11-Mar-23	Orrell St James	12	Midlands	19	M. Lynn	Bankes Ave	
Sat	11-Mar-23	London	32	Whitehaven	10	L. Rush	Cherry Red	
Sat	11-Mar-23	West's Warriors	4	Widnes	80	R. Cox	DCBL Stadium	
Sun	12-Mar-23	Thatto Heath	10	North Wales	18	S. Mikalauskas	Crusaders Park	

Sun	12-Mar-23	Batley	60	Wath Brow Hornets	0	B. Milligan	Fox's Biscuits	
Sun	12-Mar-23	Dewsbury	38	Rochdale	18	C. Worsley	FLAIR	
Sun	12-Mar-23	Siddal	12	Sheffield	34	K. Moore	Siddal Sports	
Sun	12-Mar-23	Stanningley	16	Newcastle	58	L. Bland	Arthur Miller	
Sun	12-Mar-23	Barrow	32	Swinton	14	J. Vella	Prestige Stadium	1,161
Sun	12-Mar-23	Bradford	62	York Acorn	6	A. Belafonte	Odsal	1,143
Sun	12-Mar-23	Doncaster	24	Workington	22	N. Bennett	Eco-Power	
Sun	12-Mar-23	Featherstone	18	Halifax	22	L. Moore	Millennium	1,487
Sun	12-Mar-23	Hunslet	14	Keighley	16	M. Rossleigh	South Leeds	519
Sun	12-Mar-23	York	52	West Bowling	12	A. Sweet	LNER Stadium	
FOURTH ROUND								
Sat	1-Apr-23	Rochdale Mayfield	12	Newcastle	22	N. Bennett	Mayfield Sports	
Sat	1-Apr-23	Keighley	36	North Wales	14	M. Smaill	Cougar	862
Sat	1-Apr-23	London	66	Doncaster	16	S. Mikalauskas	Rosslyn Park	
Sun	2-Apr-23	York	24	Sheffield	22	J. Vella	LNER Stadium	
Sun	2-Apr-23	Hunslet ARLFC	6	Batley	80	B. Milligan	Fox's Biscuits	579
Sun	2-Apr-23	Dewsbury	32	Widnes	12	L. Rush	FLAIR	
Sun	2-Apr-23	Halifax	24	Barrow	18	T. Grant	The Shay	1,474
Sun	2-Apr-23	Midlands	18	Bradford	66	C. Worsley	Odsal	1,003
FIFTH ROUND								
Fri	21-Apr-23	York	22	Newcastle	18	N. Bennett	LNER Stadium	
Sat	22-Apr-23	Halifax	26	Bradford	0	T. Grant	The Shay	2,146
Sun	23-Apr-23	Batley	34	Keighley	16	J. Vella	Fox's Biscuits	
Sun	23-Apr-23	London	36	Dewsbury	16	L. Rush	Rosslyn Park	353
FIFTH ROUND								
Fri	19-May-23	Halifax	6	St Helens	26	A. Moore	The Shay	4,693
Fri	19-May-23	Wakefield (Trinity)	12	Leigh	40	B. Thaler	Be Well Stadium	
Fri	19-May-23	Hull KR	50	Batley	0	T. Grant	Craven Park	
Sat	20-May-23	Leeds	14	Wigan	18	C. Kendall	Headingley	
Sat	20-May-23	Catalans	14	Warrington	16	J. Smith	Gilbert Brutus	5,014
Sat	20-May-23	Salford	42	Huddersfield	40	M. Griffiths	Salford Stadium	2,872
Sun	21-May-23	Castleford	8	Hull FC	32	L. Moore	Mend-a-Hose	4,249
Sun	21-May-23	York	36	London	12	J. Vella	LNER Stadium	
QUARTER FINALS								
Sat	17-Jun-23	Hull KR	28	Salford	10	B. Thaler	Craven Park	
Sat	17-Jun-23	Hull FC	18	St Helens	32	C. Kendall	MKM Stadium	8,127
Sun	18-Jun-23	Wigan	14	Warrington	12	L. Moore	DW Stadium	9,302
Sun	18-Jun-23	York	14	Leigh	34	J. Smith	LNER Stadium	
SEMI FINALS								
Sat	22-Jul-23	Leigh	12	St Helens	10	C. Kendall	Halliwell Jones	12,113
Sun	23-Jul-23	Hull KR	11	Wigan	10	L. Moore	Headingley	10,926

2023 BETFRED CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

LEIGH CLAIM CHALLENGE CUP TITLE

JUSTIN DAVIES

Leigh Leopards lifted their first Challenge Cup since 1971 in a 17-16 win over Hull KR in Golden Point at Wembley Stadium.

The final between two sides looking to win one of rugby league's oldest trophies was a fiery and closely contested affair at England's premier stadium.

The tone for the game was set early with a coming together between the sides which saw Leigh's Ben Reynolds make it 2-0 for the Leopards.

Hull KR struck back with the first four-pointer of the final. Elliot Minchella broke through, offloaded to Jez Litten, who strolled away to score.

It was a nip and tuck game between the sides, Leigh wrestled back the lead through Lachlan Lam who sliced through from Kai O'Donnell's run to make it 8-6.

Reynolds was a key figure in the action again after he was tackled late after kicking. The half dusted himself off to extend the Leopards lead and saw Minchella binned.

Brad Schneider was the hero in the semi-final and stepped up with the boot again. He kicked penalty goals either side of the break to level things at 10-all.

The Leopards pounced again in the 65th minute to take the lead again. They decided to run on last and it ended with Tom Briscoe touching down in the corner.

Hull KR needed something quickly to remain in the final. Schneider delivered again with a kick that rebounded right to Matt Parcell to score.

It did need forensic investigation but was given the green light. Schneider sent the game into golden point with another superb conversion for 16-all.

Golden Point was dominated by the Leopards. Gareth O'Brien missed but Lam slotted home the field goal to gift Leigh their first Challenge Cup in 52 years.

LEIGH 17 (T. Briscoe, L. Lam tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals; L. Lam field goal) **DEFEATED HULL KR 16** (J. Litten, M. Parcell tries; B. Schneider 4 goals) **AT WEMBLEY STADIUM.**

Date: Sat, 12th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 10-8. Penalties: Hull KR 4-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 58,213.

LEIGH: O'Brien, Briscoe, Chamberlain, Hardaker, Charnley; Reynolds, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Asiata. Int: Mellor, Nakubuwai, Holmes, Davis.

HULL KR: Lewis, Ryan, Opacic, Kenny-Dowall, Hall; Milnes, Schneider; Kennedy, Litten, King, Batchelor, Linnett, Minchella. Int: Parcell, Storton, Hadley, Luckley.

CASTLEFORD TIGERS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Walking the plank to stay alive

The 2023 season for the Castleford Tigers nearly saw their Super League survival disappear into the abyss. Six wins on the season saw Andy Last's tenure come to a crashing halt with five rounds to play after the earlier departure of Lee Radford after a poor start to the season.

Two wins in the first 10 matches would normally be a recipe for relegation but by the thinnest of margins and Wakefield's own demise. Castleford managed to keep their heads above water and survive another year in Britain's top flight.

Using 47 players on the season presented a series of challenges with Cas unable to keep a consistent roster on the field for the majority of the season. Also, their abysmal record away from the Jungle cursed any chance of competing for the finals or avoiding the inevitable race to the bottom, only securing one win from 12.

TURNING POINT?

The dismissal of Lee Radford after just three matches left the Tigers in a rebuilding phase right from the start of the season. Taking this into consideration and the use of nearly 50 players, the season couldn't have gotten much worse for Cas than it did.

WHAT WORKED

The experience of Gareth Widdop made the Tigers a strong side to face each week. He tried his backside off in a side that offered very little. Blake Austin's end of season cameo helped secure the vital wins over Wakefield and Hull FC to secure another season in Super League (although their future is pending IMG).

WHAT DIDN'T

As I have mentioned a few times, the lack of consistency within the line-up. Jake Mamo lasted two matches before his unfortunate medical retirement, winger Jason Qareqare managed only 10 games and is always a dynamic finisher. They also got limited impact out of their late loanees from Australia but the expectation on them was always going to be high.

BEST PLAYER

Joe Westerman again delivered, playing in 23 matches and crossing for a try. At 33 he is approaching the end of his career but still delivering some great performances week in week out for a struggling side. Jacob Miller was also strong playing most matches this season as well as the retiring Nathan Massey.

ROOKIES

Fletcher Rooney managed a debut at the end of the season at the fullback position. Although his side was thrashed by Leeds, he is a player of tremendous potential and has been retained in the top squad for next season.

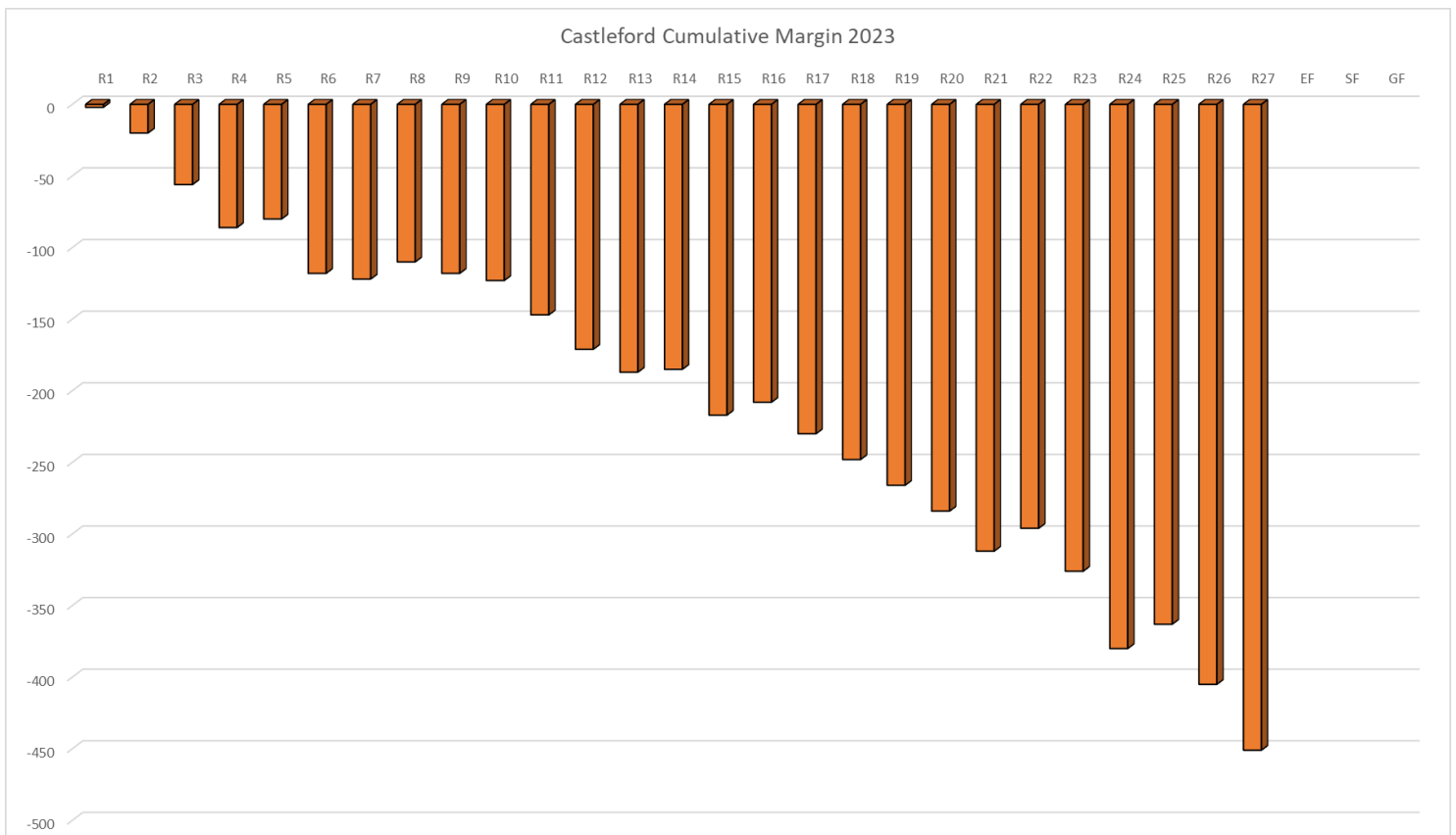
LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, new coach Craig Lingard has an uphill task ahead of him to make the Tigers back to a dominant force in season 2024. They have recruited well with Nixon Putt, Elie El-Zakhem, Sylvester Namu and Josh Simm coming from the Australian second tier competition. Flyer Innes Senior also arrives and will be a dynamic player but replacing Gareth Widdop will again be the challenge.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: CASTLEFORD

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	11TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
COACHES	ANDY LAST (20), DANNY WARD (5), LEE RADFORD (3)
CAPTAINS	PAUL MCSHANE (15), ALEX MELLOR (3), JOE WESTERMAN (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	10,042 (VS. ST HELENS IN ROUND 2)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	6,976
TOP POINTSCORER	GARETH WIDDOP (79)
TOP TRYSCORER	GREG EDEN (9)

Castleford Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	C6	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS						
Opponent	HL	SH	WI	HD	LR	WR	CT	WK	SA	HK	LL	CT	HL	HD	LR	SA	WR	SH	LL	HL	HK	HD	WK	SH	WR	HL	WI	LR	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT		VENUE	CROWD	
Feb 19th	1	Hull FC	L	30	32	MKM Stadium	15,383
Feb 26th	2	St Helens	L	6	24	Mend-a-Hose	10,042
Mar 3rd	3	Wigan	L	0	36	Mend-a-Hose	7,565
Mar 10th	4	Huddersfield	L	6	36	John Smith's	4,070
Mar 16th	5	Leeds	W	14	8	Mend-a-Hose	7,458
Mar 24th	6	Warrington	L	0	38	Mend-a-Hose	7,348
Apr 1st	7	Catalans	L	18	22	Gilbert Brutus	8,109
Apr 6th	8	Wakefield Trinity	W	16	4	Mend-a-Hose	8,075
Apr 13th	9	Salford	L	6	14	Salford Stadium	4,468
Apr 21st	10	Hull KR	L	7	12	Mend-a-Hose	7,110
May 5th	11	Leigh	L	6	30	Leigh Sports	5,423
May 12th	12	Catalans	L	22	46	Mend-a-Hose	5,788
May 21st	CC R6	Hull FC	L	8	32	Mend-a-Hose	4,249
May 26th	13	Huddersfield	L	4	20	John Smith's	4,206

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT		VENUE	CROWD	
Jun 3rd	14	Leeds	W	26	24	St James	36,943
Jun 9th	15	Salford	L	10	42	Mend-a-Hose	6,354
Jun 23rd	16	Warrington	W	23	14	Mend-a-Hose	6,066
Jun 30th	17	St Helens	L	0	22	Totally Wicked	11,490
Jul 7th	18	Leigh	L	16	34	Mend-a-Hose	6,344
Jul 15th	19	Hull FC	L	18	36	MKM Stadium	12,352
Jul 28th	20	Hull KR	L	16	34	Craven Park	8,636
Aug 4th	21	Huddersfield	L	0	28	Mend-a-Hose	6,452
Aug 18th	22	Wakefield Trinity	W	28	12	Be Well Stadium	4,710
Aug 25th	23	St Helens	L	4	34	Mend-a-Hose	6,868
Sep 2nd	24	Warrington	L	12	66	Halliwel Jones	9,103
Sep 8th	25	Hull FC	W	29	12	Mend-a-Hose	7,947
Sep 15th	26	Wigan	L	6	48	DW Stadium	13,109
Sep 22nd	27	Leeds	L	0	46	Headingley	15,109

CATALANS DRAGONS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Grand Final Heartache strikes Catalans again

Another year, another heartache for the boys from Perpignan.

After last year's early finals exit, a lot was expected from the Dragons in 2023 and they failed to disappoint their fans. A sixth-round Challenge Cup exit was seemingly the best thing for them as it allowed the side to focus on going all the way and bringing the trophy back to France. This saw a charge to the top of the table which saw some scintillating football boasting the equal-best attack in the competition as well as the third-best defence.

Despite a late-season skid which cost them the minor premiership, the Dragons finished second, ended the St Helens run of four straight premierships and lost a nail-biting grand final off one misread in defence.

TURNING POINT

Four losses in six games at the midway mark of the season. It gave the side the reality check they needed and fixed their untidy discipline which cost them in that run with three of the four losses by 6 points or less.

WHAT WORKED

The attack was amazing all season long. The arrival of Tom Johnstone and Adam Keighran gave the Dragons a genuine spark out-wide this tied in with the halves of May and Pearce which set Catalans up for success. Their pack of forwards were dominant with McMeekan, Bosquet, Whitley and Garcia dominating up front.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The signing of Sio-Siua Taukeiaho was one that just didn't work for a multitude of reasons. Injury, homesickness and a failure to adapt to the Catalans' style of football cut his Super League adventure short. Also, the 34-0 loss to Wigan which cost them the minor premiership was a low point in season 2023 for the Perpignan side.

BEST PLAYER

Arriving from Wakefield, Tom Johnstone became one of the game's most dynamic wingers crossing 28 times in 29 matches and earning a recall to the England side. Tyrone May was also strong this season while Mike McMeekan was powerful up front for the Dragons all season long. Sam Tomkins finished his career on a sour note losing the grand final but was dynamic all season long.

ROOKIES

There were no debutants this season for the Dragons but looking ahead. Some of their young guns again made a significant leap. Tanguy Zenon added to his debut last season, playing three games this season as well as making his international debut for France in the mid-year test.

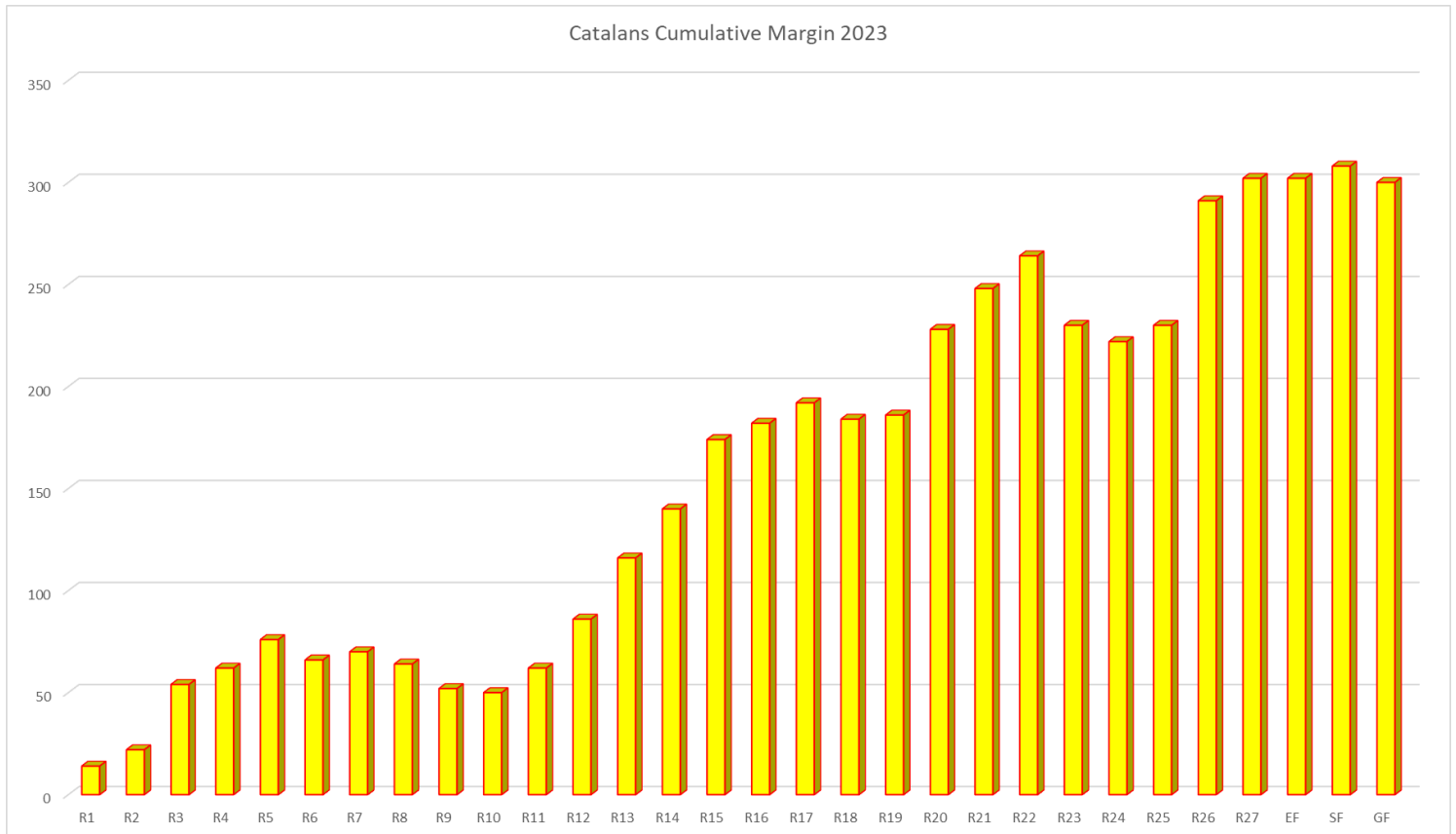
LOOKING AHEAD

There will be some changes next season with the loss of Australian experience in Mitchell Pearce, Tyrone May and Adam Keighran. The loss of both halves is off-set by the arrival of Theo Fages. The biggest loss will be of Sam Tomkins who has retired after a great career of service over many years. Matt Whitley going to Saints is another loss that could haunt them. But, it gives a good chance for a young crop of players to boast their craft.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: CATALANS

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	2ND, GRAND FINALISTS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
COACH	STEVE MCNAMARA
CAPTAIN	BENJAMIN GARCIA
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	10,786 (VS. WARRINGTON IN ROUND 8)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	8,773
TOP POINTSCORER	ADAM KEIGHRAN (200)
TOP TRYSCORER	TOM JOHNSTONE (28)

Catalans Cumulative Margin 2023



Huddersfield Giants

AJ LUCANTONIO

“Consistently Inconsistent” - The 2023 Huddersfield Giants

The 2023 season was the one that got away for the Huddersfield Giants. At times they looked like a world-beating football side with strong performances including a season sweep over the Catalans Dragons. But then, this contrasted with a skid of only one win in nine outings which included their departure from the Challenge Cup.

After a finals appearance last year, it's certainly what could've been for Ian Watson's side in 2023 with the side missing out on a finals appearance in ninth position. While their record shows they were three wins outside the top eight, their performances looked to be a long way from finals footy. They only averaged 17.52 points per game as opposed to conceding 20.44 points a game so defence will need to be a point of emphasis next year for the Giants.

TURNING POINT

After a 20-4 win over Castleford at the season's midway point. The Giants were sitting in 9th position three wins outside the top 6. From there, they proceeded to drop four straight against eventual semi-finalists. This blew any chance of the Giants playing semi-final football and very quickly the wheels began to turn into 'rebuild mode' ahead of the 2024 Super League season.

WHAT WORKED

The early signs weren't all bad, a string of narrow defeats in attritional games suggesting they had it in them to rise up the table once Jake Connor settled into his groove following a pre-season injury. The likes of Will Pryce and Kevin Naiqama also settled in with some strong individual performances.

WHAT DIDN'T

In the middle of the season, the Giants collapsed. A run of eight defeats in nine across all competitions. The sole victory against an even poorer Castleford was highlighted by a 54-0 embarrassment at Leeds, and the job of Ian Watson, who had so impressively brought improvement in 2022, looked untenable. But they will show the faith in 2024.

BEST PLAYER

Kevin Naiqama's signing was hailed as a signing that could take the Giants to the next level. While it didn't reach the lofty heights many predicted, he was a steady hand to a Giants side that needed attacking flair. The Fijian flyer crossed for 14 tries, while the centre also contributed with his valuable strike threat from the backfield. Others to shine include Chris McQueen and Luke Yates (the only player to make over 1000 tackles in SL this season).

ROOKIES

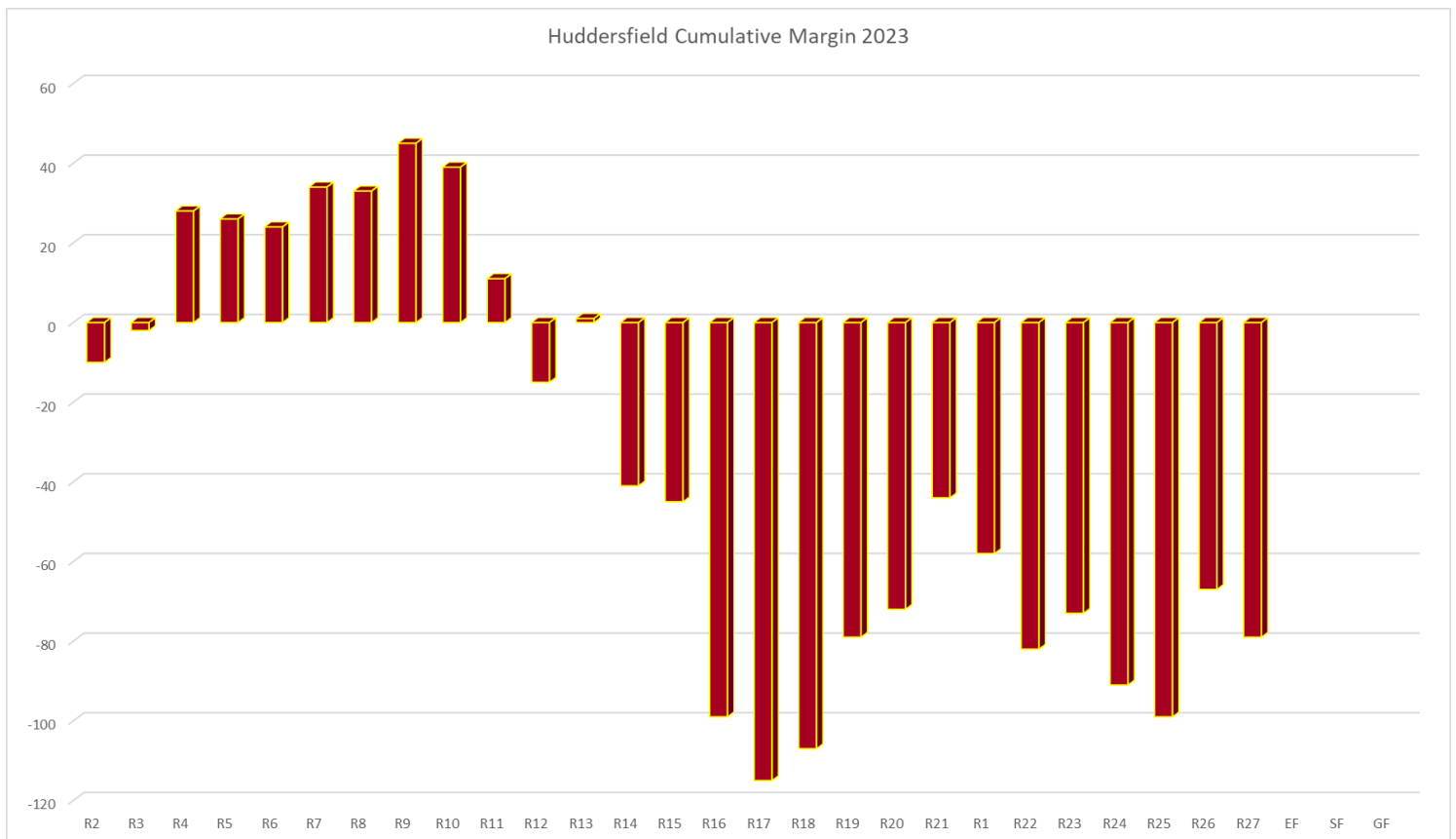
Fenton Rogers made his debut at the Super League level this season and was the major debutant for the Giants. The 20-year-old front rower has a lot of upsides and will benefit from more reps in coming seasons.

LOOKING AHEAD

Ian Watson's side has lost some experience and youth with Will Pryce, Chris McQueen and Nathan Peats going to the NRL and retiring respectively. Adam Clune's signing is a significant one and will be a big boost for Watson's side as well as Andre Savelio.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: HUDDERSFIELD

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	9TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
COACH	IAN WATSON
CAPTAINS	LUKE YATES (18), CHRIS HILL (1), CHRIS MCQUEEN (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	7,731 (VS. WARRINGTON IN ROUND 2)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	5,244
TOP POINTSCORER	OLIVER RUSSELL (81)
TOP TRYSCORER	KEVIN NAIQAMA (15)



Round	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	C6	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	1	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS						
Opponent	WR	WK	CS	WI	SH	SA	LR	CT	HL	HK	LL	SA	CS	SH	WR	LR	WI	CT	WK	HL	CS	SH	SA	LR	LL	HK	HL	WR	ST3	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 24th	2	Warrington	L 16 26	John Smith's	7,731
Mar 3rd	3	Wakefield Trinity	W 8 0	Be Well Stadium	4,155
Mar 10th	4	Castleford	W 36 6	John Smith's	4,070
Mar 17th	5	Wigan	L 12 14	John Smith's	5,777
Mar 23rd	6	St Helens	L 12 14	John Smith's	4,684
Apr 2nd	7	Salford	W 26 16	Salford Stadium	4,764
Apr 9th	8	Leeds	L 17 18	Headingley	13,234
Apr 14th	9	Catalans	W 26 14	John Smith's	4,685
Apr 23rd	10	Hull FC	L 14 20	MKM Stadium	10,856
May 5th	11	Hull KR	L 0 28	Craven Park	8,490
May 12th	12	Leigh	L 4 30	John Smith's	4,977
May 20th	CC R6	Salford	L 40 42	Salford Stadium	2,872
May 26th	13	Castleford	W 20 4	John Smith's	4,206
Jun 4th	14	St Helens	L 6 48	St James	26,326

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 10th	15	Warrington	L 26 30	Halliwel Jones	9,007
Jun 23rd	16	Leeds	L 0 54	Headingley	14,590
Jun 30th	17	Wigan	L 6 22	DW Stadium	13,464
Jul 8th	18	Catalans	W 22 14	Gilbert Brutus	9,182
Jul 14th	19	Wakefield Trinity	W 34 6	John Smith's	5,872
Jul 28th	20	Hull FC	W 19 12	John Smith's	4,579
Aug 4th	21	Castleford	W 28 0	Mend-a-Hose	6,452
Aug 13th	1	St Helens	L 18 32	Totally Wicked	12,028
Aug 18th	22	Salford	L 8 32	John Smith's	4,685
Aug 27th	23	Leeds	W 21 12	John Smith's	6,621
Sep 3rd	24	Leigh	L 16 34	Leigh Sports	6,064
Sep 8th	25	Hull KR	L 18 26	John Smith's	4,628
Sep 16th	26	Hull FC	W 52 20	MKM Stadium	10,451
Sep 22nd	27	Warrington	L 8 20	John Smith's	5,656

HULL FC

LACHLAN McINTYRE

Hull FC entered 2023 with a new coach at the helm, with the seasoned head of Tony Smith making the jump across town from Hull Kingston Rovers. Having missed the playoffs for the two seasons prior, this year was shaping as a big one, with the club branding the coaching switch as a part of a complete rebuild.

Their season started off promising, with two narrow wins seeing them at the pointy end of the table early on. But it certainly wasn't a sign of things to come, with a losing streak lasting seven games following directly afterwards. A fleeting patch of momentum came off the back of some wins throughout the middle of the season, but 2023 ended the way it started for Hull FC, with a six game losing streak.

A mediocre Challenge Cup run, culminating in a quarter final defeat at the hands of St Helens, did not help raise spirits at the club. Their final regular season finishing place of 10th is their worst Super League result since 2014.

TURNING POINT

Things had turned around slightly for Hull FC as they navigated August. Massive recent wins over the likes of St Helens, Castleford, and their biggest rivals Hull KR had given them a fighting chance for a spot in the top six. On August 18th, Hull FC were locked in an intense battle with Wigan, and held a narrow 6-4 lead at half-time. But they couldn't get the job done against the eventual premiers, with a Harry Smith field goal giving the Warriors a 13-12 victory. This close loss was the start of the six game losing streak which rounded out Hull FC's season, with their fans forced to watch on as their top six hopes died a rapid and violent death.

WHAT WORKED

Not much, unfortunately. Apart from four straight wins around May, it was all doom and gloom for Hull FC in 2023. It could even be said that avoiding relegation is what worked the best for Hull FC, at least making sure they get a chance to make up for this season in the Super League in 2024. Stuck at the bottom of the ladder with the likes of Wakefield Trinity and Castleford Tigers, Hull FC can at least be thankful that they will not be playing in the second tier for the first time since 1997.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Losing streaks. A seven game losing streak early on in the season saw Hull FC in 11th, well in the conversation for relegation. Then just as hopes were beginning to rise at the club towards the back end of the season, with the black and whites poised to make a play offs push from 8th on the ladder, they again slumped to six straight losses. Next year, rebounding from losses will be a big point for improvement.

BEST PLAYERS

After two seasons with the Knights in the NRL, Jake Clifford made his English system debut at the start of 2023 with Hull FC to begin what would be a highly successful season for the young halfback. With 26 appearances, Clifford was one of the top performers for the Black and Whites throughout 2023. It was only his fifth year playing top tier football (after kicking off his career in North Queensland), and it was especially impressive considering the lack of time it took for him to adjust to English footy. Clifford is set to return to his roots in 2024, having signed a one year deal with the Cowboys.

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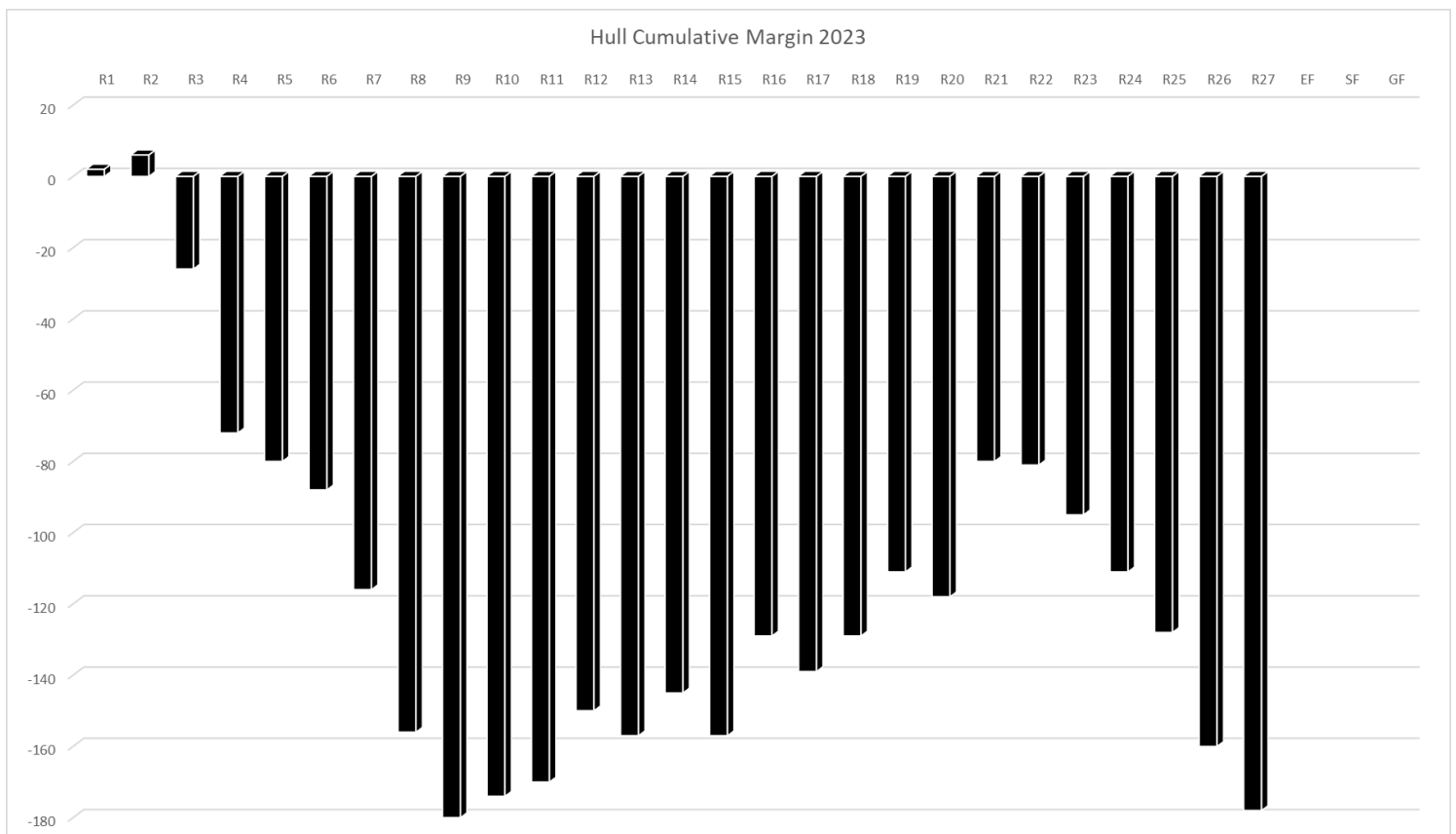
Twenty year old back Davy Litten made his mark in 2023. Having made his Super League debut late last season off the bench, Litten rapidly progressed to become a consistent starter. Litten is a product of Hull FC's academy, and earned open age game experience on loan at Whitehaven in 2022 as a fullback. Litten's first handful of Super League games in 2023 saw him line up on the wing, however he quickly earned himself the number one jersey, which he made his own throughout the year. Litten's three year deal with the club is set to finish at the end of the 2024 season.

LOOKING AHEAD

Hull FC have picked up a handful of very handy players from across the world as their push to return to finals football in 2024 begins to shape up. With the likes of Liam Tindall, Herman Ese'ese and Jayden Okunbor bolstering the ranks, Smith should have plenty to work with. Franklin Pele joins from the Bulldogs, as does his former teammate and handy utility Fa'amanu Brown. These gains aim to make up for the tough loss of Jake Clifford in particular, with the star half heading back to the NRL.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: HULL FC

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	10TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	QUARTER FINALISTS
COACH	TONY SMITH
CAPTAINS	CARLOS TUIMAVAVE (10), JOSH GRIFFIN (7), JAKE CLIFFORD (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	20,985 (VS. HULL KR IN ROUND 8)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	12,053
TOP POINTSCORER	JAKE CLIFFORD (128)
TOP TRYSORER	ADAM SWIFT (22)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	CG	13	14	15	CQ	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS						
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 19th	1	Castleford	W 32 30	MKM Stadium	15,383
Feb 24th	2	Leeds	W 22 18	Headingley	16,140
Mar 3rd	3	Catalans	L 6 38	Gilbert Brutus	6,933
Mar 11th	4	Salford	L 14 60	MKM Stadium	11,323
Mar 17th	5	St Helens	L 12 20	Totally Wicked	10,350
Mar 25th	6	Leigh	L 16 24	MKM Stadium	10,952
Apr 1st	7	Warrington	L 6 34	Halliwel Jones	10,797
Apr 7th	8	Hull KR	L 0 40	MKM Stadium	20,985
Apr 14th	9	Leeds	L 10 34	Headingley	12,644
Apr 23rd	10	Huddersfield	W 20 14	MKM Stadium	10,856
May 4th	11	Wigan	W 14 10	MKM Stadium	10,251
May 11th	12	Wakefield Trinity	W 26 6	Be Well Stadium	3,976
May 21st	CC R6	Castleford	W 32 8	Mend-a-Hose	4,249
May 28th	13	Salford	L 22 29	Salford Stadium	4,569
Jun 4th	14	Warrington	W 30 18	St James	26,326

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 9th	15	Leigh	L 16 28	Leigh Sports	6,006
Jun 17th	CC QF	St Helens	L 18 32	MKM Stadium	8,127
Jun 22nd	16	St Helens	W 34 6	MKM Stadium	9,937
Jul 1st	17	Catalans	L 18 28	MKM Stadium	13,480
Jul 9th	18	Hull KR	W 16 6	Craven Park	10,050
Jul 15th	19	Castleford	W 36 18	MKM Stadium	12,352
Jul 28th	20	Huddersfield	L 12 19	John Smith's	4,579
Aug 6th	21	Wakefield Trinity	W 42 4	MKM Stadium	11,956
Aug 18th	22	Wigan	L 12 13	DW Stadium	12,107
Aug 26th	23	Warrington	L 4 18	MKM Stadium	11,624
Sep 2nd	24	Leeds	L 12 28	MKM Stadium	11,064
Sep 8th	25	Castleford	L 12 29	Mend-a-Hose	7,947
Sep 16th	26	Huddersfield	L 20 52	MKM Stadium	10,451
Sep 22nd	27	St Helens	L 12 30	Totally Wicked	14,036

HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

LACHLAN McINTYRE

Hull Kingston Rovers entered 2023 with hopes of improving after a difficult 2022 season in which an unprecedented amount of injuries saw the club miss the Super League play-offs. With head coach Tony Smith now at crosstown rivals Hull FC, Willie Peters got his first shot at a top tier head coach position, making use of a full pre-season in charge of his squad.

The Robins started their year with a statement win in front of their home fans over the eventual premiers Wigan Warriors, and followed it up with a 24-10 win over Salford. Some struggles with consistency proved a challenge throughout the year, but when it really mattered Hull KR often managed to get the job done. In the Challenge Cup semi-final, the Robins recorded their second victory over Wigan of the year, with a solitary point sealing Hull KR's place in the Challenge Cup final.

But that coveted silverware proved to be one step too far, with Adrian Lam's Leigh Leopards proving too much for the Robins in the Challenge Cup final. Peters' attention turned back to the Super League, and some strong wins to round out the regular season saw the side finish in fourth on the table, something they hadn't achieved in the top tier since 2009. Riding high on a six game win streak, Hull KR just had Wigan blocking their way to the grand final, but ultimately the Warriors proved too much. An outstanding season from the Robins concluded, with plenty of hope for their fans.

TURNING POINT

The major turning point in 2023 for Hull KR was undoubtedly a positive one. Their August 25th encounter with Leigh Leopards came less than two weeks after their heartbreaking one point defeat to them in front of nearly 60,000 fans in London for the Challenge Cup final. The Robins had lost their past three matches, including drubbings at the hands of St Helens and Wigan. Whether or not they played finals footy would come down to their final rounds.

It was an outstanding turnaround, with Hull KR recording a 52-10 win over the Leopards. The win would see their momentum kick-started, and was the beginning of the winning streak that carried them to fourth on the table, and continued all the way until their final match of the year.

WHAT WORKED

Building momentum off the back of wins. As mentioned in the previous section, Hull KR were able to turn the tide of their season quite significantly by scraping together just one win, and they did this throughout the year. They had only one standalone win in 2023 - that is a win preceded and succeeded by a loss. All their other wins came as a part in a sequence of wins, with the Robins pulling together two streaks of six, a streak of three, and all other wins throughout the season came as a part of back to back wins.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

On the flip side of this, a loss was often followed by more losses. The Robins' season can easily be broken down into winning and losing segments, with momentum affecting their performance significantly. Apart from their final game of the season, Hull KR had only one standalone loss, with all other losses coming in groups of three or two. Whilst momentum has always been a part of sport, the link between their onfield performance and recent results may be somewhat of a concern for Willie Peters heading into 2024.

BEST PLAYERS

Brad Schneider only made 12 appearances for the Robins this year, but he undoubtedly made a significant contribution to their season, single handedly proving the difference in a handful of matches. The halfback has 12 NRL appearances with Canberra, and made the switch to England mid-season. In his first two games lining up for Hull KR, Schneider kicked the match winning field goal in both as the starting halfback. One of those was the crucial Challenge Cup semi-final against Wigan. He was brought in as injury cover for Jordan Abdull, who struggled through injury concerns this season.

Robins' captain Shaun Kenny-Dowall led from the front in 2023, the season which proved to be his last in professional rugby league. The centre made 28 appearances throughout the season, and was a consistent performer. After moving to the Super League from Newcastle in 2020, the 35 year old hangs up his boots having played for three top tier clubs and with 21 representative appearances for New Zealand to his name.

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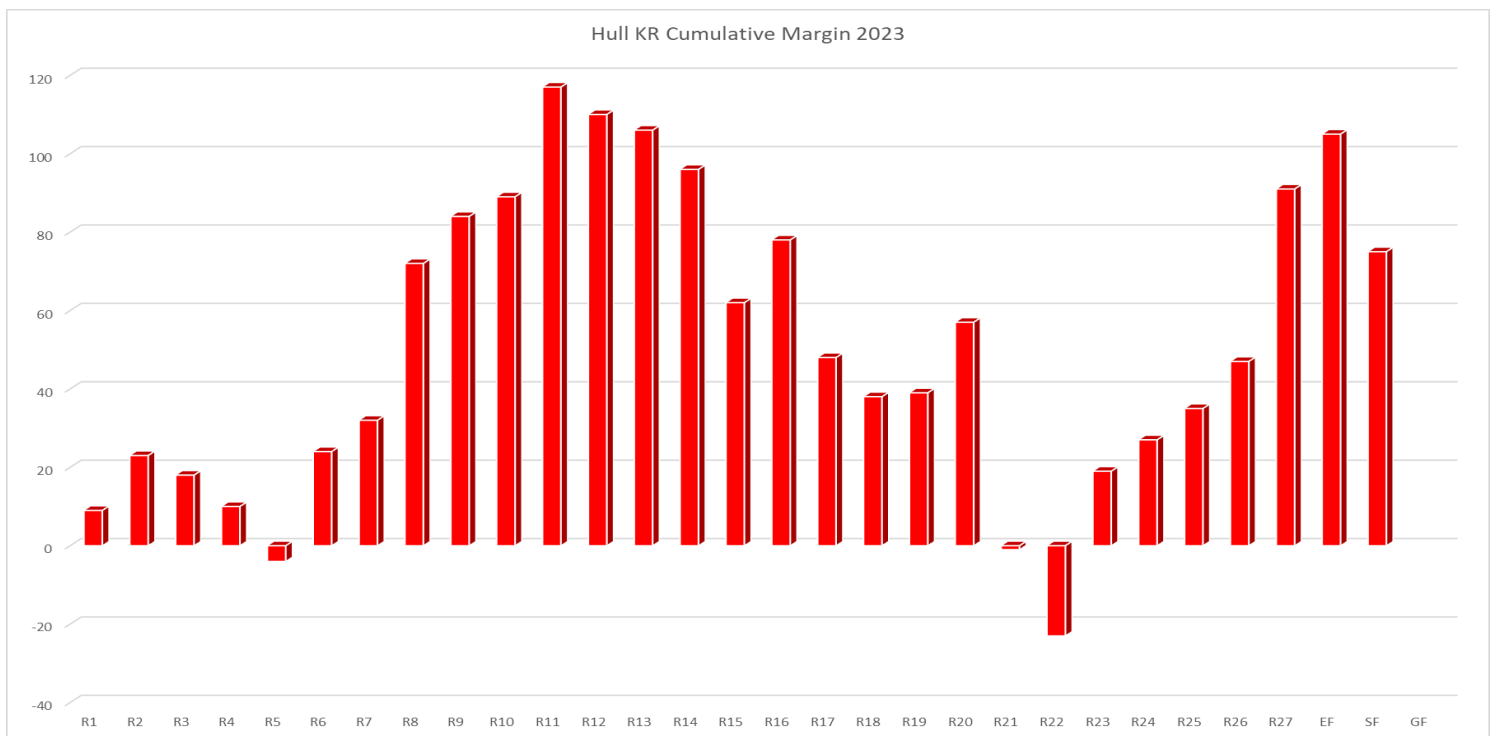
It's hard to call Mikey Lewis a rookie, but I will do so only to draw attention to just how young he is. The 22 year old made his England debut this year against Tonga, and has spent the past few years getting better and better in the Hull KR system. He has had yet another outstanding year in 2023, starting in three different positions throughout the year and making an astounding 31 appearances for the Robins.

LOOKING AHEAD

Hull KR have plenty of reason to be excited for 2024, with a number of signings set to bolster the side. Oliver Gildart is set to join from Leigh, while Peta Hiku makes the switch to Super League from the NQ Cowboys. Tyrone May is another big name signing, with the NRL Premiership winning utility coming to the north of England from Perpignan.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: HULL KR

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	4TH, SEMI FINALISTS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FINALISTS
COACH	WILLIE PETERS
CAPTAINS	SHAUN KENNY-DOWALL (13), MATT PARCELL (2), KANE LINNETT (1), JORDAN ABDULL (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	10,050 (VS. HULL FC IN ROUND 18)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	8,362
TOP POINTSCORER	BRAD SCHNEIDER (94)
TOP TRYSCORER	RYAN HALL (15)



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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 18th	1	Wigan	W 27 18	Craven Park	10,029
Feb 23rd	2	Salford	W 24 10	Salford Stadium	5,565
Mar 3rd	3	Leigh	L 25 30	Craven Park	8,448
Mar 10th	4	Warrington	L 10 18	Craven Park	8,082
Mar 18th	5	Catalans	L 12 26	Gilbert Brutus	7,682
Mar 24th	6	Wakefield Trinity	W 34 6	Be Well Stadium	4,705
Mar 31st	7	Leeds	W 20 12	Craven Park	8,512
Apr 7th	8	Hull FC	W 40 0	MKM Stadium	20,985
Apr 14th	9	St Helens	W 26 14	Craven Park	8,540
Apr 21st	10	Castleford	W 12 7	Mend-a-Hose	7,110
May 5th	11	Huddersfield	W 28 0	Craven Park	8,490
May 12th	12	Warrington	L 14 21	Halliwell Jones	10,179
May 19th	CC R6	Batley	W 50 0	Craven Park	5,143
May 25th	13	Wigan	L 22 26	Craven Park	8,068
Jun 3rd	14	Salford	L 16 26	St James	36,943
Jun 10th	15	Catalans	L 4 38	Gilbert Brutus	9,453
Jun 17th	CC QF	Salford	W 28 10	Craven Park	6,289

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 23rd	16	Wakefield Trinity	W 28 12	Craven Park	8,185
Jun 30th	17	Leigh	L 4 34	Leigh Sports	6,012
Jul 9th	18	Hull FC	L 6 16	Craven Park	10,050
Jul 14th	19	Leeds	W 19 18	Headingley	13,728
Jul 23rd	CC SF	Wigan	W 11 10	Headingley	10,926
Jul 28th	20	Castleford	W 34 16	Craven Park	8,636
Aug 4th	21	Wigan	L 6 64	DW Stadium	11,464
Aug 12th	CC F	Leigh	L 16 17	Wembley	58,213
Aug 18th	22	St Helens	L 6 28	Totally Wicked	11,258
Aug 25th	23	Leigh	W 52 10	Craven Park	8,013
Sep 1st	24	Catalans	W 26 18	Craven Park	9,102
Sep 8th	25	Huddersfield	W 26 18	John Smith's	4,628
Sep 16th	26	Salford	W 12 0	Craven Park	9,848
Sep 22nd	27	Wakefield Trinity	W 56 12	Be Well Stadium	4,710
Sep 29th	EF	Leigh	W 20 6	Craven Park	9,305
Oct 7th	SF	Wigan	L 12 42	DW Stadium	15,162

LEIGH LEOPARDS

ANDREW FERGUSON

Leigh earned promotion to the Super League for the 2023 season after producing arguably the most dominant season performance in English professional Rugby League history, winning 26 games, losing 3 and producing 1 draw, scoring in an insane 1306 points and conceding a meagre 208 - an average scoreline of 44-7.

As is almost tradition though, Championship sides that get promoted tend to struggle in the elite Super League and many pundits would have thought the newly named Leopards would struggle to keep themselves away from the bottom of the table. Their start to the season was not overly convincing, but neither was it a horror show. After 8 rounds they were placed 9th out of 12 sides, just 1 win behind the 6th placed Salford, having scored 3 wins and 5 losses.

Their first two wins of the season were impressive to say the least, a Round 3 victory over future finalists Hull KR and the following week toppling defending champions St Helens 20-12.

Round 9 though saw them finally hit their straps and start replicating the dominant form that saw them in good stead during the previous season in Championship. They won their next 9 straight games, scoring 274 points and conceding just 74, moving themselves into the top 3 of Super League and into the Challenge Cup Semi Finals.

A high scoring loss to Catalans in Round 16 didn't change their fortunes, as they went on to win another 4 straight games, including their Cup semi against St Helens, which saw them reach just their third Challenge Cup Final and their first since their win in 1971 (which came 50 years after their only other previous appearance, which was also a win).

A loss to Wigan was followed by a win over Leeds before Leigh took on Hull KR in the Cup final, which was an absolute nailbiter. Leigh held a tight 2 point lead at the break and with just 2 minutes on the clock, they were still in front 16-12. But Matt Parcell scored just before full-time to send the game into Golden Point. 3 minutes into extra time, Lachlan Lam potted the match-winning field goal to give Leigh the Cup win.

Their season faded from this point as they would win just 2 of their remaining 6 games, dropping to fifth and then meekly exiting the Premiership race in the first week of the finals, going down to Hull KR 20-6.

TURNING POINT

Halftime, Round 8 - Down 16-6 against Salford and looking like they were consigned to being strugglers, the Leopards came out of the sheds in that second half and scored 14-6 to very nearly get the win, but it showed their fighting spirit and it propelled them to winning 15 of their next 17 games, including the Challenge Cup trophy.

WHAT WORKED

Attack - it was slow to click, but when it did, it seemed no one could keep them at bay, they just knew how to get more points whenever they needed them. Wingers Josh Charnley and Tom Briscoe combined for 49 tries out of the 119 the team scored for the year.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The start to the season - not only were they inconsistent and not struggling to win, but their defence was a mess. 36% of the points they conceded over their 33 games in 2023 were let in over those first 8 games. They fell back into those bad habits in the two games after winning the cup, where they lost 30-14 against Catalans and then 52-10 against Hull KR.

BEST PLAYERS

John Asiata had an immense season, the leadership duties of being captain seemingly motivating him to lead by example. He had a genuinely epic season. Lachlan Lam was also mighty throughout 2023, his field goal in extra time gave the Leopards the Cup and he steered their impressive attack around brilliantly all season. Tom Amone made huge metres every week and seemed impossible for opposition sides to stop while Edwin Ipape, Josh Charnley and Tom Briscoe all had good seasons as well.

ROOKIES

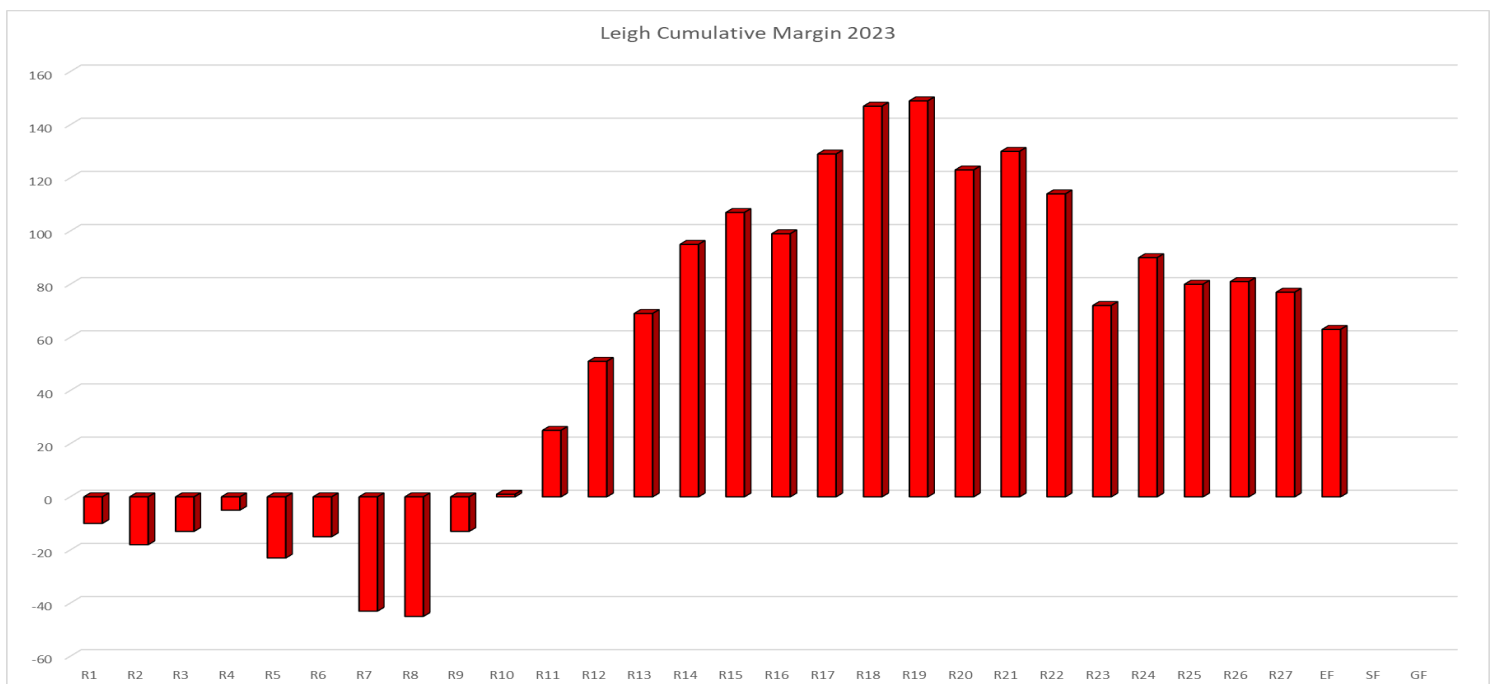
Nathan Wilde played his first season of Super League at the age of 23, and was in just his 3rd season. The strong middle forward was solid, appearing in 11 games for Leigh throughout the year. Umyla Hanley and Jacob Gannon didn't get too many opportunities but both have plenty of promise.

LOOKING AHEAD

Leigh have bulked up their depth for 2024 which is a very good strategy, but have made a very astute signing in experienced Australian half/fullback Matt Moylan, who has been in somewhat of a form renaissance at the Sharks in the past few seasons. He looks set to form a very effective halves combination with Lachlan Lam in 2024. They've also picked up Jack Darbyshire from Warrington and Ben McNamara from Hull, both of whom will strengthen their side even further.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: LEIGH

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	5TH, ELIMINATORS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	CHAMPIONS
COACH	ADRIAN LAM
CAPTAIN	JOHN ASIATA
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	10,308 (VS. WIGAN IN ROUND 27)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	7,254
TOP POINTSCORER	BEN REYNOLDS (196)
TOP TRYSORER	JOSH CHARNLEY (30)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	C6	13	14	15	CQ	16	17	18	19	CS	20	21	CF	22	23	24	25	26	27	IM	SEASON STATS								
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT			VENUE	CROWD
Feb 17th	1	Salford	L	10	20	Leigh Sports	8,589
Feb 25th	2	Catalans	L	6	14	Gilbert Brutus	7,862
Mar 3rd	3	Hull KR	W	30	25	Craven Park	8,448
Mar 10th	4	St Helens	W	20	12	Leigh Sports	7,734
Mar 17th	5	Warrington	L	20	38	Halliwel Jones	12,073
Mar 25th	6	Hull FC	W	24	16	MKM Stadium	10,952
Mar 30th	7	Wigan	L	6	34	Leigh Sports	9,189
Apr 8th	8	Salford	L	20	22	Leigh Sports	6,002
Apr 16th	9	Wakefield Trinity	W	32	0	Be Well Stadium	4,710
Apr 21st	10	Leeds	W	20	6	Leigh Sports	6,686
May 5th	11	Castleford	W	30	6	Leigh Sports	5,423
May 12th	12	Huddersfield	W	30	4	John Smith's	4,977
May 19th	CC R6	Wakefield Trinity	W	40	12	Be Well Stadium	1,568
May 26th	13	Warrington	W	30	12	Leigh Sports	8,120
Jun 4th	14	Wakefield Trinity	W	30	4	St James	26,326
Jun 9th	15	Hull FC	W	28	16	Leigh Sports	6,006

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT			VENUE	CROWD
Jun 18th	CC QF	York	W	34	14	LNER Stadium	2,412
Jun 24th	16	Catalans	L	30	38	Gilbert Brutus	9,636
Jun 30th	17	Hull KR	W	34	4	Leigh Sports	6,012
Jul 7th	18	Castleford	W	34	16	Mend-a-Hose	6,344
Jul 16th	19	Salford	W	24	22	Salford Stadium	6,892
Jul 22nd	CC SF	St Helens	W	12	10	Halliwel Jones	12,113
Jul 29th	20	Wigan	L	18	44	DW Stadium	15,377
Aug 6th	21	Leeds	W	13	6	Headingley	12,785
Aug 12th	CC F	Hull KR	W	17	16	Wembley	58,213
Aug 19th	22	Catalans	L	14	30	Leigh Sports	8,602
Aug 25th	23	Hull KR	L	10	52	Craven Park	8,013
Sep 3rd	24	Huddersfield	W	34	16	Leigh Sports	6,064
Sep 8th	25	St Helens	L	12	22	Totally Wicked	13,428
Sep 15th	26	Wakefield Trinity	W	20	19	Leigh Sports	5,565
Sep 22nd	27	Wigan	L	6	10	Leigh Sports	10,308
Sep 29th	EF	Hull KR	L	6	20	Craven Park	9,305

LEEDS RHINOS

ROBERT McHUGH

Leeds Rhinos entered the 2023 season on a high, having reached their first Grand Final since 2017 the previous season, losing to St. Helens. The club was expected to put their recent fallow years behind them and begin challenging for silverware consistently again. Unfortunately for the Rhinos, the season never got going and the promised challenge flattered to deceive before imploding.

Leeds lost the opening game of the season, 22-18, at home to Hull FC, before being humbled, 42-10, away at Warrington. A disastrous, and at times comical, loss against Hull KR followed, before the Rhinos finally registered a win. Unexpectedly, the Rhinos beat eventual grand finalists Catalans Dragons, 32-22, in a pulsating game at Headingley. It was hoped that this would kickstart the Rhinos season, but instead established a pattern of frustration. Unexpected wins away at St. Helens and Wigan were offset by defeats against Castleford and Wakefield.

The Rhinos remained close to the play-offs thanks to consecutive wins against Huddersfield, their biggest win of the season, Warrington, and Salford. At this point Leeds appeared to be building momentum, before 3 consecutive defeats burst their bubble. A 21-12 defeat away at Huddersfield effectively ended Leeds' play-off hopes, but no-one foresaw what happened next.

The Rhinos lost back-to-back games against Wigan at home, and Catalans away, 50-0 and 61-0 respectively. This was the first time Leeds had failed to score in two consecutive games since the early 1990s. It highlighted the shortcomings of a squad lacking quality, confidence, and experience. A 46-0 win against Castleford salvaged some pride, but the Rhinos ended the season 8th place and a long way from glory.

TURNING POINT

There were a couple of decisive moments throughout the year which killed any momentum that remained. The departure of Blake Austin to Castleford in early August, with the Rhinos still in the play-off hunt, hinted at unrest in the camp. Back-to-back defeats against relegation contenders Castleford and Wakefield in June showed the lack of quality across the squad.

One moment that stands out is the Challenge Cup tie against Wigan, which the Rhinos would lose 18-14 at Headingley. Leeds came into the game riding a wave of confidence, having beaten Wigan 40-18 away from home the previous week. Harry Newman wasted a chance to score late on, electing to try to round the full back rather than passing to support inside, costing Leeds the chance to win. Leeds lost one of their 2 shots at silverware for the season. They then lost the next 3 games in a row and their season had stalled.

WHAT WORKED

In a season with few highlights, Cameron Smith and Rhyse Martin continued to demonstrate why they are such key parts of this Leeds team. Both produce consistently excellent performances, with Martin playing most of the season out of position in the centres. Rohan Smith needs to ensure that they form a key part of the rebuilt team going into next season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

There is not enough column space to run through everything that did not work for Leeds this year, but the main issue was recruitment and retention. Key players were allowed to leave over the course of the season and were not replaced – most notable Blake Austin and Kruise Leeming. Sam Walters, one of Leeds' stand out young players, will also leave

the club to join Wigan. Of the players brought in over the close season, too few showed that they have the pre-requisite quality to challenge at the top end of Super League, highlighted by Luke Hooley leaving the club to join Castleford after less than 12 months. As the club enters another rebuilding phase over the winter, better recruitment decisions are needed to improve the balance and quality of the squad.

BEST PLAYERS

Rhyse Martin is consistently excellent and always produces an impressive performance. As mentioned above, he spent most of the season out of position and was still the Rhinos most consistent performer each week. Rohan Smith has opted for a leadership group, rather than a single captain for Leeds this year, but Martin is a strong candidate to take the position and help fill the leadership vacuum at Leeds.

An honourable mention, too, for Sam Lisone. A powerful prop, who always contributes, Lisone has become a fan favourite and his hat trick against Hull FC late in the season cemented his growing cult status at Headingley.

ROOKIES

Sam Walters had a breakthrough season and was arguably Leeds' most impressive performer. Walters showed strength and maturity beyond his years, often carrying an underperforming forward pack and has the potential to be a mainstay of England's forward pack for several years. It is a shame for Leeds that they were unable to convince Walters to stay, as he will be an asset to any team in Super League.

Also, a word for Jack Sinfield, who carries the most expectations of any young player in Super League, thanks to his surname. He has made further strides, performing impressively at times in a struggling team. He is a 19-year-old with a big future.

DISAPPOINTING PLAYERS

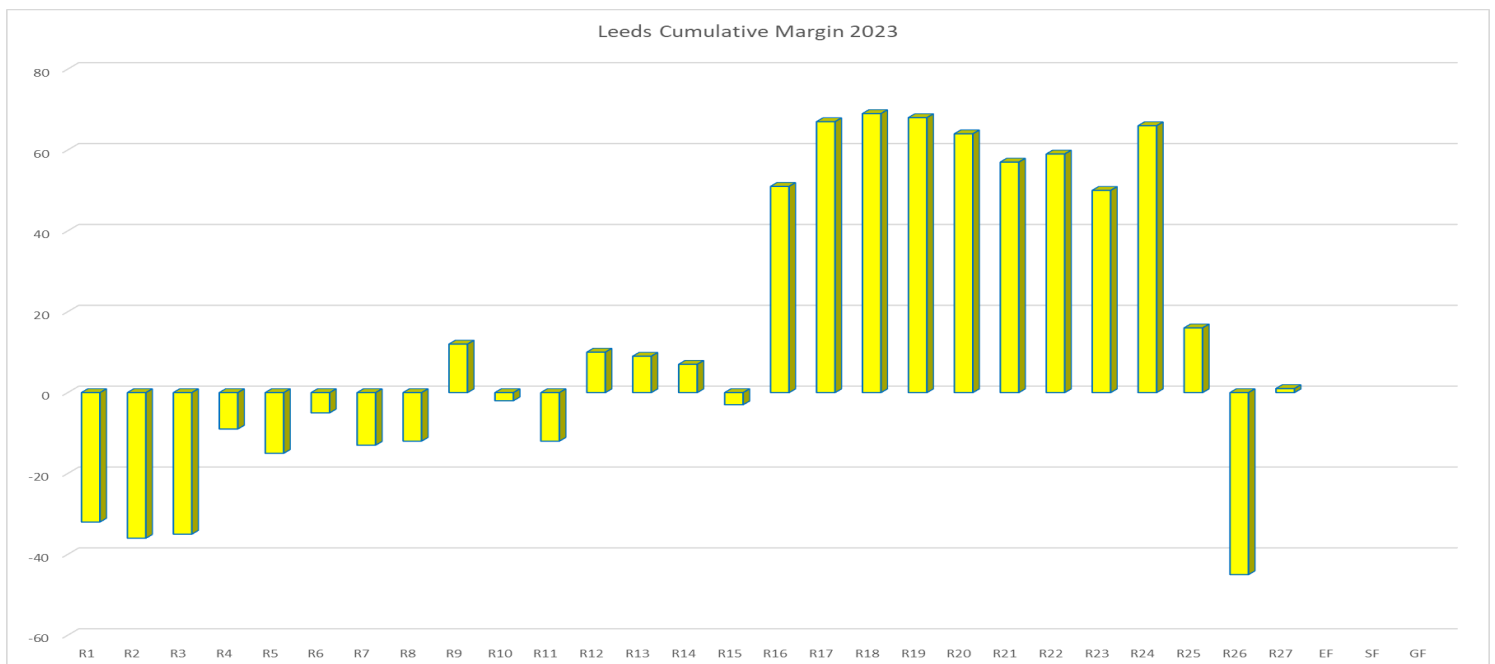
Can I write a blanket all? Jokes aside, no one will be more disappointed with their season than Harry Newman. Newman has the potential to be a standout player, but saw another season derailed by injury. 2024 is a crucial year for Newman's development.

LOOKING AHEAD

In a press conference announcing a new stadium naming rights deal, Leeds CEO Gary Hetherington stated that he believed that Leeds are, "on the cusp of putting an outstanding team, a team that will be Rohan Smith's tea in 2024." This working feels very deliberate. The Leeds team that starts the first game of the 2024 season will be vastly different from the one that finished the 2023 season. With big signings expected, you expect that Leeds will need to be consistently winning games for Rohan Smith to still be in charge this time next year. Expect fireworks, whatever happens.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: LEEDS

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	8TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
COACH	ROHAN SMITH
CAPTAINS	CAMERON SMITH (10), ASH HANDLEY (5), KRUISE LEEMING (2), RHYSE MARTIN (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	16,140 (VS. HULL FC IN ROUND 2)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	13,326
TOP POINTSCORER	RHYSE MARTIN (200)
TOP TRYSCORER	ASH HANDLEY (11)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	CC6	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS						
Opponent	WR	HL	SH	WK	CS	CT	HK	HD	HL	LL	SA	WI	WI	SH	CS	WK	HD	WR	SA	HK	SH	LL	WR	HD	HL	WI	CT	CS	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	
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DONALDSON, James	B	B	B									B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	L	2	16	-	-	-	-	
EDGE, Alfie																					FE							B	1	1	-	-	-	-	
FUSITUA, David	C	W	W	W	W	W	W										W	W	W	W	W		W		W	W	W	W	17	-	10	-	-	40	
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HANDLEY, Ash	C	C	C	C				W	W	W	W	FB		W	FB	FB	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	23	-	11	-	-	44		
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SINFIELD, Jack											HB												B			HB	HB	HB	5	1	1	-	-	4	
SMITH, Cameron	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	26	1	7	-	-	28		
TETEVANO, Zane	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	B	2R	2R		2R																10	1	-	-	-	-		
TINDALL, Liam								B	B			W	W		B	W												3	3	1	-	-	4		
WALTERS, Sam			B	B		FR								FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	2R	2R	2R	FR	14	3	6	-	-	24	
WARREN, Toby																												-	-	-	-	-	-		

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 16th	1	Warrington	L 10 42	Halliwell Jones	11,082
Feb 24th	2	Hull FC	L 18 22	Headingley	16,140
Mar 3rd	3	St Helens	W 25 24	Totally Wicked	15,148
Mar 10th	4	Wakefield Trinity	W 26 0	Headingley	11,717
Mar 16th	5	Castleford	L 8 14	Mend-a-Hose	7,458
Mar 25th	6	Catalans	W 32 22	Headingley	14,321
Mar 31st	7	Hull KR	L 12 20	Craven Park	8,512
Apr 9th	8	Huddersfield	W 18 17	Headingley	13,234
Apr 14th	9	Hull FC	W 34 10	Headingley	12,644
Apr 21st	10	Leigh	L 6 20	Leigh Sports	6,686
May 5th	11	Salford	L 12 22	Headingley	13,007
May 12th	12	Wigan	W 40 18	DW Stadium	12,167
May 20th	CC R6	Wigan	L 14 18	Headingley	7,103
May 26th	13	St Helens	L 12 13	Headingley	14,161

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 3rd	14	Castleford	L 24 26	St James	36,943
Jun 11th	15	Wakefield Trinity	L 14 24	Be Well Stadium	4,710
Jun 23rd	16	Huddersfield	W 54 0	Headingley	14,590
Jun 29th	17	Warrington	W 22 6	Halliwell Jones	8,981
Jul 9th	18	Salford	W 16 14	Salford Stadium	5,157
Jul 14th	19	Hull KR	L 18 19	Headingley	13,728
Jul 28th	20	St Helens	L 18 22	Totally Wicked	12,108
Aug 6th	21	Leigh	L 6 13	Headingley	12,785
Aug 20th	22	Warrington	W 24 22	Headingley	15,166
Aug 27th	23	Huddersfield	L 12 21	John Smith's	6,621
Sep 2nd	24	Hull FC	W 28 12	MKM Stadium	11,064
Sep 9th	25	Wigan	L 0 50	Headingley	12,861
Sep 16th	26	Catalans	L 0 61	Gilbert Brutus	9,162
Sep 22nd	27	Castleford	W 46 0	Headingley	15,109

SALFORD RED DEVILS

PAUL WHITESIDE

Salford supporters never seem to have a quiet moment once the season finishes the drama keeps unfolding. The Red Devils have had plenty to deal with off the field since the end of the 2023 season and after a slow start on the recruitment front coach Paul Rowley has now made a fare few signings. The players that have arrived look very capable of causing a few surprises in 2024.

After Salford's heroics in 2022 the club came up just short in the playoffs away to St Helens in the penultimate game of the season. A stunning run in the second have of the year saw Salford playing the best rugby the supporters had seen since the 1970s. Paul Rowley and his assistant Kurt Haggerty put together a side that on there day could beat anybody comfortably. A thrilling, swashbuckling style of play became a breath of fresh air to the predictability of the Super League.

Moving into 2023 Salford kept the nucleus of the squad together with the newly crowned Man of Steel Brodie Croft. A few subtle additions were added to add a little strength in depth and the supporters were in very optimistic mood after a solid opening night victory away to newly promoted Leigh Leopards.

A disappointing home defeat to Hull Kingston Rovers was a set back but Salford then travelled to Humberside and trounced Hull FC 14-60! Another victory at Leigh over Easter saw a string of excellent results follow with Salford beating Catalans and Leeds away. The Red Devils previous victories at Headingley had come in 1959,1977,2009 and 2019 so this was quite a special one for the supporters. The following week came a huge turning point in the season. Salford went away to St.Helens a fixture they'd not won since January 1980. The Red Devils out played the champions in the first half flying in to a 0-12 lead. Second rower Shane Wright had been in tremendous form but he picked up an injury in a rather cynical challenge. Salford seemed to drain in confidence as Saints stormed back to victory 26-12. Wright sadly would miss the remainder of the season due to the severity of the injury.

Salford bounced back with a crazy 42-40 challenge cup win over Huddersfield. Once again good form saw three more victories on the trot before a tricky visit to Hull Kingston Rovers for a Challenge Cup quarter final clash. This proved to be another big turning point. Salford were totally out played by the Robins who seemed so fired up for this clash and they ran out 28-10 winners. Star forward Tyler Dupree left the club to sign for Wigan but the arrival of Brad Singleton in the opposite direction was a welcome signing.

Confidence seemed to drain from the side with injuries mounting up to really dent the small squad Salford had. Just three wins from the remaining twelve games saw the club finish seventh and just miss out on the playoffs. It was however a valiant effort. The highlights towards the back end of the season, a fantastic away win at Huddersfield 8-32 and a thrilling golden point extra time victory over Warrington 24-20.

TURNING POINT

Shane Wrights season ending injury at St.Helens and a dismal performance in the Challenge Cup at Hull Kingston Rovers.

WHAT WORKED

Fullback Ryan Brierley had a fantastic season scooping the clubs awards and also the Devil in the Detail podcast awards. Ryan is a huge favourite with the supporters and is a fantastic ambassador for the club both on and off the pitch.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Salford's lack of size in the pack eventually found them out. With a light squad the team eventually ran out of steam.

BEST PLAYERS

Ryan Brierley and Brodie Croft were both very consistent. Chris Atkin and his versatility continues to pay dividends with Kallum Watkins also enjoyed his role as a back rower.

ROOKIES

Young hooker Amir Bourouh will be looking to improve in 2024.

Looking ahead to 2024 Salford have lost key players in Brodie Croft and Andy Ackers who have joined Leeds. Ken Sio has left the club after five great years of service.

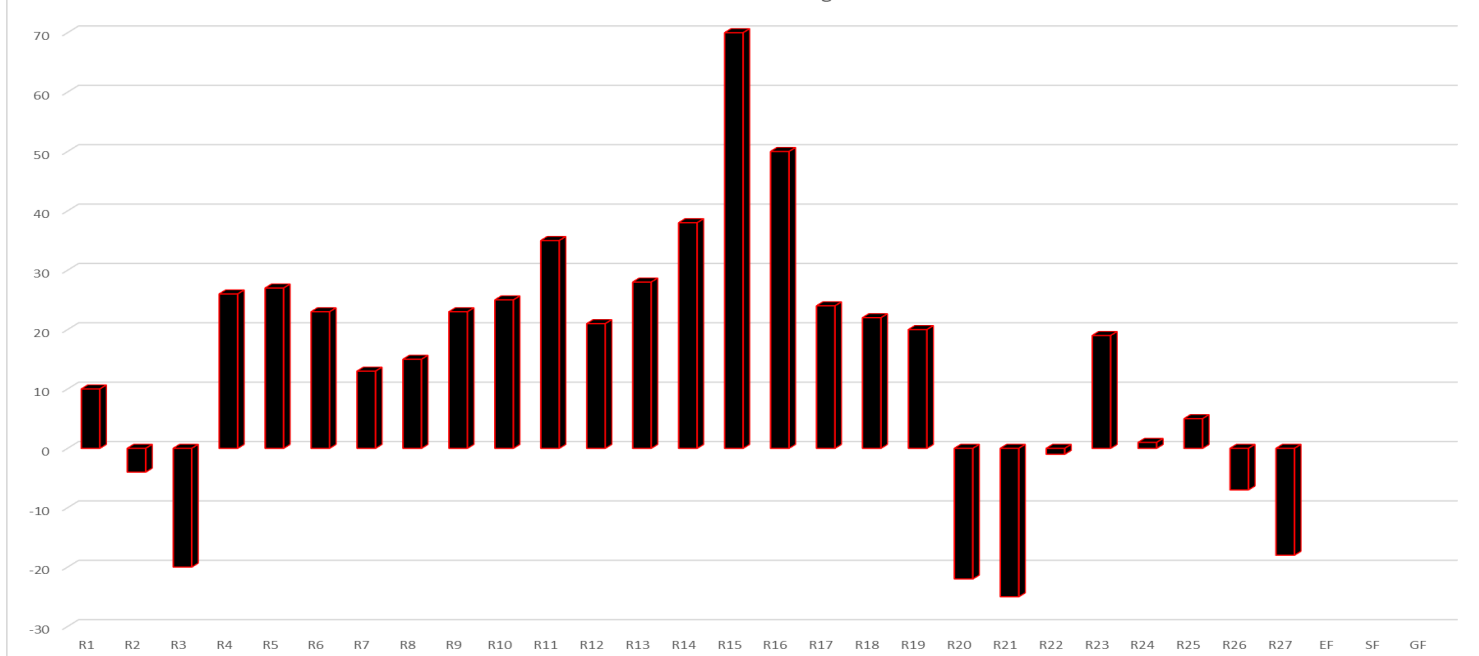
Cade Cust has joined from Wigan along with Joe Shorrocks. Both players have points to prove. Ethan Ryan and Chris Hankinson have arrived from Hull Kingston Rovers and Featherstone respectively. Nene McDonald is an exciting signing going off his reputation. Kai Morgan and Matty Foster will also be looking to build there rugby league careers at Salford.

The bookmakers are expecting Salford to be strugglers along with London and Castleford. Paul Rowley has signed some clever players with good attitudes and work ethics. The Red Devils will be difficult to beat and if key players can click you never know. Rugby league is not just about star players and big names. A team needs a good hard working attitude, togetherness and will to win. If Rowley can get the best out of this team they could be dangerous.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: SALFORD

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	7TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	QUARTER FINALISTS
COACH	PAUL ROWLEY
CAPTAIN	KALLUM WATKINS
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	7,854 (VS. WIGAN IN ROUND 16)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	5,121
TOP POINTSCORER	MARC SNEYD (204)
TOP TRYSCORER	KEN SIO (12)

Salford Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	C6	13	14	15	CQ	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS					
Opponent	LL	HK	WR	HL	WK	WI	HD	LL	CS	CT	LR	SH	HD	HL	HK	CS	HK	WI	WK	LR	LL	CT	SH	HD	WK	WI	WR	HK	CT	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts
ACKERS, Andy	H	H	H	H	H			H	H	H	H	H		H						H	H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H		19	1	3	-	-	12
ADDY, Danny					B	L	L	L	B				B					B		2R	2R		L	L	L	L	B	B	B	9	7	-	-	-	-
ATKIN, Chris	B	B	B	L	L	B	H	B	B	B	B	B	H	B	H	H	H	FE	FB	B	L	HB	B	B	B	B	L	B	B	12	17	4	-	-	16
BOUROUH, Amir				B		H									B	B	B	H	H		B	H					B	B	H	5	7	-	-	-	-
BRIERLEY, Ryan	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	28	-	9	3	-	42
BURGESS, Joe		W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	25	-	4	-	-	16	
COSTELLO, Matthew				C		C	C	C	C	C		C	C					B		B		C							8	2	3	-	-	12	
CROFT, Brodie	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	27	-	5	-	-	20	
CROSS, Deon	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	2R	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	29	-	5	-	-	20	
DIXON, Andrew						B	B			B									2R			B					B		1	5	-	-	-	-	
DUPREE, Tyler	FR	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	FR							15	6	3	-	-	12	
GERRARD, Alex	B	B										B	FR						B	FR		FR							3	4	2	-	-	8	
GREENWOOD, James																							B						-	1	-	-	-	-	
HELLEWELL, Ben						B	B						L	B	B	B	B	B	FR	2R	B	2R	B	B	B	B	2R	FR	B	6	13	4	-	-	16
LAFAI, Tim	C	C	C	C		C								C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	20	-	6	-	-	24	
LANNON, Ryan																													-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LONGSTAFF, Ellis			2R	B						B	C	B	B						B										2	5	2	-	-	8	
ORMONDRYD, Jack	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR		B	B	B			B	B	B	B			FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	11	13	-	-	-	-
PARTINGTON, Oliver	L	L	L						L	L	L	L	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR		L	L	21	1	-	-	-	-
SARGINSON, Dan																													-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SIDLOW, Adam			B	B	B	FR								B	B	B	B	FR	B		B	B						B	2	11	-	-	-	-	
SINGLETON, Brad																							FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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SNEYD, Marc	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	28	-	4	92	4	204	
STONE, Sam	2R	2R			B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	24	1	6	-	-	24		
VUNIYAYAWA, King	FR	B	B	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	15	12	2	-	-	8		
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WILLIAMS, Rhys	W			W	W					W	W	W	W			W			W										9	-	5	-	-	20	
WRIGHT, Shane	B	B	B	2R	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	B																	2	10	4	-	-	16	

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 17th	1	Leigh	W 20 10	Leigh Sports	8,589
Feb 23rd	2	Hull KR	L 10 24	Salford Stadium	5,565
Mar 2nd	3	Warrington	L 20 36	Halliwel Jones	9,616
Mar 11th	4	Hull FC	W 60 14	MKM Stadium	11,323
Mar 19th	5	Wakefield Trinity	W 14 13	Salford Stadium	4,757
Mar 24th	6	Wigan	L 16 20	DW Stadium	11,497
Apr 2nd	7	Huddersfield	L 16 26	Salford Stadium	4,764
Apr 8th	8	Leigh	W 22 20	Leigh Sports	6,002
Apr 13th	9	Castleford	W 14 6	Salford Stadium	4,468
Apr 23rd	10	Catalans	W 16 14	Salford Stadium	3,974
May 5th	11	Leeds	W 22 12	Headingley	13,007
May 13th	12	St Helens	L 12 26	Totally Wicked	11,881
May 20th	CC R6	Huddersfield	W 42 40	Salford Stadium	2,872
May 28th	13	Hull FC	W 29 22	Salford Stadium	4,569
Jun 3rd	14	Hull KR	W 26 16	St James	36,943

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 9th	15	Castleford	W 42 10	Mend-a-Hose	6,354
Jun 17th	CC QF	Hull KR	L 10 28	Craven Park	6,289
Jun 25th	16	Wigan	L 6 26	Salford Stadium	7,854
Jun 30th	17	Wakefield Trinity	L 6 32	Be Well Stadium	3,854
Jul 9th	18	Leeds	L 14 16	Salford Stadium	5,157
Jul 16th	19	Leigh	L 22 24	Salford Stadium	6,892
Jul 29th	20	Catalans	L 0 42	Gilbert Brutus	9,503
Aug 6th	21	St Helens	L 15 18	Salford Stadium	6,515
Aug 18th	22	Huddersfield	W 32 8	John Smith's	4,685
Aug 25th	23	Wakefield Trinity	W 20 0	Salford Stadium	3,836
Sep 1st	24	Wigan	L 8 26	DW Stadium	12,905
Sep 10th	25	Warrington	W 24 20	Salford Stadium	6,252
Sep 16th	26	Hull KR	L 0 12	Craven Park	9,848
Sep 22nd	27	Catalans	L 8 19	Salford Stadium	4,212

ST HELENS

JOHNNY LEW

St Helens came into the 2023 season on the back of a stellar 2022 campaign which saw them top the Super League and go all the way to win their 4th straight Super League Title in a row, labelling themselves 'four-midable'. Under the reign of Kristian Woolf, Saints dominance was built on solid, compact defence which not many sides in England produce. It was this, along with an attacking structure based around building pressure and using the creativity of young Full Back Jack Welsby to have that final spark.

2022 season end, however, saw Woolf return to Australia and Saints appointing club legend, and Kristian's assistant coach, Paul Wellens as their Head Coach.

A baptism of fire awaited, with a pre-season trip to Aus booked to take on the best in Australia, Penrith Panthers, for the World Club Challenge. Firstly, they beat St George Illawarra Dragons, in the pre-season challenge, 30-18. Moreover, they then went onto conquer the world as, against all the odds, they beat the 'mighty' Penrith Panthers 13-12 in golden point, with young halfback Lewis Dodd supplying the winning drop goal. Dodd only got into the position to do so thanks to a valiant effort by Mark Percival to get out of his in-goal and a huge carry from Konrad Hurrell. Dodd may have stolen the headlines, but it was a former NRL second rower Curtis Sironen and another young player in Jack Welsby, as mentioned previously, who stole the show.

The 2023 season got off to shaky start after a delayed return from Australia. With Paul Wellens's side only gaining five wins out of their first 10. Wellens being very vocal about the 'clunkiness' of their attack being the main issue along with 'ill-discipline' as many of the losses came in the last 15/20 minutes of the game, with the changing points in those games being an increase of late sinbinnings, red cards or just general lazy penalties given away.

Two perfect examples of this in the early season were the 24-25 home defeat to Leeds in round 3 and the 20-12 away defeat to SL newcomer's Leigh in round 4. Matty Lees sinbinned on 66 minutes v Leigh saw saints go from 12-0 up to conceding three tries in that spell, by the time Lees came back on it was too late to recover. The Leeds game saw a late shoulder charge by Sam Walters go unpunished and Leeds getting a penalty for an incorrect play the ball. This saw Saints players lose their cool with Sione Matautia get yellow carded for a late hit soon after this incident and saw Konrad Hurrell get sent off for a shoulder charge to the head soon after Leeds levelled the game at 24-24 (Curtis Sironen got sinbinned in the first half at 12-0 up, for a late hit, which also saw Leeds level at 12-12). This ill-discipline came back to haunt them later in the season too.

However, despite their attack being very lacklustre, their results did however improve with them going onto lose only 2 games out of their last 17 regular season games to finish on 40 points in 3rd place on the ladder, joint top with Wigan and Catalan with points difference separating them.

TURNING POINT

The round 11 defeat to Catalan away, a game which saw real bull's being paraded around the pitch pre-match (one of which escaped) saw the players flee for their lives in the warm-up, was the turning point for St Helens.

After this defeat (another in which Saints had a 10+ point lead) their results improved, and the defence started to click back to the 2022 season style. The 15 out of 17 victories proved a big finish was inevitable for Saints and they were unlucky not to win the League Leaders shield and very unlucky not to reach the Challenge Cup final after they narrowly lost 12-10 to the Leigh Leopards in the Semi-Final, with a controversial try being awarded after Zac Hardaker pushed, Thailand International, Tee Ritson off the ball in the in-goal. This run of victories meant saints finished 3rd and had to play a home quarter-final in the Play-offs to Warrington (who finished 6th). They won that game 16-8, which set up an away fixture with Catalan Dragons in Perpignan. This Semi-Final saw over 900 Saints fans making the trip to the South of France in less than a week's notice to cheer on their team in this 'game of legends' as it saw St Helens's James Roby and Catalan Dragons's Sam Tomkins face each other off in what could be their last ever game before retiring.

James Roby would be the legend to miss out on a grand final swansong as Sam Tomkins scored the winning try in a last minute, regular time, 12-6 defeat. Ill-discipline cost them as Matty Lees got sinbinned holding down on the 70th minute which led to them kicking the goal to level the scores at 6-6 which led to the grandstand finish.

BEST PLAYERS

There is only one name I can mention in this section and that is Jack Welsby, a player who has over 50% of a team's try contributions has to be the best player for that side, if not then absolutely the most influential. Solid under the high bomb too, defensively Jack has also improved with his 1-on-1 tackling becoming very handy in a couple of incidents this season, with his tackle on Abbas Miski in the 34-16 victory over Wigan in June being a highlight. It is no wonder Sean Wane made him the youngest ever test captain in the series v Tonga and that he has already turned down various NRL contracts over the last couple years and now that interest has ramped up after a stella 2023 campaign for both Saints and England. Saints will have a fight on their hands to keep Jack out of the clutches of the NRL.

Two other players who deserve a mention are Mark Percival and Joe Batchelor. Mark, in his testimonial year, had a very injury prone 2022 season and for a large chunk of it he looked like a bruise on the bone of his knee could have seen his career come to an end at 28. Luckily for Saints and Mark it wasn't and he had a stella campaign with 9 tries and 59 goals in 23 appearances, but it's not just his try scoring that Mark is known for, it's his tenacious effort in defence and

making the hard carries in the early part of each set, as mentioned previously if it wasn't for his golden point carry in the WCC then saints may not have won the match.

Joe Batchelor, a man who does the hard work for the team, had a injury-ridden campaign in 2023 after getting injured in the pre-season game v St George. He missed the WCC and the first 9 rounds and then had hamstring injuries throughout the season too that kept him out of a few crucial games. He managed to get in 17 appearances with 15 wins. It is no coincidence that saints up-turn in form after round 10 coincided with Joe's return to the first team and their defeat in the Challenge Cup semi-final coincided with his hamstring injury. He is a player that is now vital to the St Helens outfit going forward and is a great player to work within the community of St Helens too.

ROOKIES

Tee Ritson: A player, who at 27, had spent most of his career in the championship. But his big break came when Saints got him on a 12-month loan from Barrow Raiders. He had a steady season in the red vee scoring 4 tries in 14 appearances, including 1 v's St George. Although he lost his place due to lack of experience in big games, to youngster Jon Bennison, Saints activated his buy-out clause and has extended his stay for a further 2 seasons. I expect him to have a big impact in 2024.

George Delaney: There was another young, ginger prop forward who made his name for St Helens back in 2005, his name was James Graham, and young Delaney looks to be the next big prop to come off the Saints conveyor belt of talent. He won the clubs young player of the year and rightfully so, there aren't many prop forwards that can force their way into contention with the first team at such a young age. He not only stood up to the challenge but excelled and overtook many of the fringe players in the saints ranks. There's a rumour amongst Saints fans that the reason he didn't travel to Australia in the pre-season was so they couldn't see how good of a talent he is. Safe to say, Saints hope he stays at the club for a long time, even gaining himself a contract renewal in the process. Australia, the message is simple, hands off.

Lewis Baxter: only being included on the bench in 2 super league fixtures, one of which he didn't come off it, young Lewis is a Loose Forward/Second Row/Prop who has a big career ahead of him, just unfortunately not at Saints, he's signed for Leigh Leopards ahead of the 2024 campaign as saints are strong in all areas he can cover. He did get off the bench v St George though and that experience is something he will never forget.

2024 SEASON AND RECRUITMENT

Saints have lost two big characters and figures in the dressing room in James Roby and Louie McCarthy-Scarsbrook, who had been with the first team since 2004 and 2011 respectfully. They replaced Roby with Warrington's Daryl Clark who I, personally, had been calling for Saints to go after for years as Roby put off retiring for several seasons; he is the player whose game is similar to that of Roby and whose sharpness out of dummy half could help Saints attack drastically along with his leadership.

LMS's replacement has come from within, as throughout 2023 Sione Matautia has seen himself bulk up and moved from second row into the middle and he's been superb in that role. The versatility of Sione over the years can see him cover Prop, Second Row and Centre. With Sione transitioning to Prop, it left Saints short in second row. Matt Whitley was the man to replace him from the Catalan Dragons. Matt was a St Helens fan growing up, even being part of the scholarship program before being let go at 16 and joining Widnes. At 27, he returns to his boyhood club and has plenty of talent and years left in him for St Helens.

Saints are looking, however, for a replacement for Will Hopoate, at the time of writing this. Chairman Eamon McManus even highlighting they're on the hunt for a player who can play centre/wing but will only sign a player who is the right fit for the club.

Next season, Saints will be looking to improve drastically in attack to complement their solid foundations in defence. All teams around them have recruited well and improved in personnel, so it will have to be a huge effort from the lads in pre-season to get fit and be ready for the challenge that is to come. Saints will target top 4 as a minimum; their roster is a top 2 roster, but their attack must improve to be a complete contrast to the 2023 attack. Assistant Coach Laurent Frayssinous has been the attacking coach since joining the club in 2023. A man who has had lots of experience as head coach, and assistant, for France and Catalans respectfully. He was brought in to aid the inexperience of Wellens and there is no doubt he has the experience to adapt this attack.

Play-offs await again for Saints in 2024 and wouldn't put it past another Grand Final Appearance for the men in the Red Vee. Can they go the full distance? There's a saying on these shores and that is "Never Write Off The Saints" and I think, as the 2023 WCC showed, you'd be silly to say they can't.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: ST HELENS

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	3RD, SEMI FINALISTS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SEMI FINALISTS
COACH	PAUL WELLENS
CAPTAINS	JAMES ROBY (17), JONNY LOMAX (4)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	17,088 (VS. WIGAN IN ROUND 15)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	12,783
TOP POINTSCORER	THOMAS MAKINSON (168)
TOP TRYSORER	THOMAS MAKINSON (24)

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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 18th	WCC	Penrith	W 13 12	BlueBet Stadium	13,873
Feb 26th	2	Castleford	W 24 6	Mend-a-Hose	10,042
Mar 3rd	3	Leeds	L 24 25	Totally Wicked	15,148
Mar 10th	4	Leigh	L 12 20	Leigh Sports	7,734
Mar 17th	5	Hull FC	W 20 12	Totally Wicked	10,350
Mar 23rd	6	Huddersfield	W 14 12	John Smith's	4,684
Mar 31st	7	Wakefield Trinity	W 38 0	Totally Wicked	10,304
Apr 7th	8	Wigan	L 6 14	DW Stadium	24,275
Apr 14th	9	Hull KR	L 14 26	Craven Park	8,540
Apr 20th	10	Warrington	W 28 6	Totally Wicked	14,866
May 5th	11	Catalans	L 12 24	Gilbert Brutus	10,763
May 13th	12	Salford	W 26 12	Totally Wicked	11,881
May 19th	CC R6	Halifax	W 26 6	The Shay	4,693
May 26th	13	Leeds	W 13 12	Headingley	14,161
Jun 4th	14	Huddersfield	W 48 6	St James	26,326
Jun 9th	15	Wigan	W 34 16	Totally Wicked	17,088
Jun 17th	CC QF	Hull FC	W 32 18	MKM Stadium	8,127

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 22nd	16	Hull FC	L 6 34	MKM Stadium	9,937
Jun 30th	17	Castleford	W 22 0	Totally Wicked	11,490
Jul 7th	18	Warrington	W 24 20	Halliwel Jones	12,385
Jul 13th	19	Catalans	L 12 14	Totally Wicked	12,193
Jul 22nd	CC SF	Leigh	L 10 12	Halliwel Jones	12,113
Jul 28th	20	Leeds	W 22 18	Totally Wicked	12,108
Aug 6th	21	Salford	W 18 15	Salford Stadium	6,515
Aug 13th	1	Huddersfield	W 32 18	Totally Wicked	12,028
Aug 18th	22	Hull KR	W 28 6	Totally Wicked	11,258
Aug 25th	23	Castleford	W 34 4	Mend-a-Hose	6,868
Sep 3rd	24	Wakefield Trinity	W 32 16	Be Well Stadium	4,544
Sep 8th	25	Leigh	W 22 12	Totally Wicked	13,428
Sep 15th	26	Warrington	W 18 6	Halliwel Jones	12,855
Sep 22nd	27	Hull FC	W 30 12	Totally Wicked	14,036
Sep 30th	EF	Warrington	W 16 8	Totally Wicked	13,801
Oct 6th	SF	Catalans	L 6 12	Gilbert Brutus	11,530

WAKEFIELD TRINITY

LEE ROBINSON

Super League's Ultimate Survival Specialists Finally Fall

Many who regularly stand on the Belle Vue terraces could see the plans for 2023. Spend little on the playing staff, work on the ground, build up IMG points ... and hope. That hope looked a long way off after 15 games with 15 losses, which included 14 league defeats and a Challenge Cup loss to Leigh. This was the worst run in Trinity's 128-year rugby league history, but after releasing ten players at the end of 2022 and bringing in just four for the new campaign, the future did look bleak.

Youth Manager, Mark Applegarth was entrusted with the coaching duties but battle as he did, and regularly fronting up to the press, the beleaguered 'Mash' walked away with the worst coaching record in our history, with just four wins from 28 games. The first win of the season against Leeds Rhinos was a relief, but also remarkable as Trinity had ten players on the sidelines and three debutants, which included two French trialists. The other three wins gave Trinity four wins in six games in June and July, the 32-6 win over Salford and the 42-6 victory over Warrington a joy to watch with the free-flowing rugby league returning to Belle Vue. The highlight was the 27-26 win over Wigan, after 'golden point extra time', and Belle Vue erupted on that hot July afternoon.

Unfortunately, a different Trinity side turned up when the Castleford Tigers visited in a vital 'four-point' clash and it was so disappointing to watch them lose 28-12 without much fight, and the following seven losses sealed relegation. There was some hope when the scores were tied at 19-19 in the penultimate game at Leigh, but the 'golden point' drama did not go Trinity's way on this occasion, and they would now have to prepare for their first season outside Super League since 1998.

TURNING POINT

Round 22. Trinity had won four games by early August, had re-signed David Fifita, Luke Gale was on form and Josh Griffin was making his debut. Castleford Tigers' appeared to be in turmoil and going backwards but then brought in a new coach (Danny Ward) and a new playmaker (Blake Austin), but Trinity still felt confident. Yet again, that confidence was shattered as Castleford won 28-12 and with seven successive defeats to follow for Trinity, relegation was a formality.

WHAT WORKED

The signing of Luke Gale appeared to work, initially, as, although he was injured early on was an inspiration both on and off the field in the summer months that saw the four wins. The return of David Fifita not only lifted the team but the whole Trinity community. His arrival brought smiles back on the fans faces. The 'Big Bopper' played until his body failed him, he never gave less than 100% and he flew halfway across the world to help Trinity's cause when his wife was pregnant at home.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The threadbare squad which was then hit by injuries. All teams suffer injuries at this level but if Trinity's initial 1-13 side was hit by injuries, then Trinity would suffer. That is what happened and only eight players played 20, or more games. With ten loan signings and 19 debutants that initial plan of the inadequate squad did not work.

BEST PLAYER

Jay Pitts was an 'ever present' throughout the season and was voted as the Coach's Player of the Year and the Club Man of Steel winner as well as topping the club's 'tackle count'. His all-action displays from the second row saw him make 913 tackles in his 27 league games which saw him fifth the competition overall. That's Pitts' season in statistics but, as always, he led by example throughout the campaign, leading from the front and was an inspiration to the youngsters throughout. Captain Matty Ashurst and utility Liam Kay were equally industrious and mid-season signing, Will Dagger added an occasion flash of class in the backline.

ROOKIES

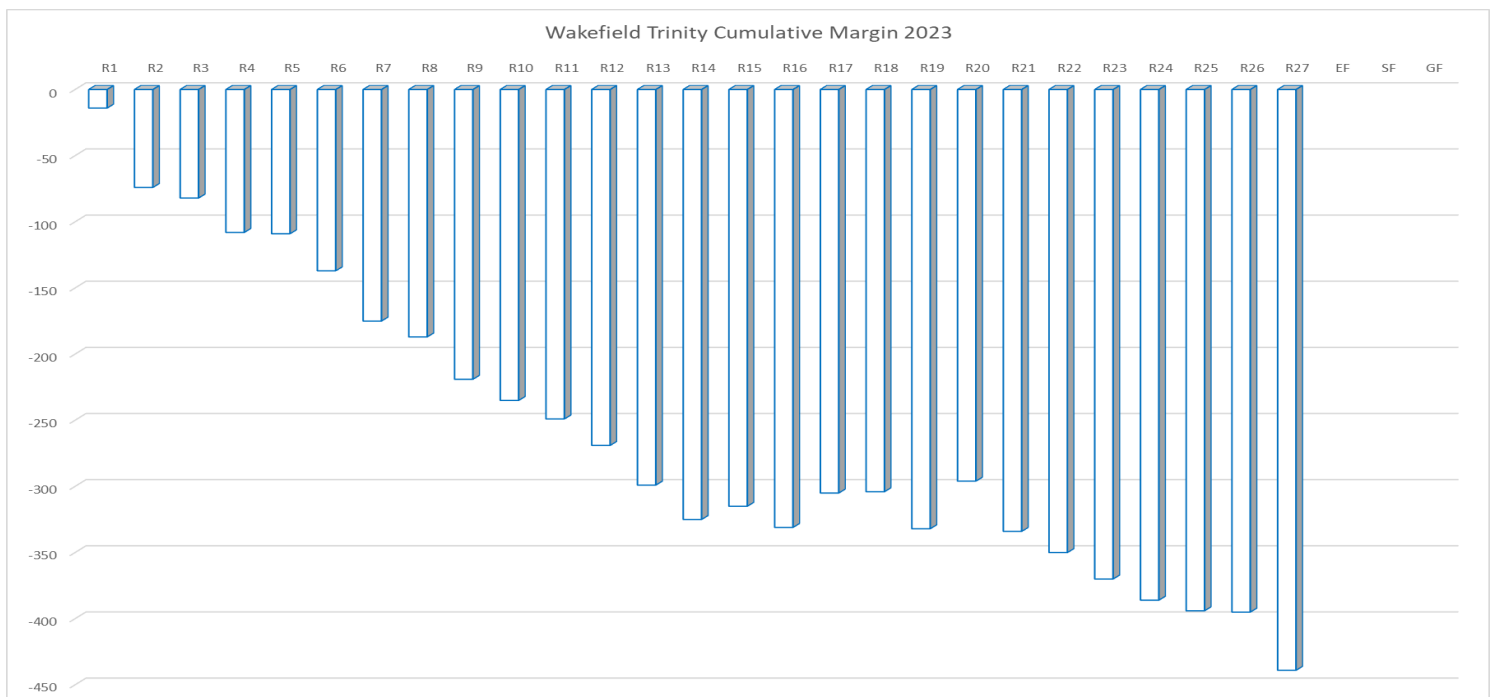
19-year-old prop, Sam Eseh won the club's young player of the year, but he only played 15 games in his break-out season after previous loan spells in the Championship. He showed enough glimpses to excite the Trinity contingent in the future, but Wigan Warriors also thought the same and he signed for the 'Cherry and Whites' for 2024. Teenagers Joe Law, Oliver Pratt and Harvey Smith are the next three successes from the Trinity youth set up, all signed for 2024 and are all three exciting prospects for the future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Once the doom and gloom of relegation had faded there were some exciting times to look forward to in 2024. Long term owner, Michael Carter sold the club to local businessman, Matt Ellis and chairman, John Minards stood aside after six years. The new era begins with the new 2,500-seater East Stand opening in 2024 and a new coach in Daryl Powell. Already Powell has taken on new assistant coaches and changed the whole backroom staff. Ten players have left from the 2023 squad since the season's end and new signings are trickling in with Jermaine McGillvary, the former Great Britain winger, the pick so far. There is good news every week, now, whether on or off the field and plans are in place to increase our IMG ranking points and target the club's return to Super League in 2025.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WAKEFIELD

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	12TH, RELEGATED
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
COACH	MARK APPEGARTH
CAPTAINS	MAT ASHURST (18), JORDAN CROWTHER (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	4,710 (VS. LEIGH IN ROUND 9)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	4,124
TOP POINTSCORER	WILL DAGGER (71)
TOP TRYSORER	LEE KERSHAW (7)



WARRINGTON WOLVES

AJ LUCANTONIO

Record Breakers... the good, bad and ugly!

When looking at the 2023 Warrington Wolves. It's a three-stage process that can only be defined as the good, the bad and the ugly.

First the good, they started the year like a house on fire winning their first eight games of the season and looking like a powerhouse unit that couldn't be stopped. Despite a two-game skid against powerhouses Wigan and St Helens, they rebounded nicely and entered the midway mark of the season in first position.

The second half of the season was an absolute nightmare. From Round 14 to Round 25 (the time when Daryl Powell resigned). The Wire only won three matches in that period which included a 42-6 loss to the relegated Wakefield. They were obliterated in every match and outside of those victories, their attack which was so good at the beginning of the season sank without a trace.

Gary Chambers was left to pick up the pieces in the final few matches of the season. Despite losing two straight, a final-round win over Huddersfield saw their finals place secured after a dramatic final day. They put in a brave and resilient effort against Saints but it wasn't to be. After starting undefeated, the Wire were eliminated in week 1 of the finals.

TURNING POINT

The quarter-final exit from the Challenge Cup in a narrow loss to Wigan seemed to destroy the Wire. All confidence that was within the building prior to that loss evaporated leading to a disastrous losing streak which saw Darryl Powell resign from his post.

WHAT WORKED

Their start to the season. An undefeated start saw the Wire look like one of the best teams and the most likely to end the Saint's impressive run of four straight titles. They played with a strong brand of attacking footy scoring over 30 points in each of their first 7 matches. Defensively they only conceded 20 once in that same period as well.

WHAT DIDN'T

However, the second half of the year. Everything that did work failed miserably dropping seven on the trot as previously mentioned. They only scored more than 20 points once in that period and conceded only 20 on all but one occasion in the rot.

BEST PLAYER

Matty Ashton was the player of the year in 2023 for the Wire. The speedster has had another impressive campaign on the field, with 20 tries in all competitions, his most in a single season for Warrington. Paul Vaughan made the SL Dream Team capping off his first campaign in style being the only Wolves player to make it.

ROOKIES

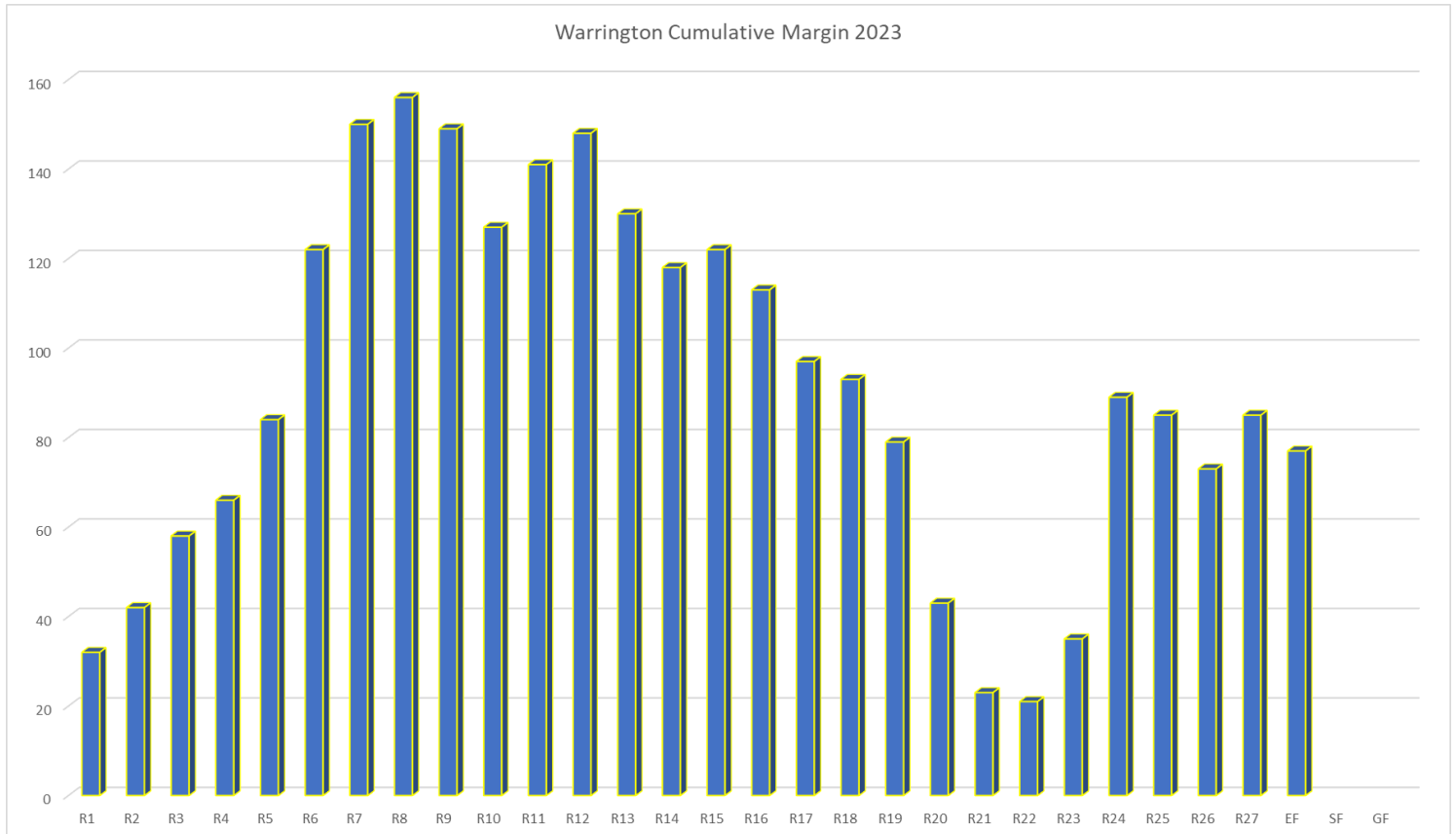
Josh Thewlis was declared the Super League Rookie of the Year in a strong campaign which saw him win English honours. Although it's his (checks notes) fifth season of play, his young age saw him eligible for the award and he won in style with 9 tries on the year. Lucas Green debuted and showed promise along with Luke Thomas and Tom Whitehead.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sam Burgess arrives with his work cut-out for him. There was a lot of change required after the team's spectacular collapse last season. They will lose Daryl Clark, Peter Mata'utia, Tom Mikaele and Riley Dean but gain Lachie Fitzgibbon, Roderick Tai and Toby King (who returns from loan via Wigan).

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WARRINGTON

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	6TH, ELIMINATORS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	QUARTER FINALISTS
COACHES	DARYL POWELL (26), GARY CHAMBERS (4)
CAPTAIN	STEFAN RATCHFORD
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	15,026 (VS. WIGAN IN ROUND 9)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	10,894
TOP POINTSCORER	STEFAN RATCHFORD (214)
TOP TRYSCORER	MATTHEW ASHTON (20)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	C6	13	14	15	CQ	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	IM	SEASON STATS											
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VAUGHAN, Paul	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	27
WALKER, Danny	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H	B	H	H	H	H	B	B	FE	B	H	H	H	H	H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	18		
WHITEHEAD, Tom				B																																						
WILLIAMS, George	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB																								
WRENCH, Connor															W	C	C	C	B																							

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 16th	1	Leeds	W 42 10	Halliwel Jones	11,082
Feb 24th	2	Huddersfield	W 26 16	John Smith's	7,731
Mar 2nd	3	Salford	W 36 20	Halliwel Jones	9,616
Mar 10th	4	Hull KR	W 18 10	Craven Park	8,082
Mar 17th	5	Leigh	W 38 20	Halliwel Jones	12,073
Mar 24th	6	Castleford	W 38 0	Mend-a-Hose	7,348
Apr 1st	7	Hull FC	W 34 6	Halliwel Jones	10,797
Apr 8th	8	Catalans	W 20 14	Gilbert Brutus	10,786
Apr 14th	9	Wigan	L 6 13	Halliwel Jones	15,026
Apr 20th	10	St Helens	L 6 28	Totally Wicked	14,866
May 5th	11	Wakefield Trinity	W 32 18	Halliwel Jones	10,209
May 12th	12	Hull KR	W 21 14	Halliwel Jones	10,179
May 20th	CC R6	Catalans	W 16 14	Gilbert Brutus	5,014
May 26th	13	Leigh	L 12 30	Leigh Sports	8,120
Jun 4th	14	Hull FC	L 18 30	St James	26,326

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 10th	15	Huddersfield	W 30 26	Halliwel Jones	9,007
Jun 18th	CC QF	Wigan	L 12 14	DW Stadium	9,302
Jun 23rd	16	Castleford	L 14 23	Mend-a-Hose	6,066
Jun 29th	17	Leeds	L 6 22	Halliwel Jones	8,981
Jul 7th	18	St Helens	L 20 24	Halliwel Jones	12,385
Jul 14th	19	Wigan	L 12 26	DW Stadium	13,105
Jul 30th	20	Wakefield Trinity	L 6 42	Be Well Stadium	4,470
Aug 4th	21	Catalans	L 10 30	Halliwel Jones	10,312
Aug 20th	22	Leeds	L 22 24	Headingley	15,166
Aug 26th	23	Hull FC	W 18 4	MKM Stadium	11,624
Sep 2nd	24	Castleford	W 66 12	Halliwel Jones	9,103
Sep 10th	25	Salford	L 20 24	Salford Stadium	6,252
Sep 15th	26	St Helens	L 6 18	Halliwel Jones	12,855
Sep 22nd	27	Huddersfield	W 20 8	John Smith's	5,656
Sep 30th	EF	St Helens	L 8 16	Totally Wicked	13,801

WIGAN WARRIORS

ANDREW FERGUSON

The Wigan Warriors came into the 2023 season with intentions of making amends for their meek exit from the 2022 finals series where, after finishing the regular season in second place and sporting the best attack in the Super League, fell to Leeds 20-8. 2022 had plenty of highlights though, most notably winning the Challenge Cup for the 20th time and for the first time since 2013.

In 2023 they built upon their strong previous season, but undoubtedly motivated. A first round loss to Hull KR seemed to be the kick in the pants they needed to start the season. In Round's 2 and 3 they hammered Wakefield by 60 and Castleford by 36 before a loss to Catalans. The Warriors then won their next 6 games, the last 4 of which saw them keep their opponents score to just 6 points. After 10 games they had conceded just 97 points.

What followed was somewhat of a form slump. 6 wins from their next 12 games (including 2 wins and a Semi Final loss in the Challenge Cup). The Cup loss to Hull KR by just 1 point somehow snapped them back into form as they won all of their remaining 8 Super League games, scoring 289 points and conceding just 56. They then hammered Hull KR 42-12 in the Semi and then narrowly defeated Catalans in the Grand Final 10-2 in a fantastic contest.

TURNING POINT

Challenge Cup Semi Final – The defending Cup Champions took on Hull KR who they had struggled with in the past 2 clashes, losing 27-18 in Round 1 and then scoring a 26-22 win in Round 13. The Cup Semi saw Wigan lead 8-4 at halftime, but by fulltime the game was locked at 10 all. In extra time, the Robins halfback Brad Schneider kicked a field goal to give his side an impressive and hard-fought 11-10 victory. It would be the last loss for Wigan for the rest of the season, as they won their next 10 straight games, passing 40 points in a game on 5 of those occasions, including a 64-6 win over Hull KR just two weeks after Challenge Cup loss. The loss had Wigan on the precipice of a resurgence or a continued drop-off. They chose the former and how!

WHAT WORKED

While many would point at the Warriors brilliant attack, it was their defence that was most impressive, conceding just 13.33 points per game – and in 15 of their 32 games, they kept their opponents score to single digits. In 2023 they let in just 360 points, an impressive 123 points less than in 2022.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

If there's any criticisms, it would be over their midseason slump. Their performances against Leeds lost 40-18) in Round 12, Catalans (lost 46-22) in Round 14 and St Helens (lost 34-16) in Round 15 stand out boldly in a season of dominance.

BEST PLAYERS

It's hard to look past Abbas Miski as one of Wigan's best. The winger continued to prove his tryscoring prowess, bagging 29 tries in 26 games to top the charts for Wigan and the Super League. A strong runner of the ball, with size and strength to boot, Miski was also named the Warriors Player of the Year and Player's Player of the Year.

Young Harry Smith was again very strong and looks to be getting better every year. Kai Pearce-Paul was also very strong and became a regular starter in the back row, playing a major role in the Warriors strong form in the run to the Grand Final.

ROOKIES

The Warriors Young Player of the year Brad O'Neill played 27 games, the first 11 off the bench and the last 16 all as the first-choice hooker. He is just 21 but is already one of the first picked every week and looks to have a lot of potential to get even better. 20 year old Harvie Hill and 19 year old Junior Nsemba were also very impressive, gaining regular game time coming off the bench, both playing 15 games apiece.

LOOKING AHEAD

With 16 of their 26 man squad for 2023 being under the age of 25, the Warriors have invested solidly in their juniors, and a Premiership this year augers well for the club and suggests that they may actually be about to get even better.

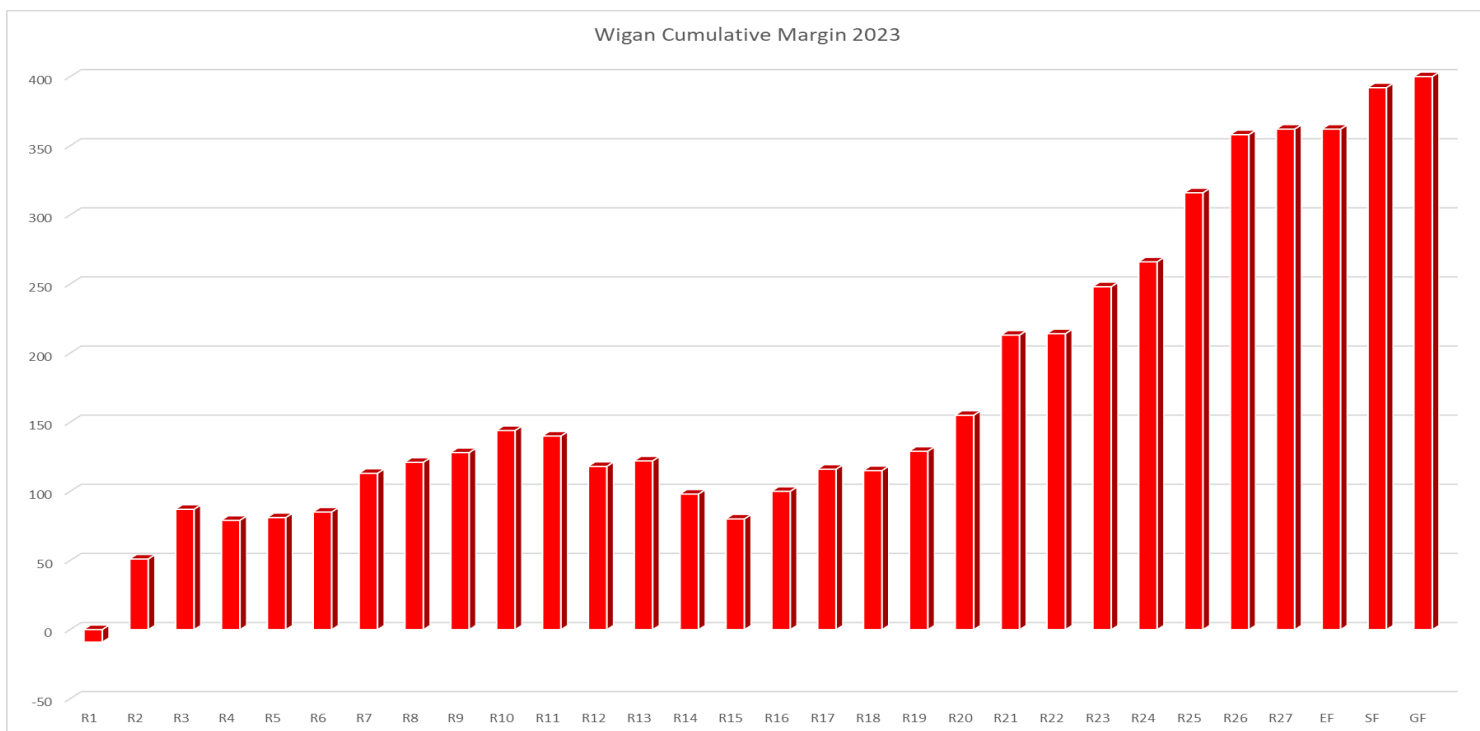
There will be a lot of personnel changes at Wigan in 2024, most notably the arrival of Kruike Leeming, Adam Keighran and Luke Thompson and the departure of Kai Pearce-Paul, Cade Cust, Joe Shorrocks and Morgan Smithies. They will again be one of the top 3 sides and a strong favourite for both major titles, possibly even the World Club Challenge.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WIGAN

SUPER LEAGUE POSITION	1ST, CHAMPIONS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SEMI FINALISTS
COACH	MATT PEET
CAPTAINS	LIAM FARRELL (18), SAM POWELL (1)
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	24,275 (VS. ST HELENS IN ROUND 8)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	13,198
TOP POINTSCORER	HARRY SMITH (226)
TOP TRYSORER	ABBAS MISKI (29)



Wigan Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	CG	13	14	15	CQ	16	17	18	19	CS	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SF	GF	SEASON STATS														
Opponent	HK	WK	CS	CT	HD	SA	LL	SH	WR	WK	HL	LR	LR	HK	CT	SH	WR	SA	HD	WK	WR	HK	LL	HK	HL	CT	SA	LR	CS	LL	HK	CT	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts									
BYRNE, Liam	B				FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR								23	1	-	-	-	-						
COOPER, Mike	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR																												7	1	-	-	-	-						
CUST, Cade	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE						B			B	B	B	B	B	B				B	B										6	9	1	-	-	4							
DUPREE, Tyler																								B	FR	FR	B		B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		6	3	1	-	-	4						
ELLIS, Kaide	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L				B	FR	FR	FR	L					FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		16	9	-	-	-	-							
FARRELL, Liam	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R			30	-	9	-	-	36						
FIELD, Jai	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE								FE	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		25	-	19	-	-	76							
FRENCH, Bevan	W	W	W	W	W	W	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		32	-	19	-	-	76						
HAMPSHIRE, Ryan													FE	FE																						2	1	-	3	-	6						
HAVARD, Ethan	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR				FR	FR	FR	FR															B	9	9	2	-	-	8						
HILL, Harvie										B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B				B	B		B	B				B	B	B			-	15	-	-	-	-						
ISA, Willie		2R	2R	2R	2R		2R		2R	2R		2R											2R											B	B	9	2	-	-	-	-						
KING, Toby	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		31	-	12	-	-	48						
MAGO, Patrick		B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B			-	27	2	-	-	8						
MARSHALL, Liam	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		29	-	24	-	-	96						
MISKI, Abbas							W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		26	-	29	-	-	116						
NSEMBA, Junior										B	B		B	B	B						B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B			1	14	1	-	-	4							
O'NEILL, Bradley	B	B				B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		16	11	1	-	-	4						
PEARCE-PAUL, Kai	2R		B	B	B	2R	C	2R	B	2R	2R	B																	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	16	7	3	-	-	12
POWELL, Sam	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H												B	B	B	B	H	B	B	B	B		16	7	2	-	-	8					
SHORROCKS, Joe							B	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B						B								14	4	1	-	-	4						
SINGLETON, Brad	B	FR	FR	FR		FR		B	FR							B	B	B	B	B																	5	7	-	-	-	-					
SMITH, Harry	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		32	-	4	104	2	226					
SMITHIES, Morgan	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	L	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		30	1	1	-	-	4						
THORNLEY, Iain											W	W					C					C															4	-	3	-	-	12					
WARDLE, Jacob	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		31	-	16	-	-	64						

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT			VENUE	CROWD
Feb 18th	1	Hull KR	L	18	27	Craven Park	10,029
Feb 24th	2	Wakefield Trinity	W	60	0	DW Stadium	12,306
Mar 3rd	3	Castleford	W	36	0	Mend-a-Hose	7,565
Mar 9th	4	Catalans	L	10	18	DW Stadium	11,451
Mar 17th	5	Huddersfield	W	14	12	John Smith's	5,777
Mar 24th	6	Salford	W	20	16	DW Stadium	11,497
Mar 30th	7	Leigh	W	34	6	Leigh Sports	9,189
Apr 7th	8	St Helens	W	14	6	DW Stadium	24,275
Apr 14th	9	Warrington	W	13	6	Halliwel Jones	15,026
Apr 23rd	10	Wakefield Trinity	W	22	6	DW Stadium	12,240
May 4th	11	Hull FC	L	10	14	MKM Stadium	10,251
May 12th	12	Leeds	L	18	40	DW Stadium	12,167
May 20th	CC R6	Leeds	W	18	14	Headingley	7,103
May 25th	13	Hull KR	W	26	22	Craven Park	8,068
Jun 3rd	14	Catalans	L	22	46	St James	36,943
Jun 9th	15	St Helens	L	16	34	Totally Wicked	17,088

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	RESULT			VENUE	CROWD
Jun 18th	CC QF	Warrington	W	14	12	DW Stadium	9,302
Jun 25th	16	Salford	W	26	6	Salford Stadium	7,854
Jun 30th	17	Huddersfield	W	22	6	DW Stadium	13,464
Jul 7th	18	Wakefield Trinity	L	26	27	Be Well Stadium	4,185
Jul 14th	19	Warrington	W	26	12	DW Stadium	13,105
Jul 23rd	CC SF	Hull KR	L	10	11	Headingley	10,926
Jul 29th	20	Leigh	W	44	18	DW Stadium	15,377
Aug 4th	21	Hull KR	W	64	6	DW Stadium	11,464
Aug 18th	22	Hull FC	W	13	12	DW Stadium	12,107
Aug 26th	23	Catalans	W	34	0	Gilbert Brutus	10,614
Sep 1st	24	Salford	W	26	8	DW Stadium	12,905
Sep 9th	25	Leeds	W	50	0	Headingley	12,861
Sep 15th	26	Castleford	W	48	6	DW Stadium	13,109
Sep 22nd	27	Leigh	W	10	6	Leigh Sports	10,308
Oct 7th	SF	Hull KR	W	42	12	DW Stadium	15,162
Oct 14th	GF	Catalans	W	10	2	Old Trafford	58,137

2023 BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 1

Leeds 80 (C. Casey 2, B. Lockwood 2, I. Northrop 2, S. Robinson 2, H. Butcher, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe, E. Frain, T. Gaines, K. Glynn, G. Hale, E. Hayward tries; E. Hayward 8, S. Hulme 2 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Laund Hill.

Date: Fri, 14th April. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Leeds 42-0. Referee: Jordan Hughes.

Huddersfield: Curley, Bennett, Preston, Stott, Brown; Oates, Grady; Wilkinson, Sykes, Hawkins, Naidole, Fisher, Townend. Int: McPherson, Barker, Taylor, Davidson. Leeds: Nuttall, Robinson, Beevers, Butcher, Hayward; Casey, Hulme; Northrop, Bennett, Anderson, Hardcastle, Frain, Hale. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lockwood, Glynn, Gaines.

York 26 (T. Renouf 2, H. Dodd, E. Kershaw, R. Marshall tries; T. Stanley 3 goals) defeated St Helens 6 (L. Burke try; A. Taylor goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: York 10-6. Referee: Elliot Burrow. Crowd: 1,073.

York: Stanley, Hyde, Renouf, Kershaw, Hendry; Dodd, Gale; Wood, Peach, Staveley, Owen, Andrade, Marshall. Int: Taylor, Bell, Field, Hetherington. St Helens: Rotheram, McGifford, Williams, Partington, Burke; Harris, Taylor; Hoyle, Jones, Crowl, Bridge, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead.

Warrington 22 (E. Baggaley, D. Bound, A. Sharrock, S. Simpson tries; M. Davis 3 goals) drew with Wigan 22 (A. Davies, E. Hunter, V. Molyneux, B. Salihi tries; B. Salihi 3 goals) at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 16-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Josh Pemberton.

Warrington: Stephens, Johnston, Baggaley, Simpson, Sutherland; Davis, Magraw; Sharrock, Bound, Daniels, Williams, Haley, Westwood. Int: Ramsden, Downs, Roberts, Latchford. Wigan: Salihi, Hilton, Davies, Greenfield, Jones; Banks, Burrows; Speakman, Marsh, Jones, Hunter, Coleman, Molyneux. Int: Dwyer, Johnson, Morris, Hayes.

ROUND 2

St Helens 38 (S. Hoyle 2, E. Rudge 2, L. Burke, L. McColm, K. Mottershead tries; A. Taylor 5 goals) defeated Leeds 18 (A. Hardcastle 2, E. Hayward tries; E. Hayward 3 goals) at Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 20-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

Leeds: Nuttall, Hayward, Butcher, Robinson, Moxon; Casey, Gaines; Northrop, Bennett, Anderson, Hardcastle, Dainton, Hale. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Frain, Glynn, Lockwood. St Helens: Harris, Partington, Travis, McColm, Burke; Gaskin, Taylor; Crowl, Jones, Stott, Hoyle, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Birchall, Bridge, Mottershead.

York 44 (T. Stanley 2, L. Whitehead 2, G. Hetherington, R. Marshall, S. Peach, T. Renouf tries; T. Stanley 6 goals) defeated Warrington 4 (L. Eastwood try) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: York 16-4. Referee: Tommy Gibbs.

York: Stanley, Taylor, Kershaw, Hetherington, Whitehead; Renouf, Gale; Wood, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Hendry, Field. Int: Bell, Marshall, Rihari, Sanderson. Warrington: Davis, Johnston, Baggaley, Simpson, Stephens; Eastwood, Magraw; Sharrock, Jelves, Latchford, Williams, Haley, Westwood. Int: Ramsden, Courtman, Downs, Roberts.

Wigan 30 (G. Banks, M. Coleman, B. Hayes, E. Hunter, M. Jones, C. Miller, V. Molyneux tries; B. Salihi goal) defeated Huddersfield 20 (A. Brown, H. Goddard, E. Stott, M. Taylor, E. Thompson tries) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 16-8. Referee: Josh Pemberton.

Huddersfield: Bennett, Goddard, Morgan, Stott, Brown; Oates, Taylor; Wilkinson, Millward, McPherson, Thompson, Fisher, Townend. Int: Curley, Naidole, Barker, Da Silva. Wigan: Salihi, Miller, Leigh, Hunter, Jones; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Johnson, Molyneux, Coleman, Jones. Int: Hayes, Evans, Harborow, Hilton.

ROUND 3

York 34 (H. Dodd, O. Gale, E. Hendry, A. Hyde, T. Renouf, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 5 goals) defeated Leeds 12 (K. Bennett, E. Hayward tries; S. Hulme 2 goals) at Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 9th April. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: York 18-12. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 5,308.

Leeds: Nuttall, Hayward, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Casey, Hulme; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Hardcastle, Dainton, Hale. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lockwood, Anderson, Frain. York: Stanley, Hendry, Renouf, Kershaw, Hyde; Hetherington, Gale; Wood, Peach, Bell, Owen, Andrade, Dodd. Int: Staveley, Marshall, Field, Rihari.

St Helens 26 (Z. Harris, S. Hoyle, T. Jones, L. McColm, E. Partington tries; A. Taylor 3 goals) defeated Wigan 4 (G. Banks try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 14-4. Penalties: Wigan 4-3. Referee: Josh Pemberton. Crowd: 898.

St Helens: Harris, Rotheram, Partington, McColm, Burke; Taylor, Gaskin; Birchall, Jones, Hoyle, Travis, Rudge, Williams. Int: Whitfield, Williams, Bridge, Mottershead. Wigan: Salihi, Hilton, Hunter, Jones, Davies; Banks, Burrows; Speakman, Marsh, Morris, Molyneux, Coleman, Greenfield. Int: Dwyer, Hayes, Johnson, Leigh.

Warrington 32 (S. Simpson 3, M. Davis, L. Eastwood, A. Johnston tries; M. Davis 4 goals) defeated Huddersfield 24 (A. Brown 2, L. Naidole, B. Oates, F. Townend tries; F. Townend 2 goals) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Referee: Carl Hughes.

Huddersfield: Bennett, Goddard, Morgan, Stott, Brown; Townend, Curley; Wilkinson, Oates, McPherson, Naidole, Thompson, Fisher. Int: Millward, Davidson, Simister, Da Silva. Warrington: Davis, Johnston, Simpson, Courtman, Stephens; Eastwood, Magraw; Sharrock, Jelves, Latchford, Westwood, Haley, Roberts. Int: Ramsden, Downs, Boardman, Daniels.

ROUND 4

York 40 (L. Owen 2, E. Hendry, E. Kershaw, R. Marshall, S. Peach, S. Rihari, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 4 goals) defeated Wigan 6 (E. Hunter try; M. Jones goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 26-0. Referee: Freddie Lincoln.

York: Stanley, Hendry, Renouf, Owen, Whitehead; Rihari, Gale; Field, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Kershaw, Marshall, Sanderson, Sharp. Wigan: Banks, Hilton, Davies, Hunter, Miller; Jones, Hayes; Speakman, Dwyer, Johnson, Molyneux, Coleman, Jones. Int: Leigh, Morris, Salihi, Harborow.

St Helens 66 (C. Crowl 2, S. Hoyle 2, L. McColm 2, E. Rudge 2, T. Jones, E. Partington, H. Roberts, E. Stott tries; A. Taylor 9 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 24-0. Referee: Adam Williams.

St Helens: Rotheram, Hook, McColm, Roberts, Partington; Gaskin, Taylor; Crowl, Jones, Birchall, Hoyle, Rudge, Williams. Int: Whitfield, Bridge, Mottershead, Stott. Huddersfield: Bennett, Goddard, Clarke, Izumi, Brown; Townend, Grady; Davidson, Oates, Da Silva, Thompson, Morgan, Millward. Int: Frederick-Maynard, Barker, Carrington-Hobson, Burwood.

Leeds 88 (A. Hardcastle 4, C. Casey 3, C. Beevers 2, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe 2, I. Northrop 2, Z. Hornby, B. Lockwood, S. Nuttall, S. Robinson tries; C. Casey 8, S. Hulme 2 goals) defeated Warrington 0 at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 56-0. Penalties: Warrington 6-0. Referee: Luke Flavell.

Warrington: Davis, Johnston, Stephens, Williams, Nixon; Eastwood, Ramsden; Sharrock, Jelves, Downs, Daniels, Haley, Latchford. Int: Boardman, Mullaney, Seddon, Kerrigan. Leeds: Nuttall, Enright, Butcher, Beevers, Robinson; Casey, Greening; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Hardcastle, Frain, Glynn. Int: Hulme, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lockwood, Gaines.

ROUND 5

Leeds 52 (C. Beevers, K. Bennett, B. Dainton, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe, R. Enright, A. Hardcastle, Z. Hornby, I. Northrop, S. Nuttall, S. Robinson tries; C. Casey 5, R. Enright goals) defeated Wigan 0 at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 8-0. Referee: Sam Houghton.

Wigan: Jones, Evans, Hilton, Davies, Miller; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Hayes, Molyneux, Coleman, Jones. Int: Bardsley, Morris, Davies, Harborow. Leeds: Nuttall, Robinson, Beevers, Butcher, Enright; Casey, Greening; Northrop, Bennett, Lockwood, Hardcastle, Dainton, Hornby. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Glynn, Murray, Gaines.

York 48 (E. Kershaw 3, É. Akpa 2, J. Bell, O. Gale, A. Hyde, L. Whitehead tries; L. Whitehead 6 goals) defeated Huddersfield 8 (A. Brown, L. Naidole tries) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York 26-8. Referee: Milo McKelvey.

Huddersfield: Bennett, Goddard, Thompson, Naidole, Brown; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Millward, Armstrong, Davidson, Morgan, Da Silva. Int: Barker, Carrington-Hobson, Simister, Howey. York: Whitehead, Hendry, Hyde, Lambert, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Sanderson, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Taylor, Sharp, Clarke, Akpa.

St Helens 60 (F. Gaskin 2, P. Hook 2, T. Jones 2, L. McColm, E. Partington, E. Rudge, E. Stott, V. Whitfield tries; A. Taylor 8 goals) defeated Warrington 6 (F. Davies try; M. Davis goal) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 40-0. Referee: Enzo Peyre.

Warrington: Davis, Johnston, Williams, Stephens, Seddon; Magraw, Ramsden; Davies, Jelves, McCosh, Daniels, Haley, Latchford. Int: Downs, Mullaney, Kerrigan, Nixon. St Helens: Rotheram, Hook, Travis, McColm, Partington; Gaskin, Taylor; Crowl, Jones, Birchall, Hoyle, Rudge, Williams. Int: Whitfield, Stott, Mottershead, Stott.

ROUND 6

Wigan 20 (A. Davies 2, H. Speakman, R. Thompson tries; M. Jones, J. Morris goals) defeated Warrington 12 (A. Johnston, C. Mullaney, S. Stephens tries) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-8. Referee: Carl Hughes.

Wigan: Salihi, Greenfield, Davies, Jones, Hilton; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Jones, Molyneux, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Burrows, Bardsley, Hayes, Morris. Warrington: Stephens, Johnston, Kerrigan, Williams, Nixon; Davis, Magraw; McCosh, Jelves, Davies, Westwood, Haley, Latchford. Int: Mullaney, Downs, Seddon, Bound.

York 12 (R. Marshall, S. Rihari tries; T. Stanley 2 goals) drew with Leeds 12 (Z. Hornby, L. Murray, S. Nuttall tries) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-4. Penalties: York 8-6. Referee: Freddie Lincoln.

York: Stanley, Hyde, Renouf, Owen, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Field, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Taylor, Marshall, Sanderson, Akpa. Leeds: Enright, Hayward, Beevers, Butcher, Nuttall; Casey, Greening; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Hardcastle, Murray, Dainton. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Glynn, Anderson, Robinson.

York 18 (O. Gale, L. Owen, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 3 goals) defeated St Helens 8 (J. Cunningham try; A. Taylor 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-0. Penalties: St Helens 8-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

St Helens: Harris, Hook, Stott, McColm, Partington; Taylor, Gaskin; Hoyle, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Sams, Stott, Birchall. York: Stanley, Hyde, Renouf, Owen, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Akpa, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Taylor, Sanderson, Sharp, Roberts.

ROUND 7

St Helens 12 (F. Gaskin, P. Hook tries; A. Taylor 2 goals) defeated Wigan 4 (A. Davies try) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-0. Penalties: St Helens 6-3. Referee: Lucas Seal.

Wigan: Salihi, Hilton, Biville, Jones, Davies; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Dwyer, Coleman, Hunter, Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Doria, Bardsley, Jones, Johnson. St Helens: Harris, Hook, Stott, Partington, Rotheram; Taylor, Gaskin; Crowl, Mottershead, Birchall, Williams, Hoyle, Sams. Int: Jones, Whitfield, Stott, Sutherland.

Huddersfield 20 (A. Brown 3, E. Wilkinson tries; E. Thompson 2 goals) defeated Leeds 16 (A. Bentley, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe, T. Gaines, B. Sykes tries) at Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 8-0. Referee: Jayden Covell-Wood.

Leeds: Nuttall, Hayward, Robinson, Bentley, Moxon; Hulme, Gaines; Anderson, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lockwood, Frain, Murray, Northrop. Int: Greening, Sykes, Brown, Costello. Huddersfield: Bennett, Coates, Preston, Naidole, Brown; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Oates, Wilkinson, Thompson, Da Silva, Fisher. Int: Davidson, Armstrong, Arrowsmith.

York 58 (S. Peach 2, L. Wood 2, É. Akpa, A. Hyde, E. Kershaw, T. Renouf, C. Roberts, J. Sharp, L. Whitehead tries; É. Akpa 4, C. Roberts 3 goals) defeated Warrington 10 (C. Magraw, S. Stephens tries; M. Davis goal) at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York 24-6. Referee: Aaron Giles. Warrington: Stephens, Johnston, Kerrigan, Tandy, Seddon; Davis, Magraw; Downs, Ramsden, Mullaney, Haley, Westwood, Latchford. Int: Williams, Friery, Barnett, McCartney. York: Kershaw, Hyde, Renouf, Roberts, Hendry; Rihari, Gale; Akpa, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Taylor, Wood. Int: Whitehead, Hetherington, Sanderson, Sharp.

ROUND 8

York 36 (R. Marshall 2, C. Roberts 2, S. Andrade, E. Kershaw, L. Owen tries; T. Stanley 4 goals) defeated Wigan 4 (S. Doria try) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 10-4. Penalties: York 2-1. Referee: Sam Houghton.

Wigan: Salihi, Greenfield, Biville, Jones, Davies; Thompson, Doria; Jones, Dwyer, Johnson, Hunter, Coleman, Molyneux. Int: Marsh, Bardsley, Hayes, Hilton. York: Stanley, Hyde, Renouf, Roberts, Hetherington; Rihari, Marshall; Akpa, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Owen, Wood. Int: Kershaw, Sanderson, Sharp, Bell.

Leeds 58 (H. Butcher 4, A. Hardcastle 3, T. Moxon 2, K. Bennett, C. Casey tries; K. Bennett 7 goals) defeated Warrington 10 (M. Davis 2 tries; M. Davis goal) at Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 32-0. Referee: Carl Hughes.

Leeds: Gaines, Moxon, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Butcher, Casey; Hornby, Bennett, Lockwood, Frain, Murray, Dainton. Int: Northrop, Glynn, Greening, Sykes. Warrington: Simpson, Johnston, Tandy, Williams, Nixon; Davis, Magraw; Mullaney, Ramsden, Downs, Daniels, Westwood, Latchford. Int: Friery, Boardman, Millan, Seddon.

St Helens 68 (P. Hook 3, S. Hoyle, D. McGifford, K. Mottershead, H. Roberts, R. Rotheram, E. Stott, G. Sutherland, A. Taylor, P. Travis, V. Whitfield tries; A. Taylor 9 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 42-0. Referee: Milo McKelvey.

Huddersfield: Bennett, Burwood, Preston, Brown, Coates; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Oates, Wilkinson, Da Silva, Fisher, Millward. Int: Barker, Simister, Hampshire, Armstrong. St Helens: Rotheram, McGifford, Travis, Stott, Hook; Taylor, Gaskin; Crowl, Mottershead, Birchall, Hoyle, Williams, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Bridge, Roberts, Sutherland.

ROUND 9

Warrington 26 (A. Johnston 2, M. Davis, C. Magraw, S. Stephens tries; M. Davis 3 goals) defeated Huddersfield 20 (A. Brown 3, A. Bennett tries; B. Oates, E. Thompson goals) at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-6. Referee: Josh Pemberton.

Warrington: Stephens, Johnston, Kerrigan, Tandy, Nixon; Davis, Magraw; Downs, Ramsden, Mullaney, Haley, Westwood, Latchford. Int: Boardman, Friery, Barnett, Seddon. Huddersfield: Bennett, Burwood, Arrowsmith, Naidole, Brown; Millward, Grady; McPherson, Oates, Wilkinson, Thompson, Da Silva, Fisher. Int: Townend, Preston, Armstrong, Frederick-Maynard.

Wigan 26 (M. Coleman 2, A. Davies 2, C. Miller tries; S. Doria 3 goals) defeated Huddersfield 6 (E. Wilkinson try; F. Townend goal) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-0. Referee: Will Gilder.

Wigan: Greenfield, Miller, Davies, Hunter, Jones; Thompson, Doria; Speakman, Marsh, Johnson, Molyneux, Coleman, Bardsley. Int: Harbrow, Jones, Hayes, Hilton. Huddersfield: Bennett, Coates, Preston, Arrowsmith, Brown; Townend, Grady; McPherson, Oates, Wilkinson, Naidole, Fisher, Millward. Int: Barker, Simister, Da Silva, Armstrong.

Leeds 34 (Z. Hornby 2, T. Gaines, B. Lockwood, I. Northrop, S. Robinson tries; S. Hulme 5 goals) defeated St Helens 22 (S. Hoyle, E. Partington, N. Williams tries; A. Taylor 3 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 18-6. Referee: Sam Houghton.

St Helens: Rotheram, Hook, Travis, Stott, Partington; Taylor, Gaskin; Crowl, Jones, Birchall, Hoyle, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Whitfield, Mottershead, Sutherland. Leeds: Gaines, Moxon, Robinson, Greening, Hulme; Casey, Butcher; Hornby, Bennett, Glynn, Frain, Murray, Dainton. Int: Sykes, Northrop, Lockwood, Costello.

ROUND 10

Leeds 24 (A. Hardcastle 2, Z. Hornby 2, C. Casey tries; S. Hulme 2 goals) defeated Wigan 0 at Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 12:15 PM. Halftime: Leeds 4-0. Referee: Matty Clayton.

Leeds: Nuttall, Hulme, Hardcastle, Robinson, Gaines; Casey, Butcher; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Frain, Dainton. Int: Glynn, Greening, Lockwood, Sykes. Wigan: Salihi, Greenfield, Davies, Hunter, Hilton; Banks, Marsh; Speakman, Harbrow, Johnson, Molyneux, Coleman, Doria. Int: Hayes, Jones, Morris, Jones.

St Helens 56 (P. Travis 3, S. Hoyle 2, F. Gaskin, T. Jones, E. Partington, E. Stott tries; A. Taylor 8 goals) defeated Warrington 6 (C. Magraw try; M. Davis goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 32-0. Referee: Josh Pemberton.

St Helens: Rotheram, Stott, Travis, Williams, Partington; Taylor, Gaskin; Crowl, Jones, Sutherland, Hoyle, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Whitfield, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead. Warrington: Simpson, Johnston, Tandy, Williams, Nixon; Davis, Magraw; Downs, Bound, Daniels, Westwood, Haley, Latchford. Int: Seddon, Mullaney, Friery, Millan.

York 60 (C. Roberts 3, G. Hetherington 2, S. Rihari 2, S. Andrade, J. Bell, R. Marshall, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 7 goals; T. Stanley 2 field goals) defeated Huddersfield 4 (A. Brown try) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 32-0. Referee: Sam Jenkinson.

York: Stanley, Kershaw, Renouf, Roberts, Hetherington; Rihari, Gale; Akpa, Peach, Sharp, Andrade, Wood, Bell. Int: Staveley, Marshall, Hyde, Sanderson. Huddersfield: Curley, Coates, Preston, Arrowsmith, Brown; Townend, Grady; Armstrong, Millward, Wilkinson, Thompson, Naidole, Fisher. Int: Barker, Simister, Morgan, Da Silva.

2023 WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE FINAL TABLE

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	YORK VALKYRIE	10	9	1	0	0	302	19
2	ST HELENS	10	7	0	3	0	246	14
3	LEEDS RHINOS	10	6	1	3	0	258	13
4	WIGAN WARRIORS	10	3	1	6	0	-134	7
5	WARRINGTON WOLVES	10	2	1	7	0	-322	5
6	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	10	1	0	9	0	-350	2

SEMI FINALS

York 22 (O. Gale, L. Owen, T. Stanley, L. Whitehead tries; T. Stanley 3 goals) defeated Wigan 6 (G. Banks try; B. Salihi goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: York 14-6. Penalties: Wigan 9-2. Referee: Elliot Burrow.

York: Stanley, Kershaw, Renouf, Roberts, Whitehead; Rihari, Gale; Akpa, Peach, Staveley, Andrade, Owen, Wood. Int: Bell, Marshall, Hyde, Sharp. Wigan: Salihi, Miller, Davies, Jones, Hilton; Banks, Doria; Speakman, Marsh, Coleman, Hunter, Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Bardsley, Jones, Johnson, Hayes.

Leeds 20 (S. Robinson 2, C. Beevers, L. Murray tries; R. Enright 2 goals) defeated St Helens 16 (T. Jones, E. Rudge tries; A. Taylor 4 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-6. Penalties: St Helens 10-3. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte. Crowd: 1,074.

St Helens: Partington, Hook, Travis, McColm, Stott; Taylor, Gaskin; Stott, Jones, Whitfield, Hoyle, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Sams, Mottershead, Sutherland. Leeds: Enright, Nuttall, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Casey, Butcher; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Greening, Dainton. Int: Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Glynn, Lockwood, Sykes.

2023 BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL

York 16 (L. Owen, T. Renouf, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 2 goals) defeated Leeds 6 (C. Casey try; R. Enright goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 8-0. Penalties: Leeds 6-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 4,547.

York: Stanley, Hetherington, Roberts, Renouf, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Akpa, Peach, Staveley, Owen, Andrade, Wood. Int: Marshall, Bell, Sanderson. Leeds (W): Enright, Nuttall, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Butcher, Casey; Hornby, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Greening, Dainton. Int: Glynn, Sykes, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Lockwood.

2023 BETFRED WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND

DATE	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	REFEREE	VENUE
Apr 22nd	London	0 St Helens	76 H. Winnard	London
Apr 23rd	Leeds	72 Bradford	0 F. Lincoln	Leeds
Apr 23rd	Barrow	4 York	44 J. Hughes	Barrow-In-Furness
Apr 23rd	Cardiff	20 Wigan	38 R. Apsee	Cardiff
Apr 23rd	Castleford	0 Warrington	72 A. Rhodes	Castleford
Apr 23rd	Hull KR	16 Leigh	38 D. Frederick	Hull
Apr 23rd	Oulton	4 Huddersfield	54 M. McKelvey	Leeds
Apr 23rd	Salford	8 Featherstone	22 J. Pemberton	Salford

SECOND ROUND

May 7th	Salford	8 Cardiff	12 S. Houghton	Salford
May 7th	Bradford	12 Huddersfield	32 M. Clayton	Bradford
May 7th	Castleford	0 St Helens	106 D. Geddes	Castleford
May 7th	Featherstone	10 Wigan	12 C. Hughes	Featherstone
May 7th	Leigh	30 Barrow	22 L. Flavell	Leigh
*May 7th	Oulton	-F- Leeds	48 M. McKelvey	Leeds
May 7th	Warrington	64 London	10 O. Ireland	Warrington
May 7th	York	122 Hull KR	0 B. Worsley	York

THIRD ROUND

May 21st	Wigan	60 Salford	0 S. Houghton	Wigan
May 21st	Cardiff	36 Featherstone	18 R. Apsee	Cardiff
May 21st	Huddersfield	0 Leeds	54 J. Covell-Wood	Huddersfield
May 21st	Hull KR	11 Barrow	20 J. Kinsley	Hull
May 21st	Leigh	0 York	54 J. Gibbons	Leigh
May 21st	London	40 Castleford	4 L. O'Brien	London
May 21st	St Helens	38 Warrington	4 L. Flavell	St Helens
May 21st	Bradford	38 Oulton	6 A. Rhodes	Bradford

QUARTER FINALS

Jun 17th	Leeds	54 Leigh	0 M. Clayton	Leeds
Jun 18th	Wigan	46 Huddersfield	10 F. Lincoln	Wigan
Jun 18th	St Helens	36 Warrington	0 J. Hughes	St Helens
Jun 18th	York	54 Cardiff	0 C. Hughes	York

SEMI FINALS

Jul 22nd	St Helens	17 York	16 A. Belafonte	Warrington
Jul 23rd	Wigan	4 Leeds	16 E. Burrow	Leeds

FINAL

Aug 12th	St Helens	22 Leeds	8 J. Vella	London
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GROUP TABLES

Group A									
	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	Wigan	3	3	-	-	110	30	6	80
2	Cardiff	3	2	1	-	68	64	4	4
3	Featherstone	3	1	2	-	50	56	2	-6
4	Salford	3	-	3	-	16	94	0	-78
Group B									
	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	Leeds	*3	3	-	-	174	-	6	174
2	Huddersfield	3	2	1	-	86	70	4	16
3	Bradford	3	1	2	-	50	110	2	-60
4	Oulton	*3	-	3	-	10	140	0	-130
Group C									
	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	St Helens	3	3	-	-	220	4	6	216
2	Warrington	3	2	1	-	140	48	4	92
3	London	3	1	2	-	50	144	2	-94
4	Castleford	3	-	3	-	4	218	0	-214
Group D									
	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	PD
1	York	3	3	-	-	220	4	6	216
2	Leigh	3	2	1	-	68	92	4	-24
3	Barrow	3	1	2	-	46	85	2	-39
4	Hull KR	3	-	3	-	27	180	0	-153

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Year	Winner	Runner Up
2012	Featherstone	Bradford Thunderbirds
2013	Thatto Heath Crusaders	Bradford Thunderbirds
2014	Thatto Heath Crusaders	Bradford Thunderbirds
2015	Thatto Heath Crusaders	Featherstone Rovers
2016	Thatto Heath Crusaders	Leigh Miners Rangers
2017	Bradford Bulls	Featherstone Rovers
2018	Leeds Rhinos	Castleford Tigers
2019	Leeds Rhinos	Castleford Tigers
2020	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic	
2021	St Helens	York Knights
2022	St Helens	Leeds Rhinos
2023	St Helens	Leeds Rhinos

* Leeds were awarded a 48-0 win over Oulton after Oulton were unable to field a team in the second round.

IN MEMORIAM

HONOURING THOSE WHO DIED THROUGHOUT 2023

ALLAN BATTY

25 Sep 1931 - 16 Jun 2023, 91 years old
25 matches for Manly-Warringah between 1953-1958

WILLIAM BISCHOFF JNR

12 Mar 1938 - 6 Jul 2023, 85 years old
151 matches for Balmain between 1957-1965
6 representative matches

ADRIAN BUBB

7 Mar 1967 - 11 Apr 2023, 56 years old
1 match for Newcastle in 1988

BOBBY BUGDEN

25 Feb 1936 - 2 Nov 2023, 87 years old
135 matches for St George between 1954-1961
74 matches for Parramatta between 1962-1965
11 representative matches
2 tests for Australia

PHIL CAREY

28 Aug 1960 - 8 Jan 2023, 62 years old
39 matches for Manly-Warringah between 1982-1984
89 matches for Canberra between 1985-1991
5 matches for Featherstone in 1988
2 representative matches

MAX CHANTAL

21 Aug 1958 - 9 Jan 2023, 64 years old
Won French Championship in 1980
with Villeneuve-sur-Lot
27 tests for France

TONY CHARLTON

Died 19 Feb 2023
42 matches for Parramatta between 1973-1976

MICHAEL COLLINS

13 Nov 1958 - 8 Aug 2023, 64 years old
3 matches for Parramatta from 1980-1981
Replaced Mick Cronin in the 1980 Tooths Cup Final, scoring all 8 points in their win over Balmain

MALCOLM CONDON

17 May 1942 - 20 Apr 2023, 80 years old
7 matches for Manly-Warringah in 1964
1 representative match

KEVIN CONSIDINE

5 Jan 1930 - 17 Jun 2023, 93 years old
133 matches for Newtown between 1952-1960
9 matches for Parramatta in 1961

PHIL COOLEY

18 Sep 1951 - 11 Dec 2023, 72 years old
Refereed 30 matches between 1986-1989
Continued as touch judge and then video referee for two further decades

MIKE COULMAN

6 May 1944 - 21 Apr 2023, 78 years old
101 matches for Salford between 1980/81-1982-/83
3 tests for Great Britain
5 tests for England

JEAN-CLAUDE CROS

10 Jun 1941 - 28 May 2023, 81 years old
Played for Albi and Lezignan in French Championship
19 tests for France

MERV CROSS

3 Jul 1941 - 25 Aug 2023, 82 years old
21 matches for South Sydney between 1960-1961
13 matches for Eastern Suburbs in 1962
11 matches for North Sydney in 1963

TROY DARGAN

15 Oct 1997 - 24 Dec 2023, 26 years old
2 matches for South Sydney in 2020
2 tests for Cook Islands

TONY DUKE

1945 - 29 Apr 2024, 78 years old
43 matches for Hull FC 1980-1982

COLIN DUNN

1943 - 2023, 80 years old
12 matches for South Sydney between 1965-1967

PHIL ELLISS

15 Oct 1932 - 15 May 2023, 90 years old
Refereed 5 NSWRL matches in 1967

DON FENTON

Died 8 Jul 2023
32 matches for Eastern Suburbs between 1961-1965

SYD FISCHER

4 Mar 1927 - 26 Feb 2023, 95 years old
6 matches for Manly-Warringah in 1949 & 1952

ALAN FOSKETT

Died 2023
1 match for Newtown in 1955

MARIUS FRATTINI

20 Jun 1941 - 4 Dec 2023, 82 years old
6 tests for France

COL GOLDSPIK

24 May 1938 - 7 Oct 2023, 85 years old
11 matches for Canterbury in 1964

TONY HALMSHAW

25 Apr 1946 - 24 Jun 2023, 77 years old
1 test for Great Britain

BRVN HARGREAVES

14 Nov 1985 - 2022, 35 years old
{Body located March 2023}
33 matches for Wigan 2004-2006
115 matches for St Helens 2007-10
54 matches for Bradford 2011-12

JOHN HAYES

25 May 1939 - 24 Sep 2023, 84 years old
121 matches for Western Suburbs between 1961-1969
4 representative matches

BEN HEATON

12 Mar 1990 - 23 Jun 2023, 33 years old
7 matches for Oldham in 2010 and 2021
29 matches for Halifax between 2012-2018
17 matches for Hunslet between 2019-2020

JOHN HIGGINS

21 Jan 1958 - 13 Nov 2023, 65 years old
3 matches for Eastern Suburbs in 1979

PETER HORNE

1933 - 4 Jan 2023, 90 years old
2 matches for Manly-Warringah in 1958

JOHN HOLDSWORTH

25 Jan 1947 - 17 Feb 2023, 76 years old
Refereed 466 RFL matches
Refereed 9 test matches

MATT JOHNSTON

1936 - Aug 2023, 87 years old
67 matches for Parramatta between 1957-1963

MATHIEU KHEDIMI

19 Feb 1964 - 31 Dec 2023, 59 years old
7 tests for France

JIM LEWIS

Died 15 Aug 2023
Coached at Wynnum Manly 1960-1976
Father of Wally Lewis

GEORGE 'FRED' LINDOP

20 Jul 1938 - 23 Jan 2023, 84 years old
Refereed 276 RFL matches
Refereed 19 test matches

JACK LUMSDEN

24 Mar 1931 - 31 Mar 2023, 92 years old
26 matches for Manly-Warringah between 1951-1952
21 representative matches
1 test for Australia

MARK G. LYONS

1971 - 12 May 2023, 52 years old
7 matches for Penrith between 1991-1992
19 matches for South Sydney between 1993-1995

JEAN-CLAUDE MARTY

8 Aug 1943 - 17 Jan 2023, 79 years old
13 tests for France

JOHN MCDONALD

24 Apr 1944 - 13 Sep 2023, 79 years old
62 matches for Manly-Warringah between 1969-1971
17 representative matches
13 tests for Australia
Coached 11 representative matches, including the first Queensland State of Origin team in 1980.

BRIAN MCGOULRICK

1932 - 31 Mar 2023, 91 years old
22 matches for Newtown between 1957-61

LAURIE MCMAHON

Died 7 Apr 2023
79 matches for Newtown between 1951-1960
1 representative match

SHANE MCNALLY

19 May 1954 - 13 Aug 2023, 69 years old
2 representative matches
Coached Easts Tigers (BRL) 1987
Coaches Wakefield Trinity 2002

TOM MELVILLE

9 Apr 1945 - 23 Aug 2023, 78 years old
73 matches for Newtown between 1967-1974

CRAIG MENKINS

6 Jul 1970 - 5 Jul 2023, 52 years old
5 matches for Western Suburbs in 1993
4 matches for North Queensland in 1995
9 matches for Paris St Germain in 1997

LIONEL MORGAN

12 Aug 1938 - 16 Sep 2023, 85 years old
22 representative matches
3 tests for Australia
Winger - Indigenous Australian Team of the Century 1908-2007

ERIC PRESCOTT

21 Jun 1948 - 21 Aug 2023, 75 years old
23 matches for Salford in 1980, 1983-1984
125 matches for Wigan 1980-1983
84 matches for Huyton/Runcorn Highfield 1984-1988

HARRY RAVEN

Died 26 Jan 2023
103 matches for Balmain between 1959-1965
6 matches for North Sydney in 1966
4 representative matches

AUGUSTUS 'BEV' RISMAN

23 Nov 1937 - 22 Jun 2023, 85 years old
5 tests for Great Britain
Coached Fulham 1988

TOMMY RYAN

1930 - 24 Aug 2023, 93 years old
95 matches for St George between 1951-1958
12 representative matches
4 tests for Australia

PAUL SAIT

4 Sep 1947 - 23 Nov 2023, 76 years old
165 matches for South Sydney 1968-1978
11 representative matches
16 tests for Australia

JOHN SATTLER

28 Jul 1942 - 20 Mar 2023, 80 years old
195 matches for South Sydney
11 representative matches
4 tests for Australia
Inducted into the NRL Hall of Fame 2008

MIHAJLO STOJILJKOVIĆ

2000 - 10 Aug 2023, 23 years old
1 test for Serbia

CHRIS TAURO

4 Jan 1970 - 28 Jan 2023
22 matches for Salford in 1993
3 matches for Balmain in 1994

BOB THOMSON

16 Jul 1941 - 20 Jun 2023, 81 years old
28 matches for Manly-Warringah between 1961-1963

KYLE TURNER

20 Feb 1992 - 18 Aug 2023, 31 years old
91 matches for South Sydney between 2014-2019
3 representative matches

GEORGE VAUTIN

Died 27 Apr 2023, 95 years old
Won premiership with Wests Brisbane in 1954
Father of Paul 'Fatty' Vautin

BEN WALL

27 Jul 1939 - 21 Jul 2023, 83 years old
4 representative matches

DAVID WATKINS

5 Mar 1942 - 3 Sep 2023, 81 years old
4 matches for Cardiff in 1982
16 tests for Wales
6 tests for Great Britain
Inducted into the Rugby League Hall of Fame 2022

CARL WEBB

20 Mar 1981 - 21 Dec 2023, 42 years old
66 matches for Brisbane between 2000-2004
115 matches for North Queensland between 2005-2010
6 matches for Parramatta in 2011
16 representative matches
1 test for Australia

DES WHITE

16 Feb 1927 - 13 Dec 2023, 96 years old
3 representative matches
20 tests for New Zealand

KYLE WHITE

12 Jan 1970 - 21 Mar 2023, 53 years old
24 matches for Canterbury between 1989-1991
35 matches for Western Suburbs between 1992-1995
9 matches for Illawarra in 1996
Went on to appear for Workington and Widnes before retiring in 1998

DAVID WILLICOMBE

11 Mar 1951 - 29 Mar 2023, 72 years old
152 matches for Halifax between 1969-1974
113 matches for Wigan between 1974-1980
13 tests for Wales
3 tests for Great Britain

JEFF WITHERS

21 Jan 1949 - 15 Sep 2023, 74 years old
54 matches for South Sydney between 1971-1976
2 representative matches

ROUND 1

Toulouse 24 (B. Laguerre 2, O. Ashall-Bott, D. Peyroux, J. Ralph, R. Rennie tries) defeated Barrow 4 (R. Shaw try) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sat, 4th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 16-4. Penalties: Barrow 7-3. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,177.

Barrow: Cresswell, Toal, Corkill, Worthington, Shaw; Sammut, Johnston; Brooks, Wood, Gillam, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Burke, Iaria, Carter, Evans. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Pélissier, Hansen, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Bretherton, Pezet, Richards, Lima.

Bradford 24 (K. Gill 2, C. Butler, G. Flanagan Jr tries; D. Patton 4 goals) defeated Whitehaven 8 (D. Eccleston try; S. Freeman 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 6-2. Penalties: Bradford 8-7. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 4,878.

Bradford: Walker, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Patton, Holmes; Foster, Lilley, Lawrence, Wallace, Butler, Thompson. Int: Flanagan Jr, Baldwinson, England, Rogers. Whitehaven: Freeman, Eccleston, Rourke, Singleton, Teare; Doran, Bishop; Castle, O'Brien, Walker, Holliday, Lanskey, McAvoy. Int: Ainley, Aiye, Bradley, Tabu.

Halifax 26 (J. Maizen 2, J. Saltonstall, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (B. Liu 2, A. Murphy tries; J. Hansen 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 16-6. Penalties: Halifax 7-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,101.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, McComb, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Fairbank, Maher, Inman, Larroyer. Sheffield: Bass, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Kirk, Halafahi, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Douglas, Wood, Broadbent, Liu.

Batley 30 (K. Buchanan 2, N. Flynn, J. Hodson, A. Leak tries; J. Meadows 2, D. Morton, B. White, J. Woods goals) defeated London 20 (D. Grant, B. Leyland, P. Ulberg, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,849.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Grant, Macani; Leyland, Horsman; Bienek, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Albert, Stock, Silva. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Campbell; White, Woods; Gledhill, Leak, Hirst, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Meadows, Flynn, Ward, Reilly.

Newcastle 18 (A. Young 2, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 3 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (A. Badrock try; N. Gregson goal) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 5th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 4-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 877.

Swinton: Romeo, Spedding, Badrock, Lloyd, Butt; Gregson, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Baker, Cox, Rodden, Brogan. Int: Waterworth, Case, Cooper, Olds. Newcastle: Johnson, Clegg, Walker, Walsh, Young; Donaghy, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Foster, Gallagher, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Clarke, aMoore.

Widnes 19 (S. Grady, R. Millar, A. Walker tries; J. Owens 2, T. Gilmore goals; T. Gilmore field goal) defeated York 12 (J. Brown, D. Kirmond tries; J. Glover 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 6-4. Penalties: Widnes 4-3. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,117.

York: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Harrison, Towse; Harris, Cunningham; Kirby, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Antrobus, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Daley, Michael, Barnard, Teanby. Widnes: Owens, Millar, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Lawton, Johnstone, Amor, Davies, Grady, Bent. Int: Fozard, Field, Hatton, Walker.

Featherstone 50 (R. Dean 2, G. Gale 2, C. Aekins, B. Day, J. Hardcastle, J. Lockwood, M. Yei tries; C. Hankinson 7 goals) defeated Keighley 0 at Cougar Park. Date: Mon, 6th February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 28-0. Penalties: Featherstone 7-3. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 2,443.

Keighley: Young, Graham, Crooks, Storey, Agoro; Chisholm, Gale; Santi, Kesik, Trout, Robson, Levy, Adebisi. Int: Parker, Gaylor, Everett, Spence. Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Hankinson, Hardcastle, Gale; Ford, Dean; Lockwood, Wildie, Springer, Day, Taylor, Cozza. Int: Kopczak, Jones, Cooper, Yei.

ROUND 2

Toulouse 58 (G. Armitage 2, R. Brochon, H. Hansen, P. Marcon, A. Marion, D. Peyroux, J. Ralph, R. Rennie, G. Richards, J. Shorrocks tries; R. Brochon 4, J. Shorrocks 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 11th February. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 24-0. Penalties: Toulouse 8-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,047.

Toulouse: Brochon, Armitage, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Shorrocks, Ralph; Belmas, Marion, Bretherton, Peyroux, Stefani, Hansen. Int: Pélissier, Akauola, Pezet, Richards. Newcastle: Johnson, Clegg, Walsh, Walker, Young; Donaghy, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Foster, Anderson, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Clarke, Tuliatu.

Sheffield 36 (R. Oakes 2, K. Welham 2, M. Dawson-Jones, B. Liu, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Barrow 16 (E. Gillam, J. Sammut, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 2 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-12. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,094.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Worthington, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Johnston; Iaria, Wood, Gillam, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Carter, Emslie, Evans, Burke. Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Bass, Welham, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafahi, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Douglas, Wood, Sene-Lefao, Liu.

Swinton 30 (D. Abram, A. Badrock, M. Butt, J. Eaves, O. Olds tries; D. Abram 5 goals) defeated Batley 16 (K. Buchanan, D. Manning, L. Walshaw tries; J. Meadows 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 10-6. Penalties: Batley 8-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,551.

Batley: Meadows, Johnson, Walshaw, Buchanan, Campbell; White, Woods; Gledhill, Kaye, Hirst, Flynn, Manning, Blake. Int: Leak, Ward, Lillycrop, Reilly. Swinton: Abram, Butt, Lloyd, Badrock, Hatton; Olds, Gibson; Baker, Waterworth, Delaney, Cox, Rodden, Brogan. Int: Eaves, Case, Cooper, Burgess.

Featherstone 46 (C. Aekins 2, R. Dean, G. Gale, C. Hankinson, C. Jones, G. Springer, M. Wildie tries; C. Hankinson 7 goals) defeated Halifax 22 (L. Walmsley 2, J. Woodburn-Hall 2 tries; J. Keyes 3 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 24-4. Penalties: Featherstone 8-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 3,974.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Hankinson, Hardcastle, Gale; Ford, Dean; Lockwood, Wildie, Springer, Day, Taylor, Cozza. Int: Kopczak, Jones, Bussey, Yei. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, McComb, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Larroyer, Moore, Fairbank, Kavanagh, King, Tangata. Int: Murray, Gee, Wood, Calcott.

London 20 (P. Ulberg 2, J. Bassett, B. Leyland tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (J. Douglas 2, J. Nsemba tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 12th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 10-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 750.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Douglas, Doran, Aiye; Walker, O'Brien, McAvoy, Nsemba, Lanskey, Tabu. Int: Holliday, Singleton, Castle, Ainley. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Eckersley, Macani; Leyland, Parata; Bienek, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Natoli, Stock. Int: Leyland, Albert, Hill, Silva.

Widnes 26 (R. Millar 3, D. Craven, J. Owens tries; J. Owens 3 goals) defeated Keighley 18 (L. Gale 2, R. Storey tries; D. Chisholm 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 3,498.

Widnes: Owens, Millar, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Lyons; Walker, Fozard, Amor, Davies, Grady, Bent. Int: Brown, Wilde, Field, Hatton. Keighley: Young, Graham, Crooks, Storey, Agoro; Chisholm, Gale; Ioane, Gaylor, Levy, Robson, Adebisi, Walker. Int: Kesik, Santi, Everett, Tomlinson.

York 32 (J. Daley, W. Jubb, J. Kirby, R. Michael tries; J. Glover 8 goals) defeated Bradford 16 (D. Foggin-Johnston, J. Lilley, B. Thompson tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Mon, 13th February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: York 18-10. Penalties: York 6-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 2,381.

York: Brown, Towse, Edwards, Glover, Harrison; Marsh, Harris; Antrobus, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Dee, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Daley, Michael, Kirby, Teanby. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Lilley, Patton; Foster, Flanagan, Lawrence, Wallace, England, Thompson. Int: Roby, Baldwinson, Butler, Rogers.

ROUND 3

Sheffield 36 (V. Halafahi, B. Jones-Bishop, A. Murphy, R. Oakes, J. Sene-Lefao, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 6 goals) defeated Batley 0 at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 17th February. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-0. Penalties: Sheffield 4-2. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 878.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafahi, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Peachey, Wood, Sene-Lefao, Liu. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Johnson; White, Woods; Lillycrop, Kaye, Hirst, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Meadows, Leak, Ward, Reilly.

Toulouse 36 (G. Armitage 4, O. Ashall-Bott, M. Jussaume, R. Rennie tries; J. Shorrocks 3, A. Marion goals) defeated York 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 18th February. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-0. Penalties: Toulouse 6-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 2,761.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Rennie, Jussaume, Armitage; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Marion, Bretherton, Peyroux, Stefani, Hansen. Int: Pélissier, Akauola, Pezet, Richards. York: Brown, Towse, Edwards, Ward, Harrison; Dee, Harris; Kirby, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Antrobus, Kirmond, Barnard, Michael, Teanby, Price.

Bradford 14 (B. Blackmore, D. Foggin-Johnston, T. Holmes tries; D. Patton goal) defeated Widnes 12 (S. Grady, A. Lawton tries; K. Dixon 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 6-4. Penalties: Widnes 8-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 4,827.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Rogers, England, Butler, Thompson. Int: Appo, Roby, Wallace, Matongo. Widnes: Owens, Millar, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Lyons; Walker, Fozard, Amor, Davies, Grady, Bent. Int: Brown, Field, Hatton, Lawton.

Featherstone 76 (G. Gale 3, J. Leilua 2, C. Aekins, L. Briscoe, J. Bussey, J. Davies, R. Dean, C. Jones, C. Kopczak, T. Lacans, M. Yei tries; C. Hall 10 goals) defeated Whitehaven 4 (J. Rourke try) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 36-4. Penalties: Featherstone 3-2. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,248.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Lacans, Dean; Kopczak, Wildie, Springer, Bussey, Hardcastle, Cozza. Int: Jones, Taylor, Davies, Yei. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Douglas; Aiye, Doran; Castle, O'Brien, Spencer-Tonks, Nsemba, Lanskey, McAvoy. Int: Tabu, Singleton, Forber, Ainley.

Halifax 26 (J. Saltonstall 2, E. Doro, L. Joffret, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 3 goals) defeated London 18 (Z. Eckersley, B. Leyland, D. Parata tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 10-6. Penalties: London 8-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,950.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Larroyer, Moore, Maher, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Wood, Smith, Murray, Doro. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Eckersley, Macani; Leyland, Parata; Bienek, Davis, Hill, Lovell, Natoli, Stock. Int: Leyland, Albert, Williams, Silva.

Keighley 44 (N. Roebuck 2, R. Storey 2, M. Agoro, T. Doyle, C. Graham, K. Tomlinson tries; D. Chisholm 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 24 (J. Johnson 2, A. Clegg, E. Lawther tries; N. Williams 4 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 28-12. Penalties: Keighley 8-5. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,658.

Keighley: Young, Graham, Storey, Roebuck, Agoro; Chisholm, Gale; Ioane, Doyle, Levy, Tomlinson, Adebijoyi, Walker. Int: Kesik, Santi, Everett, Parker. Newcastle: Johnson, Clegg, Walker, Lawther, Young; Donaghy, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Foster, Gallagher, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Clarke, Moore.

Swinton 20 (A. Badrock, J. Eaves, J. Gibson, J. Hatton tries; D. Abram 2 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (R. Johnston, S. Toal, G. Worthington tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 19th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 6-2. Penalties: Swinton 7-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,139.

Swinton: Abram, Sambou, Butt, Badrock, Hatton; Olds, Gibson; Baker, Waterworth, Delaney, Lloyd, Cox, Brogan. Int: Eaves, Case, Cooper, Spedding. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Worthington, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Johnston; Iaria, Saunders, Gillam, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Carter, Emslie, Evans, Burke.

ROUND 4

Bradford 28 (J. Arundel, G. Flanagan, L. Tindall, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated Toulouse 18 (L. Belmas, P. Marcon, A. Marion tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sat, 25th February. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-8. Penalties: Bradford 12-7. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,798.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Tindall; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Rogers, England, Wallace, Lawrence. Int: Appo, Roby, Johnson, Foster. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Rennie, Jussaume, Armitage; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Pélissier, Bretherton, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Lima, Brochon, Pezet, Biscarro.

Batley 28 (K. Buchanan 2, S. Kibula, J. Meadows, D. Morton tries; J. Meadows 4 goals) defeated Keighley 23 (C. Graham, R. Storey, L. Young tries; D. Chisholm 5 goals; D. Chisholm field goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 14-8. Penalties: Keighley 8-7. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,624.

Batley: McGowan, Campbell, Kear, Buchanan, Johnson; White, Meadows; Gledhill, Leak, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Kibula, Morton, Ward, Flynn. Keighley: Young, Graham, Storey, Roebuck, Agoro; Chisholm, Gale; Everett, Doyle, Levy, Tomlinson, Adebijoyi, Walker. Int: Kesik, Santi, Ioane, Parker.

Featherstone 56 (J. Bussey 2, J. Hardcastle 2, J. Leilua 2, L. Briscoe, B. Day, C. Jones, M. Yei tries; R. Dean 8 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (A. Clegg try; N. Williams goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 22-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,489.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Leilua, Hardcastle, Gale; Ford, Dean; Cozza, Wildie, Lockwood, Bussey, Day, Taylor. Int: Jones, Fleming, Davies, Yei. Newcastle: Johnson, Clegg, Walker, Lawther, Young; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Balmforth, Moore, Staveley, Bailey, Clarke. Int: Davies, Clark, Tuliatu, Laidlaw.

Sheffield 21 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, T. Gwaze, R. Oakes tries; C. Aston 2 goals; A. Thackeray field goal) defeated London 20 (B. Leyland, W. Lovell, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 4 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 16-10. Penalties: London 8-2. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,175.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Eckersley, Macani; Leyland, Parata; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Natoli, Stock. Int: Leyland, Hill, Horsman, Silva. Sheffield: Guzdek, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Gwaze, Broadbent, Sene-Lefao, Liu.

Whitehaven 20 (S. Freeman 2, C. Taylor tries; S. Freeman 4 goals) defeated Swinton 4 (A. Badrock try) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 26th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 6-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 891.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Douglas; Freeman, Doran; Castle, Newton, McAvoy, Nsemba, Holliday, Aiye. Int: Singleton, O'Brien, Spencer-Tonks, Forber. Swinton: Abram, Spedding, Lloyd, Badrock, Butt; Gregson, Gibson; Baker, Waterworth, Delaney, Rodden, Cox, Brogan. Int: Eaves, Case, Cooper.

York 28 (J. Brown, J. Dee, M. Harrison, A. Hingano, J. Kirby tries; J. Glover 4 goals) defeated Barrow 14 (S. Toal 2, A. Bourouh tries; J. Sammut goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,525.

York: Brown, Towse, Edwards, Glover, Harrison; Hingano, Harris; Antrobus, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Dee, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Kirby, Daley, Teanby, Barnard. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Worthington, Corkill, Toal; Sammut, Johnston; Iaria, Bourouh, Wells, Langtree, Greenwood, Stack. Int: Gillam, Archer, Evans, Burke.

Widnes 42 (K. Dixon 2, S. Grady 2, D. Craven, J. Edge, R. Millar, J. Owens tries; K. Dixon 5 goals) defeated Halifax 14 (L. Walmsley 2, M. Gee tries; L. Joffret goal) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Mon, 27th February. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Widnes 28-4. Penalties: Widnes 6-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,187.

Widnes: Owens, Millar, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Lyons; Lawton, Fozard, Amor, Wilde, Grady, Bent. Int: Walker, Field, Hatton, Davies. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Maher, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Wood, Fairbank, Matagi, Doro.

ROUND 5

Toulouse 72 (P. Lima 3, J. Shorrocks 3, O. Ashall-Bott, M. Jussaume, P. Marcon, R. Rennie, G. Richards, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 12 goals) defeated Whitehaven 10 (J. Rourke, C. Teare tries; S. Freeman goal) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 4th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 36-4. Penalties: Toulouse 5-2. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,258.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Rennie, Jussaume, Schaumkel; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Pélissier, Bretherton, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pezet, Hansen, Richards, Guillon. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Singleton, Teare; Freeman, Doran; Castle, Newton, Spencer-Tonks, Lanskey, Holliday, McAvoy. Int: Tabu, Graham, O'Brien, Ainley.

Barrow 18 (J. Stack 2, J. Carter tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) drew with Newcastle 18 (A. Foster, M. Walker, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-6. Penalties: Newcastle 7-3. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 1,752.

Barrow: Broadbent, Bulman, Worthington, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Johnston; Iaria, Bourouh, Brooks, Hopkins, Stack, Wells. Int: Gillam, Carter, Evans, Burke. Newcastle: Johnson, Clegg, Walker, Foster, Young; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Moore, Staveley, Bailey, Clark. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Tuliatu, Clarke.

Halifax 20 (L. Walmsley 2, J. Saltonstall, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 2 goals) defeated Batley 16 (S. Kibula, A. McGowan, D. Morton tries; J. Meadows 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 16-8. Penalties: Batley 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,703.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, McComb, Saltonstall; Joffret, Wood; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, King, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Tangata, Gee, Doro. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Campbell; Meadows, White; Gledhill, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Kibula.

Keighley 33 (C. Graham 2, M. Agoro, B. Santi, R. Storey, K. Tomlinson tries; D. Chisholm 4 goals; D. Chisholm field goal) defeated London 22 (J. Bassett, A. Miski, P. Ulberg, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 16-4. Penalties: Keighley 7-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,693.

Keighley: Young, Agoro, Storey, Roebuck, Graham; Chisholm, Gaylor; Adebijoyi, Doyle, Kesik, Tomlinson, Parker, Walker. Int: Levy, Spence, Santi, Ioane. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Eckersley, Miski; Leyland, Horsman; Williams, Davis, Stock, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Albert, Leyland, Hill, Monk.

Sheffield 42 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, C. Aston, M. Chrimes, B. Douglas, T. Gwaze, B. Jones-Bishop tries; C. Aston 7 goals) defeated Widnes 12 (D. Craven, R. Ince tries; J. Owens 2 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 24-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,319.

Sheffield: Chrimes, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Sene-Lefao, Wood. Widnes: Owens, Millar, Fleming, Edge, Ince; Craven, Lyons; Lawton, Fozard, Amor, Grady, Wilde, Bent. Int: Field, Walker, Hatton, Davies.

York 40 (J. Brown 2, M. Harrison 2, A. Towse 2, J. Daley, A. Hingano tries; J. Glover 4 goals) defeated Swinton 0 at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 5th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 26-0. Penalties: Swinton 8-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,029.

Swinton: Abram, Spedding, Hill, Badrock, Butt; Lowe, Gibson; Cooper, Gregson, Delaney, Lloyd, Cox, Brogan. Int: Burgess, Romeo, Baker, Baxter. York: Brown, Towse, Edwards, Glover, Harrison; Hingano, Harris; Antrobus, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Dee, Clarkson, Thompson. Int: Kirby, Michael, Daley, Teanby.

Featherstone 26 (L. Briscoe, J. Davies, R. Dean, J. Ford, G. Gale tries; R. Dean 3 goals) defeated Bradford 12 (J. Arundel, K. Gill, T. Holmes tries) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Mon, 6th March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 14-8. Penalties: Featherstone 8-6. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,809.

Featherstone: Pickersgill, Briscoe, Leilua, Hardcastle, Gale; Ford, Dean; Cozza, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Taylor. Int: Jones, Davies, Yei, Kopczak. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Tindall; Patton, Lilley; Rogers, Flanagan, Baldwinson, Wallace, Thompson, Lawrence. Int: Appo, Johnson, Foster, Roby.

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London 36 (A. Walker 3, J. Bassett, B. Leyland, E. Natoli, E. Waine tries; O. Leyland 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (J. Miller try; N. Williams goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 18-0. Penalties: Newcastle 7-2. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 978.

Newcastle: Johnson, Young, Foster, Wynne, Clegg; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Staveley, Gallagher, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Laidlaw, Moore. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Natoli, Grant; Leyland, Parata; Bienek, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Jones, Stock. Int: Leyland, Albert, Waine, Raiwalui.

Toulouse 14 (J. Bretherton, P. Marcon, R. Rennie tries; J. Shorrocks goal) defeated Widnes 12 (K. Dixon, J. Edge, R. Ince tries) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sat, 18th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 10-4. Penalties: Toulouse 6-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 3,093.

Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Lyons; Field, Fozard, Amor, Grady, Davies, Brown. Int: Walker, Johnstone, Wilde, Hatton. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Brochon; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Marion, Richards, Bretherton, Rennie, Hansen. Int: Pélissier, Pezet, Biscarro, Schaumkel.

Bradford 32 (T. Holmes 2, J. Arundel, G. Flanagan, L. Tindall tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (J. Sene-Lefao 2, M. Dawson-Jones tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 24-12. Penalties: Bradford 9-6. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,004.

Bradford: Holmes, Tindall, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Rogers, Wallace, Ruan, Butler. Int: Scurr, Foster, Appo, Johnson. Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Bass, Welham, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Sene-Lefao, Roberts.

Halifax 34 (L. Walmsley 2, T. Inman, B. Kavanagh, J. Keyes, J. Saltonstall tries; J. Keyes 5 goals) defeated Keighley 10 (R. Storey 2 tries; L. Gale goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 28-4. Penalties: Halifax 9-8. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,123.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, McComb, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Maher, Wood, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, Calcott, Inman, Gannon. Keighley: Young, Graham, Storey, Stephenson, Dyer-Dixon; Gale, Gaylor; Santi, Kesik, Parker, Tomlinson, Levy, Spence. Int: Walker, Ioane, Doyle, Adebiji.

Featherstone 34 (K. Evans 2, C. Aekins, G. Gale, J. Hardcastle, C. Jones, T. Lacans tries; R. Dean 3 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (J. Greenwood try; D. Abram goal) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 16-6. Penalties: Swinton 8-7. Referee: Michael Smiell. Crowd: 1,090.

Swinton: Abram, Bruines, Butt, Badrock, Hatton; Lowe, Gibson; Delaney, Eaves, Baker, Lannon, Greenwood, Brogan. Int: Case, Cooper, Hall, Norman. Featherstone: Aekins, Evans, Leilua, Hardcastle, Gale; Lacans, Dean; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Taylor, Cozza. Int: Kopczak, Jones, Davies, Fleming.

Whitehaven 14 (D. Spencer-Tonks 2, C. Teare tries; S. Freeman goal) defeated York 12 (M. Marsh, A. Towse tries; J. Glover 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-10. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,614.

York: Marsh, Brown, Glover, Harrison, Towse; Hingano, Harris; Antrobus, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Thompson, Kirmond, Michael. Int: Daley, Teanby, Ta'ai, Barley. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Dixon, Teare; Freeman, Doran; Castle, Newton, Tabu, Lanskey, Holliday, O'Brien. Int: Aiye, Spencer-Tonks, Ainley.

Batley 24 (J. Hodson, S. Kibula, J. Meadows, D. Morton tries; J. Meadows 4 goals) defeated Barrow 12 (G. Burke, J. Sammut tries; R. Shaw 2 goals) at FLAIR Stadium. Date: Mon, 20th March. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Batley 8-0. Penalties: Batley 5-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, White; Lillycrop, Leak, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Campbell, Kibula, Flynn, Ward. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Shaw, Toal; Sammut, Carter; Burke, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Dawson, Gillam, Brooks, Evans.

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Sheffield 32 (J. Bass, V. Halafih, B. Jones-Bishop, O. Roberts, J. Sene-Lefao, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Toulouse 4 (M. Jussaume try) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sat, 25th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 26-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 959.

Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Chrimes, Welham, Oakes, Bass; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Murphy, Sene-Lefao, Gwaze. Int: Liu, Wood, Hodgson, Roberts. Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Guidez; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Marion, Richards, Bretherton, Stefani, Hansen. Int: Pélissier, Pezet, Biscarro, Hill.

Barrow 16 (J. Sammut, J. Stack, I. Thornley tries; J. Sammut 2 goals) defeated Halifax 12 (L. Joffret, B. Pickersgill tries; J. Keyes 2 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Barrow 5-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,879.

Barrow: Broadbent, Bulman, Worthington, Thornley, Toal; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Carter, Evans, Burke, Brooks. Halifax: Pickersgill, Tibbs, Maizen, McComb, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Maher, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Tangata, Calcott, Gannon.

Featherstone 46 (G. Gale 3, M. Cozza, K. Evans, C. Jones, J. Leilua, E. Taylor tries; C. Hall 7 goals) defeated York 4 (J. Glover try) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 14-0. Penalties: York 3-2. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,892.

Featherstone: Aekins, Evans, Leilua, Hall, Gale; Taylor, Dean; Kopczak, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Cozza. Int: Jones, Davies, Moors, Yei. York: Brown, Ward, Glover, Barley, Towse; Marsh, Harris; Antrobus, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Dee, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Michael, Daley, Teanby, Ta'ai.

Keighley 34 (D. Chisholm, L. Gale, J. Gibbons, C. Graham, A. Stephenson, R. Storey tries; D. Chisholm 4, L. Gale goals) defeated Bradford 6 (L. Tindall try; D. Patton goal) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 24-0. Penalties: Keighley 7-6. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 4,793.

Keighley: Young, Graham, Webster, Storey, Stephenson; Chisholm, Gale; Santi, Doyle, Ioane, Keinhorst, Gibbons, Walker. Int: Spence, Adebiji, Parker, Gaylor. Bradford: Holmes, Roberts, Arundel, Gill, Tindall; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Rogers, Ruan, Wallace, Butler. Int: Scurr, Appo, Roby, Johnson.

London 16 (J. Bassett, D. Parata, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) defeated Swinton 14 (L. Brogan, J. Eaves tries; N. Gregson 3 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 8-6. Penalties: Swinton 11-6. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 829.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Natoli, Grant; Leyland, Raiwalui; Stock, Davis, Williams, Waive, Jones, Parata. Int: Leyland, Albert, Silva. Swinton: Butt, Spedding, Badrock, Rodden, Bruines; Gregson, Gibson; Baker, Eaves, Hall, Lannon, Greenwood, Brogan. Int: Case, Cooper, Cox, Waterworth.

Batley 18 (E. Kear, A. Leak, L. Walshaw tries; J. Meadows 3 goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (J. Newton, M. O'Brien, C. Teare tries; S. Freeman 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-5. Referee: Michael Smiell. Crowd: 1,006.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Taylor, Holliday, Dixon, Teare; Freeman, Doran; Castle, O'Brien, Tabu, Lanskey, King, McAvoy. Int: Walker, Aiye, Newton, Singleton. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, White; Lillycrop, Leak, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Woods, Flynn, Ward, Kibula.

Widnes 24 (K. Dixon, J. Lyons, J. Owens, S. Wilde tries; J. Edge 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (J. Chapelhow, M. Clark, A. Foster tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 14-0. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,743.

Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Lyons; Field, Fozard, Amor, Grady, Wilde, Brown. Int: Lawton, Bent, Davies, Walker. Newcastle: Donaghy, Young, Foster, Wynne, Johnson; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Staveley, Gallagher, Laidlaw. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Bailey, Moore.

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Whitehaven 16 (D. Aiye, K. Dixon, R. King tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) defeated Barrow 14 (R. Johnston, J. Stack tries; J. Sammut 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 8-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,136.

Barrow: Broadbent, Bulman, Worthington, Corkill, Toal; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Carter, Evans, Brooks, Burke. Whitehaven: Freeman, Eccleston, Rourke, Dixon, Teare; Doran, Bishop; Castle, O'Brien, Tabu, Lanskey, King, Graham. Int: Walker, Aiye, Newton, Singleton.

Widnes 48 (Z. Eckersley 3, A. Lawton 2, D. Craven, K. Dixon, M. Fleming, J. Owens tries; J. Owens 6 goals) defeated Swinton 16 (A. Badrock, J. Eaves, J. Gibson tries; D. Abram 2 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 24-6. Penalties: Swinton 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,403.

Swinton: Abram, Butt, Badrock, Lloyd, Hatton; Olds, Gibson; Cooper, Eaves, Brogan, Cox, Greenwood, Gregson. Int: Rodden, Baker, Hall, Case. Widnes: Fleming, Ince, Eckersley, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Owens; Field, Fozard, Amor, Lawton, Grady, Bent. Int: Johnstone, Hatton, Walker, Wilde.

Toulouse 52 (G. Armitage 2, É. Pélissier 2, J. Ralph 2, R. Rennie 2, R. Brochon tries; J. Shorrocks 8 goals) defeated London 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-0. Penalties: Toulouse 4-3. Referee: Michael Smiell. Crowd: 3,358.

Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Armitage; Ralph, Shorrocks; Hansen, Pélissier, Richards, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Guillon, Pezet, Hill, Biscarro. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Grant, Macani; Leyland, Parata; Bienek, Leyland, Williams, Jones, Natoli, Stock. Int: Monk, Silva, Allen, Parke.

Featherstone 26 (J. Hardcastle 2, L. Briscoe, C. Jones, J. Leilua tries; C. Hall 3 goals) defeated Batley 18 (A. Gledhill, J. Hodson, A. McGowan tries; J. Meadows 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 20-2. Penalties: Batley 10-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,287.

Batley: Hooley, McGowan, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, White; Lillycrop, Leak, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Woods, Kibula, Flynn, Gledhill. Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Leilua, Hardcastle, Gale; Hall, Dean; Yei, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Cozza. Int: Jones, Davies, Vete, Aydin.

Sheffield 44 (A. Thackeray 3, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e 2, M. Chrimes, T. Dickinson, B. Douglas tries; C. Aston 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 20 (A. Young 2, T. Chapelhow, A. Donaghy tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 24-10. Penalties: Sheffield 6-5. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 817.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Young, Walker, Wynne, Johnson; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Staveley, Foster, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Chapelhow, Tuliati, Laidlaw. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Chrimes; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Kirk, Roberts, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Dickinson, Broadbent, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson.

Keighley 22 (D. Chisholm, B. Crooks, M. Ioane, J. Keinhorst tries; L. Gale 3 goals) defeated York 10 (B. Antrobus, L. Harris tries; J. Glover goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Fri, 7th April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Keighley 10-6. Penalties: Keighley 10-6. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,168.

York: Brown, Harrison, Barley, Glover, Towse; Marsh, Harris; Antrobus, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Daley, Kirby, Teanby, Ta'ai. Keighley: Young, Agoro, Storey, Keinhorst, Crooks; Gale, Chisholm; Santi, Doyle, Ioane, Robson, Gibbons, Spence. Int: Roby, Everett, Parker, Levy.

Bradford 26 (J. Baldwinson, K. Gill, T. Holmes, S. Walters tries; D. Patton 5 goals) defeated Halifax 22 (J. Maizen 2, B. Moore, L. Walmsley tries; J. Keyes 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Mon, 10th April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Bradford 20-12. Penalties: Bradford 8-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,053.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, McComb, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Maher, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Inman, Lannon, Calcott, Doru. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Roberts; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Walters, Donaldson, Appo, Thompson. Int: Scurr, Bibby, Wallace, Jowitt.

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Toulouse 34 (J. Ralph 2, G. Armitage, A. Marion, R. Rennie, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 5 goals) defeated Keighley 6 (A. Levy try; D. Chisholm goal) at Cougar Park. Date: Sat, 15th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 10-0. Penalties: Keighley 5-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 1,739.

Keighley: Young, Crooks, Stephenson, Storey, Agoro; Chisholm, Gale; Santi, Doyle, Ioane, Robson, Walker, Spence. Int: Roby, Adebiji, Everett, Levy. Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Armitage; Ralph, Shorrocks; Hansen, Pélissier, Richards, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pezet, Biscarro, Akaoula, Scimone.

Batley 21 (J. Hodson, L. Walshaw tries; L. Hooley 6 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Bradford 16 (D. Foggin-Johnston, T. Holmes, B. Jowitt tries; J. Lilley, D. Patton goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 8-6. Penalties: Batley 13-6. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 3,330.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Scurr, Appo, Thompson, Bibby. Int: Johnson, Wallace, Jowitt, Butler. Batley: Hooley, McGowan, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; White, Woods; Lillycrop, Kaye, Brown, Walshaw, Manning, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Gledhill, Flynn, Kibula.

Halifax 16 (L. Walmsley 2, J. Fairbank tries; L. Jouffret, J. Keyes goals) defeated York 6 (J. Glover try; J. Glover goal) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 10-0. Penalties: Halifax 3-1. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,454.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Maizen, Tibbs, McComb; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, Pickersgill, Lannon, Inman. York: Brown, Barley, Glover, Harrison, Towse; Field, Cunningham; Kirby, Jubb, Ta'ai, Clarkson, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Michael, Daley, Teanby, Ward.

Featherstone 40 (C. Jones 3, C. Aekins 2, B. Day 2 tries; R. Dean 6 goals) defeated London 10 (J. Bassett, I. Macani tries; O. Leyland goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 22-0. Penalties: London 4-2. Referee: Michael Smiill. Crowd: 977.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Natoli, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Albert, Parata, Bienek, Jones, Waine, Stock. Int: Leyland, Williams, Silva, Hoyes. Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Leilua, Hardcastle, Gale; Wildie, Dean; Yei, Jones, Lockwood, Day, Davies, Cozza. Int: Hall, Vete, Kopczak, Aydin.

Whitehaven 31 (A. Bishop, K. Dixon, J. Rourke, P. Singleton, T. Walker tries; J. Rourke 5 goals; J. Doran field goal) defeated Newcastle 6 (A. Donaghy try; N. Williams goal) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 8-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 13-7. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 987.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Holliday, Dixon, Teare; Doran, Bishop; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Lanskey, King, Graham. Int: Walker, Aiye, Singleton, Saunders. Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walker, Foster, Clegg; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Staveley, Balmforth, Bailey. Int: Chapelhow, Laidlaw, Tuliatu, Clarke.

Widnes 23 (D. Craven, Z. Eckersley, R. Ince, A. Lawton tries; J. Owens 3 goals; J. Owens field goal) defeated Barrow 14 (L. Broadbent, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 13-2. Penalties: Barrow 5-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,772.

Widnes: Fleming, Edge, Ince, Eckersley, Dixon; Craven, Owens; Field, Fozard, Farnworth, Lawton, Wilde, Johnstone. Int: Lyons, Walker, Hatton, Davies. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Carter, Toal, Broadbent; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Mossop, Hopkins, Burke, Emslie.

Sheffield 16 (C. Aston, B. Jones-Bishop, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; C. Aston 2 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (G. Rodden try; D. Abram goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Mon, 17th April. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 10-0. Penalties: Swinton 8-5. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,179.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Chrimmes; Bower, Aston; Douglas, Halafih, Kirk, Roberts, Farrell, Dickinson. Int: Wood, Hodgson, Broadbent, Sene-Lefao. Swinton: Abram, Romeo, Badrock, Lloyd, Spedding; Olds, Gibson; Case, Eaves, Cooper, Rodden, Baker, Gregson. Int: Roby, Brogan, Hall.

ROUND 10

Swinton 19 (L. Brogan, J. Spedding tries; B. Davies 5 goals; J. Gibson field goal) defeated Toulouse 12 (S. Akaoula, D. Peyroux tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Sat, 6th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 8-0. Penalties: Toulouse 8-6. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 957.

Swinton: Lowe, Spedding, Davies, Lloyd, Romeo; Olds, Gibson; Baker, Eaves, Case, Rodden, Badrock, Gregson. Int: Roby, Brogan, Hall, Thomas. Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Laguerre, Armitage; Ralph, Shorrocks; Hansen, Gahan, Richards, Bretherton, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pezet, Biscarro, Akaoula, Tison.

Halifax 36 (J. Keyes 2, T. Inman, Z. McComb, L. Walmsley, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; J. Keyes 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (D. Balmforth, J. Chapelhow, A. Clegg tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 12-0. Penalties: Halifax 5-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,067.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Bofoa, Staveley, Foster, Clegg; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Moore, Gallagher, Tuliatu, Bailey. Int: Clark, Balmforth, Chapelhow, Okoro. Halifax: Pickersgill, Walmsley, Maizen, Tibbs, McComb; Woodburn-Hall, Keyes; Calcott, Wood, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, Lannon, Inman, Larroyer.

Barrow 46 (L. Cresswell 3, L. Broadbent 2, R. Corkill, J. Sammut, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 7 goals) defeated Bradford 12 (L. Roberts, J. Walker tries; J. Lilley, D. Patton goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 6-4. Penalties: Barrow 4-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,440.

Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Corkill, Toal, Broadbent; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Mossop, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Saunders, Brooks, Burke, Emslie. Bradford: Walker, Qareqare, Myers, Gill, Roberts; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Rogers, Wallace, Butler, Bibby. Int: Jowitt, Turgut, Scurr, Johnson.

Featherstone 28 (L. Briscoe 2, C. Aekins, J. Bussey, J. Hardcastle tries; R. Dean 3, J. Bussey goals) defeated Sheffield 20 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, B. Jones-Bishop, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Featherstone 7-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,187.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Leilua, Hardcastle, Gale; Lacans, Dean; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Smith. Int: Kopczak, Jones, Davies, Moors. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Kirk, Roberts, Sene-Lefao, Farrell. Int: Bower, Hodgson, Wood, Broadbent.

Keighley 32 (B. Crooks 3, T. Doyle, M. Ioane tries; D. Chisholm 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (G. Graham 2, D. Eccleston, C. Teare tries; J. Rourke 4 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 28-12. Penalties: Whitehaven 4-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,065.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Haynes, Doran, Teare; Doran, Bishop; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Lanskey, King, Graham. Int: Walker, Aiye, Singleton, Bradley. Keighley: Young, Agoro, Storey, Crooks, Graham; Roby, Chisholm; Santi, Doyle, Ioane, Gibbons, Robson, Walker. Int: Spence, Adebiji, Parker, Lynam.

York 30 (A. Towse 3, C. Clarkson, U. Ta'ai tries; J. Glover 5 goals) defeated London 28 (W. Albert, I. Macani, E. Natoli, M. Stock, J. Williams tries; O. Leyland 4 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 16-4. Penalties: London 5-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

York: Marsh, Brown, Pratt, Glover, Towse; Hingano, Daley; Kirby, Jubb, Ta'ai, Clarkson, Field, Thompson. Int: Michael, Teanby. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Waine, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Bienek, Davis, Stock, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Albert, Williams, Silva.

Batley 11 (L. Walshaw try; L. Hooley 3 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Widnes 4 (Z. Eckersley try) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Mon, 8th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Batley 8-0. Penalties: Batley 4-3. Referee: Michael Smiill.

Batley: Hooley, Morton, Hodson, Kear, McGowan; White, Woods; Gledhill, Kaye, Lillycrop, Buchanan, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Burton, Hirst, Flynn, Ward. Widnes: Fleming, Ince, Eckersley, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Owens; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Lawton, Johnstone. Int: Amor, Hatton, Jones, Walker.

ROUND 11

London 30 (J. Bassett, B. Leyland, O. Leyland, I. Macani, E. Natoli tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) defeated Barrow 16 (L. Broadbent, D. Langtree, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: London 16-6. Penalties: London 9-7. Referee: Michael Smiill. Crowd: 806.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Waine, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Albert, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Natoli, Stock. Int: Leyland, Parata, Williams, Silva. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Brand, Toal, Broadbent; Sammut, Johnston; Brooks, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Mossop, Worthington, Evans, Emslie.

Batley 17 (A. McGowan 2, E. Kear tries; L. Hooley 2 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Toulouse 16 (M. Jussaume, A. Marion, J. Ralph tries; R. Brochon 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-10. Penalties: Batley 3-1. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 1,320.

Batley: Hooley, McGowan, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; White, Woods; Brown, Blake, Lillycrop, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Burton, Ward, Flynn, Gledhill. Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Armitage; Ralph, Marion; Richards, Gahan, Biscarro, Lima, Stefani, Hansen. Int: Bretherton, Akaoula, Scimone, Tison.

Bradford 44 (D. Foggin-Johnston 2, N. Mason 2, K. Appo, B. England, K. Gill tries; D. Patton 8 goals) defeated Swinton 38 (R. Lloyd 2, A. Badrock, A. Bourouh, W. Bruines, J. Hatton tries; D. Abram 7 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 26-8. Penalties: Swinton 14-13. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,935.

Bradford: Walker, Blackmore, Butler, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Jowitt, Patton; Baldwinson, Lilley, Rogers, England, Wallace, Johnson. Int: Scurr, Appo, Flanagan, Mason. Swinton: Butt, Hatton, Spedding, Bruines, Romeo; Olds, Gibson; Baxter, Eaves, Norman, Badrock, Lloyd, Case. Int: Bourouh, Abram, Whitehead, Parnaby.

Halifax 60 (L. Walmsley 4, E. Doro 2, J. Woodburn-Hall 2, J. Fairbank, B. Kavanagh, J. Saltonstall tries; J. Keyes 8 goals) defeated Whitehaven 0 at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 26-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 4-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,998.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Tibbs, McComb, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Wood, Tangata, Doro, Fleming. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Haynes, Teare, Doran; Doran, Bishop; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Lanskey, Graham. Int: Aiye, Singleton, Tabu, Walker.

Sheffield 46 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, K. Welham 2, C. Aston, M. Dawson-Jones, V. Halafih, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 7 goals) defeated Keighley 18 (M. Ioane, E. Robson, A. Stephenson tries; D. Chisholm 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 34-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,347.

Keighley: Laulu-Togaga'e, Graham, Crooks, Storey, Agoro; Stephenson, Chisholm; Santi, Doyle, Ioane, Robson, Gibbons, Walker. Int: Spence, Adebiji, Parker, Lynam. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Kirk, Roberts, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Dickinson, Farrell, Broadbent, Hansen.

Featherstone 30 (G. Gale 3, J. Bussey, C. Hall, C. Jones tries; C. Hall 3 goals) defeated Widnes 0 at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 22-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,832.

Widnes: Fleming, Ince, Eckersley, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Owens; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Jones, Wilde, Johnstone. Int: Davies, Hatton, Roberts, Walker. Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Hardcastle, Hall, Gale; Lacans, Dean; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Smith. Int: Jones, Davies, Yei, Haur.

York 26 (O. Field 2, J. Brown, J. Glover, O. Pratt, A. Towse tries; J. Glover goal) defeated Newcastle 22 (G. Bofoa, T. Chapelhow, M. Clark, A. Donaghy tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-14. Penalties: York 4-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas.

York: Marsh, Towse, Glover, Pratt, Brown; Hingano, Daley; Kirby, Jubb, Ta'ai, Clarkson, Field, Thompson. Int: Kirmond, Cunningham, Michael, Teanby. Newcastle: Donaghy, Bofoa, Thomas, Walker, Clegg; Williams, Miller; Chapelhow, Davies, Moore, Windrow, Staveley, Bailey. Int: Clark, Balmforth, Tuliatu, Okoro.

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Widnes 38 (K. Dixon 2, R. Ince 2, J. Owens 2, J. Lyons tries; T. Gilmore 4, J. Edge goals) defeated Swinton 6 (S. Royle try; D. Abram goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Widnes 14-0. Penalties: Widnes 11-2. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,793.

Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Jones, Dixon, Grady, Johnstone. Int: Brown, Davies, Wilde, Lawton. Swinton: Abram, Butt, Davies, Spedding, Hatton; Eaves, Gibson; Case, Bourouh, Royle, Badrock, Lloyd, Gregson. Int: Brogan, Bennion, Norman, Romeo.

Barrow 32 (L. Cresswell, A. Iaria, D. Langtree, J. Sammut, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (C. Teare 2, J. Rourke tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-7. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 3,793.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Holliday, Teare; Doran, Bishop; Castle, Newton, Walker, Lanskey, King, Graham. Int: Aiye, Tabu, Spencer-Tonks, Ainley. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Brand, Toal, Broadbent; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Mossop, Worthington, Emslie, Brooks.

London 14 (W. Lovell, D. Whare tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) defeated Toulouse 10 (A. Marion 2 tries; J. Shorrocks goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: London 12-0. Penalties: Toulouse 7-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 3,793.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Albert, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Williams, Silva. Toulouse: Marcon, Laguerre, Jussaume, Rennie, Stefani; Ralph, Shorrocks; Biscarro, Gahan, Richards, Stefani, Hansen, Marion. Int: Scimone, Castano, Chan.

Featherstone 46 (G. Gale 4, J. Ford, C. Jones, T. Lacans, G. Springer, M. Yei tries; J. Bussey 4, D. Smith goals) defeated York 16 (J. Brown, J. Daley, J. Dee tries; J. Glover 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 16-4. Penalties: Featherstone 4-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 3,793.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Hardcastle, Hankinson, Gale; Ford, Lacans; Kopczak, Wildie, Springer, Day, Bussey, Smith. Int: Jones, Yei, Davies, Moors. York: Brown, Towse, Glover, Dee, Butterworth; Cunningham, Daley; Kirby, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Clarkson, Michael. Int: Harrison, Teanby, Ta'ai, Barnard.

Sheffield 38 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, B. Liu 2, B. Douglas, K. Welham tries; J. Hansen 6, I. Farrell goals) defeated Newcastle 32 (D. Balmforth 2, C. Bailey, G. Bofo, A. Clegg, D. Windrow tries; N. Williams 4 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 24-6. Penalties: Newcastle 7-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,948.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Clegg, Staveley, Thomas, Bofo; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Tuliutu, Gallagher, Windrow, Bailey. Int: Chapelhow, Clark, Balmforth, Okoro. Sheffield: Lалу-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Hansen, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Farrell, Wood, Broadbent, Kirk.

Batley 20 (E. Kear, D. Manning, J. Meadows, J. Woods tries; J. Meadows 2 goals) defeated Halifax 12 (B. Moore, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 12-4. Penalties: Halifax 5-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,948.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Tibbs, Maizen; Joffret, Inman; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Wood, Tangata, Larroyer, Lannon. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; White, Woods; Gledhill, Blake, Lillycrop, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Meadows, Flynn, Ward, Senior.

Bradford 42 (B. Blackmore 2, K. Gill 2, J. Walker 2, K. Appo, D. Foggin-Johnston tries; D. Patton 5 goals) defeated Keighley 18 (B. Crooks 2, A. Stephenson tries; H. Spence 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th May. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Keighley 18-14. Penalties: Bradford 10-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 2,948.

Bradford: Walker, Blackmore, Butler, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Holmes, Patton; Baldwinson, Lilley, Rogers, England, Thompson, Johnson. Int: Scurr, Appo, Jowitt, Mason. Keighley: Stephenson, Graham, Crooks, Storey, Agoro; Spence, Roby; Ioane, Kesik, Santi, Robson, Tomlinson, Walker. Int: Parker, Lynam, Doyle, Adebisi.

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Bradford 28 (K. Appo, J. Baldwinson, D. Foggin-Johnston, K. Gill, T. Holmes tries; D. Patton 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (D. Balmforth, N. Staveley tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Fri, 2nd June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Bradford 16-0. Penalties: Bradford 9-4. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,465.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Clegg, Staveley, Foster, Bofo; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Tuliutu, Gallagher, Windrow, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Clark, Chapelhow, Okoro. Bradford: Walker, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Holmes, Patton; Baldwinson, Lilley, Rogers, England, Thompson, Butler. Int: Scurr, Appo, Jowitt, Johnson.

Toulouse 28 (G. Armitage 2, P. Lima, A. Marion, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 4 goals) defeated Halifax 22 (Z. McComb, B. Moore, L. Walmsley, K. Wood tries; L. Joffret 3 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 3rd June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 18-10. Penalties: Toulouse 6-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,806.

Toulouse: Brochon, Armitage, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Ralph, Shorrocks; Biscarro, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Richards, Silva, Chan, Bretherton. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Tibbs, Maizen, McComb; Joffret, Wood; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Sutcliffe, Gee, Tangata. Int: Inman, Pickersgill, Lannon, Larroyer.

Batley 14 (K. Buchanan, E. Kear, D. Morton tries; J. Meadows goal) defeated York 8 (J. Dee, J. Glover tries) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Batley 4-3. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 2,991.

Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; White, Woods; Gledhill, Kaye, Flynn, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Senior, Ward, Meadows, Blake. York: Brown, Harrison, Pratt, Glover, Towse; Dee, Daley; Kirby, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Clarkson, Field, Cunningham. Int: Teanby, Michael, Ta'ai, Barnard.

Featherstone 64 (C. Jones 2, C. Aekins, L. Briscoe, J. Bussey, G. Gale, C. Hall, C. Hankinson, A. Hau, T. Lacans, M. Yei tries; C. Hall 10 goals) defeated Barrow 6 (L. Broadbent try; E. Archer goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 30-0. Penalties: Featherstone 5-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,756.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Hall, Hankinson, Gale; Ford, Lacans; Moors, Wildie, Lockwood, Hau, Bussey, Cozza. Int: Jones, Davies, Yei, Smith. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Corkill, Toal, Broadbent; Archer, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Iaria, Langtree, Stack, Wells. Int: Worthington, Brooks, Emslie, Saunders.

Swinton 32 (J. Romeo 4, J. Spedding tries; D. Abram 6 goals) defeated Keighley 28 (M. Agoro, M. Ioane, J. Lynam, L. Roby, H. Spence tries; H. Spence 4 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 24-12. Penalties: Keighley 9-6. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 1,138.

Keighley: Stephenson, Dyer-Dixon, Tomlinson, Storey, Agoro; Spence, Roby; Ioane, Doyle, Parker, Robson, Adebisi, Walker. Int: Gaylor, Levy, Lynam, Everett. Swinton: Badrock, Romeo, Bruines, Spedding, Hatton; Abram, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Brogan, Lloyd, Baker, Gregson. Int: Case, Roby, Norman, Baxter.

Whitehaven 40 (J. Rourke 2, R. King, D. Spencer-Tonks, C. Taylor, C. Teare tries; J. Rourke 8 goals) defeated Sheffield 26 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, B. Liu 2, I. Farrell tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 24-14. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-4. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,179.

Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Chrimes, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Farrell, Wood, Broadbent, Peachey. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; King, Doran; Castle, Newton, Walker, Holliday, Lanskey, Tabu. Int: Aiye, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks, Ainley.

London 26 (I. Macani 2, H. Raiwalui, P. Ulberg, D. Whare tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) defeated Widnes 18 (S. Wilde 2, K. Dixon tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 12-8. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 2,547.

Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Jones, Wilde, Davies, Johnstone. Int: Eckersley, Hatton, Lawton, Brown. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Bienek, Davis, Albert, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Horsman, Butler, Williams, Waine.

ROUND 14

Sheffield 40 (K. Welham 3, M. Dawson-Jones, B. Jones-Bishop, Q. Lалу-Togaga'e, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 6 goals) defeated York 10 (C. Clarkson, C. Fitzsimmons tries; J. Brown goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 9th June. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-6. Penalties: Sheffield 6-4. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 1,051.

Sheffield: Lалу-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Sene-Lefao, Liu, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Wood, Broadbent, Hansen. York: Brown, Towse, Glover, Dee, Butterworth; Cunningham, Daley; Kirby, Jubb, Michael, Field, Clarkson, Fitzsimmons. Int: Harrison, Teanby, Ta'ai, Barnard.

Toulouse 36 (G. Armitage 2, D. Peyroux 2, P. Lima, P. Marcon tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Featherstone 18 (L. Briscoe, J. Davies, C. Hall, C. Hankinson tries; C. Hall goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 10th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-8. Penalties: Featherstone 11-1. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,489.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Hall, Hankinson, Gale; Ford, Lacans; Lockwood, Wildie, Springer, Day, Bussey, Cozza. Int: Jones, Smith, Davies, Yei. Toulouse: Brochon, Armitage, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Ralph, Shorrocks; Biscarro, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Richards, Belmas, Chan, Peyroux.

Barrow 18 (L. Broadbent, A. Iaria, J. Sammut tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) defeated Keighley 16 (A. Stephenson 2, J. Lynam tries; D. Chisholm 2 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 10-6. Penalties: Barrow 7-2. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,250.

Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Brand, Toal, Broadbent; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Evans, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Worthington, Emslie, Burke. Keighley: Chisholm, Stephenson, Graham, Storey, Agoro; Roby, Spence; Everett, Doyle, Ioane, Robson, Adebisi, Walker. Int: Gaylor, Lynam, Parker, Hird.

Bradford 32 (K. Gill 2, T. Holmes 2, B. Blackmore tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated London 16 (I. Macani 2, D. Whare tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 18-0. Penalties: London 8-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 3,482.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Jowitt, Patton; Baldwinson, Lilley, Rogers, Thompson, Butler, Appo. Int: England, Scurr, Matongo, Segeyaro. London: Bassett, Ulberg, Natoli, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Albert, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Stock, Parata. Int: Williams, Hoyes, Parke, Butler.

Batley 26 (D. Morton 2, J. Hodson, A. McGowan, J. Meadows tries; J. Meadows 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (J. Chapelhow, A. Donaghy tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 10-6. Penalties: Batley 10-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 694.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Clegg, Barron, Foster, Bofo; Bailey, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Tuliutu, Gallagher, Staveley, Moore. Int: Chapelhow, Balmforth, Okoro, Simons. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Reilly, Kaye, Brown, Manning, Buchanan, White. Int: Gledhill, Ward, Blake, Flynn.

Halifax 46 (L. Walmsley 4, B. Kavanagh, B. Moore, A. Tangata, B. Tibbs, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 5 goals) defeated Swinton 8 (J. Eaves try; D. Abram 2 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: Swinton 10-6. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,109.

Swinton: Badrock, Romeo, Spedding, Bruines, Hatton; Abram, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Brogan, Lloyd, Baker, Gregson. Int: Cox, Case, Roby, Baxter. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Tibbs, Walmsley; Joffret, Wood; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Larroyer. Int: Tangata, Lannon, Fleming, O'Brien.

Whitehaven 36 (C. Taylor 2, R. King, J. Newton, J. Rourke, L. Tabu tries; J. Rourke 6 goals) defeated Widnes 12 (M. Roberts, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 11th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 960.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; King, Doran; Castle, Newton, Walker, Holliday, Lanskey, Tabu. Int: Spencer-Tonks, Aiye, Singleton, Ainley. Widnes: Dixon, Ince, Eckersley, Roberts, Edge; Lyons, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Grady, Wilde, Johnstone. Int: Brown, Davies, Hatton, Walker.

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Toulouse 48 (G. Armitage 2, G. Richards 2, M. Stefani 2, L. Belmas, M. Jussaume, J. Ralph tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (B. Liu, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Aston goal) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 17th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 20-6. Penalties: Toulouse 6-2. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 3,144.

Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Richards, Chan, Akauola, Lima. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Farrell; Kirk, Halafih, Dickinson, Wood, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Farrell, Broadbent, Hansen.

Barrow 26 (A. Iaria 2, C. Emslie, S. Toal tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated Widnes 18 (A. Brown, J. Lyons, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,150.

Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Brand, Toal, Bulman; Sammut, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Evans, Langtree, Stack, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Emslie, Brooks, Burke. Widnes: Owens, Ince, Eckersley, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Johnstone. Int: Brown, Roberts, Hatton, Davies.

Bradford 22 (J. Arundel, B. England, F. Rogers tries; D. Patton 5 goals) drew with Halifax 22 (M. Gee, L. Jouffret, J. Saltonstall, L. Walmsley tries; L. Jouffret 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 12-8. Penalties: Halifax 9-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,717.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Patton, Lilley; Baldwinson, Flanagan, Lawrence, Butler, Thompson, Appo. Int: England, Scurr, Rogers, Segeyaro. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Crooks, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Wood; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Larrayer. Int: O'Brien, Tangata, Lannon, McComb.

Featherstone 50 (C. Aekins 2, B. Day, G. Gale, C. Jones, M. Kheirallah, T. Lacans, J. Leilua, M. Wildie tries; M. Kheirallah 7 goals) defeated London 6 (O. Leyland try; O. Leyland goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 30-0. Penalties: London 6-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,255.

Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Lacans; Lockwood, Wildie, Springer, Day, Bussey, Smith. Int: Jones, Davies, Yei, Hau. London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Hoyes, Macani; Leyland, Raiwalui; Albert, Davis, Williams, Lovell, Natoli, Stock. Int: Leyland, Bienek, Allen, Parke.

Newcastle 18 (T. Chapelhow, A. Clegg, C. Davies, B. Gallagher tries; N. Williams goal) defeated Keighley 16 (C. Graham, K. Rush, R. Storey tries; D. Chisholm, K. Rush goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 12-10. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 684.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Clegg, Walker, Foster, Boaf, Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Gallagher, Staveley, Bailey. Int: Balmforth, Okoro, Clark, Tuliatu. Keighley: Roby, Stephenson, Graham, Storey, Agoro; Chisholm, Rush; Bibby, Gaylor, Parker, Robson, Oakley, Walker. Int: Spence, Levy, Hird, Atkinson.

Batley 48 (J. Brown, K. Buchanan, A. Gledhill, K. Hirst, J. Hodson, D. Manning, J. Meadows, D. Morton tries; J. Meadows 8 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (L. Brogan try; N. Gregson goal) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 18th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 36-0. Penalties: Batley 7-4. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,009.

Swinton: Abram, Hatton, Badrock, Lloyd, Spedding; Roberts, Ellis; Bennion, Eaves, Baxter, Rodden, Baker, Gregson. Int: Brogan, Romeo, Roby, Hall. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Brown, Blake, Reilly, Manning, Buchanan, White. Int: Gledhill, Hirst, Ward, Flynn.

Whitehaven 26 (D. Aiye, O. Doran, R. King, J. Rourke, C. Teare tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) defeated York 24 (A. Towse 2, D. Kirmond, O. Pratt, B. Santi tries; M. Harrison 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Wed, 28th June. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 16-10. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-2. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 951.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; Doran, Carter; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, King, Aiye. Int: McAvoy, Tabu, Graham, Singleton. York: Brown, Towse, Harrison, Pratt, Ward; Hingano, Harris; Santi, Cunningham, Fitzsimmons, Clarkson, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Daley, Teanby, Ta'ai, Field.

ROUND 16

Sheffield 40 (C. Aston 2, M. Dawson-Jones, T. Gwaze, V. Halafih, J. Hansen, M. Wood tries; C. Aston 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 23rd June. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 18-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Michael Smail. Crowd: 879.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Douglas, Dickinson, Murphy, Sene-Lefao, Gwaze, Halafih. Int: Farrell, Hodgson, Wood, Roberts. Newcastle: Donaghy, Clegg, Walker, Foster, Boaf; Miller, Bailey; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Gallagher, Anderson, Clark. Int: Balmforth, Tuliatu, Moore, Lightowler.

Toulouse 52 (J. Ralph 3, G. Armitage 2, B. Laguerre 2, R. Brochon, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 8 goals) defeated Bradford 14 (B. Blackmore, L. Gaskell, K. Gill tries; D. Patton goal) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 24th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 16-4. Penalties: Toulouse 7-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 4,211.

Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Stefani, Hansen, Marion. Int: Richards, Bretherton, Akauola, Pelissier. Bradford: Walker, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Gaskell, Patton; Baldwinson, Lilley, Lawrence, Thompson, Butler, Appo. Int: England, Scurr, Rogers, Segeyaro.

London 20 (B. Leyland, I. Macani, D. Parata tries; O. Leyland 4 goals) defeated Batley 18 (D. Morton 2, J. Hodson tries; J. Meadows 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 14-2. Penalties: Batley 8-4. Referee: Tom Grant.

Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Kear; Meadows, White; Lillycrop, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Buchanan, Blake. Int: Johnson, Ward, Flynn, Leak. London: Walker, Ulberg, Evans, Stevens, Macani; Leyland, Tyrer, Butler, Leyland, Stock, Lovell, Gannon, Parata. Int: Davies, Davis, Makin, Monk.

Halifax 48 (L. Walmsley 4, B. Kavanagh 2, D. Fleming, A. O'Brien, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 6 goals) defeated Barrow 20 (A. Bulman, E. Gillam, R. Johnston, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 16-12. Penalties: Halifax 11-9. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,744.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Tibbs, Crooks, Walmsley; Jouffret, Wood; Calcott, O'Brien, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Tangata, Fleming, Lannon. Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Carter, Toal, Bulman; Johnston, Sammut; Gillam, Wood, Evans, Langtree, Emslie, Iaria. Int: Mossop, Archer, Burke, Brooks.

Keighley 28 (M. Agoro, B. Gaylor, E. Robson, L. Roby, A. Stephenson tries; B. Walker 4 goals) defeated Whitehaven 18 (D. Eccleston, R. King, J. Rourke tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 12-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 2,106.

Keighley: Roby, Stephenson, Graham, Storey, Agoro; Walker, Spence; Everett, Kesik, Bibby, Robson, Adebisi, Hird. Int: Gaylor, Levy, Parker, Oakley. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; King, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Lanskey, Tabu. Int: Aiye, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks, Carter.

Swinton 25 (J. Ellis, J. Hatton, R. Lloyd, G. Roby tries; W. Roberts 3, B. Davies goals; J. Ellis field goal) defeated Widnes 18 (O. Davies, A. Lawton, A. Walker tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 14-0. Penalties: Widnes 9-5. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,833.

Widnes: Owens, Millar, Roberts, Eckersley, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Walker, Johnstone, Davies, Jones, Wilde, Brown. Int: Fozard, Hatton, Grady, Lawton. Swinton: Romeo, Hatton, Spedding, Davies, Badrock; Roberts, Ellis; Bennion, Roby, Brogan, Lloyd, Rodden, Gregson. Int: Eaves, Hall, Delaney, Baker.

Featherstone 24 (J. Leilua 2, C. Jones, M. Kheirallah tries; M. Kheirallah 4 goals) defeated York 8 (A. Hingano, A. Towse tries) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 10-8. Penalties: York 4-3. Referee: James Vella.

York: Brown, Towse, Harrison, Pratt, Ward; Hingano, Daley; Ta'ai, Jubb, Santi, Field, Clarkson, Cunningham. Int: Fitzsimmons, Thompson, Michael, Jones. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Lacans; Lockwood, Wildie, Springer, Day, Bussey, Moors. Int: Jones, Yei, Davies, Hardcastle.

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Toulouse 40 (D. Biscarro 2, G. Armitage, C. Gahan, M. Jussaume, P. Marcon, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Widnes 28 (R. Millar 3, K. Dixon, S. Grady, S. Wilde tries; J. Edge 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 1st July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 24-8. Penalties: Toulouse 6-1. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,870.

Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Richards, Silva, Bretherton, Pelissier. Widnes: Edge, Millar, Roberts, Brookes, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Davies, Johnstone, Walker, Wilde, Grady, Jones. Int: Field, Fozard, Lawton, Tilleke.

Batley 12 (J. Hodson, J. Meadows tries; L. Hooley 2 goals) defeated Barrow 6 (L. Broadbent try; R. Shaw goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Penalties: Barrow 4-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,096.

Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Carter, Toal, Bulman; Sammut, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Brooks, Langtree, Emslie, Worthington. Int: Mossop, Makin, Wilkinson, Cresswell. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Brown, White, Kibula, Manning, Buchanan, Reilly. Int: Leak, Hirst, Ward, Flynn.

Bradford 74 (K. Gill 3, J. Taufua 3, B. Blackmore 2, A. Wallace 2, C. Wynne 2, E. Scurr tries; D. Patton 9, B. Thompson 2 goals) defeated Keighley 12 (C. Graham, E. Robson tries; H. Spence 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 22-6. Penalties: Bradford 7-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 4,879.

Bradford: Wynne, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Patton; Matongo, Lilley, Lawrence, Butler, Wallace, Thompson. Int: England, Scurr, Appo, Segeyaro. Keighley: Roby, Stephenson, Graham, Oakley, Laulu-Togaga'e; Walker, Spence; Bibby, Doyle, Everett, Robson, Adebisi, Hird. Int: Gaylor, Levy, Parker, Atkinson.

London 56 (R. Butler 2, A. Walker 2, J. Gannon, B. Leyland, O. Leyland, H. Raiwalui, P. Ulberg, J. Williams tries; O. Leyland 8 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (C. Bailey, J. Chapelhow tries; J. Miller goal) at Kuflink Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 30-6. Penalties: Newcastle 5-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,208.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Raiwalui, Natoli, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Williams, Leyland, Butler, Lovell, Gannon, Parata. Int: Stock, Albert, Davis, Davies. Newcastle: Donaghy, Clegg, Walker, Foster, Boaf; Miller, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Bailey, Gallagher, Balmforth. Int: Clark, Tuliatu, Simons, Lightowler.

Swinton 30 (G. Roby 2, M. Butt, N. Gregson, J. Romeo tries; J. Gibson 4, N. Gregson goals) defeated Sheffield 22 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, T. Dickinson, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-10. Penalties: Swinton 10-8. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,094.

Swinton: Romeo, Hatton, Spedding, Badrock, Butt; Gregson, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Brogan, Rodden, Foster, Hall. Int: Eaves, Baker, Cox, Case. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Murphy, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Thackeray, Farrell, Roberts, Gwaze.

Featherstone 60 (M. Kheirallah 4, C. Aekins 2, L. Briscoe, A. Hau, C. Jones, J. Leilua, G. Springer tries; M. Kheirallah 8 goals) defeated Whitehaven 0 at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 28-0. Penalties: Featherstone 12-7. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 841.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; Doran, Carter; Graham, Hill, Ainley, Holliday, Dawson, King. Int: Tabu, Singleton, Castle. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Lacans; Springer, Jones, Moors, Hau, Taylor, Cozza. Int: Astley, Davies, Yei, Smith.

York 28 (M. Harrison 2, J. Cunningham, J. Dee, A. Towse tries; M. Harrison 4 goals) defeated Halifax 18 (J. Saltonstall 2, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: York 5-4. Referee: Michael Smaill.

York: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Dee, Harrison; Cunningham, Harris; Michael, Daley, Santi, Field, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Fitzsimmons, Ta'ai. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Crooks, Fonua, Saltonstall; Joffret, Wood; Larroyer, O'Brien, Calcott, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, McComb, Lannon, Inman.

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London 22 (A. Walker 2, O. Leyland, P. Ulberg tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) defeated Toulouse 6 (Z. Santo try; J. Shorrocks goal) at Kuffink Stadium. Date: Sat, 8th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: London 10-0. Penalties: London 5-4. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,089.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Natoli, Raiwalui, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Butler, Davis, Stock, Lovell, Gannon, Parata. Int: Leyland, Bienek, Williams, Davies. Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Stefani, Hansen, Marion. Int: Richards, Silva, Bretherton, Lima.

Batley 42 (L. Hooley 3, S. Kibula 2, J. Hodson, G. Senior tries; L. Hooley 7 goals) defeated Halifax 0 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-0. Penalties: Batley 5-3. Referee: Liam Rush.

Batley: Hooley, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Campbell; Meadows, Woods; Brown, White, Kibula, Manning, Buchanan, Reilly. Int: Gledhill, Leak, Ward, Flynn. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, Crooks, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Joffret, Wood; Calcott, Moore, Larroyer, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, McComb, Fleming, O'Brien.

Featherstone 52 (C. Hall 2, A. Hau 2, L. Briscoe, C. Jones, M. Kheirallah, T. Lacans, G. Springer tries; M. Kheirallah 8 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (J. Hatton try; J. Gibson goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-0. Penalties: Featherstone 10-6. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,845.

Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hall, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Astley, Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Hau, Taylor, Smith. Int: Jones, Lacans, Kopczak, Yei. Swinton: Romeo, Hatton, Spedding, Badrock, Butt; Lowe, Gibson; Brogan, Roby, Bennion, Foster, Rodden, Hall. Int: Eaves, Baker, Cox, Case.

York 50 (J. Dee 3, J. Brown 2, O. Field, C. Fitzsimmons, A. Towse tries; M. Harrison 9 goals) defeated Keighley 10 (A. Stephenson 2 tries; B. Walker goal) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 18-6. Penalties: Keighley 6-4. Referee: Nick Bennett.

Keighley: Lulu-Togaga'e, Stephenson, Storey, Roby, Graham; Walker, Sweeting; Bibby, Doyle, Everett, Robson, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Atkinson, Hird, Kesik, Levy. York: Brown, Harrison, Dee, Clarkson, Towse; Cunningham, Harris; Santi, Daley, Fitzsimmons, Field, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Bass, Michael, Ta'ai, Teanby.

Newcastle 30 (J. Chapelhow 2, G. Boafu, T. Chapelhow, M. Clark tries; J. Miller 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 12 (J. Carter, G. Hill tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-0. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,284.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Young, Walker, Clegg, Boafu; Miller, Bailey; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Gallagher, Tuliatu, Clark. Int: Balmforth, Simons, Moore, Walton. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Holliday, Teare; Doran, Carter; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Lanskey, King, Aiye. Int: Hill, Tabu, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks.

Sheffield 36 (J. Sene-Lefao 2, A. Thackeray 2, M. Dawson-Jones, J. Farrell, R. Oakes tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (G. Burke, L. Cresswell, R. Johnston tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 8-6. Penalties: Sheffield 10-7. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,011.

Sheffield: Lulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Glover, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Sene-Lefao, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Oakes, Broadbent, Kirk, Hansen. Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Eckersley, Toal, Bulman; Archer, Johnston; Evans, Wood, Makin, Langtree, Emslie, Wilkinson. Int: Cresswell, Burke, Saunders, Rothwell.

Widnes 31 (K. Dixon 2, O. Brookes, M. Fozard, A. Lawton tries; J. Edge 4, T. Gilmore goals; T. Gilmore field goal) defeated Bradford 14 (C. Butler, K. Gill tries; D. Patton 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 9th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 14-12. Penalties: Widnes 7-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,561.

Widnes: Edge, Dixon, Roberts, Fleming, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Davies. Int: Farnworth, Forber, Walker, Tilleke. Bradford: Wynne, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Patton; Matongo, Lilley, Lawrence, Butler, Wallace, Foster. Int: Baitieri, Scurr, Appo, Segeyaro.

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Toulouse 34 (Z. Santo 2, B. Laguerre, A. Marion, J. Ralph, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 5 goals) defeated Batley 12 (J. Meadows, M. Reilly tries; L. Hooley 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 15th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Batley 6-2. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 3,557.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Jussaume, Laguerre, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Richards, Bretherton, Akauola, Pélissier. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Campbell; Meadows, Woods; Brown, White, Kibula, Manning, Buchanan, Reilly. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Gledhill.

Featherstone 20 (L. Briscoe, G. Gale, C. Hall, A. Hau tries; M. Kheirallah 2 goals) defeated Barrow 10 (A. Bulman, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Featherstone 7-6. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,361.

Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Eckersley, Toal, Bulman; Archer, Johnston; Evans, Wood, Makin, Langtree, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Saunders, Cresswell, Rothwell, Burke. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hall, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Chisholm; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Taylor, Hau, Smith. Int: Jones, Kopczak, Davies, Cozza.

Halifax 50 (M. Gee 2, L. Walmsley 2, B. Crooks, B. Kavanagh, Z. McComb, B. Moore, D. Murray tries; L. Joffret 7 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (J. Chapelhow 2 tries; J. Miller 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-0. Penalties: Halifax 6-1. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,453.

Halifax: Pickersgill, Walmsley, McComb, Crooks, Saltonstall; Joffret, Inman; Calcott, O'Brien, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Moore, Lannon, Fleming, Larroyer. Newcastle: Donaghy, Young, Walker, Clegg, Boafu; Miller, Bailey; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Tuliatu, Gallagher, Clark. Int: Balmforth, Staveley, Walton, Simons.

Widnes 38 (M. Roberts 2, M. Fozard, T. Gilmore, A. Lawton, J. Lyons, S. Wilde tries; K. Dixon 5 goals) defeated Keighley 22 (C. Graham, E. Robson, L. Roby, J. Sa'u tries; B. Walker 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 14-6. Penalties: Widnes 5-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas.

Keighley: Young, Stephenson, Storey, Sa'u, Graham; Lulu-Togaga'e, Roby; Bibby, Kesik, Everett, Robson, Levy, Walker. Int: Scully, Doyle, Trout, Laidlaw. Widnes: Edge, Dixon, Roberts, Fleming, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Davies. Int: Farnworth, Forber, Walker, Jones.

London 12 (I. Macani 2 tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (K. Baker try; D. Abram goal) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 10-0. Penalties: Swinton 10-8. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 940.

Swinton: Abram, Romeo, Badrock, Spedding, Hatton; Olds, Gibson; Brogan, Eaves, Bennion, Lloyd, Cox, Hall. Int: Roby, Baker, Foster, Case. London: Walker, Ulberg, Raiwalui, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Butler, Davis, Stock, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Bienek, Williams, Gannon.

Bradford 44 (K. Appo, B. Blackmore, C. Butler, K. Gill, M. Matongo, D. Patton, J. Segeyaro, A. Wallace tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 18 (D. Aiye, C. Holliday, R. King tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-10. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,257.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Teare, Taylor, Groves; Carter, Aiye; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Lanskey, Holliday, King. Int: Hill, Tabu, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks. Bradford: Wynne, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Patton; Lawrence, Segeyaro, Matongo, Wallace, Butler, Baitieri. Int: Lilley, Appo, Scurr, Okoro.

York 23 (J. Bass, J. Dee, L. Harris, J. Thompson tries; L. Harris 3 goals; L. Harris field goal) defeated Sheffield 18 (M. Dawson-Jones, B. Jones-Bishop, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-6. Penalties: Sheffield 4-3. Referee: James Vella.

York: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Dee, Bass; Cunningham, Harris; Ta'ai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Antrobus, Thompson. Int: Hingano, Teanby, Santi. Sheffield: Lulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Glover, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Gwaze, Farrell, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Oakes, Broadbent, Kirk, Hansen.

ROUND 20

Sheffield 32 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, C. Aston, B. Douglas, J. Hansen, B. Jones-Bishop tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Halifax 30 (J. Fairbank 2, L. Joffret, R. Lannon, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 5 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 28th July. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Halifax 18-12. Penalties: Sheffield 4-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,327.

Sheffield: Lulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Glover, Oakes, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Hansen, Wood, Bower, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Douglas, Gwaze, Broadbent, Chrimes. Halifax: Pickersgill, McComb, Crooks, Maizen, Walmsley; Joffret, Woodburn-Hall; Calcott, O'Brien, Murray, Kavanagh, Fairbank, Gee. Int: Moore, Tangata, Lannon, Fleming.

Featherstone 28 (A. Hau 2, D. Smith, E. Taylor, M. Wildie tries; C. Hankinson 4 goals) defeated Batley 8 (A. McGowan, D. Morton tries) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-4. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,145.

Featherstone: Aekins, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Lacans, Chisholm; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Hau, Taylor, Smith. Int: Jones, Davies, Cozza, Longstaff. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Hodson, Senior, McGowan; White, Meadows; Hirst, Blake, Gledhill, Manning, Buchanan, Reilly. Int: Kibula, Leak, Ward, Flynn.

Toulouse 64 (M. Stefani 3, G. Armitage 2, A. Marion 2, J. Bretherton, B. Laguerre, P. Marcon, J. Ralph tries; J. Shorrocks 10 goals) defeated Keighley 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 29th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 34-0. Penalties: Keighley 5-2. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 3,250.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Richards, Bretherton, Akauola, Peyroux. Keighley: Young, Agoro, Graham, Sa'u, Stephenson; Gaylor, Roby; Laidlaw, Kesik, Bibby, Robson, Gibbons, Walker. Int: Doyle, Nicholson-Watton, Hird, Trout.

York 24 (J. Bass, O. Field, C. Fitzsimmons, W. Jubb tries; L. Harris 4 goals) defeated London 10 (D. Parata, P. Ulberg tries; C. Norman goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-10. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 957.

London: Walker, Ulberg, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Raiwalui, Norman; Bienek, Davis, Butler, Lovell, Gannon, Parata. Int: Williams, Stock, Natoli, Davies. York: Brown, Bass, Dee, Clarkson, Towse; Hingano, Harris; Santi, Cunningham, Michael, Field, Kirmond, Fitzsimmons. Int: Jubb, Thompson, Teanby, Ta'ai.

Newcastle 25 (G. Boafu 2, C. Bailey, C. Moore tries; J. Miller 4 goals; N. Williams field goal) defeated Swinton 19 (M. Butt, J. Eaves, L. Hall tries; J. Gibson 3 goals; J. Gibson field goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-0. Penalties: Newcastle 7-6. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 889.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Young, Clegg, Walker, Boafu; Williams, Miller; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Tuliatu, Gallagher, Bailey. Int: Simons, Balmforth, Moore, Lightowler. Swinton: Romeo, Butt, Badrock, Spedding, Hatton; Roberts, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Hall, Lloyd, Cox, Gregson. Int: Eaves, Case, Rodden, Baker.

Widnes 36 (J. Edge 2, O. Brookes, O. Davies, O. Farnworth, S. Grady tries; K. Dixon 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 28 (D. Eccleston 2, L. Castle, G. Graham, R. King tries; J. Rourke 4 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Widnes 9-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,785.

Widnes: Edge, Dixon, Roberts, Fleming, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Davies. Int: Forber, Brown, Farnworth, Walker. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Tabu, Holliday, King, Graham. Int: Aiye, Groves, Lanskey, Spencer-Tonks.

Barrow 14 (R. Shaw try; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated Bradford 10 (B. Blackmore, J. Myers tries; L. Gaskell goal) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Mon, 31st July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Barrow 8-0. Penalties: Barrow 17-9. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Patton; Matongo, Flanagan, Lawrence, Arundel, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Lilley, Scurr, Appo, Rogers. Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Eckersley, Toal, Bulman; Jackson, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Makin, Langtree, Stack, Worthington. Int: Cresswell, Emslie, Rothwell, Wilkinson.

ROUND 21

Widnes 50 (M. Roberts 2, S. Wilde 2, O. Brookes, K. Dixon, C. Field, M. Fleming, T. Gilmore, J. Lyons tries; K. Dixon 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (D. Balmforth try; A. Donaghy goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 26-0. Penalties: Widnes 5-2. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,206.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Young, Clegg, Walker, Boafo; Miller, Bailey; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Burns, Gallagher, Tuliatu. Int: Simons, Balmforth, Moore, Lightowler. Widnes: Edge, Dixon, Roberts, Fleming, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Forber, Walker, Hatton, Davies.

Toulouse 18 (G. Armitage, A. Marion, G. Richards tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) defeated York 14 (J. Bass 2, B. Santi tries; L. Harris goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sat, 5th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-4. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Ben Thaler.

York: Brown, Towse, Pratt, Dee, Bass; Hingano, Harris; Michael, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Ta'ai, Santi, Warren. Toulouse: Santo, Laguerre, Armitage, Jussaume, Marcon; Marion, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Stefani, Peyroux, Hansen. Int: Richards, Akaoula, Bretherton, Pélissier.

London 26 (D. Whare 2, L. Bienek, D. Grant, C. Norman tries; C. Norman 3 goals) defeated Barrow 6 (R. Corkill try; R. Shaw goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 20-0. Penalties: Barrow 7-6. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,786.

Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Corkill, Toal, Bulman; Jackson, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Makin, Emslie, Stack, Worthington. Int: Cresswell, Wilkinson, Evans, Billington. London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Bienek, Leyland, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Williams, Stock, Hoyes, Davies.

Bradford 42 (B. Blackmore 2, A. Wallace 2, K. Appo, M. Lawrence, E. Scurr, J. Taufua tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated Batley 6 (A. McGowan try; J. Meadows goal) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 10-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: James Vella.

Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Gledhill, White, Brown, Manning, Buchanan, Reilly. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Kibula. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Rogers, Arundel, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Segeyaro, Appo, Scurr, Matongo.

Swinton 18 (D. Abram, R. Butterworth, M. Foster tries; D. Abram 3 goals) defeated Keighley 10 (E. Robson, L. Young tries; O. Thomas goal) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 8-6. Penalties: Swinton 6-3. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,179.

Swinton: Abram, Butt, Lloyd, Spedding, Hatton; Butterworth, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Hall, Foster, Cox, Gregson. Int: Robb, Parnaby, Baker, Windrow. Keighley: Young, Graham, Sa'u, Storey, Agoro; Thomas, Walker; Ioane, Doyle, Trout, Robson, Adebisi, Kesik. Int: Roby, Parker, Bibby, Nicholson-Watson.

Whitehaven 32 (O. Doran, D. Eccleston, R. King, J. Rourke, D. Spencer-Tonks, C. Teare tries; J. Rourke 4 goals) defeated Sheffield 20 (M. Dawson-Jones, J. Hansen, B. Liu, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 14-12. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 720.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; Doran, Carter; Castle, Newton, Tabu, Holliday, King, Graham. Int: Aiye, Singleton, Hill, Spencer-Tonks. Sheffield: Lailu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Hansen, Wood, Bower, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Halafih, Gwaze, Liu, Douglas.

Halifax 25 (J. Woodburn-Hall 2, M. Gee, J. Maizen tries; L. Jouffret 4 goals; J. Woodburn-Hall field goal) defeated Featherstone 22 (L. Briscoe, M. Kheirallah, C. Kopczak, G. Springer tries; M. Kheirallah 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 6th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 18-16. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Liam Rush.

Halifax: Pickersgill, Walmsley, Maizen, Crooks, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Woodburn-Hall; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Larroyer. Int: Tangata, Lannon, Fleming, O'Brien. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Astley; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Hau, Longstaff, Taylor. Int: Kopczak, Jones, Cozza, Smith.

ROUND 22

Featherstone 38 (A. Hau 2, C. Aekins, D. Chisholm, G. Gale, C. Hankinson, J. Moors tries; M. Kheirallah 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (M. Dawson-Jones, B. Jones-Bishop tries; C. Aston goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 18th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 24-10. Penalties: Sheffield 4-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,709.

Sheffield: Lailu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Glover, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Wood, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Sene-Lefao, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Kirk, Hansen. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Chisholm; Kopczak, Wildie, Lockwood, Hau, Taylor, Smith. Int: Jones, Davies, Moors, Springer.

Toulouse 26 (R. Brochon 2, S. Akaoula, J. Bretherton, M. Stefani tries; R. Brochon 3 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (D. Abram try; D. Abram goal) at Stade d'Albert Domec. Date: Sat, 19th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 6-4. Penalties: Toulouse 8-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,430.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Lima, Armitage, Laguerre; Brochon, Marion; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Stefani, Bretherton, Hansen. Int: Pélissier, Richards, Akaoula, Silva. Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Badrock, Hatton, Romeo; Gibson, Butterworth; Bennion, Roby, Brogan, Rodden, Cox, Gregson. Int: Robb, Case, Lloyd, Baker.

Bradford 36 (G. Flanagan 2, J. Arundel, K. Gill, T. Holmes, J. Lilley tries; J. Lilley 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 8 (A. Clegg, R. Tuliatu tries) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 18-4. Penalties: Bradford 4-1. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,685.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Rogers, Arundel, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Jowitt, Appo, Scurr, Doro. Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Boafo; Williams, Balmforth; Chapelhow, Davies, Moore, Clegg, Tuliatu, Bailey. Int: Simons, Lightowler, Walton, Lawther.

Keighley 26 (M. Agoro 2, K. Kesik, E. Robson tries; O. Thomas 5 goals) defeated Batley 20 (A. McGowan 2, J. Meadows, D. Morton tries; J. Meadows 2 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 14-6. Penalties: Batley 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,468.

Keighley: Thomas, Agoro, Storey, Sa'u, Graham; Rush, Roby; Ioane, Doyle, Trout, Adebisi, Robson, Kesik. Int: Nicholson-Watson, Bibby, Parker, Spence. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Johnson; Meadows, Woods; Gledhill, White, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Kibula.

London 26 (I. Macani 2, A. Walker 2, L. Bienek tries; C. Norman 2, O. Leyland goals) defeated Halifax 12 (J. Maizen, L. Walmsley tries; L. Jouffret 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 18-12. Penalties: London 3-2. Referee: Liam Rush.

London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Bienek, Leyland, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Albert, Williams, Stock, Davies. Halifax: Pickersgill, Walmsley, Maizen, Crooks, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Woodburn-Hall; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: O'Brien, Tangata, Lannon, Sutcliffe.

York 40 (O. Field 2, J. Dee, C. Fitzsimmons, T. Pemberton, O. Pratt, A. Towse tries; L. Harris 6 goals) defeated Widnes 30 (O. Brookes, K. Dixon, J. Edge, O. Farnworth, S. Wilde tries; K. Dixon 5 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 20th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 20-12. Penalties: Widnes 6-3. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 3,008.

Widnes: Edge, Dixon, Roberts, Fleming, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Farnworth, Davies, Hatton, Forber. York: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Dee, Bass; Hingano, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Michael, Pratt, Pemberton, Warren.

Barrow 23 (A. Bulman, B. Evans, J. Stack, T. Wilkinson tries; R. Shaw 3 goals; R. Johnston field goal) defeated Whitehaven 22 (J. Carter, O. Doran, C. Holliday, R. King tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Mon, 21st August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 14-10. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-6. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,176.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Doran; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, King, Graham. Int: Aiye, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks, Hill. Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Carter, Toal, Bulman; Jackson, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Worthington, Emslie, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Cresswell, Corkill, Evans, Billington.

ROUND 23

Sheffield 49 (A. Thackeray 3, B. Jones-Bishop 2, R. Oakes 2, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 6, J. Hansen 2 goals; A. Thackeray field goal) defeated Batley 6 (J. Meadows try; D. Morton goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-6. Penalties: Batley 3-2. Referee: Liam Rush.

Batley: Meadows, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; White, Woods; Kibula, Kaye, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, Flynn. Int: Blake, Ward, Senior, Leak. Sheffield: Lailu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Wood, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Liu, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Murphy, Hansen.

York 20 (M. Harrison 2, W. Jubb tries; L. Harris 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (G. Boafo try; N. Williams goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Fri, 25th August. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: York 6-0. Penalties: Newcastle 5-3. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 788.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Boafo; Balmforth, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Moore, Clegg, Tuliatu, Bailey. Int: Simons, Lightowler, Walton, Clark. York: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Pratt, Bass; Dee, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Harrison, Michael, Pemberton, Warren.

Toulouse 34 (É. Pélissier 2, B. Laguerre, A. Marion, G. Richards, Z. Santo tries; J. Shorrocks 4, R. Brochon goals) defeated Barrow 10 (A. Bulman 2 tries; R. Shaw goal) at Stade Mazicou. Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,487.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Lima, Laguerre, Laguerre; Shorrocks, Brochon; Hansen, Gahan, Bretherton, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Richards, Akaoula, Silva. Barrow: Cresswell, Carter, Brand, Toal, Bulman; Jackson, Johnston; Burke, Sammut, Worthington, Emslie, Shaw, Wood. Int: Saunders, Evans, Billington, Corkill.

Featherstone 36 (G. Gale 2, C. Jones 2, M. Kheirallah 2, J. Leilua tries; M. Kheirallah 4 goals) defeated Keighley 6 (S. Adebisi try; O. Thomas goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 18-0. Penalties: Featherstone 5-1. Referee: James Vella.

Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Hankinson, Leilua, Gale; Aekins, Chisholm; Lockwood, Jones, Kopczak, Hau, Taylor, Smith. Int: Ford, Davies, Moors, Cozza. Keighley: Young, Graham, Sa'u, Storey, Agoro; Thomas, Rush; Ioane, Kesik, Laidlaw, Robson, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Parker, Gaylor, Bibby, Nicholson-Watson.

Widnes 28 (R. Ince 3, D. Craven, J. Owens tries; K. Dixon 4 goals) defeated Halifax 26 (B. Crooks 2, J. Saltonstall, A. Tangata tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: Widnes 8-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

Halifax: Pickersgill, Walmsley, Sutcliffe, Crooks, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Murray, Moore, Calcott, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: McComb, Tangata, Lannon, O'Brien. Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Farnworth, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Forber, Davies, Worthington, Roberts.

London 34 (J. Bassett 2, D. Grant 2, B. Leyland, O. Leyland, D. Whare tries; C. Norman 2, O. Leyland goals) defeated Whitehaven 18 (D. Eccleston, L. Lanskey, J. Rourke tries; J. Rourke 3 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 24-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 3-1. Referee: Nick Bennett.

London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Bienek, Leyland, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Horsman, Albert, Williams, Stock. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Teare, Holroyd; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Spencer-Tonks, Holliday, Lanskey, Graham. Int: Aiye, Tabu, Singleton, Hill.

Bradford 42 (D. Foggin-Johnston 2, K. Appo, K. Gill, J. Lilley, J. Myers, F. Rogers, E. Scurr tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated Swinton 26 (M. Butt, J. Hutton, R. Lepori, G. Rodden, J. Spedding tries; D. Abram 3 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 27th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 22-8. Penalties: Bradford 9-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,073.

Swinton: Abram, Hutton, Spedding, Butt, Lepori; Butterworth, Gibson; Brogan, Robb, Bennion, Lloyd, Cox, Gregson. Int: Roby, Case, Hall, Rodden. Bradford: Holmes, Wynne, Myers, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Rogers, Arundel, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Jowitt, Appo, Scurr, Doro.

ROUND 24

Toulouse 36 (Z. Santo 2, A. Marion, G. Richards, R. Silva, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (J. Johnson 2, G. Bofoa tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 2nd September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-10. Penalties: Toulouse 7-5. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 639.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Bofoa; Balmforth, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Clark, Clegg, Tuliatu, Bailey. Int: Simons, Lightowler, Walton, Moore. Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Lima, Armitage, Laguerre; Shorrocks, Brochon; Hansen, Gahan, Richards, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Silva, Skoundri, Tropis.

Featherstone 16 (C. Aekins, B. Day, G. Gale tries; M. Kheirallah 2 goals) defeated Bradford 8 (B. England, J. Myers tries) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 6-4. Penalties: Featherstone 7-2. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,567.

Bradford: Holmes, Myers, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Lilley, Gaskell; Lawrence, Flanagan, Rogers, England, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Jowitt, Scurr, Appo, Doro. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Hall, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Chisholm; Springer, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Longstaff, Smith. Int: Jones, Davies, Moors, Cozza.

Keighley 26 (J. Bibby, C. Graham, D. Parker, J. Sa'u, L. Young tries; K. Rush 2, H. Spence goals) defeated Barrow 20 (A. Bulman 2, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 20-10. Penalties: Barrow 7-6. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 1,828.

Keighley: Young, Graham, Sa'u, Storey, Agoro; Spence, Rush; Ioane, Doyle, Nicholson-Watton, Robson, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Thomas, Parker, Lynam, Bibby. Barrow: Broadbent, Shaw, Brand, Toal, Bulman; Sammut, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Worthington, Emslie, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Cresswell, Evans, Carter, Billington.

London 26 (A. Walker 2, J. Bassett, I. Macani, D. Parata tries; C. Norman 3 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (J. Glover 2, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 8-0. Penalties: Sheffield 4-1. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 910.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Wood, Halafihi, Dickinson, Murphy, Liu, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Roberts, Sene-Lefao. London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Raiwalui, Norman; Bienek, Leyland, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Albert, Davis, Stock.

Halifax 30 (L. Jouffret 2, M. Gee, B. Kavanagh, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 8 (O. Doran, D. Spencer-Tonks tries) at LEL Arena. Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 6-4. Penalties: Whitehaven 9-1. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 1,056.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Doran, Taylor, Eccleston, Holroyd; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Teare, Aiye. Int: Lanskey, Singleton, Hill, Spencer-Tonks. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Crooks, Walmsley; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, O'Brien, Tangata, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Lannon, Sutcliffe, Fleming.

Widnes 12 (C. Field, J. Owens tries; K. Dixon 2 goals) defeated Batley 4 (A. McGowan try) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 6-4. Penalties: Batley 6-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas.

Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Roberts, Brown. Int: Davies, Forber, Lawton, Worthington. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Gledhill, White, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Reilly. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Kibula.

York 26 (O. Pratt 2, W. Jubb, J. Thompson tries; L. Harris 5 goals) defeated Swinton 22 (D. Abram, L. Brogan, J. Lowe, G. Roby tries; D. Abram 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 3rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 14-10. Penalties: Swinton 9-7. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

York: Harrison, Towse, Clarkson, Pratt, Bass; Daley, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Dee, Thompson. Int: Michael, Pauli, Price, Pemberton. Swinton: Lowe, Romeo, Spedding, Badrock, Butt; Abram, Gibson; Bennion, Hall, Brogan, Rodden, Cox, Foster. Int: Baker, Case, Parnaby, Roby.

ROUND 25

Sheffield 38 (C. Aston, J. Glover, B. Jones-Bishop, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e, A. Murphy, R. Oakes, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Aston 3, I. Farrell 2 goals) defeated Keighley 10 (L. Young 2 tries; H. Spence goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 16-6. Penalties: Keighley 10-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 932.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Hansen, Dickinson, Murphy, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Farrell, Broadbent, Wood, Hird. Keighley: Young, Graham, Sa'u, Storey, Agoro; Spence, Rush; Ioane, Doyle, Nicholson-Watton, Robson, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Walker, Lynam, Thomas, Bibby.

Featherstone 56 (G. Gale 3, C. Hall 2, M. Cozza, B. Day, E. Longstaff, E. Taylor, M. Wildie tries; C. Hall 8 goals) defeated Newcastle 22 (G. Bofoa 2, D. Balmforth, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Fri, 8th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 28-6. Penalties: Featherstone 6-3. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 747.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Bofoa; Balmforth, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Bailey, Burns, Clark. Int: Simons, Lightowler, Walton, Rushworth. Featherstone: Aekins, Hall, Longstaff, Jones, Gale; Lacans, Chisholm; Kopczak, Wildie, Cozza, Day, Taylor, Smith. Int: Kheirallah, Davies, Moors, Springer.

Halifax 26 (B. Kavanagh, J. Saltonstall, L. Walmsley, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) defeated Toulouse 18 (R. Brochon, P. Lima, Z. Santo tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sat, 9th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Halifax 4-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 1,437.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Crooks, Walmsley; Jouffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Larroyer, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Tangata, Lannon, Sutcliffe. Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Laguerre, Armitage, Laguerre; Shorrocks, Brochon; Hansen, Gahan, Belmas, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Skoundri, Silva, Peyroux.

Barrow 32 (K. Brand 2, L. Broadbent 2, A. Bulman, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) defeated Swinton 14 (D. Abram, A. Badrock tries; D. Abram 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 16-2. Penalties: Swinton 9-2. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,117.

Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Brand, Broadbent, Bulman; Sammut, Johnston; Burke, Wood, Worthington, Emslie, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Carter, Corkill, Evans, Billington. Swinton: Lowe, Romeo, Spedding, Badrock, Butt; Abram, Gibson; Brogan, Hall, Bennion, Lloyd, Cox, Foster. Int: Baker, Case, Roby, Rodden.

Batley 25 (J. Meadows 2, D. Morton 2 tries; D. Morton 4 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Whitehaven 12 (D. Aiye, D. Eccleston tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-0. Penalties: Batley 2-1. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 1,122.

Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Gledhill, White, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Ward, Kibula, Flynn. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Dixon, Teare; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Lanskey, Hill. Int: Phillips, Aiye, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks.

York 20 (C. Fitzsimmons, M. Harrison, A. Towse tries; L. Harris 4 goals) defeated Bradford 10 (C. Wynne try; J. Lilley 3 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 8-all. Penalties: York 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 3,603.

Bradford: Wynne, Tindall, Arundel, Gill, Foggin-Johnston; Holmes, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Doro, Butler, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: England, Scurr, Appo, Jowitt. York: Harrison, Pratt, Dee, Clarkson, Towse; Daley, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Ta'ai, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Fitzsimmons, Michael, Pauli, Pemberton.

London 52 (D. Whare 2, W. Albert, J. Bassett, O. Leyland, H. Raiwalui, M. Stock, A. Walker, J. Williams tries; C. Norman 8 goals) defeated Widnes 12 (O. Davies, K. Dixon tries; K. Dixon 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 10th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 18-0. Penalties: London 4-3. Referee: James Vella.

London: Walker, Grant, Raiwalui, Whare, Bassett; Leyland, Norman; Albert, Davis, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Stock, Williams, Waine, Leyland. Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Craven, Gilmore; Farnworth, Fozard, Field, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Davies, Forber, Lawton, Worthington.

ROUND 26

Newcastle 36 (G. Bofoa 2, A. Donaghy 2, C. Bailey, P. Burns, A. Clegg tries; N. Williams 4 goals) defeated Barrow 24 (A. Bulman 2, L. Broadbent, A. Jackson tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 904.

Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Bofoa; Bailey, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Tuliatu, Clegg, Walton. Int: Burns, Simons, Lightowler, Rushworth. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Toal, Broadbent, Bulman; Sammut, Johnston; Evans, Wood, Worthington, Emslie, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Carter, Jackson, Corkill, Billington.

Featherstone 29 (C. Hall, C. Jones, M. Kheirallah, T. Lacans, J. Leilua tries; M. Kheirallah 4 goals; T. Lacans field goal) defeated Toulouse 16 (S. Akaoula, R. Brochon, B. Laguerre tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) at Stade des Minimes. Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 16-12. Penalties: Featherstone 7-2. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,603.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Laguerre, Armitage, Laguerre; Shorrocks, Brochon; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Akaoula, Bretherton, Skoundri. Featherstone: Kheirallah, Hall, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Lacans, Ford; Lockwood, Wildie, Cozza, Day, Taylor, Smith. Int: Jones, Davies, Moors, Bussey.

Halifax 23 (L. Walmsley 2, A. Sutcliffe, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 3 goals; L. Jouffret field goal) defeated Keighley 22 (M. Agoro 2, C. Graham, M. Ioane tries; O. Thomas 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,367.

Keighley: Young, Agoro, Storey, Sa'u, Graham; Spence, Thomas; Ioane, Gaylor, Kesik, Robson, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Rush, Walker, Lynam, Bibby. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Crooks, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Larroyer, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Fairbank. Int: Inman, Tangata, Lannon, Sutcliffe.

Bradford 12 (J. Myers 2 tries; J. Lilley 2 goals) defeated London 10 (H. Raiwalui, A. Walker tries; C. Norman goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 6-4. Penalties: Bradford 9-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,158.

London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Hoyes, Macani; Raiwalui, Norman; Albert, Davis, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Leyland, Williams, Stock, Leyland. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Tindall; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Jowitt, Doro, Butler, Arundel, Baitieri. Int: Flanagan, Appo, Scurr, Rogers.

Swinton 21 (J. Gibson 2, K. Baker tries; D. Abram 4 goals; J. Gibson field goal) defeated Whitehaven 20 (D. Aiye, D. Eccleston, C. Taylor, C. Teare tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) at Heywood Road. Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 16-12. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,315.

Swinton: Abram, Romeo, Lloyd, Bruines, Lepori; Butterworth, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Brogan, Cox, Foster, Hall. Int: Baker, Case, Rodden. Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Dixon, Teare; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Lanskey, Hill. Int: Aiye, Phillips, Singleton, Spencer-Tonks.

Sheffield 38 (A. Murphy 2, C. Aston, J. Hansen, E. Hodgson, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 7 goals) defeated Widnes 18 (K. Dixon 2, A. Lawton tries; K. Dixon 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 8-6. Penalties: Widnes 5-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,961.

Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Lawton, Wilde, Grady, Brown. Int: Farnworth, Davies, Walker, Roberts. Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Kirk, Hansen, Dickinson, Murphy, Sené-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Gwaze, Wood, Broadbent, Liu.

York 15 (J. Brown, O. Pratt, A. Towse tries; L. Harris goal; L. Harris field goal) defeated Batley 14 (J. Meadows, D. Morton, L. Walshaw tries; D. Morton goal) at LNER Community Stadium. Date: Mon, 18th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: York 14-10. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths.

York: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Pratt, Harrison; Dee, Harris; Ta'ai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Michael, Pauli, Santi, Pemberton. Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Buchanan, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Gledhill, Blake, Reilly, Manning, Walshaw, White. Int: Ward, Senior, Flynn, Burton.

ROUND 27

Batley 32 (J. Campbell 2, J. Meadows 2, E. Kear, A. Leak tries; D. Morton 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (T. Chapelhow, J. Johnson, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-12. Penalties: Batley 9-4. Referee: Michael Smail.

Batley: McGowan, Morton, Hodson, Senior, Kear; Meadows, Woods; Kaye, Leak, Blake, Manning, Buchanan, White. Int: Burton, Ward, Walshaw, Campbell. Newcastle: Donaghy, Johnson, Walsh, Walker, Boafu; Balmforth, Williams; Chapelhow, Davies, Chapelhow, Tuliatu, Clegg, Bailey. Int: Miller, Simons, Lightowler, Walton.

Toulouse 26 (Z. Santo 2, O. Ashall-Bott, D. Biscarro, C. Gahan tries; Z. Santo 3 goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (K. Dixon, J. Doran, C. Teare tries; J. Rourke 2 goals) at LEL Arena. Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 22-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-2. Referee: Ryan Cox.

Whitehaven: Rourke, Eccleston, Taylor, Dixon, Teare; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Holliday, Lanskey, Hill. Int: Phillips, Aiye, Spencer-Tonks. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Lima, Tropis, Laguerre; Ralph, Santo; Belmas, Gahan, Biscarro, Stefani, Bretherton, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Akauola, Richards, Brochon.

Featherstone 62 (J. Leilua 3, C. Aekins 2, G. Gale 2, C. Hall, C. Hankinson, C. Jones, J. Moors tries; M. Kheirallah 9 goals) defeated Widnes 10 (R. Ince, J. Lyons tries; K. Dixon goal) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 24-10. Penalties: Featherstone 5-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 3,874.

Featherstone: Kheirallah, Hall, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Lacans; Cozza, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Taylor, Smith. Int: Jones, Yei, Moors, Bussey. Widnes: Dixon, Ince, Fleming, Edge, Millar; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Fozard, Walker, Wilde, Lawton, Brown. Int: Farnworth, Davies, Owens, Roberts.

York 31 (O. Field, R. Michael, B. Santi, U. Ta'ai, A. Towse tries; L. Harris 5 goals; L. Harris field goal) defeated Barrow 18 (A. Bulman, R. Johnston, T. Wilkinson tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) at Matt Johnson Prestige Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-0. Penalties: York 4-2. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,292.

Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Toal, Broadbent, Bulman; Jackson, Johnston; Billington, Wood, Worthington, Emslie, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Corkill, Carter, Saunders, Sammut. York: Brown, Bass, Harrison, Clarkson, Towse; Dee, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Ta'ai, Field, Kirmond, Thompson. Int: Pemberton, Michael, Fitzsimmons, Pauli.

Swinton 22 (M. Cox 2, N. Gregson, R. Lloyd tries; D. Abram 3 goals) defeated Halifax 12 (L. Walmsley 2, B. Crooks tries) at The Shay Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 18-4. Penalties: Swinton 5-3. Referee: Matthew Rossleigh. Crowd: 2,122.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Walmsley, McComb, Crooks, Saltonstall; Joffret, Keyes; Calcott, Moore, Murray, Kavanagh, Gee, Tangata. Int: Inman, Lannon, Larroyer, Sutcliffe. Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Badrock, Lloyd, Romeo; Butterworth, Gibson; Bennion, Hall, Brogan, Cox, Foster, Gregson. Int: Lowe, Case, Baker, Rodden.

London 24 (I. Macani 2, D. Whare 2, B. Leyland tries; C. Norman 2 goals) defeated Keighley 16 (M. Ioane, D. Parker tries; O. Thomas 4 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 10-0. Penalties: 11-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

London: Leyland, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Raiwalui, Norman; Albert, Davis, Butler, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Williams, Stock, Leyland, Waine. Keighley: Thomas, Graham, Robson, Sa'u, Stephenson; Young, Spence; Ioane, Kesik, Laidlaw, Lynam, Adebisi, Trout. Int: Parker, Gaylor, Roby, Bibby.

Bradford 17 (J. Arundel, J. Lilley, L. Tindall tries; J. Lilley 2 goals; J. Lilley field goal) defeated Sheffield 16 (M. Dawson-Jones, B. Jones-Bishop, Q. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; C. Aston, J. Hansen goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Bradford 8-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Douglas, Hansen, Dickinson, Murphy, Sené-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Farrell, Gwaze, Broadbent, Liu. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Tindall; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Jowitt, Matongo, Butler, Wallace, Doro. Int: Scurr, Appo, Rogers, Wynne.

2023 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	Pts
1	FEATHERSTONE ROVERS	27	25	0	2	0	784	50
2	TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII	27	19	0	8	0	449	38
3	BRADFORD BULLS	27	16	1	10	0	105	33
4	SHEFFIELD EAGLES	27	16	0	11	0	220	32
5	LONDON BRONCOS ^	27	16	0	11	0	48	32
6	YORK RLFC KNIGHTS	27	15	0	12	0	0	30
7	BATLEY BULLDOGS	27	15	0	12	0	-13	30
8	HALIFAX PANTHERS	27	14	1	12	0	118	29
9	WIDNES VIKINGS	27	13	0	14	0	-33	26
10	SWINTON LIONS	27	9	0	18	0	-313	18
11	BARROW RAIDERS	27	8	1	18	0	-201	17
12	WHITEHAVEN RLFC	27	8	0	19	0	-326	16
13	KEIGHLEY COUGARS -	27	8	0	19	0	-333	16
14	NEWCASTLE THUNDER -	27	5	1	21	0	-505	11

PLAYOFFS - ELIMINATORS

London 42 (J. Bassett 2, D. Grant 2, W. Lovell, A. Walker, J. Williams tries; C. Norman 7 goals) defeated Sheffield 0 at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 1st October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 24-0. Penalties: London 5-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 648.

Sheffield: Laulu-Togaga'e, Jones-Bishop, Oakes, Welham, Dawson-Jones; Farrell, Thackeray; Douglas, Halafih, Dickinson, Murphy, Sené-Lefao, Gwaze. Int: Farrell, Wood, Kirk, Hansen. London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Raiwalui, Macani; Leyland, Norman; Butler, Davis, Albert, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Williams, Stock, Leyland, Waine.

Bradford 22 (K. Appo, T. Holmes, F. Rogers tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated York 8 (J. Dee try; L. Harris 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium. Date: Sun, 1st October. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-8. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 2,738.

Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan, Matongo, Butler, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Appo, Rogers, Wynne, Doro. York: Brown, Towse, Clarkson, Kirmond, Bass; Dee, Harris; Santi, Jubb, Ta'ai, Field, Fitzsimmons, Thompson. Int: Michael, Pauli, Price, Pemberton.

PLAYOFFS - SEMI FINALS

Toulouse 38 (B. Laguerre 2, G. Armitage, P. Marcon, J. Ralph, Z. Santo, M. Stefani tries; R. Brochon 4, Z. Santo goals) defeated Bradford 20 (L. Gaskell 2, K. Appo tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sat, 7th October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 22-8. Penalties: Toulouse 5-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,352.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Laguerre, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Brochon; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Akauola, Bretherton, Peyroux. Bradford: Holmes, Blackmore, Arundel, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Flanagan Jr, Doro, Butler, Wallace, Baitieri. Int: Jowitt, Appo, Okoro, Rogers.

London 36 (A. Walker 2, D. Grant, I. Macani, H. Raiwalui, D. Whare tries; C. Norman 6 goals) defeated Featherstone 26 (C. Hankinson 2, J. Leilua 2, L. Briscoe tries; M. Kheirallah 3 goals) at Millennium Stadium. Date: Sun, 8th October. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: London 18-12. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Tom Grant.

Featherstone: Kheirallah, Briscoe, Leilua, Hankinson, Gale; Aekins, Ford; Cozza, Wildie, Lockwood, Day, Taylor, Smith. Int: Jones, Bussey, Davies, Moors. London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Raiwalui, Norman; Butler, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Natoli, Parata. Int: Williams, Stock, Leyland, Waine.

2023 BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND FINAL

London 18 (I. Macani 2, A. Walker, D. Whare tries; C. Norman goal) defeated Toulouse 14 (M. Jussaume, J. Ralph tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon. Date: Sun, 15th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 14-4. Penalties: Toulouse 4-3. Referee: Jack Smith.

Toulouse: Santo, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Ralph, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Akauola, Bretherton, Richards. London: Walker, Grant, Bassett, Whare, Macani; Raiwalui, Norman; Butler, Davis, Bienek, Lovell, Stock, Parata. Int: Albert, Leyland, Williams, Waine.



CHAMPIONSHIP (SECOND DIVISION)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champions</u>	<u>Promoted to SL</u>
2003	Salford	Salford
2004	Leigh	Leigh
2005	Castleford	Castleford
2006	Hull KR	Hull KR
2007	Castleford	Castleford
2008	Salford	Salford, Celtic
2009	Barrow	N/A
2010	Halifax	N/A
2011	Featherstone	Widnes
2012	Sheffield	N/A
2013	Sheffield	N/A
2014	Leigh	N/A
2015	Leigh	None
2016	Leigh	Leigh
2017	Hull KR	Hull KR
2018	Toronto	London
2019	Toronto	Toronto
2020	Season abandoned - COVID-19	
2021	Toulouse	Toulouse
2022	Leigh	Leigh
2023	London	London

LEAGUE ONE (THIRD DIVISION)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champions</u>	<u>Also Promoted</u>
2003	Keighley	-
2004	Barrow	Halifax
2005	York	-
2006	Dewsbury	Sheffield
2007	Crusaders	Featherstone
2008	Gateshead	Barrow, Doncaster
2009	Dewsbury	Keighley
2010	Hunslet	York
2011	Swinton	Keighley
2012	Doncaster	Barrow, Whitehaven, Workington
2013	North Wales	Rochdale
2014	Hunslet	-
2015	Oldham	Swinton
2016	Rochdale	Toulouse
2017	Toronto	Barrow
2018	York	Bradford
2019	Whitehaven	Oldham
2020	Season abandoned - COVID-19	
2021	Barrow	Workington
2022	Keighley	Swinton
2023	Doncaster	Workington

CHALLENGE CUP

Year	Champions	Runners Up	Year	Champions	Runners Up	Year	Champions	Runners Up
1896-97	Batley	St Helens	1936-37	Widnes	Keighley	1980-81	Widnes	Hull KR
1897-98	Batley	Bradford FC	1937-38	Salford	Barrow	1981-82	Hull FC	Widnes
1898-99	Oldham	Hunslet	1938-39	Halifax	Salford	1982-83	Featherstone	Hull FC
1899-1900	Swinton	Salford	1939-40	Not held due to World War II		1983-84	Widnes	Wigan
1900-01	Batley	Warrington	1940-41	Leeds	Halifax	1984-85	Wigan	Hull FC
1901-02	Broughton Rangers	Salford	1941-42	Leeds	Halifax	1985-86	Castleford	Hull KR
1902-03	Halifax	Salford	1942-43	Dewsbury	Leeds	1986-87	Halifax	St Helens
1903-04	Halifax	Warrington	1943-44	Bradford Northern	Wigan	1987-88	Wigan	Halifax
1904-05	Warrington	Hull KR	1944-45	Huddersfield	Bradford Northern	1988-89	Wigan	St Helens
1905-06	Bradford FC	Salford	1945-46	Wakefield	Wigan	1989-90	Wigan	Warrington
1906-07	Warrington	Oldham	1946-47	Bradford Northern	Leeds	1990-91	Wigan	St Helens
1907-08	Hunslet	Hull FC	1947-48	Wigan	Bradford Northern	1991-92	Wigan	Castleford
1908-09	Wakefield	Hull FC	1948-49	Bradford Northern	Halifax	1992-93	Wigan	Widnes
1909-10	Leeds	Hull FC	1949-50	Warrington	Widnes	1993-94	Wigan	Leeds
1910-11	Broughton Rangers	Wigan	1950-51	Wigan	Barrow	1994-95	Wigan	Leeds
1911-12	Dewsbury	Oldham	1951-52	Workington	Featherstone	1996	St Helens	Bradford
1912-13	Huddersfield	Warrington	1952-53	Huddersfield	St Helens	1997	St Helens	Bradford
1913-14	Hull FC	Wakefield	1953-54	Warrington	Halifax	1998	Sheffield	Wigan
1914-15	Huddersfield	St Helens	1954-55	Barrow	Workington	1999	Leeds	London
1915-16	Huddersfield	Wigan	1955-56	St Helens	Halifax	2000	Bradford	Leeds
1916-17	Leigh	Halifax	1956-57	Leeds	Barrow	2001	St Helens	Bradford
1917-18	Rochdale	Hull FC	1957-58	Wigan	Workington	2002	Wigan	St Helens
1918-19	Leeds	Hull FC	1958-59	Wigan	Hull FC	2003	Bradford	Leeds
1919-20	Wigan	Oldham	1959-60	Wakefield	Hull FC	2004	St Helens	Wigan
1920-21	Leigh	Halifax	1960-61	St Helens	Wigan	2005	Hull FC	Leeds
1921-22	Rochdale	Hull FC	1961-62	Wakefield	Huddersfield	2006	St Helens	Huddersfield
1922-23	Leeds	Hull FC	1962-63	Wakefield	Wigan	2007	St Helens	Catalans
1923-24	Wigan	Oldham	1963-64	Widnes	Hull KR	2008	St Helens	Hull FC
1924-25	Oldham	Hull KR	1964-65	Wigan	Hunslet	2009	Warrington	Huddersfield
1925-26	Swinton	Oldham	1965-66	St Helens	Wigan	2010	Warrington	Leeds
1926-27	Oldham	Swinton	1966-67	Featherstone	Barrow	2011	Wigan	Leeds
1927-28	Swinton	Warrington	1967-68	Leeds	Wakefield	2012	Warrington	Leeds
1928-29	Wigan	Dewsbury	1968-69	Castleford	Salford	2013	Wigan	Hull FC
1929-30	Widnes	St Helens	1969-70	Castleford	Wigan	2014	Leeds	Castleford
1930-31	Halifax	York	1970-71	Leigh	Leeds	2015	Leeds	Hull KR
1931-32	Leeds	Swinton	1971-72	St Helens	Leeds	2016	Hull FC	Warrington
1932-33	Huddersfield	Warrington	1972-73	Featherstone	Bradford Northern	2017	Hull FC	Wigan
1933-34	Hunslet	Widnes	1973-74	Warrington	Featherstone	2018	Catalans	Warrington
1934-35	Castleford	Huddersfield	1974-75	Widnes	Warrington	2019	Warrington	St Helens
1935-36	Leeds	Warrington	1975-76	St Helens	Widnes	2020	Leeds	Salford
			1976-77	Leeds	Widnes	2021	St Helens	Castleford
			1977-78	Leeds	St Helens	2022	Wigan	Huddersfield
			1978-79	Widnes	Wakefield	2023	Leigh	Hull KR
			1979-80	Hull KR	Hull FC			

BARROW RAIDERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

After earning promotion from League 1 at the end of 2021, Barrow blitzed Championship in 2022, finishing 4th but were knocked out of the finals in the first week by Batley. Despite that, it was a bold performance by the Raiders and put them in a great place moving forward. It seemed like a certainty that they would be one of the top 6 sides at the end of the 2023 season.

Instead the season started woefully and by the time it recovered, they were too far behind and struggled to build any momentum to make a genuine charge for the finals, finishing the season in 11th place, behind newly promoted Swinton and just 1 win ahead of second last on the ladder.

They lost their opening 4 games before achieving a draw with Newcastle. A Round 6 loss saw them sit at the foot of the ladder. Their first win of the season came in Round 7 when they beat Halifax 16-12, who they lost to just 6 days later in the 4th round of the Challenge Cup. 2 more losses followed before the Raiders finally found their groove and secured 4 wins in their next 6 games, moving them into 10th place on the ladder and 3 wins behind 6th placed Halifax.

But as quickly as things improved, they also went in the opposite direction. Barrow finished the season very poorly, winning just 3 of their last 12 games. They were protected from a bigger slide down the table by most of the sides below them also performing poorly in the second half of the year.

TURNING POINT

Halfway point of the season – Round 13 saw the Raiders face competition leaders Featherstone and Barrow were handed their heaviest loss of the year, going down 64-6. While Barrow won their next 2 games against much weaker opposition, they were narrow wins. Their defence had been strong all season, despite all the losses, up til that point. 3 weeks later they had their second biggest loss of the year as they lost to Halifax 48-20, which was also the start of their dire run home.

WHAT WORKED

Defence. Despite losing 18 of 27 games, Barrow were not a typical mid-table side that would cop several hammerings every year. They conceded more than 36 points in a game just twice, which gave themselves every opportunity to remain competitive for longer in most of their games. 11 of their 18 losses were by a margin of 13 points or less.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Attack – In 2022 Barrow's attack was on fire, racking up on average 28 points per game. In 2023 that average plummeted to 17. So all the good work done by their defence to help them stay in games and remain competitive, wasn't being capitalized upon by the attack, and this played a sizeable role in why they lost so many close games in 2023.

BEST PLAYERS

Ryan Johnston was by far and away the best player for the Raiders in 2023. The 25 year old halfback had a stellar season and looks to have plenty more improvement in him. Johnston cleaned up at the Barrow awards night, picking up a number of awards, including player of the year. Andrew Bulman had a quiet yet solid start to the year but lifted to another level at the end of the season, scoring a try in all of the last 6 games, snaring 9 of his 11 tries for the season in this period.

ROOKIES

20 year-old Luke Broadbent had a great year, covering Fullback, wing and centre. In just his second season, he played in all but 6 of Barrow's games in 2023 and will be looking to lock down a position next year so as to help develop his game even further and continue taking it to the next level. Rio-Osayomwanbo Corkill was also very strong in his just his second season of top flight Rugby League. The Nigerian centre is also capable of filling in as a second rower, so strong is his ball running game.

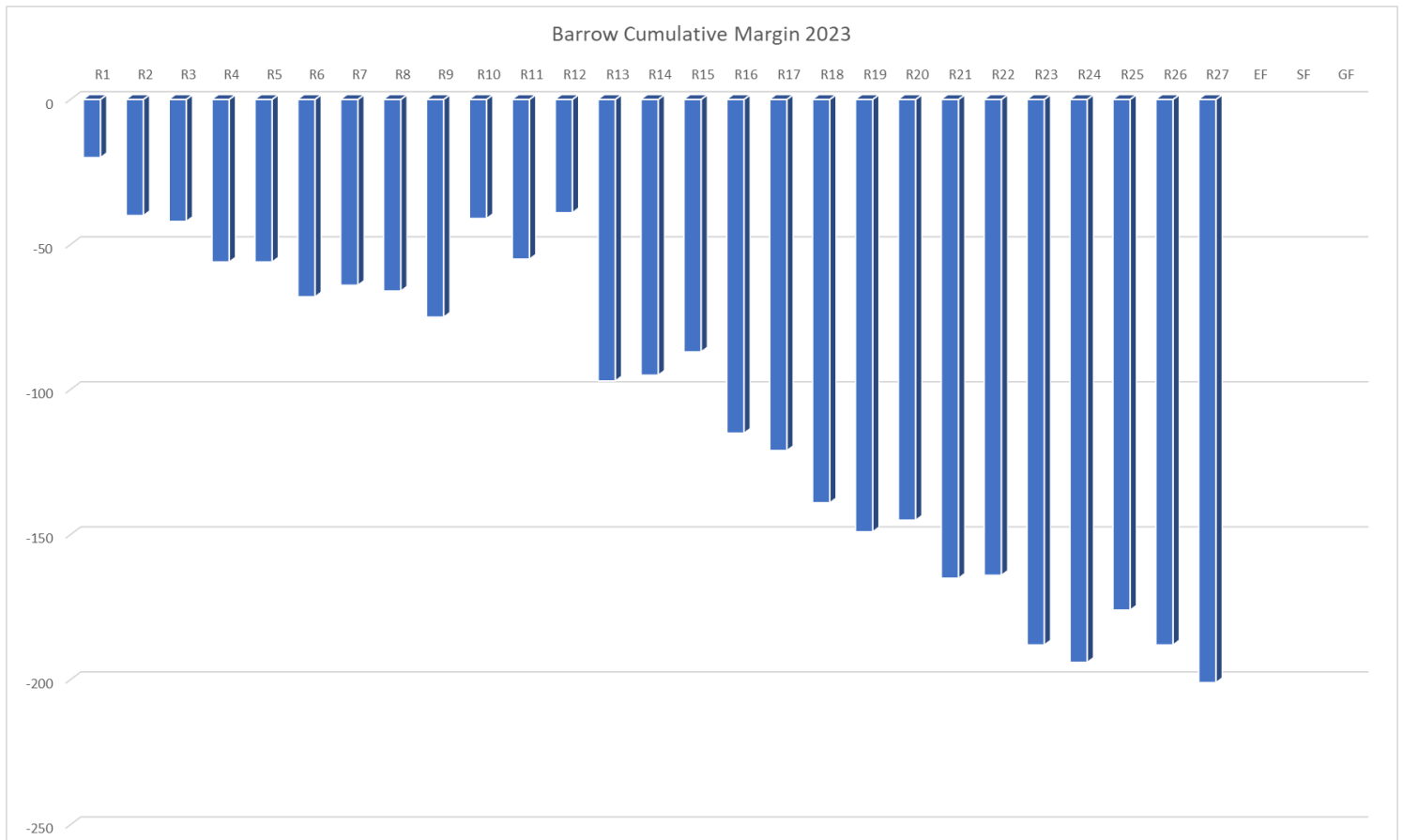
LOOKING AHEAD

The Raiders, despite not making the finals in 2023, are in a good place looking forward, to make a return to the top 6 in 2024. They have some very talented youngsters in their squad who are already showing strong form. If they can improve their attack and consistency, there's no reason why they can't push themselves further up the ladder and be knocking on a finals berth in 2024.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: BARROW

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	11TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FOURTH ROUND
COACH	PAUL CRAREY
CAPTAIN	JARRAD STACK
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	3,136 (VS. WHITEHAVEN IN ROUND 8)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	2,147
TOP POINTSCORER	RYAN SHAW (176)
TOP TRYSCORERS	LUKE BROADBENT, ANDREW BULMAN (11)

Barrow Cumulative Margin 2023



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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 4th	1	Toulouse	L 4 24	Prestige Stadium	2,177
Feb 12th	2	Sheffield	L 16 36	Prestige Stadium	2,094
Feb 19th	3	Swinton	L 18 20	Heywood Road	1,139
Feb 26th	4	York	L 14 28	LNER Stadium	1,525
Mar 5th	5	Newcastle	D 18 18	Prestige Stadium	1,752
Mar 12th	CCR3	Swinton	W 32 14	Prestige Stadium	1,161
Mar 20th	6	Batley	L 12 24	FLAIR	1,187
Mar 26th	7	Halifax	W 16 12	Prestige Stadium	1,879
Apr 2nd	CCR4	Halifax	L 18 24	The Shay	1,474
Apr 7th	8	Whitehaven	L 14 16	Prestige Stadium	3,136
Apr 16th	9	Widnes	L 14 23	DCBL Stadium	2,772
May 7th	10	Bradford	W 46 12	Prestige Stadium	2,440
May 13th	11	London	L 16 30	Cherry Red	806
May 27th	12	Whitehaven	W 32 16	LNER Stadium	3,793
Jun 4th	13	Featherstone	L 6 64	Millennium	2,756

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 11th	14	Keighley	W 18 16	Prestige Stadium	2,250
Jun 18th	15	Widnes	W 26 18	Prestige Stadium	2,150
Jun 25th	16	Halifax	L 20 48	The Shay	1,744
Jul 2nd	17	Batley	L 6 12	Prestige Stadium	2,096
Jul 9th	18	Sheffield	L 18 36	Olympic Legacy	1,011
Jul 16th	19	Featherstone	L 10 20	Prestige Stadium	2,361
Jul 31st	20	Bradford	W 14 10	Odsal	2,862
Aug 6th	21	London	L 6 26	Fox's Biscuits	1,786
Aug 21st	22	Whitehaven	W 23 22	LEL Arena	1,176
Aug 26th	23	Toulouse	L 10 34	Mazidou	2,487
Sep 3rd	24	Keighley	L 20 26	Cougar	1,828
Sep 10th	25	Swinton	W 32 14	Prestige Stadium	2,117
Sep 16th	26	Newcastle	L 24 36	Kingston Park	904
Sep 24th	27	York	L 18 31	Prestige Stadium	2,292

BATLEY BULLDOGS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Late season collapse curses Batley

After a dramatic 2022 which saw the Batley Bulldogs just fall short of an unlikely promotion to the Super League. 2023 saw them miss out on the finals thanks to a negative for and against.

Batley got off to an indifferent start to the season winning only six of their first ten matches. They quickly rebounded after a slow start to be as high as third in Round 18 after a thrashing 42-0 win over Halifax.

From Round 19 onwards, the season quickly fell away for the Bulldogs. After a heartbreaking 1895 Cup final loss which saw them score a Hail Mary on full-time to nearly win the match, a missed conversion robbed them of extra time.

It appeared their spirit went with them that afternoon as well as fullback Luke Hooley who was required by Super League club Leeds. Batley went on to drop all but two of their remaining fixtures only securing wins over lowly Newcastle and Whitehaven to miss the finals by 13 for and against points.

Craig Lingard's men would be wondering what could've been during that losing streak, including a loss to lowly Keighley, but now their mission turns to the 2024 Championship season.

TURNING POINT

The heartbreaking 1895 Cup final loss seemed to take the spirit out of the Batley side in 2023. From that point on, the season was a trainwreck which inevitably saw their finals chances evaporate.

WHAT WORKED

After a mixed start to the season, a run during the middle of the season gave fresh hope that they might repeat their 2022 efforts and qualify for the grand final. This included wins over grand finalists Toulouse and semi finalists York to go as high as third on the ladder with just nine rounds to go in the season.

WHAT DIDN'T

The collapse, after that big win over York in the 1895 Cup semi, Batley's season nosedived. Their attack which was one of their strengths during the run of wins, collapsed, only scoring above 16 points twice in the run into the finals while conceding over 40 points twice. This saw their once safe for and against crash and inevitably cost them a place in the semi-finals.

BEST PLAYER

Aidan McGowan impressed many throughout the season with strong performances at the back for Batley. He played 28 matches and crossed the stripe 14 times in 2023. Jimmy Meadows also never stopped trying along with Dale Morton who was their leading scorer with 21 tries on the year.

ROOKIES

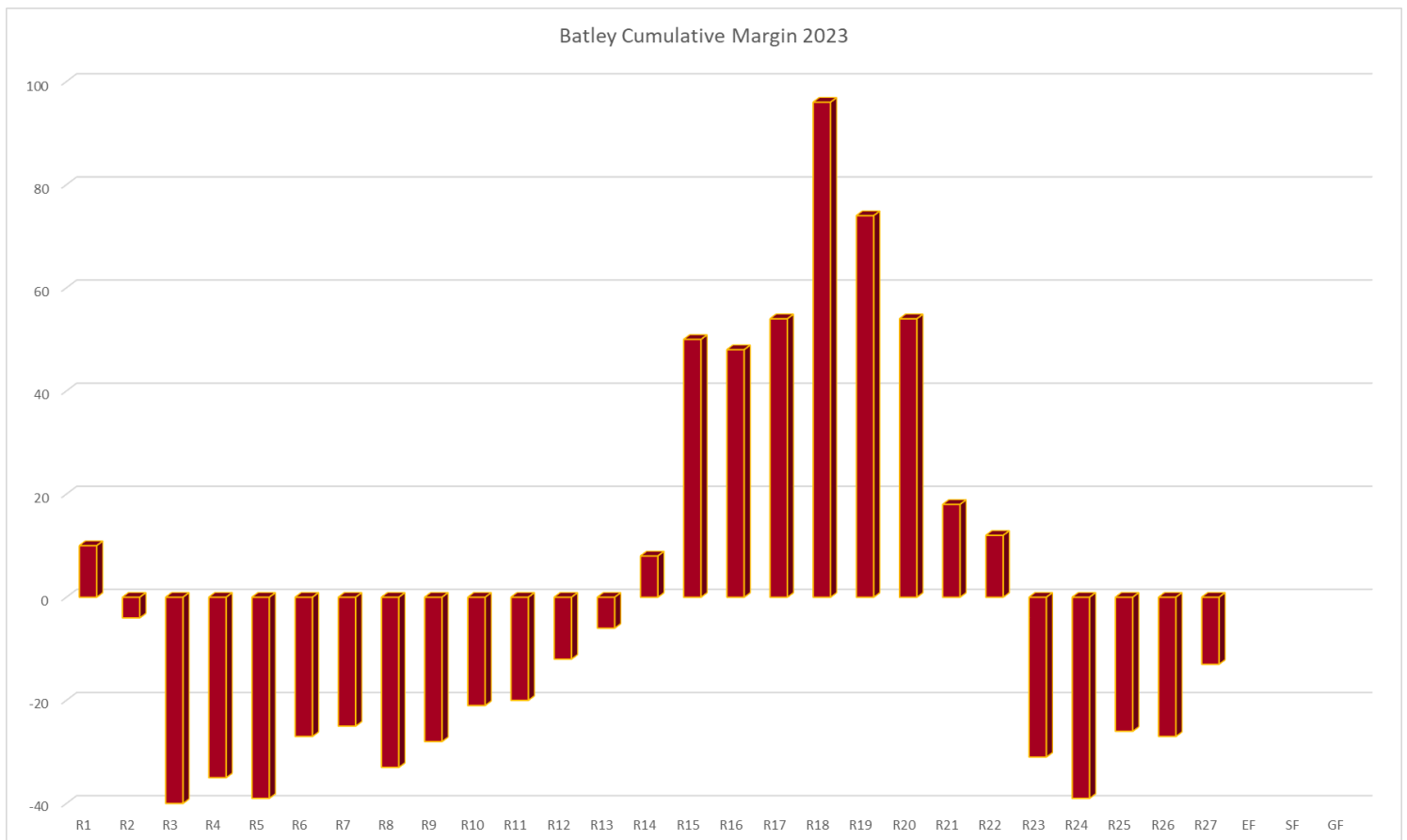
There were no real standout debutants for the Bulldogs this season. But, Aidan McGowan was their young player of the year. Oliver Burton again made strides in his development along with Josh Hodson who is testing the waters of Super League next season.

LOOKING AHEAD

Batley's future is a bit of the unknown, their IMG grading was a B and ranked 21st of all clubs so they look resigned to a future in the Championship. The club has openly said they are in a transition period so on-field performance will be hard to predict and assess based on those comments but with the core group returning, a finals spot could face Batley again.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: BATLEY

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	7TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
1895 CUP FINISH	FINALISTS
COACH	CRAIG LINGARD
CAPTAINS	JAMES BROWN, ALISTAIR LEAK, BEN WHITE
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	2,991 (VS. YORK IN ROUND 13)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,454
TOP POINTSCORER	JIMMY MEADOWS (190)
TOP TRYSCORER	DALE MORTON (21)



BRADFORD BULLS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Coach change strikes a cord for a return to Bull Mania 2.0

The Bradford Bulls are striking a cause for a return to the second coming of Bull Mania. Another improved season for the Bulls saw a return to the finals in a stunning revival after the side was on the brink of financial failure just under a decade ago.

Season 2023 started strongly for the boys from Bradford, sitting in third after three rounds but only three wins from their next seven Championship games saw the side make a critical decision. Coach Mark Dunning resigned and was replaced by Lee Greenwood.

Greenwood made an immediate impact getting results from his first four matches in charge. Bradford's remarkable turnaround saw them qualify for the finals and make a strong charge through the season. Eliminating York by 22-8 gave the Bulls hope they could do what Batley did last season. However, the mirage came to a crashing end with a 38-20 loss to Toulouse. It's a season though that they can be proud of and with the continuing emergence of key talents and money being spent in the right areas, Bradford can return to the glory days of Bull Mania.

TURNING POINT

The departure of Mark Dunning. While the season started strongly, a string of losses against lowly teams plus a shutout in their Challenge Cup exit saw the writing on the wall. After falling short last season, the failures wouldn't be tolerated yet again in Bradford.

WHAT WORKED

The belief in the coaching change. Dec Patton has continued to emerge as the experienced calm head that guides Bradford around the park. This saw his presence after Dunning's departure become critical and helped the Bulls turn their fortunes around. His departure will be an incredible loss for the club.

WHAT DIDN'T

Just a lack of hunger towards the end. Toulouse had a world of experience on their side and failed to get over the top of their opposition. Bradford lacked the desire on that day but it will only make them stronger as the season goes on and the future goes on.

BEST PLAYER

Dec Patton was among their best in 2023 who helped the Bulls get out of the rot after the dismissal of Dunning. Also, Kieran Gill shone scoring 21 tries in 2023 in a strong individual campaign. Tom Holmes also showed his experience at the back.

ROOKIES

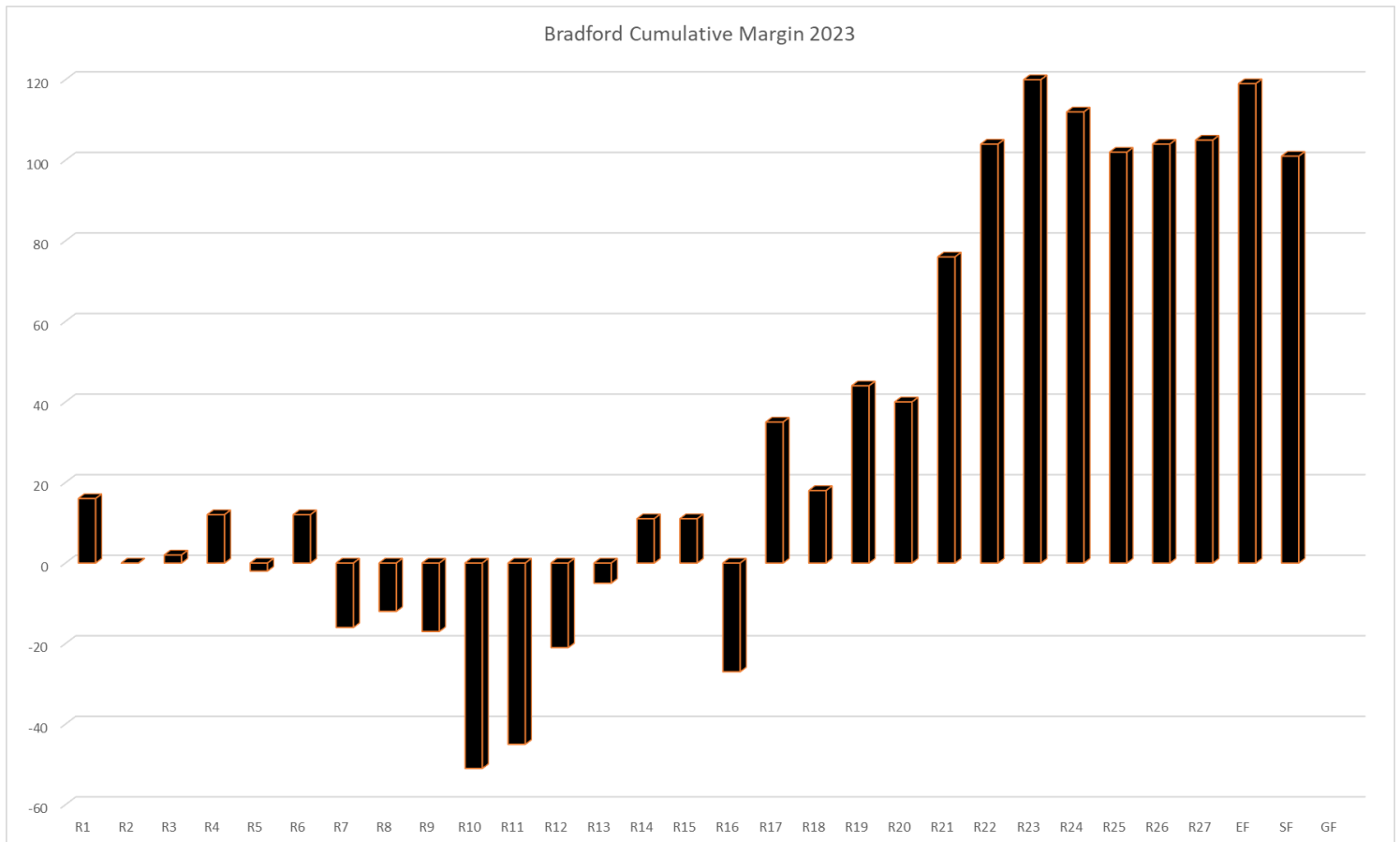
There were no major debuts this season. There were a lot of signings from the Third tier that made their way into the Championship. Keven Appo's arrival mid-season proved vital as it gave their side a bit of mungrel up front and excitement everytime he carried the football.

LOOKING AHEAD

Eamon O'Carroll will take the reigns as coach but Greenwood remains on his staff as an assistant coach which will be a big boost for the Bulls. On the player front, they have lost Myles Lawford who's gone to Wakefield while Dec Patton is a big loss. Mitch Soutar is a big arrival at Canberra at hooker which will be handy. If 2024 goes to hand, then Bull Mania might make it's way to Super League.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: BRADFORD

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	3RD, SEMI FINALISTS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FIFTH ROUND
COACHES	LEE GREENWOOD (19), MARK DUNNING (12)
CAPTAIN	MICHAEL LAWRENCE
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	4,879 (VS. KEIGHLEY IN ROUND 17)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	3,497
TOP POINTSCORER	DEC PATTON (166)
TOP TRYSCORER	KIERAN GILL (21)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	C3	6	7	C4	8	9	C5	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	IM	SF	SEASON STATS							
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Feb 25th	4	Toulouse	W 28 18	Odsal	2,798	May 28th	12	Keighley	W 42 18	LNER	2,948	Aug 27th	23	Swinton	W 42 26	Heywood	1,073	
Mar 6th	5	Featherstone	L 12 26	Millennium	4,809	Jun 2nd	13	Newcastle	W 28 12	Kingston	2,465	Sep 3rd	24	Featherstone	L 8 16	Odsal	4,567	
Mar 12th	CCR3	York Acorn	W 62 6	Odsal	1,143	Jun 11th	14	London	W 32 16	Odsal	3,482	Sep 10th	25	York	L 10 20	Odsal	3,603	
Mar 19th	6	Sheffield	W 32 18	Odsal	3,004	Jun 18th	15	Halifax	D 22 22	Odsal	4,717	Sep 17th	26	London	W 12 10	Cherry Red	1,158	
Mar 26th	7	Keighley	L 6 34	Cougar	4,793	Jun 24th	16	Toulouse	L 14 52	Ernest Wallon	4,211	Sep 24th	27	Sheffield	W 17 16	OLP	1,976	
Apr 2nd	CCR4	Midlands	W 66 18	Odsal	1,003	Jul 2nd	17	Keighley	W 74 12	Odsal	4,879	Oct 1st	EF	York	W 22 8	Odsal	2,738	
Apr 10th	8	Halifax	W 26 22	The Shay	3,053	Jul 9th	18	Widnes	L 14 31	DCBL	2,561	Oct 7th	SF	Toulouse	L 20 38	Ernest Wallon	4,352	
Apr 16th	9	Batley	L 16 21	Odsal	3,330	Jul 16th	19	Whitehaven	W 44 18	LEL Arena	1,257							

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Finals failure again sees Long sacked

The Featherstone Rovers are fast becoming the Cronulla Sharks of the Championship. They can be so great in the regular season, but once the eyes of the rugby league world are on them, they falter and collapse in spectacular fashion.

The start of the season was strong winning their first 13 matches of the season with Rovers scoring more than 26 points a game in all their 13 wins. Their first loss came by the way of a 36-18 to Toulouse in Round 14 and immediately questions were asked about Featherstone's ability in big game situations.

Their second loss of the season raised enough eyebrows among senior management to sack Sean Long effective immediately. A 25-22 loss saw the Rovers sack Long thinking he wasn't the man to take Featherstone to the promised land of Super League. A bizarre move given Long's good record in his first season. He was replaced by director of rugby James Ford who rallied the troops to the finals.

It was going to take a spectacular effort to top last year's demise but they did it. They dropped their first finals game and did not even advance to the grand final.... This failure along with their third-round Challenge Cup exit saw Long sacked from his post as coach of the Rovers in August. They now have to rebuild all over again after another failed push for the Super League.

TURNING POINT

The loss to Halifax saw Long sacked as coach. It was a brave but controversial move and it showcased signs of disunity among the Rovers squad. This tied in with their finals heartache to London in the finals. With this in mind, it's easy to look at the loss to Halifax as the turning point on the year.

WHAT WORKED

For the second year running, the Rovers scored over 1000 points across their 27 fixtures and had the best attack in the competition averaging just under 40 points a game. Their defence was also the best in the Championship

WHAT DIDN'T

The dismissal of Long as coach following a defeat to lowly Halifax. Featherstone's director of rugby James Ford took charge for the rest of the season which saw the Rovers claim the minor premiership but the lack of continuity and big game experience cruelled the Rovers in the critical moments.

BEST PLAYER

Caleb Aekins played 26 games for the Rovers in 2023 and was among their best players on the season. He also crossed for 17 tries on the calendar year. He will stay with the club next year as they push for an eventual Super League spot.

ROOKIES

On the debut front, we had just Arama Hau. Although, he is returning to the Titans in 2024 after a successful year. There were no other debutants for the Rovers in 2023 but on young players, there was good seasons for Riley Dean (via Warrington), Mathieu Cozza had a strong year but he is on his way back to SL next season.

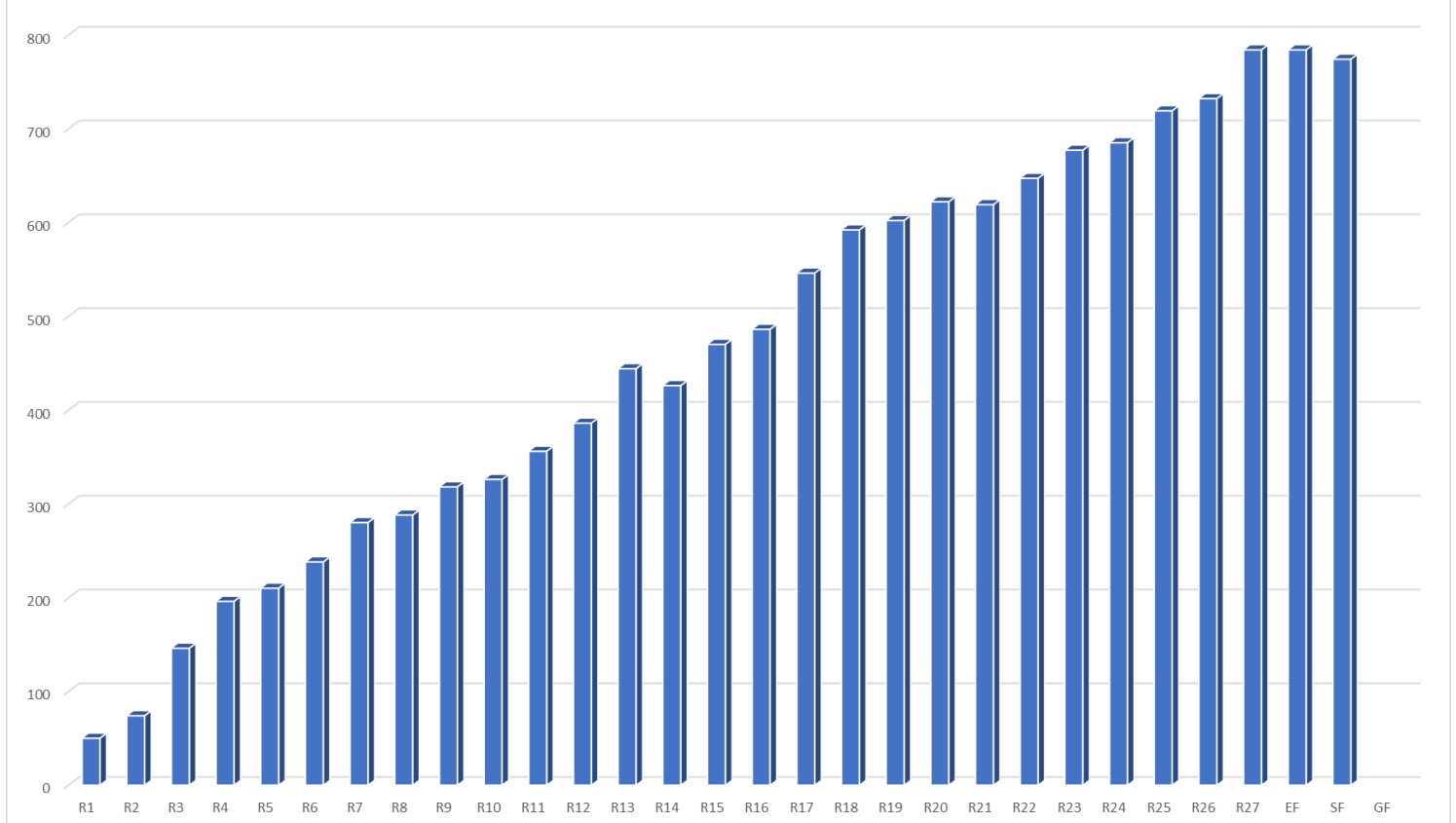
LOOKING AHEAD

Featherstone have a bizarre change of pace in their 2024 season. They know they simply can't fail again. With a lot on the line and after repeated failures, 2024 promises to be different for the Rovers and with that in mind, the bold prediction will see them go up to SL... at last!

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: FEATHERSTONE

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	1ST, SEMI FINALISTS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	THIRD ROUND
COACH	SEAN LONG
CAPTAIN	JAMES LOCKWOOD
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	4,809 (VS. BRADFORD IN ROUND 5)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	3,049
TOP POINTSCORER	MARK KHEIRALLAH (162)
TOP TRYSCORER	GARETH GALE (30)

Featherstone Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	CC3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SF	SEASON STATS						
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CHISHOLM, Dane																			HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB			6	-	1	-	-	-	4	
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 6th	1	Keighley	W 50 0	Cougar	2,443
Feb 12th	2	Halifax	W 46 22	Millennium	3,974
Feb 19th	3	Whitehaven	W 76 4	Millennium	2,248
Feb 26th	4	Newcastle	W 56 6	Millennium	2,489
Mar 6th	5	Bradford	W 26 12	Millennium	4,809
Mar 12th	CCR3	Halifax	L 18 22	Millennium	1,487
Mar 19th	6	Swinton	W 34 6	Heywood Road	1,090
Mar 26th	7	York	W 46 4	Millennium	2,892
Apr 7th	8	Batley	W 26 18	Fox's Biscuits	2,287
Apr 16th	9	London	W 40 10	Cherry Red	977
May 7th	10	Sheffield	W 28 20	Millennium	3,187
May 14th	11	Widnes	W 30 0	DCBL Stadium	2,832
May 27th	12	York	W 46 16	LNER Stadium	3,793
Jun 4th	13	Barrow	W 64 6	Millennium	2,756
Jun 10th	14	Toulouse	L 18 36	Millennium	3,489

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 18th	15	London	W 50 6	Millennium	2,255
Jun 25th	16	York	W 24 8	LNER Stadium	2,554
Jul 2nd	17	Whitehaven	W 60 0	LEL Arena	841
Jul 9th	18	Swinton	W 52 6	Millennium	2,845
Jul 16th	19	Barrow	W 20 10	Prestige Stadium	2,361
Jul 29th	20	Batley	W 28 8	Millennium	3,145
Aug 6th	21	Halifax	L 22 25	The Shay	1,609
Aug 18th	22	Sheffield	W 38 10	Olympic Legacy	1,709
Aug 27th	23	Keighley	W 36 6	Millennium	3,235
Sep 3rd	24	Bradford	W 16 8	Odsal	4,567
Sep 8th	25	Newcastle	W 56 22	Kingston Park	747
Sep 16th	26	Toulouse	W 29 16	Minimes	2,603
Sep 23rd	27	Widnes	W 62 10	Millennium	3,874
Oct 8th	SF	London	L 26 36	Millennium	

HALIFAX PANTHERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

Coming out off the covid shutdowns, Halifax proved to be one of the elite sides in Championship, finishing third in both 2021 and 2022. The improvement in their attack in 2022 was remarkable, scoring 31 points per game, up from 25 in 2021. That consistency filled the club and supporters with the optimism that 2023 would produce more of the same and hopefully, nearing a return to Super League for the first time in over 20 years.

The season started solidly enough with 4 wins from their opening 6 League games, not including their brilliant 22-18 win over Featherstone in the third round of the Challenge Cup. Either side of their 4th Round Cup win against Barrow were losses to Barrow and Bradford, dropping Halifax to 6th on the ladder.

They then secured 4 straight wins, including a dominant 26-0 victory over Bradford in the Cup to advance to the final round before the finals, for the first time since their brilliant Cup run in 2019 where they made the Semi's. After the Panthers 60-0 drubbing of Whitehaven in Round 11, they were sitting in 4th place on the table, equal on points with Toulouse, and just a win behind second placed Sheffield.

The sixth round of the Cup saw Halifax put in a strong performance against Super League champions St Helens, but eventually were outclassed but not disgraced, 26-6. Things went a bit downhill from here as Halifax went on to win half of their remaining 18 games, including the final of the 1895 Cup over Batley, but the tight competition for the final 3 places in the top 6 meant Halifax fell short of a finals appearance. They ended the year in 8th place on 29 points, just 1 point from 6th and 7th placed York and Batley respectively, but with a better points difference than both those sides, eventual Premiers London and the third placed Bradford.

TURNING POINT

Round 22 - Their opponents in Round 22 were then then 8th placed London, while Halifax were clinging onto 6th on the table, as they had been doing for several months. A win had the potential to move them into 5th, whereas a loss could see them drop to 8th. Halifax had just won the 1895 Cup the previous week and almost a month prior, they beat London 10-6 in the 1895 Cup semi. At halftime, London were up 18-12, but the Broncos shut out the Panthers in the second half to runaway 26-12 victors. This saw Halifax drop out of the top 6 and they never returned.

WHAT WORKED

Halifax vs top 6 - Halifax had a reasonably solid record against the top 6 sides at the end of the year, producing a win and a loss against 5 of the sides, and a draw and a loss against Bradford, finishing the year with 5 wins, 1 draw and 6 losses against the top 5, scoring 267 points and conceding 290. They also won all of their games against the bottom 3 sides - teams they should beat. Halifax, despite missing the finals by the slimmest of margins, were still ultra-competitive.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Performances against mid-table sides - Halifax needed to be strong against the tables directly below 6th on the table to cement their place in the finals, but instead they were quite poor, which cost them in the end. They suffered 2 losses to Widnes and Batley and 1 each to Barrow and Swinton, while recording solitary wins over Batley, Swinton and Barrow was not good enough for a team planning to make the finals.

BEST PLAYERS

Classy winger Lachlan Walmsley bagged an astonishing 38 tries from 31 games in 2023, including a 9 game streak of scoring at least 1 try to start the season. He had 8 occasions where he scored 2 tries and a further 3 occasions where he scored 4 tries, all of which were achieved in a 6 week period. Louis Jouffret also had an outstanding season at five-eighth, linking beautifully with his line runners on both sides of him, while his kicking game was spot on all year long. Both players were named in the Championship Team of the Year.

ROOKIES

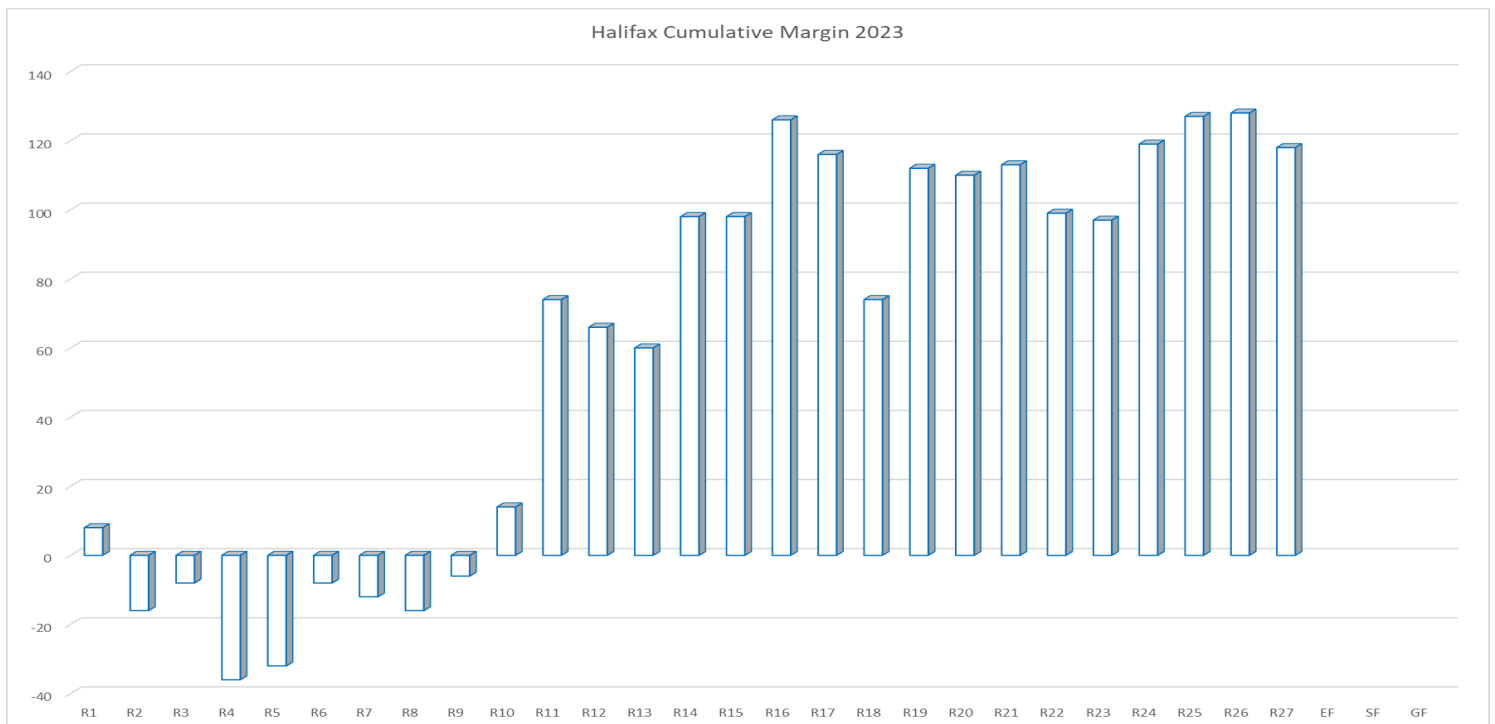
Young half Tom Inman came to the club at the start of the year after making his debut at York in 2022, earning himself a starting role in 2 games and coming off the bench in 18. At 20 years of age, he has the potential to become a long-term player in either halves role and could even develop into a good hooker. Young players Ben Foster and Kai Morgan didn't break into the top side in 2023 but are very close and both are expected to make their debuts in 2024.

LOOKING AHEAD

The core of the Halifax squad is aged between 25 and 29 years old, meaning they all have enough experience, yet still have room to improve even further, which is the perfect place to be. They do have more players in their 30's than they do under the age of 25 which is a slight concern and if they plan to continue improving and return to the top 6, they need to start bringing the next crop of young players into the top grade over the next 2 seasons. 2024 looks promising and with the teams above them all desperately trying to get themselves into Super League for 2025.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: HALIFAX

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	8TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
1895 CUP FINISH	CHAMPIONS
COACH	SIMON GRIX
CAPTAIN	BRANDON MOORE
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	4,693 (VS. ST HELENS IN ROUND 6)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	2,047
TOP POINTSCORER	LOUIS JOUFFRET (187)
TOP TRYSCORER	LACHLAN WALMSLEY (38)



KEIGHLEY COUGARS

J.R. RICKWOOD

The 2023 season arrived with a level of anticipation and excitement not seen at Cougar Park for several years. The return of the O'Neill's as club owners in 2019 kickstarted a build of talent, culture and fan engagement that came to fruition in 2022 when they club went undefeated to win League One. 2022 was a tremendous year and there were promises of more success to come.

The ambition was apparent for all to see as the club went after big name marquee signings including former Super League Man of Steel, Luke Gale. But some early signs of discontent within the club could be seen in February, when club captain and 2022 League One Player of the Year Jack Miller, left the club in a cloud of controversy after an internal dispute.

Despite the loss of Miller, the season started as well as could be expected. Early results were good and the upwards trajectory seemed to be continuing on the pitch, with the high point of the season being the 34-6 trouncing of rivals Bradford Bulls at Cougar Park on the 26th March in front of 4,793 fans. The Cougars had their eyes on a playoff place and the long-term business plan of the O'Neill's seemed to be paying dividends.

The victory over Bradford took place just days after the passing of lifelong volunteer and club historian David Kirkley, who had undertaken various roles for the club and been a supporter since childhood. Kirkley's passing came not long after that of another club legend, former owner and many time club saviour, Neil Spencer who had passed away in October 2022.

Following the win against Bradford, Keighley would only manage another 6 wins throughout the rest of the season. Coach Rhys Lovegrove was sacked by the club after the Summer Bash in May and was replaced by Jy-mel Coleman who was himself sacked two months later after winning just one game. Former Cougar favourite and promising coach, Matt Foster, was brought in for the final nine games of the season. Despite rejuvenating a poor side who had lost their marquee signing Gale and other key players such as Dane Chisholm and Brendan Santi, Foster was unable to save the club from relegation.

TURNING POINT

It's hard not to argue that the tumultuous months of April and May which culminated in the sacking of Lovegrove was the catalyst for the clubs eventual relegation. However, the shift in club culture and breakdown of relationships prior to the season provided a sign of what was to come further down the road. Overall, the recruitment was very poor and didn't fit the model of the club.

WHAT WORKED

The appointment of Foster brought a much-needed boost on and off the field. Solid performances from the team under his leadership have given a glimpse of what could be achieved next season. The club also deserve credit for maintaining their ticket pricing for 2023 following promotion in 2022, pursuing the re-development of the main stand and once again holding their annual PRIDE game which has been a fixture since 2019.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK?

The influx of big-name signings at the start of the season did not have the expected results and the overall recruitment/player management for 2023 needs reviewing internally by the club as it simply was not good. The departure of Lovegrove, rightly or wrongly, in May left a void and put the club and players under huge pressure. The sheer volume of change in such a short space of time left Coleman and then Foster with the almost impossible task of righting the ship which ultimately could not be achieved.

BEST PLAYERS

Sid Adebisi
Thomas Doyle
Charlie Graham
Mark Ioane
Lewis Young

TOP ROOKIES

Thomas Nicholson-Watton
Robbie Storey

LOOKING AHEAD

2023 was the most challenging season that the current ownership have faced since rescuing the club back in 2019, which says a lot. As Cougars try and rebuild following their relegation, the most challenging part will be trying to alter their business plan to account for just 7 or 8 home league games next season whilst aligning with the development required by the new grading criteria. It's a huge challenge for all League One clubs and one that their very future could depend on.

Foster has already begun assembling a squad that could potentially challenge for a place back in the Championship for the 2025 season. League One looks remarkably different after Keighley's season away and with a league restructure potentially on the horizon, what actually is being played for in 2024 is already shrouded in uncertainty.

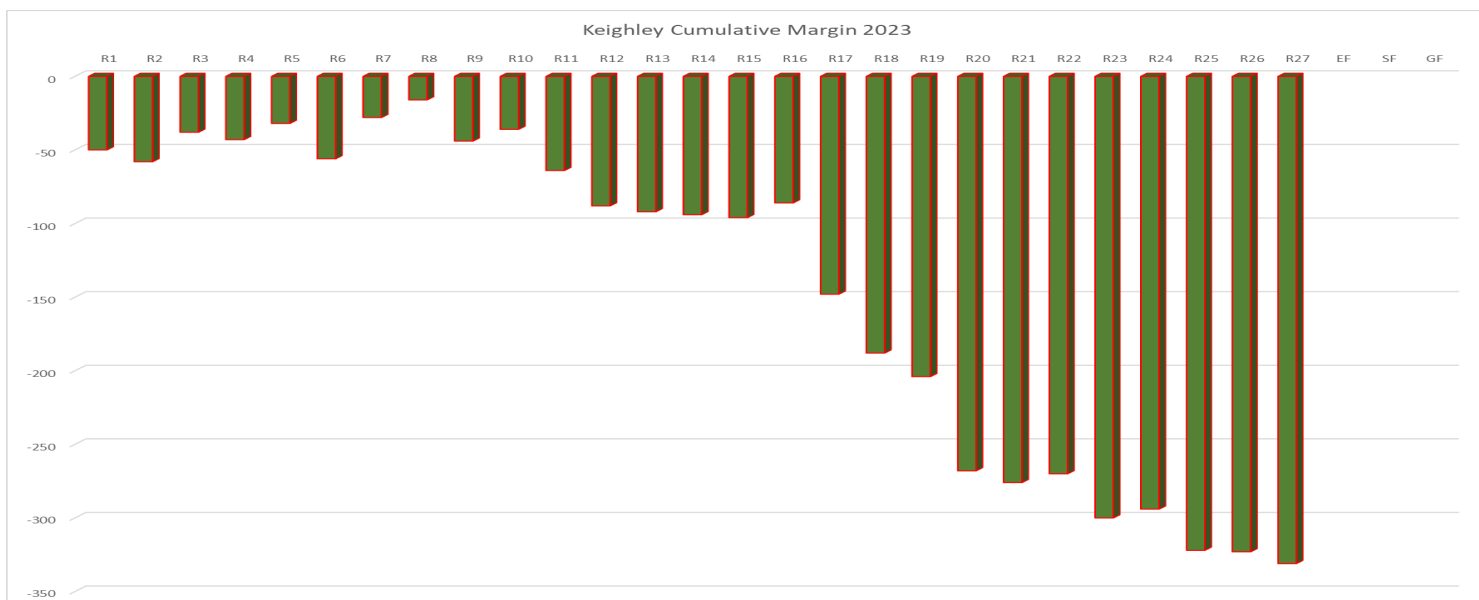
Plans to redevelop Cougar Park with a new £2 million main received planning approval this year but are currently being amended. This development is much needed and a necessary step forward for the club and breaking ground during 2024 would be a huge positive.

A successful 2024 for Keighley Cougars would be a good performance on the field, harmony off it and breaking ground on the re-development of Cougar Park with the new main stand.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: KEIGHLEY

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	13TH, RELEGATED TO LEAGUE ONE
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FIFTH ROUND
COACHES	RHYS LOVEGROVE (14), MATTHEW FOSTER (9), JY-MEL COLEMAN (6)
CAPTAIN	ELLIS ROBSON
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	4,793 (VS. BRADFORD IN ROUND 7)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,885
TOP POINTSCORER	DANE CHISHOLM (80)
TOP TRYSORER	ROBBIE STOREY (11)

Keighley Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	CC3	6	7	CC4	8	9	CC5	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS						
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD	DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD	DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 6th	1	Featherstone	L 0 50	Cougar	2,443	Apr 15th	9	Toulouse	L 6 34	Cougar	1,739	Jul 9th	18	York	L 10 50	Cougar	1,654
Feb 12th	2	Widnes	L 18 26	DCBL	3,498	Apr 23rd	CCR5	Batley	L 16 34	Fox's Biscuits	923	Jul 16th	19	Widnes	L 22 38	Cougar	1,287
Feb 19th	3	Newcastle	W 44 24	Cougar	1,658	May 7th	10	Whitehaven	W 32 24	LEL Arena	1,065	Jul 29th	20	Toulouse	L 0 64	Ernest Wallon	3,250
Feb 26th	4	Batley	L 23 28	Fox's Biscuits	1,624	May 14th	11	Sheffield	L 18 46	Cougar	1,347	Aug 6th	21	Swinton	L 10 18	Heywood	1,179
Mar 5th	5	London	W 33 22	Cougar	1,693	May 28th	12	Bradford	L 18 42	LNER	2,948	Aug 20th	22	Batley	W 26 20	Cougar	1,468
Mar 12th	CCR3	Hunslet	W 16 14	South Leeds	519	Jun 4th	13	Swinton	L 28 32	Cougar	1,138	Aug 27th	23	Featherstone	L 6 36	Millennium	3,235
Mar 19th	6	Halifax	L 10 34	The Shay	2,123	Jun 11th	14	Barrow	L 16 18	MJ Prestige	2,250	Sep 3rd	24	Barrow	W 26 20	Cougar	1,828
Mar 26th	7	Bradford	W 34 6	Cougar	4,793	Jun 18th	15	Newcastle	L 16 18	Kingston	684	Sep 8th	25	Sheffield	L 10 38	OLP Sheffield	932
Apr 1st	CCR4	North Wales	W 36 14	Cougar	862	Jun 25th	16	Whitehaven	W 28 18	Cougar	2,106	Sep 17th	26	Halifax	L 22 23	Cougar	2,367
Apr 7th	8	York	W 22 10	LNER	2,168	Jul 2nd	17	Bradford	L 12 74	Odsal	4,879	Sep 24th	27	London	L 16 24	Cherry Red	1,269

LONDON BRONCOS

IAN WHITE

You would be hard pressed to find a bigger turnaround in performance, than that experienced by the Broncos in 2023.

The season was a stark contrast to the 2022 campaign, in which a hastily assembled squad flirted with relegation. Whilst the 2023 squad was undoubtedly stronger on paper at the seasons start, it also lacked positional depth. The recruitment of Corey Norman and Dean Whare from the French Elite 1 mid-season, amongst others, were the missing pieces for a squad which in early rounds showed itself capable of challenging stronger sides, but lacked the positional quality to sustain a run towards the top end of the league. Ultimately this was a slow-burn season of astute mid-season additions and individual growth, which carried the Broncos far past most pre-season predictions of another battle to avoid the drop and on to an unfancied yet deserved Grand Final victory.

Jubilation following the Grand Final was replaced with disappointment however, as the RFL and IMG published the indicative "Reimagining Rugby League" club rankings. The Broncos scored 8.07 from a maximum 20 grading points, well outside the likely score required to attain Super League status for 2025.

The news cast a shadow over the season's success and has resulted in the club taking a reserved approach towards recruitment for 2024.

TURNING POINT

Round 12 Summer Bash. On the end of a 52-0 pummelling by Toulouse in round 8, a 10-40 loss to Featherstone in round 9 and league and cup defeats away to York weeks prior, supporters were forgiven for making a third trip of the season to the LNER Stadium in hope rather than expectation of victory. A battling performance however saw the Broncos contain a resurgent Toulouse and pointed towards a growing team spirit. Norman's addition several weeks later, against a Newcastle side dispatched 56-10 built on this and sparked a run of 8 wins from the following 10 league fixtures, solidifying a playoff spot and setting the momentum towards Grand Final victory.

WHAT WORKED

On field-performances. A simplistic take perhaps, but ultimately this was a team that played with cohesiveness absent the previous campaign. Defensive organisation was improved and whilst several big scores against were conceded, they occurred less frequently than 2022.

Powerful forwards laying a platform for quick outside backs is not an innovative game model, but it was implemented to great effect by Director of Rugby & Performance Mike Eccles. Much credit should be given to the athletic performance nous of Eccles, who shaped a super-fit squad that was rarely physically dominated. His scooping of Championship Coach of the Year was validation of an appointment met with some scepticism the previous season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Questions remain around the clubs off-field operations. The move to AFC Wimbledon's Plough Lane stadium has not precipitated increased spectator numbers. The season's crowd average hovered around 1,000, somewhat short of Chairman David Hughes' target of 5,000.

The club needs a considered long-term strategy for improving engagement, increasing crowd sizes and revenue diversification, all key grading areas under the IMG model.

BEST PLAYER

The performances of Norman and Whare rightly grabbed much focus. However it was Dean Parata, recipient of Championship Player of the Season alongside Halifax's Lachlan Walmsley, who proved crucial to the side's fortunes.

The delayed arrival of Henry Raiwalui saw Parata shuffled between half-back and hooker for the early fixtures. His subsequent switch to loose-forward however proved an inspired decision, affording him time to co-ordinate an attack that, with the additions of Norman and Whare, laid on some scintillating attacking play. A defensive lynchpin, there was rarely a week whereby he didn't top the team's defensive stats, his efforts setting a benchmark for others.

ROOKIES

Having made two first grade appearances in 2022, this was a break out season for young hooker Bill Leyland. An instinctive playmaker with guile around the ruck, his performances belied his lack of experience. He proved a perfect counterpoint to fellow rake Sam Davis, freeing Parata to pull the teams strings at loose forward.

A deserved recipient of Championship Young Player of the Year and Supporters Association Young Player of the Year awards, Leyland looks a prospect and it was heartening to see him commit his immediate future to the club, signing a new contract until the end of 2025.

The club continued its development of the next generation of first grade talent in 2023. Jenson Monk and Harry Stevens debuted whilst Euan Parke and Daniel Hoyes got further outings, having debuted in 2022.

LOOKING AHEAD

With a Championship return for 2025 all but certain, the 2024 squad has arguably been composed with a view to forming a competitive future second tier outfit. Following confirmation of promotion, the club stated it would run a hybrid squad of full-time players supplemented by part-timers. Whilst not ideal, it is the most practical option given some squad members had already agreed part-time deals for 2024.

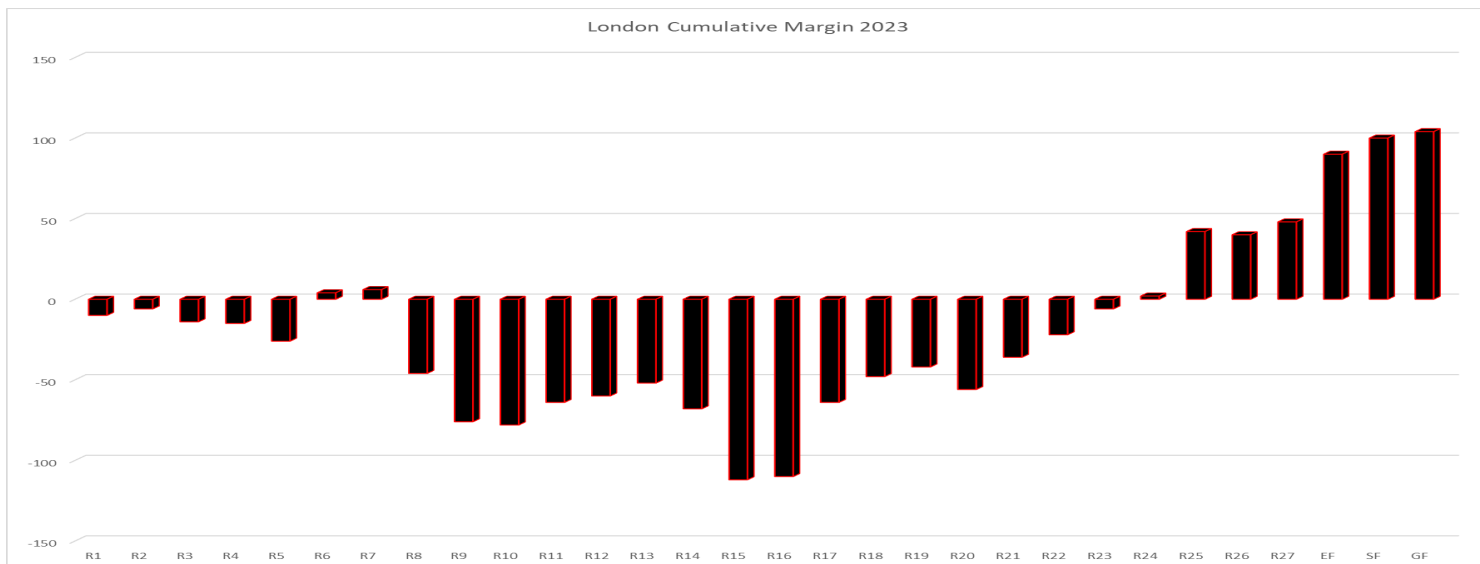
Despite the departures of Whare and Norman, player retention has been positive. Ethan Natoli, Jarred Bassett, Emmanuel Waine and Parata are amongst those to have signed new deals. All offer valuable positional versatility. Eccles previously stated his desire to bring back former players and has remained true to his intent. Sadiq Adebiyi, James Meadows and Gideon Boafo are academy products and re-join following spells away. Rhys Kennedy has signed from Hull KR, bringing size to the front row following Wellington Albert's departure to Featherstone. Fullback Josh Rourke has joined from Batley alongside centre Robbie Storey from Keighley. Both are promising young talents and should thrive in a full-time environment.

Astute additions for 2024 have been made off the field. Ex-Castleford and Warrington assistant head coach Ryan Sheridan brings a wealth of experience. He has been joined by former Keighley coach Jordie Hedges, who comes highly rated by Eccles' 2023 assistant Rhys Lovegrove.

Whilst next season poses an incredible challenge, it also presents opportunities to continue the development of a still largely young and home-grown squad and set strong foundations for a future Super League return.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: LONDON

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	5TH, CHAMPIONS - PROMOTED
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	SIXTH ROUND
1895 CUP FINISH	SEMI FINALISTS
COACH	MIKE ECCLES
CAPTAIN	WILL LOVELL
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	1,849 (VS. BATLEY IN ROUND 1)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,006
TOP POINTSCORER	OLIVER LEYLAND (192)
TOP TRYSCORER	ILIESS MACANI (21)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	C3	6	7	C4	8	9	C5	10	11	C6	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1CS	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	1M	SF	GF	SEASON STATS									
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Feb 5th	1	Batley	L 20 30	Cherry Red	1,849	May 7th	10	York	L 28 30	LNER	1,802	Jul 30th	20	York	L 10 24	Cherry Red	957	
Feb 12th	2	Whitehaven	W 20 16	LEL Arena	750	May 13th	11	Barrow	W 30 16	Cherry Red	806	Aug 6th	21	Barrow	W 26 6	Fox's Biscuits	1,786	
Feb 19th	3	Halifax	L 18 26	The Shay	1,950	May 21st	CCR6	York	L 12 36	LNER	951	Aug 20th	22	Halifax	W 26 12	Cherry Red	859	
Feb 26th	4	Sheffield	L 20 21	Cherry Red	1,175	May 27th	12	Toulouse	W 14 10	LNER	3,793	Aug 27th	23	Whitehaven	W 34 18	Cherry Red	786	
Mar 5th	5	Keighley	L 22 33	Cougar	1,693	Jun 4th	13	Widnes	W 26 18	DCBL	2,547	Sep 3rd	24	Sheffield	W 26 18	SOL Stadium	910	
Mar 11th	CCR3	Whitehaven	W 32 10	Cherry Red	347	Jun 11th	14	Bradford	L 16 32	Odsal	3,482	Sep 10th	25	Widnes	W 52 12	Cherry Red	1,062	
Mar 18th	6	Newcastle	W 36 6	Kingston	978	Jun 18th	15	Featherstone	L 6 50	Millennium	2,255	Sep 17th	26	Bradford	L 10 12	Cherry Red	1,158	
Mar 26th	7	Swinton	W 16 14	Cherry Red	829	Jun 25th	16	Batley	W 20 18	Fox's Biscuits	1,372	Sep 24th	27	Keighley	W 24 16	Cherry Red	1,269	
Apr 1st	CCR4	Doncaster	W 66 16	Rosslyn Park	428	Jul 2nd	17	Newcastle	W 56 10	Kuflink	1,208	Oct 1st	EF	Sheffield	W 42 0	SOL Stadium	648	
Apr 7th	8	Toulouse	L 0 52	Ernest Wallon	3,358	Jul 9th	18	Toulouse	W 22 6	Kuflink	1,089	Oct 8th	SF	Featherstone	W 36 26	Millennium		
Apr 16th	9	Featherstone	L 10 40	Cherry Red	977	Jul 16th	19	Swinton	W 12 6	Heywood	940	Oct 15th	GF	Toulouse	W 18 14	Ernest Wallon	3,974	
Apr 23rd	CCR5	Dewsbury	W 36 16	Rosslyn Park	353	Jul 22nd	1895SF	Halifax	L 6 10	The Rock	417							

NEWCASTLE THUNDER

AJ LUCANTONIO

Relegated, gone... then revived (maybe, maybe not)!

At the time of writing, it looked set that the Newcastle Thunder were going to join the long list of clubs shafted by the RFL's poor running of the game when they announced they wouldn't be competing in League 1.

On the field was a mixed year for the Thunder by their own standards. After a first-round win over Swinton, it looked as if the fortune would favour the brave after a strong effort which saw future Rooster Alex Young get a double. However, that would be their only league win until Round 15. They did advance through to the 4th Round of the Challenge Cup before falling to York. This and a further three wins on the year weren't enough to secure safety falling 5 points short of their nearest rival.

On the club front, it was announced initially they would not be participating in League One. However, they are planning to return for a go-around next year. After a club meeting of management and fans. The principal aim is gaining acceptance back into the RFL's third tier (League One) for the 2024 season. If they can get the funding required, then it'll be a strong sign for the game.

Despite their relegation, there are some good signs for the Thunder heading into 2024. Their home record was okay winning four home matches but what inevitably saw them relegated was an abysmal 1-11-1 record away from Kingston Park.

TURNING POINT

Whenever the bus left Kingston Park... as touched on their away record was easily the worst in the Championship and one of the worst in all of the rugby league competitions in the world. The 58-0 loss to Toulouse seemed to break the spirits of the team and that saw the strong start evaporate.

WHAT WORKED

They were strong in most of their home fixtures. Plus, they can boast that they can build a pathway to the NRL with the news of Alex Young's signature to the Roosters. While that might have something to do with Dom's arrival, it's a selling point they can use to lure in talent.

WHAT DIDN'T

Their away record was poor. Also their attack was the worst in the competition but not by a long way only being slightly worse than Swinton who survived. Their defence was poor conceding 918 points and an average of 34 points a game.

BEST PLAYER

Gideon Boafo crossed for 11 tries and was dangerous in and around the flanks for the Thunder. Nikau Williams was an important signing and gave the Thunder a strong attacking base and allowed them to score the points that they did throughout 2023. Curtis Davies played every game for the Thunder and was immense controlling the middle third.

ROOKIES

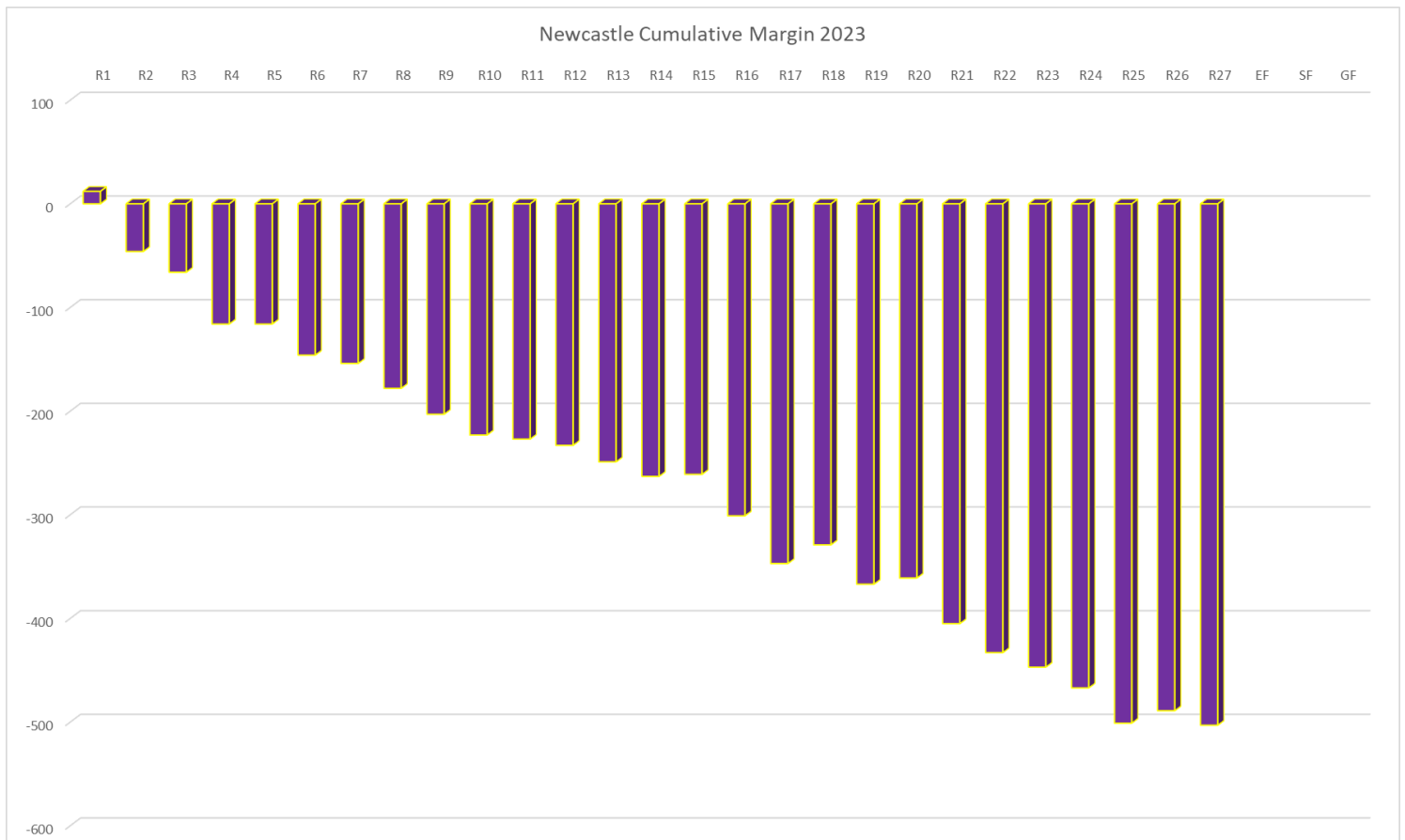
While making his Super League debut last year. Denive Balmforth found a home on the flank for the Thunder crossing 6 times in 19 matches, his hard work out of yardage gave the Thunder a platform to start their sets of six. Connor Moore also gave the Thunder a lift after his SL debut last season.

LOOKING AHEAD

All is still quite up in the air at the Newcastle Thunder. Writing a projected 17 man squad is hard for them at this point in time given their present financial situation. So we will have to watch this space very carefully to see what will occur next in the Battle to Retain the Thunder.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: NEWCASTLE

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	14TH, RELEGATED
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FIFTH ROUND
COACH	CHRIS THORMAN
CAPTAIN	ALEX FOSTER
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	2,465 (VS. BRADFORD IN ROUND 13)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,089
TOP POINTSCORER	NIKAU WILLIAMS (115)
TOP TRYSCORER	GIDEON BOAFO (11)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	C3	6	7	C4	8	9	C5	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS							
Opponent	SW	TO	KL	FE	BW	STA	LO	WD	RM	SH	WH	YO	HF	YO	SH	BB	BT	KL	SH	LO	WH	HF	SW	WD	BB	YO	TO	FE	BW	BT	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts		
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 5th	1	Swinton	W 18 6	Heywood Road	877
Feb 11th	2	Toulouse	L 0 58	Ernest Wallon	3,047
Feb 19th	3	Keighley	L 24 44	Cougar	1,658
Feb 26th	4	Featherstone	L 6 56	Millennium	2,489
Mar 5th	5	Barrow	D 18 18	Prestige Stadium	1,752
Mar 12th	CCR3	Stanningley	W 58 16	Arthur Miller	
Mar 18th	6	London	L 6 36	Kingston Park	978
Mar 26th	7	Widnes	L 16 24	DCBL Stadium	2,743
Apr 1st	CCR4	Rochdale Mayfield	W 22 12	Mayfield Sports	
Apr 7th	8	Sheffield	L 20 44	Kingston Park	817
Apr 16th	9	Whitehaven	L 6 31	LEL Arena	987
Apr 21st	CCR5	York	L 18 22	LNER Stadium	1,100
May 7th	10	Halifax	L 16 36	Kingston Park	1,067
May 14th	11	York	L 22 26	LNER Stadium	2,278
May 28th	12	Sheffield	L 32 38	LNER Stadium	2,948

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 2nd	13	Bradford	L 12 28	Kingston Park	2,465
Jun 11th	14	Batley	L 12 26	Kingston Park	694
Jun 18th	15	Keighley	W 18 16	Kingston Park	684
Jun 23rd	16	Sheffield	L 0 40	Olympic Legacy	879
Jul 2nd	17	London	L 10 56	Kufflink Stadium	1,208
Jul 9th	18	Whitehaven	W 30 12	Kingston Park	1,284
Jul 16th	19	Halifax	L 12 50	The Shay	1,453
Jul 30th	20	Swinton	W 25 19	Kingston Park	889
Aug 5th	21	Widnes	L 6 50	Kingston Park	2,206
Aug 20th	22	Bradford	L 8 36	Odsal	2,685
Aug 25th	23	York	L 6 20	Kingston Park	788
Sep 2nd	24	Toulouse	L 16 36	Kingston Park	639
Sep 8th	25	Featherstone	L 22 56	Kingston Park	747
Sep 16th	26	Barrow	W 36 24	Kingston Park	904
Sep 23rd	27	Batley	L 18 32	Fox's Biscuits	1,070

SHEFFIELD EAGLES

ANDREW FERGUSON

Sheffield were an inconsistent mob in 2022 and their priority for 2023 was to build some consistency and move closer to the top of the table and possibly even promotion into Super League for 2025.

Opening the season winning 6 of 7 games, things looked very bright, with some consistency finally showing everyone that Sheffield is one of the top teams in Championship. But then...

Over their remaining 23 games, they won back-to-back games just 3 times and winning 12 games. Their red hot start to the season keeping Sheffield in the top 4 for the remainder of the year, 3 wins behind second-placed Toulouse and a whopping 9 wins behind Featherstone at the top of the table.

In the first week of the finals, Sheffield faced eventual Grand final winners London and were promptly belted 42-0, ending the Eagles campaign in a most deflating manner.

Their Challenge Cup run was also brief. A third round win against Siddal was followed by a heartbreaking 24-22 loss to York.

At the of the year, Sheffield was given a B grade from IMG, but were the third lowest ranked side with a B grade, making it very hard for them to earn a promotion to the Super League for the 2025 season, but almost certainly cementing their place in the Championship moving forward.

TURNING POINT

Round 13 - Sheffield were hanging onto second place having won 9 of 12 games, but were just 2 wins ahead of 7th placed Bradford, so they could ill-afford a form slump. They came into Round 13 against the lowly placed Whitehaven, having won their last 2 games against Keighley and Newcastle. Whitehaven had won just 4 of 12 games at that point and having lost their last 3 games, conceding an immense 124 points. At halftime Sheffield were down by 10 points, but things only got worse as Whitehaven recorded a dominant 40-26 win. Sheffield won 7 of their next 14 games.

WHAT WORKED

Sheffield's defence was markedly improved which helped them to move into the top 4 after having finished 7th last year. It was their best defensive effort since 2015. In 14 of their 30 games in 2023 they managed

to keep their opposition under 20 points. They also had a modest improvement to their attack, all of which are great improvements for them to build upon for 2024.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

As was the case in past seasons, consistency, especially in the second half of the season. Sheffield were their own worst enemy once again after a great start to the season. It resulted in a 42-0 loss in their only finals appearance. A strong finals run would've pushed them significantly closer to promotion.

BEST PLAYERS

Bayley Lui has a big season, playing mostly at centre, but also regularly appearing in the back row, either in the run-on side or as an x-factor player off the bench. His strong running saw him become a feature of Sheffield's attack on the edge of the ruck. His 12 tries proved just how good he was in this role. Ben Jones-Bishop also showed that age isn't hindering him as bagged 21 tries from 29 games.

ROOKIES

Sheffield didn't introduce any new players in 2023, however they picked up 22 year-old Joe Hird and allowed rookie Mekhi Bridgeman-Reaney to get his start in League 1 with Midlands. While the Eagles fight for improvement and potential promotion, they will be reluctant to take too many risks with rookie players at this stage.

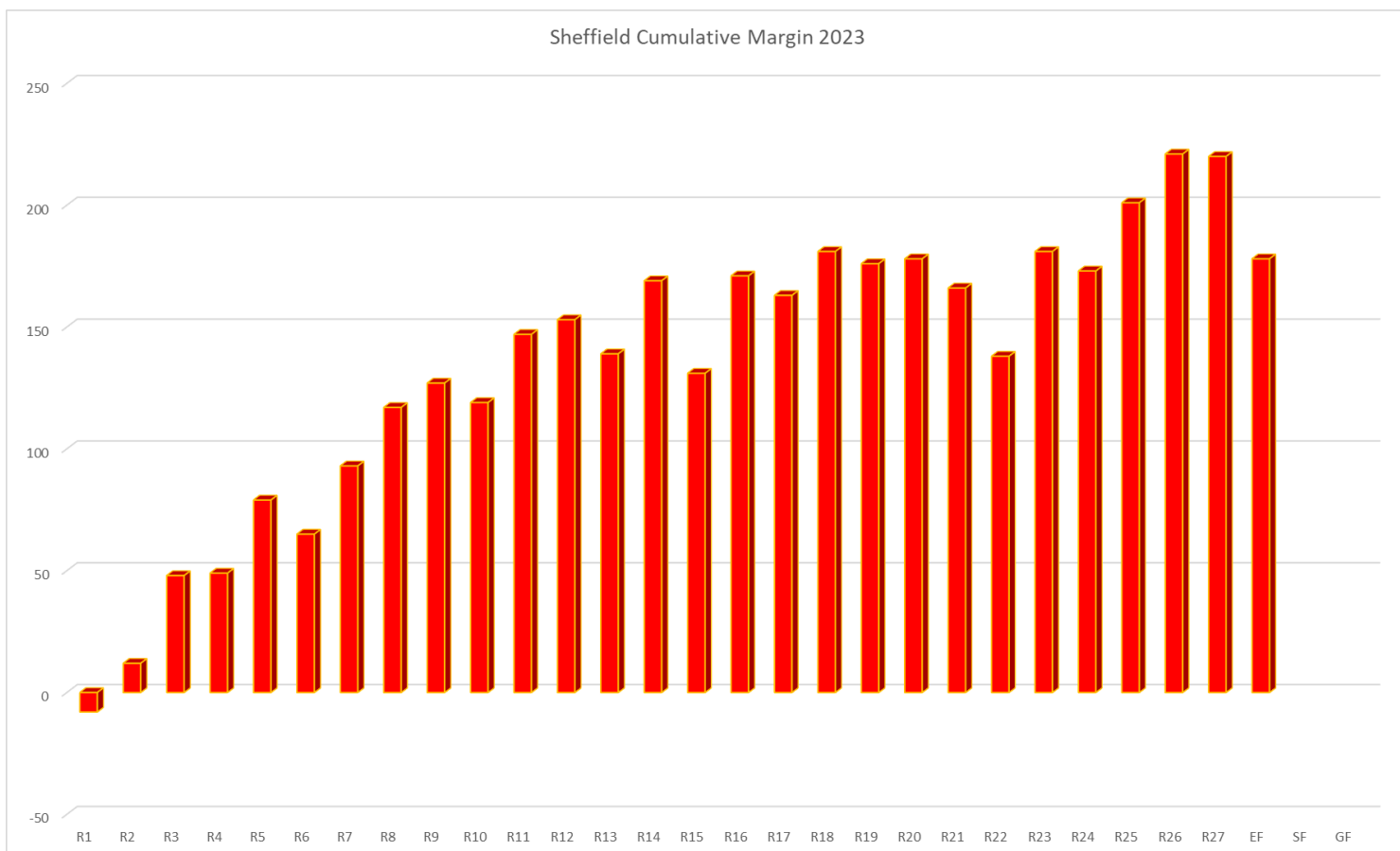
LOOKING AHEAD

With London getting promoted, Sheffield are still in the unenviable position of still needing to improve their consistency markedly in order to challenge Featherstone, Toulouse and Bradford, who have all finished above the Eagles every year since 2019. Their defence is improving while their attack is one of the best in the division, making them once again one of the top sides in 2024.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: SHEFFIELD

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	4TH, ELIMINATORS
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FOURTH ROUND
COACH	MARK ASTON
CAPTAIN	ANTHONY THACKERAY
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	1,976 (VS. BRADFORD IN ROUND 27)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,178
TOP POINTSCORER	CORY ASTON (244)
TOP TRYSCORER	BEN JONES-BISHOP (21)

Sheffield Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	CC3	6	7	CC4	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	IM	SEASON STATS						
	Opponent	HF	BW	BT	LO	WD	SID	BB	TO	YO	NC	SW	FE	KL	NC	WH	YO	TO	NC	SW	BW	YO	HF	WH	FE	BT	LO	KL	WD	BB	LO	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts
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BASS, Jason	FB	W				W	W	W	W																							6	-	5	-	-	20
BOWER, Connor				2R		2R					FE	B			2R	2R							2R	2R	2R	2R					9	1	-	-	-	-	
BROADBENT, Blake	B			B	B	FR	B				B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B		1	21	-	-	-	-	
CHRIMES, Matthew					FB	W		W	W	W	W				W																7	1	3	-	-	12	
DAWSON-JONES, Matty	W	W	W	W	W		W					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	25	-	18	-	-	72	
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GUZDEK, Josh				FB		FB																								2	-	-	-	-	-		
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 5th	1	Halifax	L 18 26	The Shay	2,101
Feb 12th	2	Barrow	W 36 16	Prestige Stadium	2,094
Feb 17th	3	Batley	W 36 0	Olympic Legacy	878
Feb 26th	4	London	W 21 20	Cherry Red	1,175
Mar 5th	5	Widnes	W 42 12	Olympic Legacy	1,319
Mar 12th	CCR3	Siddal	W 34 12	Siddal Sports	
Mar 19th	6	Bradford	L 18 32	Odsal	3,004
Mar 25th	7	Toulouse	W 32 4	Olympic Legacy	959
Apr 2nd	CCR4	York	L 22 24	LNER Stadium	832
Apr 7th	8	Newcastle	W 44 20	Kingston Park	817
Apr 17th	9	Swinton	W 16 6	Olympic Legacy	1,179
May 7th	10	Featherstone	L 20 28	Millennium	3,187
May 14th	11	Keighley	W 46 18	Cougar	1,347
May 28th	12	Newcastle	W 38 32	LNER Stadium	2,948
Jun 4th	13	Whitehaven	L 26 40	Olympic Legacy	1,179

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 9th	14	York	W 40 10	Olympic Legacy	1,051
Jun 17th	15	Toulouse	L 10 48	Ernest Wallon	3,144
Jun 23rd	16	Newcastle	W 40 0	Olympic Legacy	879
Jul 2nd	17	Swinton	L 22 30	Heywood Road	1,094
Jul 9th	18	Barrow	W 36 18	Olympic Legacy	1,011
Jul 16th	19	York	L 18 23	LNER Stadium	2,266
Jul 28th	20	Halifax	W 32 30	Olympic Legacy	1,327
Aug 6th	21	Whitehaven	L 20 32	LEL Arena	720
Aug 18th	22	Featherstone	L 10 38	Olympic Legacy	1,709
Aug 25th	23	Batley	W 49 6	Fox's Biscuits	1,209
Sep 3rd	24	London	L 18 26	SOL Stadium	910
Sep 8th	25	Keighley	W 38 10	Olympic Legacy	932
Sep 17th	26	Widnes	W 38 18	DCBL Stadium	2,961
Sep 24th	27	Bradford	L 16 17	Olympic Legacy	1,976
Oct 1st	EF	London	L 0 42	SOL Stadium	648

SWINTON LIONS

ANDREW FERGUSON

Swinton won the League 1 Promotion Final in 2022 against Doncaster to earn a spot in the 2023 Championship season, after having been relegated in 2021, where they won just 2 of 22 League games for the year. 2023 was going to be a challenging year for the Lions, as it is for every club that earns promotion. Their primary goal was to stay in Championship which would allow them to strengthen their squad and aim to move up the ladder.

Their start to the season was ominous, picking up solid victories against Batley and Barrow in Rounds 2 and 3 respectively. But then they lost 6 straight games to see them plummet from 6th to 12th on the ladder. An impressive 19-12 win over heavyweights Toulouse was the start of form reversal which saw the Lions win 4 of their next 8 games, the last of which was a brilliant 30-22 victory over top side Sheffield. This put them equal on competition points with York and Keighley and ahead of Barrow and Newcastle. But then they won just 1 of their next 8 games to drop down to 13th.

The final two rounds saw them drop to second last on the ladder, but with 2 games left to play, they were 3 wins clear of the last placed Newcastle. Swinton then beat Whitehaven and Halifax in the final two rounds to see them jump up to 10th on the table in a solid end to the season, avoiding relegation.

TURNING POINT

Round 10 - Swinton came up against the second placed Toulouse, who had won their last 2 games emphatically (52-0 v London and 34-6 against Keighley), while Swinton had lost all of their last 6 League games. But the Lions put in a stellar performance to win 19-12 and keep their chances of avoiding relegation alive.

WHAT WORKED

Run home - The final 8 games for Swinton saw them show dramatic improvement over the rest of the season, scoring 14 points or more in 7 games and their biggest loss by 20 points against top side Toulouse. They also snared 3 of their wins in this period.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Defence - Especially in the middle of the season, Swinton allowed a number of sides to post big wins over them, which obviously impacted morale within the squad. From Rounds 11 to 18 they conceded 296 points, an average of 37 per game. After 27 games they had conceded 739 points, thus, outside that 8 week period, they had let in 443 at 23.3 points per game.

BEST PLAYERS

Louis Brogan in his 4th season at the Lions had a strong season, play in the middle. The 23 year old has played over 70 games for the club and goes from strength-to-strength. Halfback Jordy Gibson was also solid all year long in his first season in Championship, and will be looking to build on this season in 2024.

ROOKIES

21 year old hooker George Roby backed up his strong 2022 campaign with another in 2023 while front rower Lewis Hall played 18 games in his debut season, a big ask from a rookie and he rose to the challenge. Talented winger-fullback Joseph Romeo also showed a lot of promise in his debut season, capped with 4 tries against Keighley in Round 13.

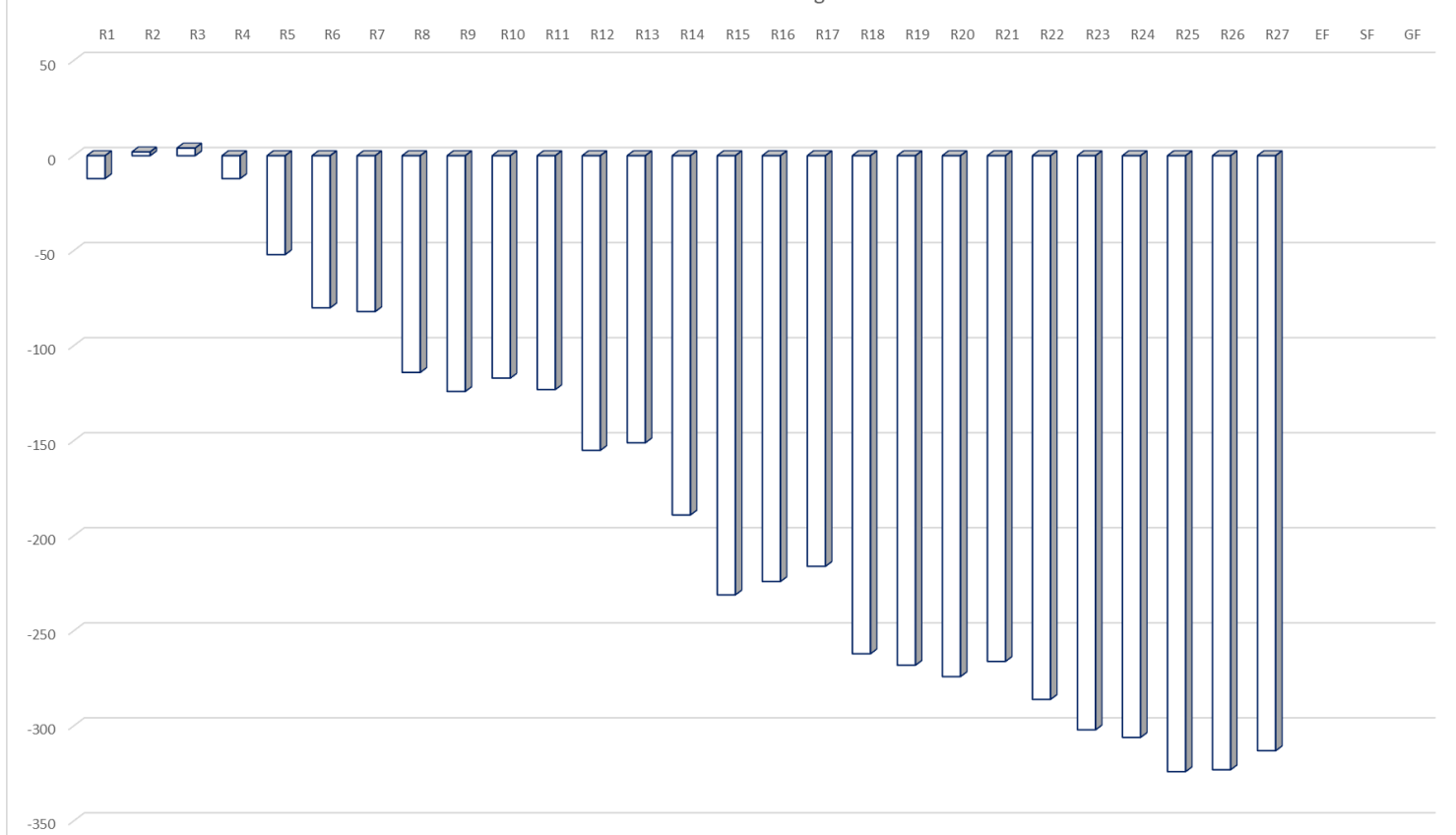
LOOKING AHEAD

Swinton have a relatively young side for the main, paired with some good experienced players in their early 30's. This augers well for the club as they have now kept their place in Championship and take the bold next step of pushing for a place in the top 6 for 2024. They will likely fall short, but it won't be by much if their end of season form is any indication of their trajectory.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: SWINTON

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	10TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	THIRD ROUND
COACH	ALLAN COLEMAN
CAPTAIN	RHODRI LLOYD
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	1,403 (VS. WIDNES IN ROUND 8)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,093
TOP POINTSCORER	DAN ABRAM (118)
TOP TRYSCORER	ANDREW BADROCK (7)

Swinton Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	CC3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS						
Opponent	NC	BT	BW	WH	YO	BW	FE	LO	WD	SH	TO	BB	WD	KL	HF	BT	WD	SH	FE	LO	NC	KL	TO	BB	YO	BW	WH	HF	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts	
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BAKER, Kenny	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	2R	FR	FR	B	2R	FR			2R	2R	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	12	13	3	-	-	12	
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BURGESS, Morgan		B			B	B																							-	3	-	-	-	-	
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BUTTERWORTH, Robbie																						FE	HB	FE			FE	FE	5	-	1	-	-	4	
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WINDROW, Dane																							B						-	1	-	-	-	-	

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 5th	1	Newcastle	L 6 18	Heywood	877
Feb 12th	2	Batley	W 30 16	Fox's Biscuits	1,551
Feb 19th	3	Barrow	W 20 18	Heywood	1,139
Feb 26th	4	Whitehaven	L 4 20	LEL Arena	891
Mar 5th	5	York	L 0 40	Heywood	1,029
Mar 12th	CC3	Barrow	L 14 32	MJ Prestige	1,161
Mar 19th	6	Featherstone	L 6 34	Heywood	1,090
Mar 26th	7	London	L 14 16	Cherry Red	829
Apr 7th	8	Widnes	L 16 48	Heywood	1,403
Apr 17th	9	Sheffield	L 6 16	OLP Sheffield	1,179

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
May 6th	10	Toulouse	W 19 12	Heywood	957
May 14th	11	Bradford	L 38 44	Odsal	2,935
May 27th	12	Widnes	L 6 38	LNER	3,793
Jun 4th	13	Keighley	W 32 28	Cougar	1,138
Jun 11th	14	Halifax	L 8 46	Heywood	1,109
Jun 18th	15	Batley	L 6 48	Heywood	1,009
Jun 25th	16	Widnes	W 25 18	DCBL	2,833
Jul 2nd	17	Sheffield	W 30 22	Heywood	1,094
Jul 9th	18	Featherstone	L 6 52	Millennium	2,845
Jul 16th	19	London	L 6 12	Heywood	940

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jul 30th	20	Newcastle	L 19 25	Kingston	889
Aug 6th	21	Keighley	W 18 10	Heywood	1,179
Aug 19th	22	Toulouse	L 6 26	d'Albert Domec	2,430
Aug 27th	23	Bradford	L 26 42	Heywood	1,073
Sep 3rd	24	York	L 22 26	LNER	2,114
Sep 10th	25	Barrow	L 14 32	MJ Prestige	2,117
Sep 17th	26	Whitehaven	W 21 20	Heywood	1,315
Sep 24th	27	Halifax	W 22 12	The Shay	2,122

TOULOUSE OLYMPIQUE XIII

ANDREW FERGUSON

After five straight seasons dominating in the Championship, which saw Toulouse win 70 of 92 games, they finally earned promotion to Super League in 2022, only to find themselves a long way off the pace, winning just 5 of their 27 games and immediately relegated for 2023.

It would not have surprised if they had struggled again in 2023 after such a humbling the previous year, but they just picked up where they left off in 2021, finishing second in the Championship and making their way through to the Grand Final where they fell to the London Broncos 18-14.

They started 2023 in devastating form, winning their opening 3 games with a combined score of 118-4. A loss to Bradford was followed by a 72-10 hiding of Whitehaven. Their form seemed to dip temporarily after this, as they struggled to overcome a lowly Widnes, lost to Sheffield, beat eventual Grand Finalists, London 52-0 which was followed by a comfortable win over Keighley.

It looked like they were back on track, but then lost 3 games narrowly against mid-table sides Swinton and Batley, followed by London. They then won 11 of their next 12 games, a second loss to London being their only hiccup. In this run was a brilliant 36-18 win over League leaders Featherstone, who only lost one other match for the year. Their form fell away slightly in the final 3 weeks as they lost to Halifax and Featherstone before a final round 10 point win over the second-last Whitehaven.

A win over Bradford in the semi-final sent them into a home Grand Final against London, where they went down in their only loss at Stade Ernest Wallon for the year.

TURNING POINT

Halftime Round 12: At Halftime, Toulouse trailed 12-0 against the London Broncos, having their last 2 games. But they came out and scored 10 points to 2 to only lose by 4 points, but it was the fightback they needed to produce. They had Halifax (who were 6th on the ladder at the time), Featherstone and Sheffield (who finished first and fourth respectively) immediately after this game and risked dropping all 3 and falling out of the top 8. Instead they won all 3 of those games and got their season back on track.

WHAT WORKED

Attack - The Toulouse side racked up 30 points per game in 2023, bettered only by the impressive Featherstone side who averaged a remarkable 39.96 points per game. The attack in the middle of the field and on the edges of the ruck was dynamic and resulted in Five-Eighth Josh Ralph, back-rower Maxime Stefani and Lock Anthony Marion combining for 42 tries.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Playing away from home - While Toulouse's record in 2023 was a long way from poor, their record on the road was average. At home they had 12 wins from 13 games and had an amazing average scoreline of 43-11. But away from home they won 7 of 14 games and scored slightly more than half as many points and conceded almost twice as many.

BEST PLAYER

Maxime Stefani moved into the professional ranks last year and his game has developed at a rapid rate in a short time. 2022 saw him playing a depth role, but he was promptly moved into the run-on side in 2023, starting in the back row in all but 2 games during 2023. His passing game has improved a lot, while defensively he is very strong and has a tight technique. Josh Ralph had a strong debut season in Europe after several seasons in the lower grades in Sydney.

ROOKIES

Benjamin Laguerre had his first full season, after playing 1 game in 2021 and another in 2022. In 2023 he secured his place on the wing in the second half of the season and scored 8 tries in 14 games. He played in Rounds 1, 10 and 16 and then played in every game from Round 18.

22 year-old Dimitri Biscarro made his debut in 2023 initially coming off the bench but then as a middle forward, playing in 17 of Toulouse's 27 games. He looks to have a lot of promise and will only get better.

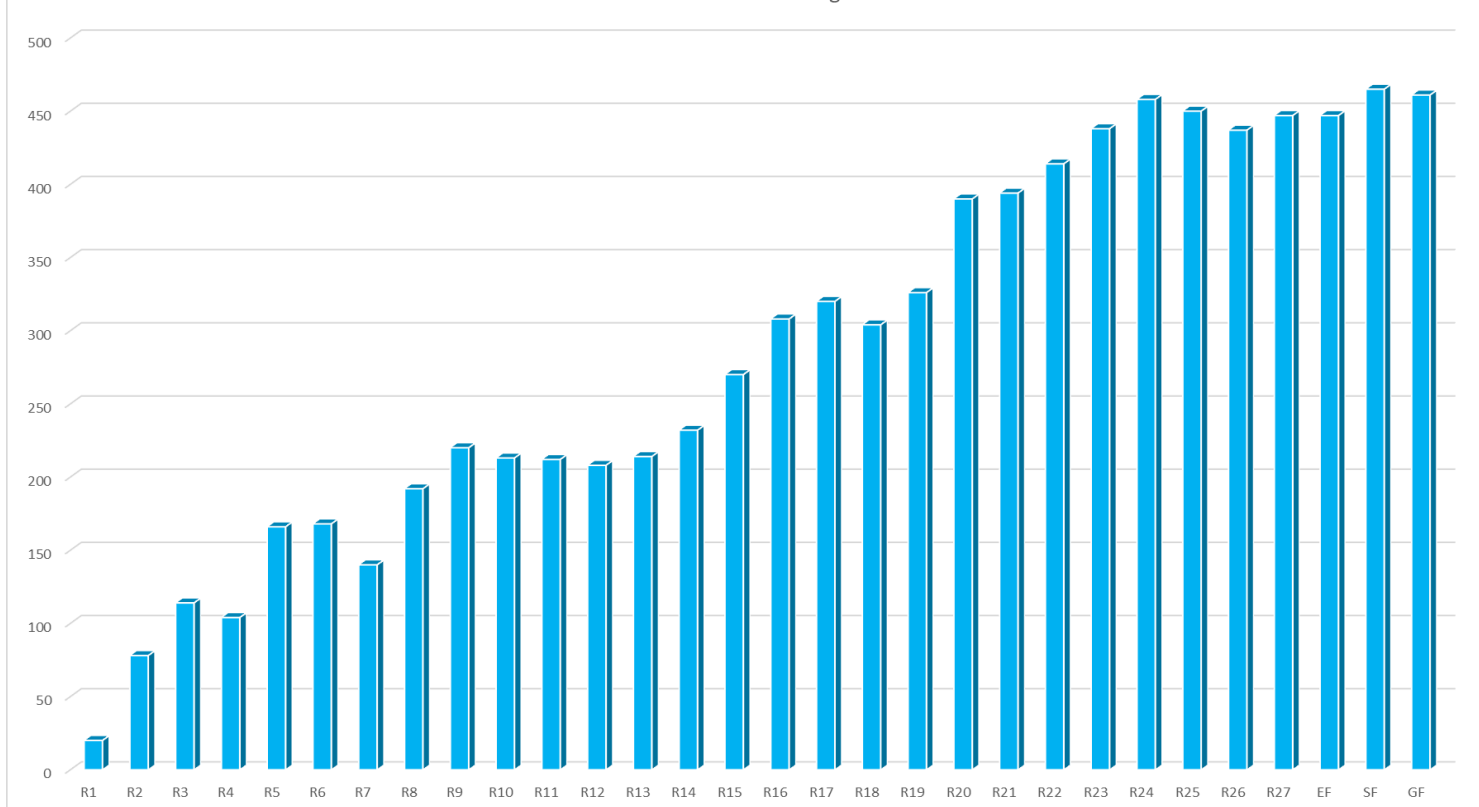
LOOKING AHEAD

After weeks of the club being dogged by reports that they may be about to go bankrupt, a new owner bought the club, bringing in stability and a clear goal of returning to Super League and becoming a top side in the elite competition. With the London Broncos getting promoted for 2024 but potentially relegated for 2025, due to the IMG ranking system, Toulouse will be out to dominate the Championship division yet again and there's no reason that they won't. The core of their squad is still in their 20's and already performing at a high standard, with room for improvement. They will only get better.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: TOULOUSE

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	2ND, GRAND FINALISTS
COACH	SYLVAIN HOULES
CAPTAIN	HARRISON HANSEN
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	4,806 (VS. HALIFAX IN ROUND 13)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	3,426
TOP POINTSCORER	JAKE SHORROCKS (226)
TOP TRYSCORER	GUY ARMITAGE (22)

Toulouse Cumulative Margin 2023



Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SF	GF	SEASON STATS														
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 4th	1	Barrow	W 24 4	Prestige Stadium	2,177
Feb 11th	2	Newcastle	W 58 0	Ernest Wallon	3,047
Feb 18th	3	York	W 36 0	Ernest Wallon	2,761
Feb 25th	4	Bradford	L 18 28	Odsal	2,798
Mar 4th	5	Whitehaven	W 72 10	Ernest Wallon	2,258
Mar 18th	6	Widnes	W 14 12	DCBL Stadium	3,093
Mar 25th	7	Sheffield	L 4 32	Olympic Legacy	959
Apr 7th	8	London	W 52 0	Ernest Wallon	3,358
Apr 15th	9	Keighley	W 34 6	Cougar	1,739
May 6th	10	Swinton	L 12 19	Heywood Road	957
May 13th	11	Batley	L 16 17	Fox's Biscuits	1,320
May 27th	12	London	L 10 14	LNER Stadium	3,793
Jun 3rd	13	Halifax	W 28 22	Ernest Wallon	4,806
Jun 10th	14	Featherstone	W 36 18	Millennium	3,489
Jun 17th	15	Sheffield	W 48 10	Ernest Wallon	3,144

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 24th	16	Bradford	W 52 14	Ernest Wallon	4,211
Jul 1st	17	Widnes	W 40 28	Ernest Wallon	3,870
Jul 8th	18	London	L 6 22	Kuffink Stadium	1,089
Jul 15th	19	Batley	W 34 12	Ernest Wallon	3,557
Jul 29th	20	Keighley	W 64 0	Ernest Wallon	3,250
Aug 5th	21	York	W 18 14	LNER Stadium	1,483
Aug 19th	22	Swinton	W 26 6	d'Albert Domec	2,430
Aug 26th	23	Barrow	W 34 10	Mazicou	2,487
Sep 2nd	24	Newcastle	W 36 16	Kingston Park	639
Sep 9th	25	Halifax	L 18 26	The Shay	1,437
Sep 16th	26	Featherstone	L 16 29	Minimes	2,603
Sep 23rd	27	Whitehaven	W 26 16	LEL Arena	997
Oct 7th	SF	Bradford	W 38 20	Ernest Wallon	4,352
Oct 15th	GF	London	L 14 18	Ernest Wallon	3,974

WHITEHAVEN RLFC

LACHLAN McINTYRE

Whitehaven entered 2023 with a handful of promising new signings and hopes of improving on a tenth placed finish in the 2022 RFL Championship. Unfortunately for the Cumbrian-based side, 2023 would become a battle to avoid relegation to the third tier of English Rugby League. Throughout the season, Whitehaven struggled to string together wins, with back-to-back victories only occurring twice throughout the season. A six game losing streak to finish the Championship season saw them within inches of relegation, and they only survived over the Keighley Cougars by three points of for and against. The twelfth place finish is disappointing, however at least they will be back in Championship next year.

Their Challenge Cup campaign came to a halt before it even started, losing to the London Broncos 32-10 in early March. In 2024, a revamped 1895 Cup will see Whitehaven contest it in the tournament proper for the first time since the expanded format used in 2021.

TURNING POINT

Playing away from home in Sheffield, Whitehaven were not in a good place. It was the start of June, Whitehaven had three straight losses and relegation was a very real prospect. The Sheffield Eagles were headed for a high finish, and were favoured to put plenty of points on the struggling Whitehaven side. But a shock 40-26 win for the Cumbrian side was the start of a short positive period for Whitehaven, in which they also recorded victories over Widnes and York. They only won one of their final eleven games, meaning these crucial wins are what proved the difference between relegation and staying in the Championship.

WHAT WORKED

Whilst their defence was pretty abysmal throughout 2023, Whitehaven often showed plenty of promise in attack. Many of their losses were definitely not due to a lack of points scored, but instead to the amount of points let in. Whitehaven RLFC lost four games having scored twenty points or more, and their wins were even higher scoring. Their attack was definitely better than their finishing spot on the table suggests, so if they could've worked out their defence, maybe 2023 would have ended up very differently for Whitehaven.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The final run of eleven games. From a fairly safe position at the end of June, Whitehaven flirted with relegation by recording only one win in their run home. This included a fairly embarrassing loss to the last-placed Newcastle Thunder. A streak of that nature and length at any point in the season is devastating to any hope of success.

BEST PLAYERS

After making his Super League debut for Salford in 2022, Josh Rourke signed a one year deal with Whitehaven RLFC. The fullback played 28 games throughout the 2023 season, crossing the stripe for eleven tries in a breakout year for the 24 year old. He picked up Whitehaven's player of the year award, however will be linking up with the Batley Bulldogs for the 2024 Championship season. Jamie Doran however is a standout player who will stay with the club in 2024, with the experienced half inking a new deal following a highly successful first season with Whitehaven RLFC.

ROOKIES

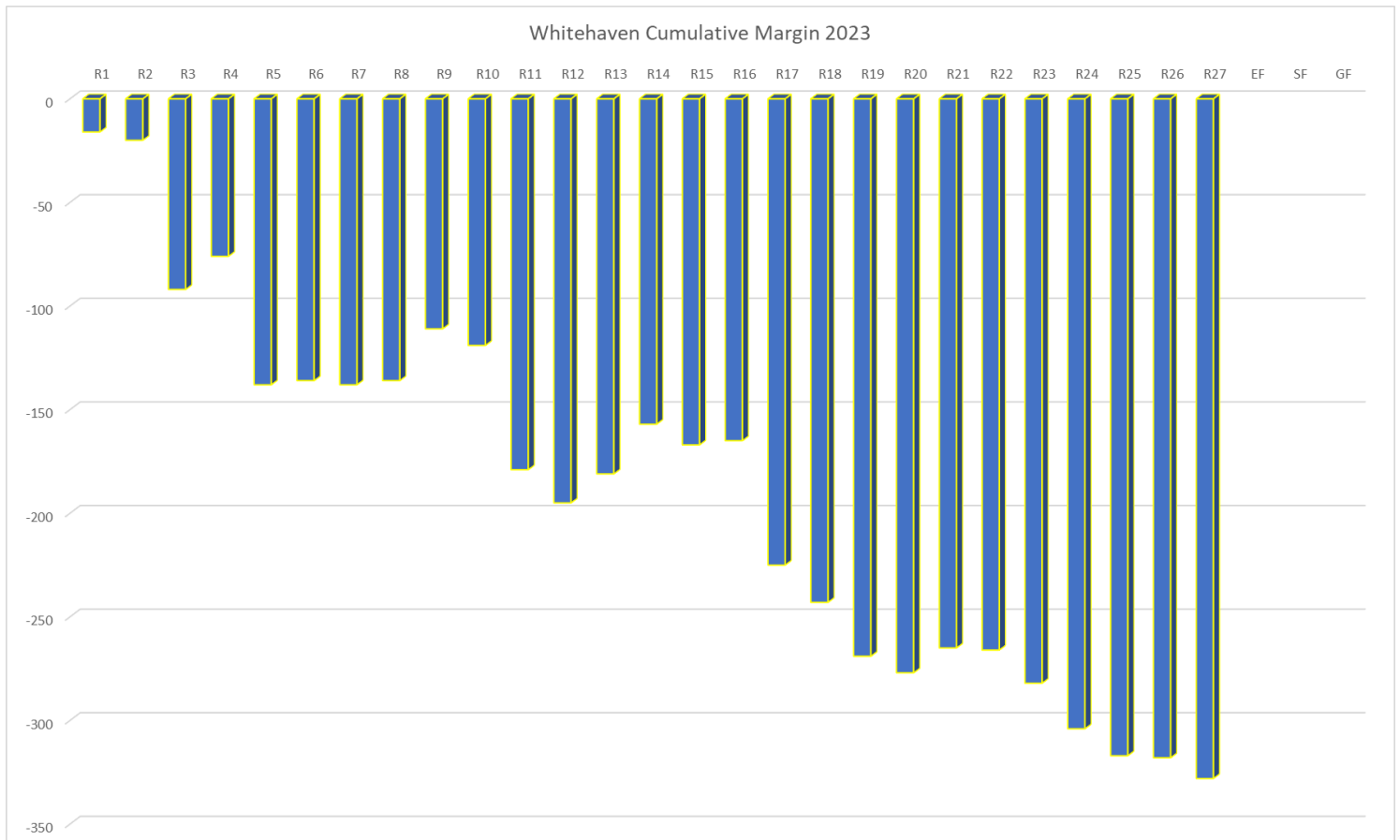
Although perhaps not too relevant to Whitehaven's future, Junior Nsemba is the standout rookie for the side in 2023. Nsemba played at Whitehaven on loan from the Wigan Warriors, making just three appearances and scoring a try. The 19 year old spent most of 2023 in the Super League, and has a total of sixteen top flight appearances, plus a victorious Challenge Cup appearance involving a try. The forward is already being touted as a future NRL player, and his short stint at Whitehaven RLFC has primed him to return to Wigan in a consistent capacity for the 2024 season.

LOOKING AHEAD

Whitehaven RLFC kick off their 2024 Championship campaign with four straight home games, so they will want to send a message to the rest of the clubs early on. Their first opponents are Swinton Lions, who only finished marginally ahead of Whitehaven in 2023. Australian halfback Lachlan Hanneghan has linked up with the club, joining from the Wyong Roos.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WHITEHAVEN

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	12TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	THIRD ROUND
COACH	JONTY GORLEY
CAPTAIN	KARL DIXON
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	1,257 (VS. BRADFORD IN ROUND 19)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	974
TOP POINTSCORER	JOSH ROURKE (164)
TOP TRYSCORER	CURTIS TEARE (12)



Round	1	2	3	4	5	C3	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS							
Opponent	BB	LO	FE	SW	TO	LO	YO	BT	BW	NC	KL	HF	BW	SH	WD	KL	YO	FE	NC	BB	WD	SH	BW	LO	HF	BT	SW	TO	S13	INT	T	G	FG	Pts		
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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE			VENUE	CROWD
Feb 5th	1	Bradford	L	8	24	Odsal	4,878
Feb 12th	2	London	L	16	20	LEL Arena	750
Feb 19th	3	Featherstone	L	4	76	Millennium	2,248
Feb 26th	4	Swinton	W	20	4	LEL Arena	891
Mar 4th	5	Toulouse	L	10	72	Ernest Wallon	2,258
Mar 11th	CCR3	London	L	10	32	Cherry Red	347
Mar 19th	6	York	W	14	12	LNER Stadium	1,614
Mar 26th	7	Batley	L	16	18	LEL Arena	1,006
Apr 7th	8	Barrow	W	16	14	Prestige Stadium	3,136
Apr 16th	9	Newcastle	W	31	6	LEL Arena	987
May 7th	10	Keighley	L	24	32	LEL Arena	1,065
May 14th	11	Halifax	L	0	60	The Shay	1,998
May 27th	12	Barrow	L	16	32	LNER Stadium	3,793
Jun 4th	13	Sheffield	W	40	26	Olympic Legacy	1,179

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE		VENUE	CROWD	
Jun 11th	14	Widnes	W	36	12	LEL Arena	960
Jun 25th	16	Keighley	L	18	28	Cougar	2,106
Jun 28th	15	York	W	26	24	LEL Arena	951
Jul 2nd	17	Featherstone	L	0	60	LEL Arena	841
Jul 9th	18	Newcastle	L	12	30	Kingston Park	1,284
Jul 16th	19	Bradford	L	18	44	LEL Arena	1,257
Jul 30th	20	Widnes	L	28	36	DCBL Stadium	2,785
Aug 6th	21	Sheffield	W	32	20	LEL Arena	720
Aug 21st	22	Barrow	L	22	23	LEL Arena	1,176
Aug 27th	23	London	L	18	34	Cherry Red	786
Sep 3rd	24	Halifax	L	8	30	LEL Arena	1,056
Sep 10th	25	Batley	L	12	25	Fox's Biscuits	1,122
Sep 17th	26	Swinton	L	20	21	Heywood Road	1,315
Sep 23rd	27	Toulouse	L	16	26	LEL Arena	997

WIDNES VIKINGS

AJ LUCANTONIO

What could've been?

The 2023 season for the Widnes Vikings leaves the club full of hope for the 2024 season, that is despite failing to make the finals in heartbreaking circumstances.

2023 started strongly for the Vikings winning handy early matches to go as high as fourth position by round 10 of the season. However, after a dropped game against Featherstone where they failed to trouble the scorer, things were looking quite troublesome for Widnes at the season's halfway mark.

Despite an immediate turnaround against lowly Swinton, it appeared to be quite a mirage and one that threatened to destabilise the Vikings season. A five match losing streak saw critical points dropped in the race for the finals. By the time they established form in July and August, they left their run far to late and dropped the last three matches of the season, all against clubs that would qualify for the finals.

TURNING POINT

A 40-28 loss to grand finalists Toulouse gave the Vikings a good kick up the butt as John Kear questioned whether his side had the desire to play finals football. That spray payed off as the Vikings rebounded from lowly eighth to competing for a semi finals spot and although they fell short of their objective, this young squad has a lot to work with in 2024.

WHAT WORKED

After the losing streak, John Kear must've given the Vikings a spray of the century as their form turned around dramatically to finish the season. The Vikings only dropped four of their last ten matches and were starting to look as the cohesive and energetic attacking unit that they were for much of the 2023 season.

WHAT DIDN'T

There was a 5 game losing streak which got Widnes to drop 10 points and in a competition as tight as the Championship. Any points dropped are critical to the race for the finals. Those losses came against teams such as Barrow and Swinton who finished below them on the ladder. Widnes had a narrow 7-point loss to eventual champs London.

BEST PLAYER

Academy graduate Joe Edge picked up both the Players' Player and Coaches' Player of the Year Awards in a breakout year for the young man. Edge crossed for seven tries and kicked 21 goals in 28 matches this season. Other players to shine include Shane Grady and Danny Craven who will both be departing the club in the off-season.

ROOKIES

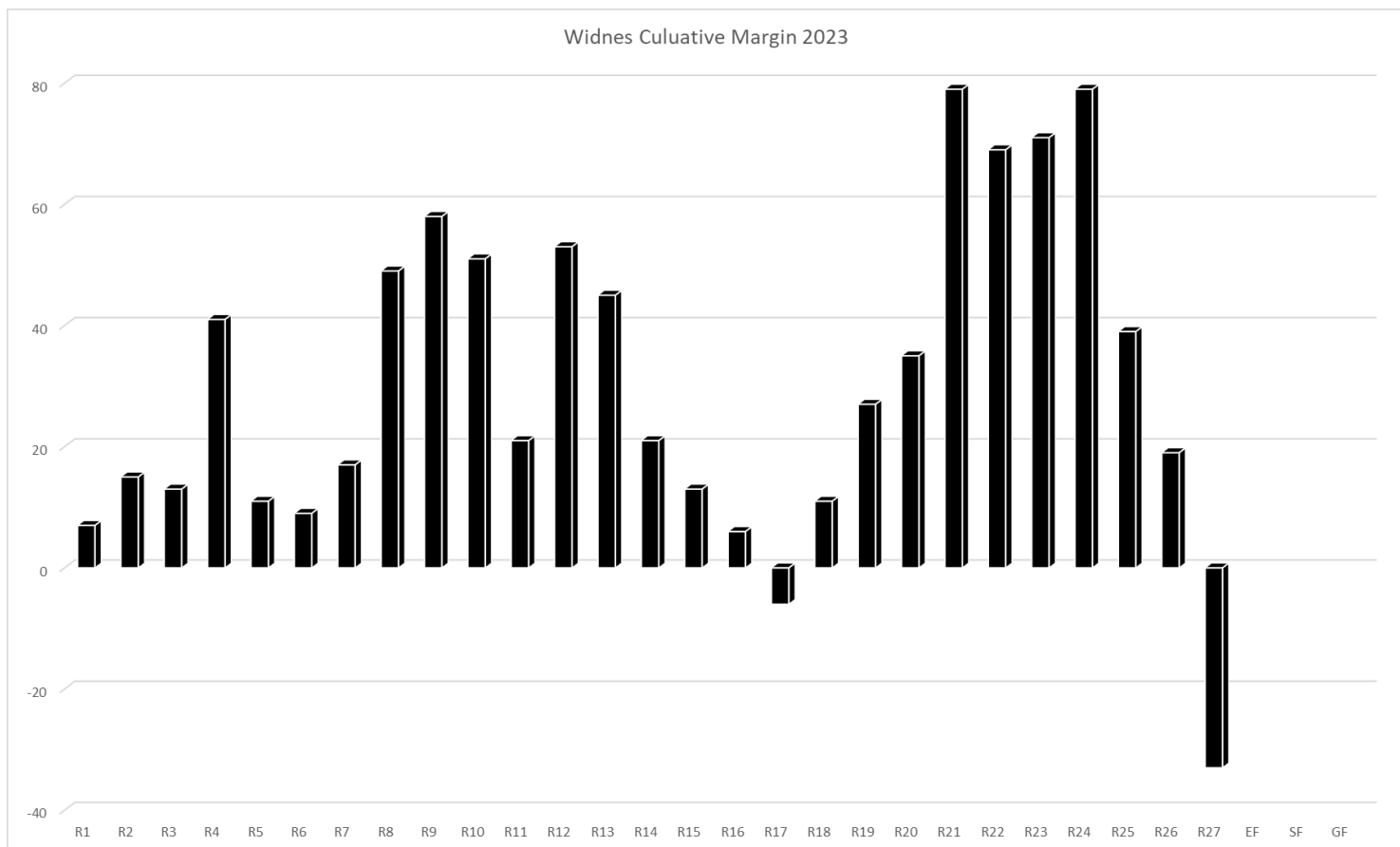
Huw Worthington returned after an unsuccessful stint with the Roosters NSW Cup side and was strong in the final matches from the bench. Zach Eckersley built on his SL debut last season and added 7 matches for the Vikings scoring on five occasions. Ollie Forbes was another that gave it 100% in each appearance and is rated quite highly by the club.

LOOKING AHEAD

2024 promises to bring hope to Widnes and their supporters, they have recruited well and brought in a lot of exciting youth and experience to complement a roster that showcased they could make the finals. Even though they got in their own way this time around, fans should watch the progress of the Vikings very carefully in 2024. New coach Allan Coleman has a big task replacing the experienced John Kear however, but it's a challenge he has embraced.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: WIDNES

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	9TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	FOURTH ROUND
COACH	JOHN KEAR
CAPTAIN	X
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	3,498 (VS. KEIGHLEY IN ROUND 2)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	2,926
TOP POINTSCORER	KIERAN DIXON (144)
TOP TRYSCORER	KIERAN DIXON (16)



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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 5th	1	York	W 19 12	LNER Stadium	2,117
Feb 12th	2	Keighley	W 26 18	DCBL Stadium	3,498
Feb 19th	3	Bradford	L 12 14	Odsal	4,827
Feb 27th	4	Halifax	W 42 14	DCBL Stadium	3,187
Mar 5th	5	Sheffield	L 12 42	Olympic Legacy	1,319
Mar 11th	CCR3	Wests Warriors	W 80 4	DCBL Stadium	843
Mar 18th	6	Toulouse	L 12 14	DCBL Stadium	3,093
Mar 26th	7	Newcastle	W 24 16	DCBL Stadium	2,743
Apr 2nd	CCR4	Dewsbury	L 12 32	FLAIR	802
Apr 7th	8	Swinton	W 48 16	Heywood Road	1,403
Apr 16th	9	Barrow	W 23 14	DCBL Stadium	2,772
May 8th	10	Batley	L 4 11	Fox's Biscuits	923
May 14th	11	Featherstone	L 0 30	DCBL Stadium	2,832
May 27th	12	Swinton	W 38 6	LNER Stadium	3,793
Jun 4th	13	London	L 18 26	DCBL Stadium	2,547

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 11th	14	Whitehaven	L 12 36	LEL Arena	960
Jun 18th	15	Barrow	L 18 26	Prestige Stadium	2,150
Jun 25th	16	Swinton	L 18 25	DCBL Stadium	2,833
Jul 1st	17	Toulouse	L 28 40	Ernest Wallon	3,870
Jul 9th	18	Bradford	W 31 14	DCBL Stadium	2,561
Jul 16th	19	Keighley	W 38 22	Cougar	1,287
Jul 30th	20	Whitehaven	W 36 28	DCBL Stadium	2,785
Aug 5th	21	Newcastle	W 50 6	Kingston Park	2,206
Aug 20th	22	York	L 30 40	DCBL Stadium	3,008
Aug 27th	23	Halifax	W 28 26	The Shay	1,685
Sep 3rd	24	Batley	W 12 4	DCBL Stadium	3,219
Sep 10th	25	London	L 12 52	Cherry Red	1,062
Sep 17th	26	Sheffield	L 18 38	DCBL Stadium	2,961
Sep 23rd	27	Featherstone	L 10 62	Millennium	3,874

YORK CITY KNIGHTS

JACOB KILLBRIDE

ANY doubts surrounding York Knights' character were certainly dispelled as the curtain closed on the 2023 season - even if it did not quite reach previous heights.

This year marked one of transition at the LNER Community Stadium, with the York City Knights rebranded to York Knights, and a new face at the helm in the shape of Andrew Henderson after the departure of long-serving coach James Ford to Wakefield Trinity.

The throes of pre-season brought about a difficult introduction for Henderson, tasked with maintaining an upward trajectory that had seen the club go from the brink to reaching the Play-offs in two of the previous three seasons.

But after the most disruptive of starts, few expected the remarkable turn of events that followed.

Henderson could not carry an unbeaten pre-season into his side's league campaign, though defeat against Widnes Vikings in their Championship was quickly followed up by a statement of intent against Bradford Bulls, and a chance for the club's young guns to travel to promotion-chasing Toulouse Olympique.

A trio of defeats to League Leaders' Shield winners Featherstone Rovers and the narrowest of midweek losses on a summer's night in Whitehaven will go down as moments better left forgotten for the Knights, amid an injury crisis that left them down to the bare bones of their squad.

But a run to a first Betfred Challenge Cup Quarter Final in almost 20 years, coupled with a sensational comeback victory against Halifax Panthers, set the tone for the Knights to craft an outstanding run of 10 wins from their final 11 matches to seal the unlikely of Play-off finishes with victory at Barrow Raiders on the final day of the season.

And in truth, that had been no less than they had deserved, despite seeing it all come crashing down at Odsal the following week in a match that seemed just one step too far for a side still riddled with injury.

The retirements of club captain Chris Clarkson and back-rower Danny Kirmond saw the Knights look to experience for their off-season recruitment, but now having seemingly struck the perfect balance of youth and experience, there is no reason why they cannot challenge the top six again in 2024.

TURNING POINT

Half-back Liam Harris felt confident that the Knights' 28-18 home win against play-off chasers Halifax Panthers would serve as the club's turning point, and that proved to be just the case. Off the back of an abject midweek defeat at Whitehaven, York returned to the LNER Community Stadium on July 2 looking for their first win in seven matches, and were a side transformed against Simon Grix's Panthers.

Twice wrestling themselves back onto level terms after James Woodburn-Hall and James Saltonstall found the whitewash early on, an outstanding solo effort from top-scorer AJ Towse and Myles Harrison's acrobatic finish sealed a priceless victory for the Knights. That triumph was impressively backed up as Andrew Henderson made the perfect return to old employers Keighley Cougars the following weekend, with the Knights only losing one of their remaining 11 matches thereafter to seal the unlikely of Play-off places by the skin of their teeth on the final day of the regular season.

WHAT WORKED

Though Henderson's hand was forced in terms of his squad's unprecedented injury crisis, their resilience was clear to see.

A team-first mentality stood at the forefront of their remarkable Play-off run amid a season that had seen as many as nine different half-back combinations, with large numbers of the squad playing out of position. Hooker Josh Daley proved a revelation in the halves, as did winger Joe Brown whilst deputising for injured full-back Matty Marsh. 2023 also proved a learning curve for the club's young talent, who repaid Henderson's faith tenfold in performances beyond their years. More game time than anticipated has only served to progress their development, with Myles Harrison spearheading an almighty battle against eventual winners Leigh Leopards in the Challenge Cup in June, AJ Towse recording a 20-try haul, and Oli Field and Taylor Pemberton earning multi-year contracts after impressive loans from Leeds Rhinos and St Helens respectively.

BEST PLAYERS

When Harris picked up the club's Graham Steadman Player of the Year award, there were few who disagreed. In a season in which he played as the Knights' only recognised half-back for the majority, he stood up to the challenge, contributing six tries, 41 goals and three drop-goals. Just about everything that Towse touched turned to gold, the winger earning a second consecutive Championship Young Player of the Year nomination after a 20-try season.

Prop Brenden Santi also proved a welcome addition after he followed Henderson from a Cougars side reeling from the shock sacking of promotion-winning coach Rhys Lovegrove to bolster the Knights' front line.

ROOKIES

2023 was a season in which the Knights' rookies stood up and made sure they were counted. Whilst Hull KR's Connor Barley struggled to find his feet in the division, the same could not be said for both Field and Pemberton.

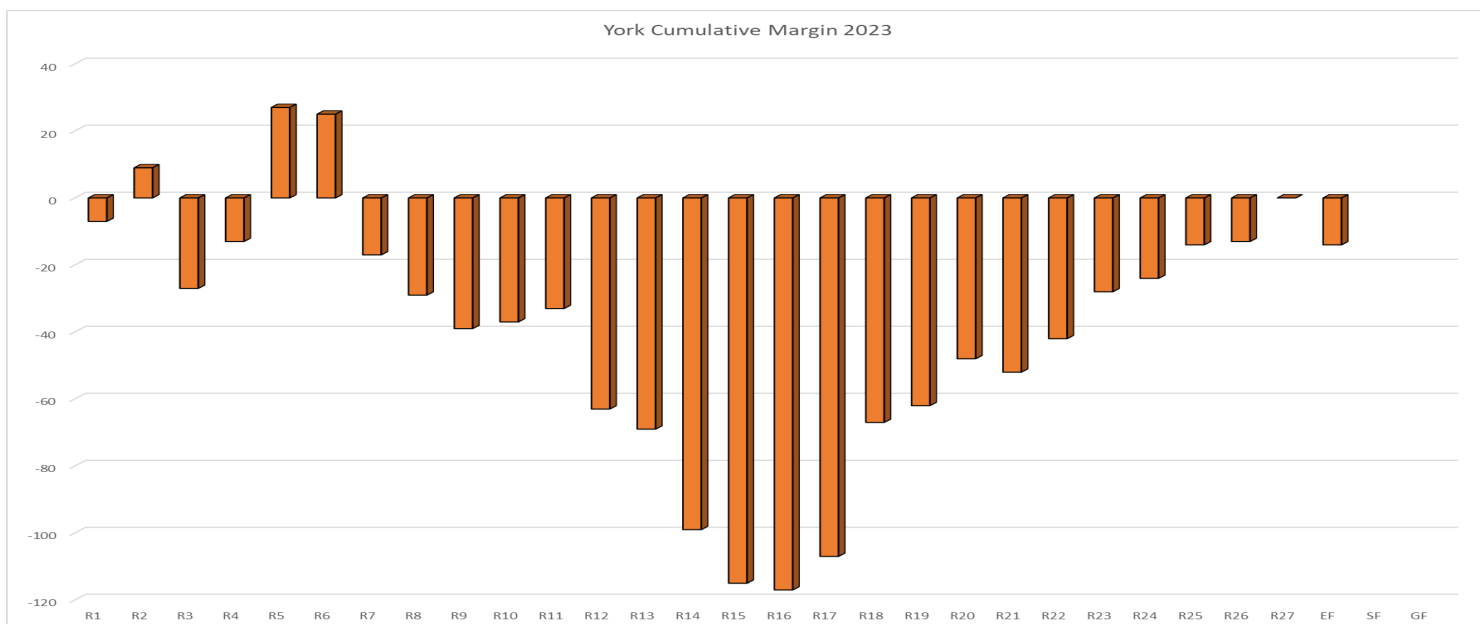
Henderson needed only one month to recognise back-rower Field's talents, moving quickly to snap up the 21-year-old on a permanent deal from Leeds Rhinos, and thanks to some strong tackling, level headedness and a good injury record, he played every game thereafter. Pemberton could hardly have wished for a better start to life in York than with a try less than a minute into his debut at Widnes Vikings, and he carried that momentum through until the end of the season. Having learned his trade from one of the sport's legends in James Roby at Saints, the youngster looked as though he had been with the Knights all season, and even provided an assist at Bradford Bulls during a fleeting time at half-back.

LOOKING AHEAD

Competition sponsors Betfred reckon that the Knights will finish just outside of the Play-off places next term, but that seems a little harsh in most supporters' eyes. The Knights have finished in the top six in three of the last four seasons, and there's no reason why they can't better last term's sixth-placed result with the squad that they now have at their disposal - with a top-four finish certainly their target.

2023 SEASON SNAPSHOT: YORK

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITION	6TH
CHALLENGE CUP FINISH	QUARTER FINALISTS
COACH	ANDREW HENDERSON
CAPTAIN	CHRIS CLARKSON
BIGGEST HOME CROWD	2,554 (VS. FEATHERSTONE IN ROUND 16)
AVERAGE HOME CROWD	1,815
TOP POINTSCORER	LIAM HARRIS (109)
TOP TRYSORER	AJ TOWSE (20)



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DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb 5th	1	Widnes	L 12 19	LNER Stadium	2,117
Feb 13th	2	Bradford	W 32 16	LNER Stadium	2,381
Feb 18th	3	Toulouse	L 0 36	Ernest Wallon	2,761
Feb 26th	4	Barrow	W 28 14	LNER Stadium	1,525
Mar 5th	5	Swinton	W 40 0	Heywood Road	1,029
Mar 12th	CCR3	West Bowling	W 52 12	LNER Stadium	1,040
Mar 19th	6	Whitehaven	L 12 14	LNER Stadium	1,614
Mar 26th	7	Featherstone	L 4 46	Millennium	2,892
Apr 2nd	CCR4	Sheffield	W 24 22	LNER Stadium	832
Apr 7th	8	Keighley	L 10 22	LNER Stadium	2,168
Apr 16th	9	Halifax	L 6 16	The Shay	1,454
Apr 21st	CCR5	Newcastle	W 22 18	LNER Stadium	1,100
May 7th	10	London	W 30 28	LNER Stadium	1,802
May 14th	11	Newcastle	W 26 22	LNER Stadium	2,278
May 21st	CCR6	London	W 36 12	LNER Stadium	951
May 27th	12	Featherstone	L 16 46	LNER Stadium	3,793
Jun 4th	13	Batley	L 8 14	Fox's Biscuits	2,991

DATE	RND	OPPOSITION	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jun 9th	14	Sheffield	L 10 40	Olympic Legacy	1,051
Jun 18th	CCQF	Leigh	L 14 34	LNER Stadium	2,412
Jun 25th	16	Featherstone	L 8 24	LNER Stadium	2,554
Jun 28th	15	Whitehaven	L 24 26	LEL Arena	951
Jul 2nd	17	Halifax	W 28 18	LNER Stadium	1,823
Jul 9th	18	Keighley	W 50 10	Cougar	1,654
Jul 16th	19	Sheffield	W 23 18	LNER Stadium	2,266
Jul 23rd	1895SF	Batley	L 8 22	LNER Stadium	1,646
Jul 30th	20	London	W 24 10	Cherry Red	957
Aug 5th	21	Toulouse	L 14 18	LNER Stadium	1,483
Aug 20th	22	Widnes	W 40 30	DCBL Stadium	3,008
Aug 25th	23	Newcastle	W 20 6	Kingston Park	788
Sep 3rd	24	Swinton	W 26 22	LNER Stadium	2,114
Sep 10th	25	Bradford	W 20 10	Odsal	3,603
Sep 18th	26	Batley	W 15 14	LNER Stadium	2,377
Sep 24th	27	Barrow	W 31 18	Prestige Stadium	2,292
Oct 1st	EF	Bradford	L 8 22	Odsal	2,738

2023 BETFRED LEAGUE 1

ROUND 1

Feb 18th	London	16	Workington	58	M. Rossleigh	New River	264
Feb 19th	North Wales	18	Dewsbury	38	S. Mikalauskas	DCBL Stadium	300
Feb 19th	Doncaster	18	Hunslet	16	B. Milligan	Eco-Power	1,251
Feb 19th	Midlands	40	Cornwall	6	K. Moore	Alexander	453

Bye: Oldham, Rochdale

ROUND 2

Mar 5th	Rochdale	10	Doncaster	20	M. Rossleigh	Crown Oil Arena	391
Mar 5th	Dewsbury	50	Midlands	10	L. Bland	FLAIR	771
Mar 5th	Hunslet	22	North Wales	8	K. Moore	South Leeds	504
Mar 5th	Oldham	62	London	18	B. Milligan	Vestacare	525

Bye: Cornwall, Workington

ROUND 3

Mar 18th	London	22	Hunslet	66	L. Bland	New River	186
Mar 19th	Doncaster	30	North Wales	16	M. Rossleigh	Eco-Power	837
Mar 19th	Midlands	24	Rochdale	32	A. Sweet	Alexander	384
Mar 19th	Workington	6	Dewsbury	25	B. Milligan	Derwent Park	650

Bye: Cornwall, Oldham

ROUND 4

Mar 26th	Cornwall	35	London	10	R. Cox	Memorial Ground	862
Mar 26th	Rochdale	4	Dewsbury	52	B. Milligan	Crown Oil Arena	573
Mar 26th	North Wales	4	Oldham	18	M. Lynn	Stadiwm CSM	387
Mar 26th	Midlands	28	Workington	38	L. Bland	Alexander	324

Bye: Doncaster, Hunslet

ROUND 5

Apr 7th	Dewsbury	12	Hunslet	6	K. Moore	FLAIR	1,565
Apr 7th	Workington	20	North Wales	18	M. Lynn	Derwent Park	603
Apr 7th	Oldham	56	Rochdale	16	A. Sweet	Vestacare	824
Apr 8th	Cornwall	16	Doncaster	48	J. Jones	Memorial Ground	928

Bye: Midlands, London

ROUND 6

Apr 16th	Rochdale	28	Workington	29	K. Moore	Crown Oil Arena	588
Apr 16th	Dewsbury	78	Cornwall	10	M. Lynn	FLAIR	876
Apr 16th	Doncaster	26	Oldham	22	M. Rossleigh	Eco-Power	1,308
Apr 16th	Hunslet	48	Midlands	6	B. Milligan	South Leeds	358
Apr 29th	London	16	Dewsbury	48	L. Bland	New River	236

Bye: North Wales

ROUND 7

May 7th	Oldham	36	Cornwall	16	K. Moore	Vestacare	437
May 7th	Doncaster	46	Workington	6	N. Bennett	Eco-Power	1,255
May 7th	Midlands	38	London	20	A. Sweet	Alexander	239
May 7th	Rochdale	32	North Wales	18	R. Cox	Crown Oil Arena	564

Bye: Hunslet, Dewsbury

ROUND 8

May 13th	Cornwall	10	Hunslet	54	M. Lynn	Memorial Ground	727
May 13th	London	24	Rochdale	28	M. Rossleigh	New River	209
May 14th	Dewsbury	26	Doncaster	12	B. Milligan	FLAIR	2,015
May 14th	Workington	18	Oldham	28	K. Moore	Derwent Park	1,010

Bye: North Wales, Midlands

ROUND 9

May 21st	Rochdale	62	Cornwall	6	B. Milligan	Crown Oil Arena	496
May 21st	Doncaster	60	London	30	L. Bland	Eco-Power	1,158
May 21st	Hunslet	22	Workington	18	A. Sweet	South Leeds	347
May 21st	Midlands	14	North Wales	42	K. Moore	Alexander	321
May 21st	Oldham	26	Dewsbury	26	M. Rossleigh	Vestacare	1,295

ROUND 10

May 28th	Cornwall	10	North Wales	42	A. Sweet	Memorial Ground	1,008
May 28th	Dewsbury	52	London	6	K. Moore	FLAIR	825
May 28th	Hunslet	36	Rochdale	18	M. Rossleigh	South Leeds	481
May 28th	Midlands	16	Oldham	50	B. Milligan	Alexander	342

Bye: Doncaster, Workington

ROUND 11

Jun 3rd	London	6	North Wales	60	W. Gilder	New River	215
Jun 3rd	Oldham	40	Hunslet	20	L. Bland	Vestacare	361
Jun 4th	Midlands	26	Doncaster	54	F. Lincoln	Alexander	273
Jun 4th	Workington	54	Cornwall	0	E. Burrow	Derwent Park	603

Bye: Dewsbury, Rochdale

ROUND 12

Jun 10th	London	14	Oldham	62	A. Sweet	New River	338
Jun 11th	Cornwall	6	Dewsbury	30	W. Gilder	Memorial Ground	1,164
Jun 11th	Doncaster	42	Rochdale	20	B. Milligan	Eco-Power	1,191

Bye: Hunslet, Midlands

ROUND 13

Jun 16th	Dewsbury	42	Rochdale	0	K. Moore	FLAIR	811
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Bye: North Wales, Midlands

ROUND 21

Jun 18th	North Wales	62	Midlands	24	L. Bland	Nant Conwy	205
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Bye: Dewsbury, Workington

ROUND 13

Jun 18th	Hunslet	36	Cornwall	6	A. Sweet	South Leeds	433
Jun 18th	Oldham	22	Doncaster	28	N. Bennett	Vestacare	647
Jun 18th	Workington	34	London	6	B. Milligan	Derwent Park	496

Bye: North Wales, Midlands

ROUND 14

Jun 23rd	Dewsbury	20	Oldham	8	B. Milligan	FLAIR	1,650
Jun 25th	North Wales	20	Hunslet	30	N. Bennett	Hare Lane	363
Jun 25th	Workington	60	Midlands	10	R. Cox	Derwent Park	843

Bye: Cornwall, Rochdale

ROUND 15

Jul 2nd	North Wales	32	Rochdale	24	A. Sweet	Hare Lane	375
Jul 2nd	Hunslet	28	Doncaster	8	M. Rossleigh	South Leeds	767
Jul 2nd	Midlands	23	Dewsbury	28	L. Bland	Alexander	423

Bye: Cornwall, London

ROUND 16

Jul 8th	London	14	Cornwall	30	M. Lynn	New River	281
Jul 9th	Midlands	22	Hunslet	54	A. Sweet	Alexander	547
Jul 9th	Oldham	37	North Wales	24	B. Milligan	Vestacare	734
Jul 9th	Workington	40	Rochdale	12	K. Moore	Derwent Park	1,337

Bye: Doncaster, Dewsbury

ROUND 17

Jul 16th	Cornwall	28	Midlands	8	L. Bland	Memorial Ground	957
Jul 16th	Hunslet	21	Oldham	8	K. Moore	South Leeds	726

Bye: Dewsbury, London, Workington, Rochdale

ROUND 12

Jul 16th	North Wales	24	Workington	32	B. Milligan	Hare Lane	340
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Bye: Hunslet, Midlands

ROUND 18

Jul 23rd	Cornwall	16	Workington	34	R. Cox	Memorial Ground	1,204
Jul 23rd	Dewsbury	18	North Wales	4	K. Moore	FLAIR	807
Jul 23rd	Doncaster	10	Midlands	41	M. Lynn	Eco-Power	864

Bye: Hunslet, Oldham

ROUND 19

Jul 30th	North Wales	38	Cornwall	40	J. Lincoln	Hare Lane	649
Jul 30th	Hunslet	16	Dewsbury	14	N. Bennett	South Leeds	1,064
Jul 30th	Rochdale	37	Midlands	22	B. Milligan	Crown Oil Arena	334
Jul 30th	Workington	19	Doncaster	22	A. Sweet	Derwent Park	1,074

Bye: London, Oldham

ROUND 20

Aug 5th	London	18	Midlands	38	L. Bland	New River	204
Aug 6th	Cornwall	4	Oldham	56	A. Belafonte	Memorial Ground	891
Aug 6th	Rochdale	22	Hunslet	35	R. Cox	Crown Oil Arena	344

Bye: Doncaster, North Wales

ROUND 17

Aug 6th	North Wales	28	Doncaster	22	B. Milligan	Hare Lane	531
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Bye: Dewsbury, London, Workington, Rochdale

ROUND 20

Aug 6th	Dewsbury	38	Workington	8	K. Moore	FLAIR	1,579
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Bye: Doncaster, North Wales

ROUND 14

Aug 11th	London	0	Doncaster	60	M. Rossleigh	New River	509
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Bye: Cornwall, Rochdale

ROUND 21

Aug 20th	Rochdale	20	Oldham	24	B. Milligan	Crown Oil Arena	1,386
Aug 20th	Doncaster	60	Cornwall	0	A. Sweet	Eco-Power	1,072
Aug 20th	Hunslet	56	London	14	M. Lynn	South Leeds	484

Bye: Dewsbury, Workington

ROUND 15

Aug 23rd	Oldham	40	Workington	24	K. Moore	Boundary	1,283
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Bye: Cornwall, London

ROUND 18

Aug 23rd	Rochdale	0	London	-F-	A. Sweet	Crown Oil Arena	-
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Bye: Hunslet, Oldham

ROUND 22

Aug 27th	Cornwall	18	Rochdale	12	W. Gilder	Memorial Ground	1,281
Aug 27th	North Wales	62	London	20	A. Sweet	Stadium CSM	495
Aug 27th	Doncaster	36	Dewsbury	26	B. Milligan	Eco-Power	1,064
Aug 27th	Oldham	10	Midlands	18	M. Lynn	Vestacare	472
Aug 27th	Workington	18	Hunslet	6	K. Moore	Derwent Park	803

2023 LEAGUE ONE FINAL LADDER

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
1	DEWSBURY RAMS	18	15	2	1	408	31
2	HUNSLET RLFC	18	14	4	-	288	28
3	DONCASTER RLFC	18	14	4	-	250	28
4	OLDHAM RLFC	18	12	5	1	272	25
5	WORKINGTON TOWN	18	11	7	-	131	22
6	NORTH WALES CRUSADERS	18	7	11	-	83	14
7	ROCHDALE HORNETS	*18	6	12	1	-143	13
8	MIDLANDS HURRICANES	18	5	13	-	-239	10
9	CORNWALL RLFC	18	5	13	-	-455	10
10	LONDON SKOLARS	*18	-	18	1	-595	1

2023 LEAGUE 1 PLAYOFFS**QUALIFYING PLAYOFF**

Sep 3rd	Doncaster	36	Oldham	0	K. Moore	Eco-Power	615
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ELIMINATION PLAYOFF

Sep 3rd	Workington	10	North Wales	26	R. Cox	Derwent Park	611
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ELIMINATION SEMI

Sep 10th	Oldham	12	North Wales	13	K. Moore	Boundary	836
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QUALIFYING SEMI

Sep 10th	Hunslet	14	Doncaster	26	N. Bennett	South Leeds	897
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FINAL ELIMINATOR

Sep 17th	Hunslet	18	North Wales	25	M. Rossleigh	South Leeds	626
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LEAGUE 1 PLAYOFF FINAL**DONCASTER RLFC 18 NORTH WALES CRUSADERS 6**

Doncaster 18 (M. Fonua, L. McConnell, S. Smeaton tries; C. Robinson 3 goals) **defeated North Wales 6** (T. Hughes try; L. Hayes goal) **at Eco-Power Stadium.**

Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 8-0. Penalties: North Wales 8-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 2,549.

Doncaster: Guzdek, Halliday, Hey, Fonua, Faraimo; Johnston, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Vete, Smeaton, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Foster, Holdstock, James, Boas.

North Wales: Abel, Lynch, Oakley, Taylor, Reid; Hayes, Hughes; Houghton, Burns, Barratt, Ellis, Fletcher, Forster. Int: Hazzard, Andrade, Costello, Rainford.

2023 INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE WRAP

A full international program in finally greeted the world's rugby league nations in 2023, with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic largely left behind.

The England-Tonga autumn series saw the English claim a 3-0 whitewash, and together with their trouncing of the French in April, enabled them to overtake Samoa in the World Rankings by year's end. By contrast, Samoa's Pacific Championships campaign was always set to be an uphill battle, with both Australia and New Zealand comfortably accounting for the island nation. After Australia dominated the round-robin portion of the Pacific Cup, New Zealand emphatically won the final in Hamilton, but it wasn't enough to propel them above the World Cup holders Australia.

The understudy tournament - Pacific Bowl - saw Fiji dominate the round robin portion before PNG turned the tables in the final. Cook Islands, gave a good account of themselves, very nearly knocking off Fiji in the second round. The women's Pacific Championship sadly saw no final scheduled. Australia, Samoa and PNG all picked up a win while the New Zealand Kiwi Ferns were winners on two occasions.

The year was significant in terms of the the number of emerging nations organising and playing Senior Internationals in both men's and women's. This was best exemplified in both Europe and Africa. Early in the year, Serbia played a series of internationals, defeating Greece, Italy and the Czech Republic before a loss to the Dutch. Ukraine and Malta performed strongly elsewhere in Europe while Poland were also well represented in the international window late in the year.

In Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana and Nigeria all stepped up to take part in various series of matches, strengthening their rankings in the process.

WORLD RANKINGS AS AT DECEMBER 2023

Late in the year, the International Rugby League updated the men's and women's international rankings:

RANK	MEN'S
1	Australia
2	New Zealand
3	England
4	Samoa
5	Tonga
6	Papua New Guinea
7	Fiji
8	France
9	Lebanon
10	Cook Islands
11	Serbia
12	Netherlands
13	Italy
14	Malta
15	Greece
16	Ireland
17	Wales
18	Jamaica
19	Scotland
20	Ukraine
21	Czech Republic
22	Germany
23	Philippines
24	Poland
25	South Africa
26	Chile
27	Kenya
28	Norway

RANK	MEN'S
29	Nigeria
30	Ghana
31	Brazil
32	Turkiye
33	USA
34	Bulgaria
35	Cameroon
36	Montenegro
37	Spain
38	Japan
39	Albania
40	Colombia
41	El Salvador
42	North Macedonia
43	Morocco
44	Sweden
45	Bosnia and Herzegovina
46	Canada
47	Niue
48	Solomon Islands
49	Belgium
50	Hungary
51	Vanuatu
52	Argentina
53	Denmark
54	Latvia
55	Estonia

RANK	WOMEN'S
1	Australia
2	New Zealand
3	England
4	Papua New Guinea
5	France
6	Cook Islands
7	Canada
8	Wales
9	Ireland
10	Greece
11	Brazil
12	Serbia
13	Tonga
14	Philippines
15	Italy
16	USA
17	Turkiye
18	Netherlands
19	Malta
20	Samoa
21	Fiji
22	Jamaica
23	Nigeria
24	Kenya
25	Ghana
26	Uganda
27	Lebanon
28	Argentina

2023 MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

England 64 (A. Handley 3, G. Williams 3, E. Havard, K. Pearce-Paul, H. Smith, D. Walker, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 9, G. Williams goals) defeated France 0 at Halliwell Jones Stadium. Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: England 36-0. Penalties: England 5-1. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 8,422. England: Welsby (C), Handley, King, Wardle, Ashton; Williams (C), Smith; Holroyd, Walker, Havard, Nicholson, Pearce-Paul, Smithies. Int: Litten, Harrison, Currie, Dupree. France: Zenon, Romano, Langi, Laguerre, Marcon; Mourgue, Rougé; Chan, Marion, Vailhen, Jullien, Cozza, Goudemand. Int: Tison, Sangaré, Scimone, Jouffret.

Serbia 40 (A. Palović 3, D. Kokanovic 2, R. Trifunović 2 tries; D. Jašari 6 goals) defeated Greece 6 (A. Dardamanis try; I. Nake goal) at Nea Smyrni Stadium. Date: Sat, 13th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Serbia 12-6. Referee: Andrew Pilkington. Crowd: 1,000.

Greece: Nake, Triantafyllou, Aliu, Xygas, Bosmos; Stephanou, Dardamanis; Bastas, Stephanou, Lamprou, Mingko, Paraskevopoulos, Koulizakis. Int: Paliogiannis, Karefilis, Papageorgiou, Papanikolaou. Serbia: Janković, Zogović, Trifunović, Palović, Kokanovic; Jašari, Dedić; Janković, Dedić, Jović, Tomić, Arsić, Đurić. Int: Čengaj, Bibić, Stojiljković, Milovanović.

Serbia 52 (D. Janković 5, V. Dedić, V. Dedić, D. Kokanovic, A. Palović, M. Tomić tries; D. Jašari 6 goals) defeated Italy 4 (G. Toffoletti try) at Pasian di Prato. Date: Sat, 27th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Serbia 20-4. Referee: Ciprian Gajulete.

Italy: Crocella, Shmai, Buraschi, Vallone, Sosta; Corte, Arena; Rizzo, Occhialini, Galetto, Colla, Toffoletti, Celerino. Int: Quarino, Zuliani, Fadini, Rojatto. Serbia: Janković, Trifunović, Čengaj, Palović, Kokanovic; Jašari, Dedić; Jović, Dedić, Bibić, Tomić, Đurić, Čalić. Int: Arsić, Stojiljković, Jakovljević, Janković.

South Africa 72 (H. Blake 3, R. Canning 2, L. de Vlieg 2, A. Bull, S. Gillham, K. Martin, A. Perry, K. Turner tries; K. Cryer 11, R. Canning goals) defeated Philippines 14 (J. Cairns, I. Lynch, T. O'Leary tries; M. Russell goal) at Betty Diamond Complex. Date: Sat, 22nd July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Africa 48-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

South Africa: de Vlieg, Smith, Turner, de Vries, Cutler; Canning, Cryer; Tubbs, Blake, Gillham, Harris, Martin, Perry. Int: Pienar, Gulliver-Brown, King, Bull. Philippines: Rosario, Lynch, Ubaldo, Cartwright, Mante; O'Leary, Russell; Jones, Tootell, Jones, Nelson, Morrison. Int: Reyes, Cairns, Zappia, Jones.

Serbia 28 (A. Stojanović 2, J. Bibić, M. Čuk, S. Stojiljković tries; D. Jašari 3, A. Marković goals) defeated Czech Republic 16 (T. Adamec, D. Bělohávek, J. Hudrlík tries; J. Hudrlík 2 goals) at Městský Stadion. Date: Sat, 26th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Serbia 12-6. Referee: Misa Vakadranu. Czech Republic: Fiser, Chrbolka, Richt, Berk, Tichý; Vasey, Hudrlík; Adamec, Zicica, Novotný, Bělohávek, Zvec, Preininger. Int: Studecky, Soukup, Teichman, Bžoch. Serbia: Jašari, Stojanović, Čuk, Ilić, Stošić; Jakovljević, Marković; Novaković, Tomić, Bibić, Vratnjan, Stojiljković, Bibić. Int: Zujčić, Karanović, Stamenković, Milinković.

Czech Republic 36 (D. Bělohávek 2, M. Schejbal 2, J. Brynda, J. Hudrlík, T. Kasik tries; J. Hudrlík 4 goals) defeated Poland 28 (F. Glinkowski, L. Kostecki, M. Krzypkowski, J. Tutak, T. Zerbe tries; J. Mitek 4 goals) at Majkowskie Wembley. Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Czech Republic 22-10. Referee: Misa Vakadranu.

Poland: Glinkowski, Wawrzyniak, Owoc, Zalewski, Klosinski; Lucka, Mitek; Dziag, Zerbe, Myszowski, Krzypkowski, Gabrys, Tutak. Int: Krawczyński, Myszowski, Kostecki, Kowalewski. Czech Republic: Richt, Mikulas, Kasik, Ryp, Schejbal; Hudrlík, Brynda; Bělohávek, Czermak, Havel, Studecky, Jirman, Schulz. Int: Henzl, Vrbata, Novotný, Slivka.

Malta 34 (J. Azzopardi, N. Azzopardi, M. Camilleri, J. Cassar, K. Dimech, R. Dimech, K. Gauci tries; K. Gauci 2, J. Azzopardi goals) defeated Montenegro 10 (B. Burim, M. Novakovic tries; S. Popović goal) at Stadion u Parku. Date: Sat, 16th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Malta 20-0. Referee: Vladan Kikanović.

Montenegro: Novakovic, Fatic, Banjević, Burim, Dasic; Popović, Kučančanin; Adžaić, Ivanović, Baljaj, Cenaj, Novakovic, Raičević. Int: Mizdalo, Dakic, Radonjic, Mecikucic. Malta: Camilleri, Scholey, Gauci, Dimech, Demicoli; Azzopardi, Cassar (C); Zarb, Cutajar, Cassar, Watts, Robertson, Dimech. Int: Beerman, Musu, Vella, Azzopardi.

Malta 78 (M. Robertson 3, J. Sammut 3, B. Dalton 2, J. Scholey 2, K. Dimech, K. Gauci, L. Scicluna tries; J. Sammut 13 goals) defeated Bulgaria 0 at Marsa Complex. Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Malta 30-0. Referee: Dominic Borg.

Malta: Camilleri, Scholey, Gauci, Jewitt, Dimech; Cassar (C), Sammut; Davenport, Cutajar, Zarb, Watts, Robertson, Dimech. Int: Dalton, Debono, Scicluna, Spiteri. Bulgaria: Slavin, Parizov, Sherwood, Kasparian, Atanasov; Hristov, Joakimsman; Atanasov, Manchev, Simenov, Rashev, Tsvetanov, Borisov. Int: Parizov, Tomanov, Pechev, Georgiev.

Aus PM XIII 30 (A. Khan-Pereira, C. McInnes, T. Sloan, M. Taulagi, H. Young tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals) defeated PNG PM XIII 18 (E. Kapinias, N. Macdonald, C. Ten tries; Z. Laybutt 3 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium. Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Aus PM XIII 12-6. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Peter Gough.

PNG PM XIII: Stewart, Derby, Kot, Laybutt, Macdonald; James, Laybutt (C); Kapinias, Rimbu, Richard, Putt, Simbiken, Ten. Int: Morea, Rop, Moide, Kalo, Mavoko, Mocke, Tente. Aus PM XIII: Sloan, Khan-Pereira, Tabuai-Fidow, Lomax, Taulagi; Walker, Cherry-Evans; Trbojević, Hunt, Fa'suamaleaui, Young, Cotter, Murray (C). Int: Robson, Hynes, Dearden, McInnes, Guler, Molo.

France 78 (N. Pedrero 3, C. Herrero 2, M. Laguerre 2, L. Vergniol 2, E. Griffier, L. Laurent, C. Rey, C. Rougé, F. Vailhen tries; C. Herrero 11 goals) defeated Serbia 10 (D. Jašari, A. Palović tries; D. Jašari goal) at Stadion Miloš Obilić. Date: Sun, 24th September. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: France 34-6. Referee: Andrew Pilkington.

Serbia: Janković, Trifunović, Čengaj, Palović, Čuk; Jašari, Dedić; Kusić, Dedić, Bibić, Tomić, Arsić, Đurić. Int: Štrbac, Jović, Stojiljković, Janković. France: Griffier, Pedrero, Laguerre, Carre, Rey; Rougé, Herrero; Scimone, Tison, Vailhen, Le Cam, Vergniol, Boyer. Int: Bouscayrol, Maria, Laurent, Marty.

Netherlands 58 (L. Thomson 2, M. Van Der Reek 2, M. Donnelly, W. Johnston, F. Longhurst, L. Mudde, M. Prins, T. Turnock, T. Van Bokhoven tries; H. Mulligan 5, L. Thomson 2 goals) defeated Norway 22 (J. Mellor-King 2, M. Hoyland, S. Olsen tries; J. Mellor-King 3 goals) at RC The Bassets. Date: Sat, 30th September. Kickoff: 9:00 AM. Halftime: Netherlands 28-6. Referee: Moray Gilland. Crowd: 229.

Netherlands: Mulligan, Van Der Reek, Prins, Thomson, Wragg; Mudde, Johnston; Turnock, Adams, Gomez Pazos, Van Bokhoven, Schuiling, Longhurst. Int: Donnelly, Lavia, Kuijpers, Wilce. Norway: Zuniga, Hoyland, Harvey, Torsen, Kirinya; Milligan, Mellor-King, Stenseth-Holm, Bjoernstad, Holte, Odland Sagelv, Ponton, Olsen. Int: Vagen, Mellor, Mwikaria, Horne.

Netherlands 58 (M. Prins 3, D. van Rossum 2, M. Donnelly, D. Koolstra, H. Mulligan, I. Ngrubiu, T. Van Bokhoven tries; H. Mulligan 9 goals) defeated Albania 18 (E. Peposhi 2, S. Penxho tries; E. Peposhi 3 goals) at Zaandijk RC. Date: Sat, 7th October. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 30-6. Referee: Hans Verweer. Crowd: 234.

Netherlands: Mulligan, Ngrubiu, Van Der Reek, Prins, van Rossum; Renac, Johnston; Van Bokhoven, Donnelly, Van der Linden, Kuijpers, Thomson, Longhurst. Int: Koolstra, Kuijpers, Wilce, Lavia. Albania: Llapaj, Cela, Sheu, Shatraj, Hoxha; Kondi, Halla; Telo, Penxho, Priska, Jucja, Cubaj, Peposhi. Int: Zeneli, Guccaj, Tafili, Nezaj.

Italy 38 (J. Piccirilli 3, D. Nati 2, D. Atkinson, M. Craparotta, A. Iaria tries; D. Atkinson, D. Nati, T. Sapienza goals) defeated Malta 12 (K. Cassel, C. McDermott tries; J. Sammut 2 goals) at Lidcombe Oval. Date: Sat, 7th October. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Italy 14-0. Referee: Gage Miles.

Italy: Atkinson, Piccirilli, Pickering, Iaria, Nati; Natoli, Sapienza; Hodge, Tramontana, Iaria, Myles, Palumbo, Lenaz. Int: Bonanno, Biondi, Craparotta, Magnone. Malta: McDermott, Sipple, Galea, Zammit, Borg; Smith, Sammut; Phillips, Xuereb, Vella, Cassel, Bucca. Int: Cassar (C), Hodson, Jackson, Azzopardi.

Netherlands 40 (J. Adams, P. Kuijpers, L. Mudde, H. Mulligan, I. Ngrubiu, M. Prins, R. Schuiling tries; L. Thomson 5, H. Mulligan goals) defeated Serbia 10 (A. Palović, R. Trifunović tries; D. Jašari goal) at RC Zwolle. Date: Sat, 14th October. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 22-0. Referee: Moray Gilland.

Netherlands: Mulligan, Ngrubiu, Schuiling, Prins, Mudde; Renac, Koolstra; Gomez Pazos, Adams, Turnock, Kuijpers, Thomson, Van Bokhoven. Int: Donnelly, Van der Linden, Longhurst, Wilce. Serbia: Jašari, Trifunović, Arsić, Palović, Čuk; Đurić, Dedić; Janković, Štrbac, Čalić, Tomić, Stojiljković, Bibić. Int: Ilić, Čengaj, Nikolić, Kusić.

Netherlands 44 (M. Donnelly 6, H. Mulligan, I. Ngrubiu tries; H. Mulligan 6 goals) defeated Germany 18 (F. Kramer 2, M. Amefia, A. Nyahoe tries; F. Rau goal) at Althoffstadion. Date: Sat, 21st October. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 22-4. Referee: Henry Winnard.

Germany: Kikawa, Arnold, Paaßen, Rau, Kramer; Doughton, Nyahoe; Amefia, Cartwright, Martin, Tormann, Bowie, Keinhorst. Int: Petry, Alderson, Tetley, Ngo. Netherlands: Mulligan, Ngrubiu, Prins, Donnelly, Wragg; Johnston, Koolstra; Gomez Pazos, Adams, Wilce, Thomson, Van Bokhoven, Longhurst. Int: van Rossum, Turnock, Van der Linden, Lavia.

Malta 30 (L. Borg 2, K. Cassel, Z. Galea, T. Jackson tries; J. Xuereb 3, T. Cassel 2 goals) defeated Chile 22 (D. Becerra, M. Black, D. Bravo-Graham, B. Fisher tries; M. Black 3 goals) at Forshaw Rugby Park. Date: Sat, 21st October. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Malta 10-6. Referee: Matt Galvin.

Malta: Galea, Borg, Sipple, Demanuele, Foote; Xuereb, Azzopardi; Vella, Huth, Greene, Cassel, Bucca. Int: Tonna, Cassar, Jackson, Hodson. Chile: Ramirez Ley, Sandoval, De La Paz, Artesi, Jorquera; Black, Horvat; Tobar, Doberer, Becerra, Croker, Bravo-Graham, Olivares. Int: Fisher, Castillo, Avaria Jimenez, Reyes Vega.

Poland 40 (C. Gromek, R. Lipowicz, Z. Lipowicz, E. Niszczoł, H. Siejka, M. Stachnik, M. Watene-Zelezniak tries; H. Siejka 6 goals) defeated North Macedonia 8 (J. Foye, J. Gouganovski tries) at Forshaw Rugby Park. Date: Sat, 21st October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Poland 16-0. Referee: Blake Williams.

North Macedonia: Georgievski, Avramovski, Georgievski, Hrvat, Gouganovski; Stojanoski, Suleski; Foye, Mitrevski, Mirčeski, Stojkovski, Miletic, Kostaske. Int: Srbnovski, Boicheski, Miletec. Poland: Gromek, Stiff, Watene-Zelezniak, Niszczoł, Lipowicz; Stachnik, Siejka; Shaw, Wertsak, Balacinski, Korostchuk, Maslanka, Lipowicz. Int: Srama, Tyburski, Forster, Artsivourtsis.

England 22 (T. Johnstone 2, T. King, M. Lewis tries; H. Smith 3 goals) defeated Tonga 18 (T. Frizell, T. Koula, S. To'a tries; I. Katoa 3 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,898.

England: Welsby (C), Makinson, Newman, King, Johnstone; Lewis, Smith; Burgess, Clark, McMeeken, Bateman, Whitehead, Radley. Int: Walker, Knowles, Lees, Hill. Tonga: Hopoate (C), To'a, Penisini, Suli, Koula; Katoa, Lolohea; Fonua-Blake (C), Havili, Fotuauka, Frizell, Koloamatangi, Kaufusi. Int: Teaupā, Tatola, Olakau'atu, Sele.

England 14 (M. Ashton 2 tries; H. Smith 3 goals) defeated Tonga 4 (T. Koula try) at John Smith's Stadium. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 12-0. Penalties: England 7-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,210.

England: Welsby (C), Ashton, Newman, King, Johnstone; Lewis, Smith; Burgess, Clark, Lees, Bateman, Whitehead, Radley. Int: Walker, Farrell, Hill, McMeeken. Tonga: Hopoate (C), Tupou, Penisini, Suli, Koula; Lolohea, Katoa; Fonua-Blake (C), Havili, Tatola, Frizell, Olakau'atu, Kaufusi. Int: Teaupā, Fotuauka, Koloamatangi, Katoa.

Malta 46 (D. Hodson 3, L. Borg 2, L. Sipple, R. Smith, R. Tonna tries; B. Demanuele 7 goals) defeated Philippines 22 (N. Stephenson 2, D. Jones, G. Reyes tries; N. Forrest 3 goals) at New Era Stadium. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Malta 30-16. Referee: Rami Abu-Mansour.

Malta: Demanuele, Borg, Galea, Sipple, Foote; Smith, Vella; Tonna, Greene, Sherry, Hodson, Bucca, Xuereb. Int: Exton, Weston, Jackson, Sherry. Philippines: Rosario, Acheampong, Stephenson, Gordon, Page; O'Leary, Forrest; Jones, Tootell, Nelson, Kucia, Jones, Vaughan. Int: Reyes, Cairns, Selwood, Jegede.

Netherlands 36 (M. Donnelly, D. Harringa, H. Mulligan, M. Prins, T. Turnock, M. Van Der Reek tries; H. Mulligan 6 goals) defeated Czech Republic 2 (J. Tichý goal) at Městský Stadion. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 24-2. Referee: Jarda Bzoch.

Czech Republic: Chrbolka, Fiser, Kasik, Richt, Tichý; Vasey, Řičica; Hovard, Kubat, Novotný, Adamec, Preninger, Bělohávek. Int: Hudrlík, Studecky, Bretjř, Schulz. Netherlands: Mulligan, Prins, Donnelly, Van Der Reek, Harringa; Renac, Johnston; Gomez Pazos, Adams, Wilce, Kuijpers, Kuijpers, Van Bokhoven. Int: Longhurst, Schuiling, Turnock, van Rossum.

Ukraine 38 (Y. Checheta, M. Dulia, T. Kolisnyk, D. Semerenko, A. Skorbach, M. Troian, Y. Trusov tries; A. Skorbach 5 goals) defeated Greece 24 (J. Meads 2, D. Kartsonakis, A. Koulizakis tries; S. Stratis 4 goals) at Gkorytsa Field. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Greece 12-10. Referee: Roman Bykhov.

Greece: Kartsonakis, Stratis, Katsidonis, Varypatis, Morellas; Bosmos, Meads; Bastas, Kentrotis, Tsirikas, Flocas, Tuliatu, Koulizakis. Int: Dardamanis, Gal, Tuliatu, Tsakalos. Ukraine: Vedler, Kolisnyk, Troian, Beznozhchuk, Adamyk; Skorbach, Semerenko; Hryshchenko, Checheta, Karpenko, Mashkin, Trusov, Shcherbyna. Int: Yurkin, Sivokoz, Dulia, Hrankovskyi.

Italy 50 (D. Biondi, J. Colovatti, M. Iaria, N. Lenaz, J. Piccirilli, K. Pickering, T. Sapienza tries; D. Atkinson 7 goals) defeated South Africa 20 (R. Canning, L. de Vlieg, W. Shears tries; K. Cryer 2 goals) at Lidcombe Oval. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Italy 20-6. Referee: Billy Greatbatch.

Italy: Atkinson, Piccirilli, Pickering, Iaria, Nati; Natoli, Sapienza; Hodge, Tramontana, Iaria, Myles, Palumbo, Lenaz. Int: Biondi, Colovatti, Craparotta, Mati. South Africa: de Vlieg, Classen, Mzembe, Canning, Shears, Thomas, Cryer; Gillham, Blake, Tubbs, Sparrow, Bull, Perry. Int: King, Smith, Gulliver-Brown, Hill.

Ukraine 22 (A. Skorbach 2, M. Dulia, V. Karpenko tries; A. Skorbach 2 goals) defeated Greece 12 (S. Eskioglou, R. Tuliatu tries; S. Stratis 2 goals) at Goudi Municipal Stadium. Date: Sun, 29th October. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Ukraine 14-6. Referee: Roman Bykhov.

Greece: Stratis, Avramidis, Eskioglou, Bafaloukas, Aliu; Vaiopoulos, Meads; Tuliatu, Kentrotis, Tsakalos, Uluwatu, Flocas, Koulizakis. Int: Tsirikas, Gal, Bastas, Nake. Ukraine: Hrankovskyi, Kravchuk, Troian, Beznozhchuk, Adamyk; Skorbach, Semerenko; Korchak, Checheta, Karpenko, Yurkin, Trusov, Scherbina. Int: Hryshchenko, Sivokoz, Milanko, Dulia.

England 26 (M. Ashton, B. Currie, H. Newman, E. Whitehead tries; H. Smith 5 goals) defeated Tonga 4 (E. Katoa try) at AMT Headingley Stadium. Date: Sat, 4th November. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 14-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 15,477.

England: Welsby (C), Ashton, Newman, Currie, Johnstone; Williams (C), Smith; Burgess, Clark, Lees, Bateman, Whitehead, Mulhern. Int: Walker, Dupree, Hill, McMeeken. Tonga: Hopoate (C), Penisini, Hurrell, Suli, Koula; Lolohea, Katoa; Sele, Havili, Kaufusi, Frizell, Olakau'atu, Koloamatangi. Int: Fainu, Fotuauka, Katoa, Wong.

Germany 54 (K. Gabedeva 2, C. Ngondi 2, E. Bowie, B. Kikawa, A. Nyahoe, F. Rau, F. Wendt tries; B. Billsborough 9 goals) defeated Poland 10 (G. Romianowski 2 tries; J. Mitek goal) at Stadion Buschallee. Date: Sat, 4th November. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Germany 30-6. Referee: Misa Vakadranu.

Germany: Nyahoe, Kikawa, Rau, Wendt, Huss; Billsborough, Miles; Bowie, Gabedeva, Alderson, Tormann, Ngondi, Doughton. Int: Cartwright, Ngo, Paaßen, Baskerville. Poland: Kowalewski, Jasinski, Romianowski, Archer, Wojtas; Lucka, Mitek; Tutak, Zerbe, Dziag, Krzypkowski, Wisniewskii, Myszkowski. Int: Adamski, Myszkowski, Rutkierwicz.

Greece 36 (A. Aliu, N. Bosmos, M. Gal, J. Meads, S. Stratis, P. Varypatis, A. Vrahnos tries; S. Stratis 4 goals) defeated Norway 6 (D. Horne try; J. Mellor-King goal) at Øster Hus Arena. Date: Sat, 4th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Greece 20-0. Referee: Michael Smail.

Norway: Kiriiyaa, Soiland, Sagelv, Torsen, Hoyland; Mwikaria, Mellor-King; Stenseth-Holm, Milligan, Horne, Olsen, Holte, Falk. Int: Mellor, Solberg, Bjoernstad, Vagen. Greece: Stratis, Kartsonakis, Varypatis, Katsidonis, Aliu; Bosmos, Meads; Tuliatu, Kentrotis, Bastas, Vrahnos, Flocas, Koulizakis. Int: Nake, Gal, Dardamanis, Tsakalos.

South Africa 56 (M. Coetzee 3, S. Matsane 2, J. Cambell, M. Corneelsen, A. Delport, F. van Deventer, J. van Heerden tries; H. Mulder 8 goals) defeated Kenya 12 (R. Masete, B. Mutua tries; W. Ratemo 2 goals) at Grizzlies Rugby Park. Date: Wed, 8th November. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Africa 22-8. Referees: AJ Barnard, Rudolf du Plooy.

South Africa: Seedat, Mphete, Cambell, Coetzee, Matsane; Coetzer, Mulder; Louw, van Deventer, Delport, Venter, Corneelsen, Kasselmann. Int: Viljoen, Fana, van Heerden, Pretorius. Kenya: Okello, Masete, Mutua, Ochieng, Seda; Ndinya, Byron; Kuta, Ndungu, Ekutu, Maranga, MWakina, Ratemo. Int: Opiyo, Kevin, Omari, Muniafu.

South Africa 82 (D. Bloem 3, J. Cambell 3, M. Coetzee 2, J. Seedat 2, J. Coetzer, H. Mulder, D. Venter, M. Viljoen tries; H. Mulder 13 goals) defeated Kenya 2 (W. Ratemo goal) at Grizzlies Rugby Park. Date: Sat, 11th November. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Africa 36-0. Referee: Rudolf du Plooy.

South Africa: Cambell, Seedat, Bloem, Coetzee, Matsane; Coetzer, Mulder; Louw, van Deventer, Delport, Venter, Viljoen, Kasselmann. Int: Jansen, Roos, Corneelsen, Fana. Kenya: Okello, Masete, Mutua, Ochieng, Seda; Ndinya, Byron; Kuta, Ndungu, Ekutu, Maranga, MWakina, Ratemo. Int: Opiyo, Sollo, Omari, Muniafu.

USA 30 (K. Granby 3, R. Bannerot, J. Eichner, M. Webb tries; K. Granby 2, M. McCrory goals) defeated Jamaica 26 (T. Lynch 2, D. Graham, K. Walker, K. Williams tries; C. Bailey, R. Grant, A. Hall goals) at University of West Indies MONA Bowl. Date: Sat, 2nd December. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: USA 14-10. Referee: Kemoy Whyte.

Jamaica: Simpson, Williams, Grant, Lynch, Walker, Bailey, Thompson; Linton, Hall, Jones, Thomas, Richards, Graham. Int: Murray, Nembhard, Richards, Edie. USA: Washington, Williams, Martin, Granby, Iyo; Bannerot, Lupton; Bryce, McCrory, Webb, Piggins, Hunt, Eichner. Int: Finnesy, Ferrick, Johnson, Longchamp.

France 78 (Q. Crunel 3, H. Hnaloan 3, M. Pons 3, B. Pourchi 3, C. Boyer, M. Grosseon, C. Le Cam tries; B. Fabre 9 goals) defeated Kenya 6 (J. Odhiambo try; S. Abdalla goal) at ASK Showgrounds. Date: Sat, 2nd December. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: France 42-0. Referee: Stephane Vincent.

Kenya: Odur, Masete, Ratemo, Ndinya, Watulo; Nun, Abdalla; Mbugua, Omari, Busuru, Seda, Omondi, Ekutu. Int: Karani, Ndungu, Odhiambo. France: Crunel, Pourchi, Baby, Grosseon, Pons; Fabre, Herrero; Scimone, Abdesesian, Boyer, Hnaloan, Le Cam, Bichett. Int: Leveille, Dall Asta, Aubry, Lopez-Buttignol.

France 108 (A. Baby 4, Q. Crunel 3, C. Le Cam 3, P. Dall Asta 2, C. Herrero 2, N. Pedrero 2, Y. Abdesesian, G. Bichett, B. Fabre tries; C. Herrero 12, B. Fabre 4 goals) defeated Kenya 4 (W. Ratemo try) at ASK Showgrounds. Date: Tue, 5th December. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: France 56-4. Referee: Stephane Vincent.

Kenya: Odur, Masete, Ratemo, Awuor, Karani; Odhiambo, Abdalla; Mbugua, Ndungu, Busuru, Omari, Omondi, Ekutu. Int: Watulo, Otieno, Seda, Nun. France: Crunel, Pedrero, Grosseon, Baby, Pons; Fabre, Herrero; Scimone, Abdesesian, Boyer, Le Cam, Hnaloan, Bichett. Int: Marty, Dall Asta, Skoundri, Lopez-Buttignol.

PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia 38 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, T. Fa'asumaleau, P. Haas, C. Murray, K. Staggs, J. Tedesco tries; K. Staggs 5 goals) defeated Samoa 12 (L. Leilua, M. Taulagi tries; S. Crichton 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium. Date: Sat, 14th October. Kickoff: 7:10 PM. Halftime: Australia 28-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 18,144.

Australia: Tedesco (C), Edwards, Tabuai-Fidow, Staggs, Cobbo; Munster, Cherry-Evans; Haas, Hunt, Fa'asumaleau, Murray, Martin, Yeo. Int: Grant, Collins, Carrigan, Cotter. Samoa: Faalogo, Taulagi, Tago, Tonumaiepa, To'o; Crichton, Asi; Utoikamanu, Matamua, Paulo, Leilua, Lemuelu, Palasia. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Leniu, May, Luki.

Papua New Guinea 46 (N. Macdonald 4, Z. Laybutt 2, R. Derby, E. Kapinias, V. Richard tries; Z. Laybutt 5 goals) defeated Cook Islands 10 (E. Ioka, S. Marsters tries; E. Ioka goal) at National Football Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 30-0. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 7,133.

Papua New Guinea: Johnston, Derby, Laybutt, Tai, Macdonald; Laybutt, Lam; Kapinias, Rambu, Richard, Alick, Russell, De Belin. Int: Horne, Putt, Rop, Kot. Cook Islands: Ioka, Morgan, Iro, Marsters, Marsters; Takairangi (C), Arona; Moale, Ngatikaura, Makatoa, Tetevano, Porter, Petterson-Robati. Int: Dakin, Makirere, Ioka, Mokohar.

New Zealand 50 (J. Isaako 2, R. Mulitalo 2, N. Asofa-Solomona, J. Fisher-Harris, J. Hughes, B. Nikora, I. Papali'i tries; J. Isaako 7 goals) defeated Samoa 0 at Eden Park. Date: Sat, 21st October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 18-0. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 23,269.

New Zealand: Nicoll-Klokstad, Mulitalo, Timoko, Manu, Isaako; Brown, Hughes; Fisher-Harris (C), Foran, Leota, Papali'i, Nikora, Tapine. Int: Brown, Asofa-Solomona, Neame, Thompson.

Samoa: Faalogo, Taulagi, Talau, Seve, Marzhe; Crichton, Asi; Utoikamanu, Chan Kum Tong, Paulo (C), Leilua, Luki, Leniu. Int: Palasia, May, Hunt, Volkman.

Fiji 22 (W. Blake, J. Bula, M. Sivo, S. Turuva tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) defeated Cook Islands 18 (I. Cooper-Tetevano, E. Ioka, E. Marsters tries; S. Marsters 3 goals) at National Football Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Cook Islands 6-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 7,001.

Fiji: Bula, Sivo, Turuva, Blake, Ravalawa; Donoghoe, Wakeham; Kamikamica (C), Nailagoliva, Whippy, Kautoga, Milne, Navale. Int: Tagituimua, Saukuru, Waqanisaravi, Lovokuro.

Cook Islands: Ioka, Morgan, Iro, Maungatti, Marsters; Takairangi (C), Marsters; Moale, Ngatikaura, Mokohar, Tetevano, Porter, Petterson-Robati. Int: Samuel, Ioka, Dakin, Makirere, Cooper-Tetevano.

Australia 36 (L. Collins 2, D. Edwards, V. Holmes, B. Hunt, C. Murray tries; V. Holmes 6 goals) defeated New Zealand 18 (F. Brown, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) at AAMI Park. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 8:10 PM. Halftime: Australia 18-12. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 20,584.

Australia: Tedesco (C), Edwards, Tabuai-Fidow, Staggs, Holmes; Munster, Cherry-Evans; Trbojevic, Hunt, Flegler, Murray, Cotter, Yeo. Int: Grant, Collins, Carrigan, Hynes.

New Zealand: Nicoll-Klokstad, Mulitalo, Timoko, Manu, Isaako; Brown, Hughes; Fisher-Harris (C), Foran, Leota, Papali'i, Nikora, Tapine. Int: Brown, Asofa-Solomona, Neame, Thompson.

Fiji 43 (K. Donoghoe 2, M. Sivo 2, T. Kamikamica, C. Navale, J. Qareqare tries; B. Wakeham 7 goals; B. Wakeham field goal) defeated Papua New Guinea 16 (A. Johnston, E. Kapinias, B. Kot tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at National Football Stadium. Date: Sun, 29th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Fiji 19-4. Referee: Chris Butler.

Papua New Guinea: Johnston, Derby, Laybutt, Kot, Macdonald; Laybutt, Lam; Kapinias, Ipape, Richard, Martin, Russell, De Belin. Int: Rambu, Albert, Appo, Alick.

Fiji: Bula, Sivo, Ravalawa, Blake, Qareqare; Donoghoe, Wakeham; Kamikamica (C), Tagituimua, Vuniyayawa, Milne, Saukuru, Navale. Int: Nailagoliva, Whippy, Ravonu, Lovokuro.

BOWL FINAL: Papua New Guinea 32 (R. Derby 2, E. Ipape, A. Johnston, E. Kapinias tries; R. Martin 6 goals) defeated Fiji 12 (W. Blake 2 tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) at National Football Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th November. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 26-0. Referee: Grant Atkins.

Fiji: Bula, Sivo, Ravalawa, Blake, Qareqare; Donoghoe, Wakeham; Kamikamica (C), Tagituimua, Vuniyayawa, Milne, Saukuru, Navale. Int: Kautoga, Whippy, Waqanisaravi, Seci.

Papua New Guinea: Johnston, Derby, Laybutt, Tai, Macdonald; Laybutt (C), Lam; Kapinias, Ipape, Richard, Martin, Russell, De Belin. Int: Rambu, Horne, Rop, Putt.

CUP FINAL: New Zealand 30 (J. Isaako 2, R. Mulitalo, G. Neame, M. Timoko tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) defeated Australia 0 at FMG Stadium Waikato. Date: Sat, 4th November. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 12-0. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,269.

Australia: Tedesco (C), Edwards, Tabuai-Fidow, Staggs, Holmes; Munster, Cherry-Evans; Haas, Hunt, Fa'asumaleau, Cotter, Martin, Yeo. Int: Grant, Collins, Carrigan, Hynes.

New Zealand: Nicoll-Klokstad, Mulitalo, Timoko, Manu, Isaako; Brown, Hughes; Fisher-Harris (C), Foran, Leota, Papali'i, Nikora, Tapine. Int: Brown, Asofa-Solomona, Neame, Thompson.

2023 WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

Philippines (W) 38 (L. Webb 2, T. Buchanan, P. Galon, C. Koch, J. Lyden, S. Thomas, T. Wells tries; J. Jamieson 3 goals) defeated Greece (W) 0 at Lidcombe Oval. Date: Sat, 28th January. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Philippines (W) 20-0. Referee: Rami Abu-Mansour.

Greece (W): Papanicolau, Karias, Mafi, Ballas, Tsoukas; Taukamo, Posantzis; Tseros, Bent, Tuliatu, Tsougranis, Lellis, Waters (C). Int: Testa, Poulakis, Stephen, Glumac. Philippines (W): Buchanan, Thomas, Galon, Wells, Williams; Koch, Webb; Vaughan, Fletcher (C), Grace, Lyden, Rickertt, Jamieson. Int: Reynolds, Ellem, Canoy, Brown-Galbraith.

France (W) 116 (L. Biville 4, C. Guillerot 3, M. Bianchini 2, L. Michel 2, P. Ramazeilles 2, F. Ramos 2, J. Roses 2, M. Canal, D. Samarra, M. Samarra tries; M. Pommier 18 goals) defeated Serbia (W) 0 at Parc des Sports d'Avignon. Date: Sat, 18th March. Halftime: France (W) 52-0. Referee: Tony Palacios.

France (W): Samarra, Canal, Guillerot, Biville, Ramazeilles; Pommier, Canet; Legout, Ramos, Bessahli, Akpa, Bianchini, Samarra. Int: Michel, Mena, Ségala, Roses. Serbia (W): Bošnjak, Bajić, Bajić, Karanović, Veljanovski; Stojiljković, Bliznac; Maslaković, Kovačević, Fridl, Starčević, Cengaj, Marin. Int: Dorđević, Simović, Mičić, Vignjević.

England (W) 64 (L. Burke 4, H. Dodd 2, A. Hardcastle, S. Hoyle, E. Partington, S. Peach, T. Renouf, T. Stanley tries; T. Stanley 8 goals) defeated France (W) 0 at Halliwell Jones Stadium. Date: Sat, 29th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: England (W) 30-0. Penalties: England (W) 5-1. Referee: Kristoff Young. Crowd: 4,500.

England (W): Stanley, Partington, Renouf, Hardcastle, Burke; Harris, Roche; Wood, Bennett, Hoyle, Rudge, Dodd, Cunningham (C). Int: Peach, Whitfield, Field, Molyneux. France (W): Samarra, Canal, Guillerot, Biville, Ramazeilles; Pommier, Canet; Legout, Ramos, Zaghdoudi, Akpa (C), Kuresa, Samarra. Int: Michel, Mena, Ségala, Roses.

Italy (W) 34 (A. Forto 2, R. Hassnien 2, R. Pantaleoni 2, C. Giacomazzo, O. Piovano tries; M. Dall'Antonia goal) defeated Serbia (W) 14 (A. Karanović, N. Simic, K. Veljanovski tries; T. Bošnjak goal) at Pasian di Prato. Date: Sat, 3rd June. Halftime: Italy (W) 20-4. Referee: Ciprian Gajulete.

Italy (W): Menotti, Pantaleoni, Agosta, Giacomazzo, Hassnien; Piva, Virgili; Carniato, Dall'Antonia, Ascione, Gai, Severgnini, Pinarello. Int: Pandolfo, Ruggeri, Forto, Piovano. Serbia (W): Bošnjak, Veljanovski, Karanović, Bajić, Mičić, Bliznac, Stojiljković; Marin, Kovačević, Simic, Starčević, Fridl, Maslaković. Int: Simović, Pavlović, Cengaj, Bajić.

Aus PM XIII (W) 56 (J. Whitfeld 4, C. Tohi-Hiku 2, T. Berry, A. Church, K. Coolwell, K. Fleming, J. Morrissey tries; R. Pearson 5, R. Cherrington goals) defeated PNG PM XIII (W) 4 (U. Ravu try) at Santos National Football Stadium. Date: Sat, 23rd September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

PNG PM XIII (W): Waula, Norris, Gwasamun, Long, Mark; Koro, Laki; Reeves, Ravu, Kaupa, Banu, Awoi, Allan. Int: Kapo, Kerowa, Johnson, Veivers. Aus PM XIII (W): Berry, Whitfeld, Tohi-Hiku, Coolwell, Hunt; Vette-Welsh, Pearson; Harden (C), Manzelmann, Williams, Raftstrand-Smith, Polata, Cherrington. Int: Todhunter, Morrissey, Fleming, Church, Cherrington.

Philippines (W) 42 (T. Wells 3, P. Condon 2, L. Ellem, C. Koch, M. Rickertt tries; P. Condon 3, J. Jamieson 2 goals) defeated Malta (W) 0 at New Era Stadium. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Philippines (W) 20-0. Referee: Alexander Pruscino.

Malta (W): Dimech, Smith, Saliba, Gaudiosi, Vella; Waite, Gregory; Gusman, Mamo, Grande, Vella, Coppini, Dooley. Int: Galea, Grima, Buttigieg, Leishman. Philippines (W): Buchanan, Grant, Ellem, Williams, Wells; Webb, Koch; Vaughan, Condon, Rickertt, Lyden, Jamieson, Targett. Int: Grace, Fletcher, Lye, Rowell.

France (W) 14 (L. Biville, P. Ramazeilles, D. Samarra tries; M. Pommier goal) defeated Wales (W) 4 (G. Taylor try) at Stade d'Albert Domec. Date: Sun, 29th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: France (W) 10-0. Penalties: France (W) 5-3. Referee: Jordi Crespo.

France (W): Samarra, Canal, Song Puhe, Biville, Ramazeilles; Pommier, Canet; Akpa, Samarra, Ségala, Legout, Bessiere, Bessahli. Int: Rienuaud, Mena, Pacull, Roses, Samuel. Wales (W): Salter, Michael, Norkett-Morgan, Prescott, Taylor; Marsh, Parker; Jones, Price, Carr, Dainton, Mundy, Reardon. Int: Davies, Jones, Jenkins, Gibbons, Boalar.

Nigeria (W) 40 (A. Chinaza 2, U. Blessing, N. Chioma, B. Laurretta, J. Rukayat, I. Success, A. Vera tries; M. Augusta 4 goals) defeated Ghana (W) 4 (S. Tettey try) at CMS Grammar School. Date: Fri, 3rd November. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Nigeria (W) 20-0. Referee: Marshall Nortey.

Nigeria (W): Aladegelu, Godfirst, Laurretta, Adaeze, Blessing; Augusta, Chioma; Muinat, Rukayat, Chinaza, Barakat, Vera, Abuoybo. Int: Rukayat, Success, Kafayat, Precious. Ghana (W): Bhom, Tahiru, Njomaba, Tettey, Padiki; Sewornu, Khakuvie; Larry, Akiuni, Moncar, Mohammed, Mamlé, Ashie. Int: Adjui, Haizel, Obena, Lakioe.

England (W) 60 (A. Hardcastle 2, T. Stanley 2, C. Beevers, K. Bennett, S. Hoyle, L. Owen, T. Renouf, G. Roche, E. Rudge tries; T. Stanley 8 goals) defeated Wales (W) 0 at AMT Headingley Stadium. Date: Sat, 4th November. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: England (W) 20-0. Penalties: Wales (W) 4-3. Referee: Enzo Peyre.

England (W): Stanley, Partington, Renouf, Hardcastle, Beevers; Jones, Roche; Hoyle, Bennett, Wood, Molyneux, Rudge, Cunningham (C). Int: Peach, Whitfield, Hornby, Owen. Wales (W): Burnell, Michael, Norkett-Morgan, Salter, Taylor; Marsh, Parker; Jones, Reardon, Carr, Jones, Mundy, Davies. Int: Price, Evans, Jenkins, Gibbons.

Greece (W) 8 (D. Koutsikou, V. Koutsioumpa tries) defeated Serbia (W) 4 (J. Stojiljković try) at FC Pusta Reka. Date: Sat, 11th November. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Serbia (W) 4-0. Referee: Misa Vakadranu.

Serbia (W): Bošnjak, Bajić, Mičić, Bajić, Stosic; Veljanovski, Stojiljković; Marin, Kovačević, Fridl, Starčević, Liuter, Maslaković. Int: Žeželj, Simic, Simović, Kovacevic. Greece (W): Xyggas, Grosyk, Papoutsis, Maragkou, Koutsioumpa; Stavrianou, Mastoraki; Limperi, Lymperidi, Pappa, Koutsimpogorgou, Makri, Koutsikou. Int: Alevra, Varypati, Lamprou, Angeli.

Netherlands (W) 14 (L. Berding, N. Kennedy, H. Van Beukering tries; D. Nikkels goal) defeated Greece (W) 0 at Gkorytsa Field. Date: Sat, 9th December. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands (W) 10-0. Referee: Misa Vakadranu.

Greece (W): Anagnostopoulou, Papoutsis, Van De Goor, Maragkou, Koutsioumpa; Makri, Stavrianou; Kitsaneli, Mastoraki, Lamprou, Koutsimpogorgou, Varypati, Markou. Int: Alevra, Limperi, Roupini, Angeli. Netherlands (W): Kennedy, Nikkels, Berding, Nauta, Van Beukering; Blom, Aerts; Steenkist, Van Der Zwan, Voorbach, Terlouw, Moelee, Gevers. Int: Van Diepen, Westerlaken, Elzinga, Velema.

Nigeria (W) 14 (A. Chinaza, B. Laurretta, P. Nwanya tries; M. Augusta goal) defeated Ghana (W) 6 (S. Tettey goal) at CMS Grammar School. Date: Sun, 5th November. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Nigeria (W) 10-6. Referee: Marshall Nortey.

Nigeria (W): Aladegelu, Nwanya, Laurretta, Odey, Blessing; Augusta, Chioma; Adie, Rukayat, Chinaza, Barakat, Vera, Muinat. Int: Rukayat, Obi, Kafayat, Success. Ghana (W): Khakuvie, Lakioe, Tahiru, Njomaba, Padiki; Akiuni, Sewornu; Larry, Hammond, Haizel, Tettey, Mamlé, Ashie. Int: Moncar, Obena, Bhom, Anash.

PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Australia (W) 16 (T. Upton 2, C. Johnston tries; A. Briggingshaw 2 goals) defeated New Zealand (W) 10 (A. Biddle, M. Hufanga tries; R. McGregor goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium. Date: Sat, 14th October. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Australia (W) 16-4. Penalties: Australia (W) 5-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,067.

Australia (W): Upton, Chapman, Sergis, Kelly, Robinson; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Mato, Davis, Elliston, Apps, Kernick, Taufa. Int: Tonegato, Johnston, Cherrington, Brown.

New Zealand (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Biddle, Parker, Hufanga, Tufuga; Quinlan, McGregor (C); Hill-Moana, Anderson, Teakaraanga-Katoa, Pule, Jones, Hale. Int: Nathan-Wong, George, Fogavini, Pasikala.

Samoa (W) 26 (T. Mapusua 2, L. Tui 2, A. Nu'uausala tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 3 goals) defeated Fiji (W) 12 (V. Naikore 2, A. Namoce tries) at National Football Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th October. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Samoa (W) 16-4. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Liam Kennedy.

Samoa (W): Mino-Sinapati, Mapusua, Lio, Williams-Guthrie (C), Tui; Piliae-Rasabale, Lofipo; Jahnke, Brill, Williams, Leiataua, Sua, Nu'uausala. Int: Berryman-Duff, Asaua, Leati, Eli.

Fiji (W): Staples, Naikore, Rokouono, Raikadroka, Rokomarama; Laing, Naitokatoka; Namoce, Laing, Shum-Cottrell, Holmes, Rainima, Maejiirs. Int: Sa'anga, Waqa, Kilawekana, Sokula Waqa.

New Zealand (W) 28 (A. Roache 3, A. Biddle, M. Hufanga, A. Pasikala tries; R. McGregor 2 goals) defeated Tonga (W) 10 (T. Penitani 2 tries; C. Tohi-Hiku goal) at Eden Park.

Date: Sat, 21st October. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: New Zealand (W) 10-6. Penalties: Tonga (W) 4-3. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 10,000.

New Zealand (W): Parker, Robins-Reti, Hufanga, Roache, Tufuga; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Hill-Moana, Anderson, Teakaraanga-Katoa, Pule, Biddle, Hale. Int: Paekau, George, Pasikala, Davison, Fogavini.

Tonga (W): Veainu, Tauhalaliku, Polata, Fusi, Hifo; Tohi-Hiku, Penitani (C); Yaki, Fonua, Dymock, Mafi, Foliaki, Perese. Int: Mailangi, Penitani, Taufa, Muru.

Papua New Guinea (W) 28 (L. Allan 2, E. Banu, R. Kapo, L. Kerowa, L. Norris tries; E. Veivers 2 goals) defeated Cook Islands (W) 20 (C. Holloway-Samuels, C. Makira, M. Rewi, K. Takairangi tries; C. Kiria-Ratu 2 goals) at National Football Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd October. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea (W) 20-10. Penalties: Cook Islands (W) 4-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 7,001.

Papua New Guinea (W): Norris, Allan, Gwasamun (C), Long, Waula; Koro, Ravu; Reeves, Kapo, Kaupa, Veivers, Banu, Awoi. Int: Joe, Mooka, Taute, Kerowa.

Cook Islands (W): Takairangi, Willcox, Atai, Holloway-Samuels, Rewi; Kiria-Ratu, Turua-Quedley; Arakua (C), Makira, Tamarua, Tupou-Witchman, Matua, Stephens. Int: Ngatoko, Morris-Ponga, Kitai, Joseph.

New Zealand (W) 12 (M. Hufanga, L. Tufuga tries; R. McGregor 2 goals) defeated Australia (W) 6 (J. Chapman try; L. Brown goal) at AAMI Park. Date: Sat, 28th October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: New Zealand (W) 6-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Australia (W): Upton, Chapman, Sergis, Kelly, Whitfeld; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Mato, Brown, Apps, Clydsdale, Kernick, Taufa. Int: Elliston, Tonegato, Cherrington, Manzelmann.

New Zealand (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Tufuga, Hufanga, Roache, Parker; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); George, Anderson, Teakaraanga-Katoa, Biddle, Pule, Hale. Int: Hill-Moana, Quinlan, Fogavini, Davison.

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 1904-2023

Year	Date	Home	Score	Away	Score	City
1904	Apr 5th	England	3	Other Nationalities	9	Wigan

1905	Jan 2nd	England	26	Other Nationalities	11	Bradford
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1906	Jan 1st	England	3	Other Nationalities	3	Wigan
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1908	Jan 1st	Wales	9	New Zealand	8	Aberdare
1908	Jan 11th	England	18	New Zealand	16	Wigan
1908	Jan 25th	England	14	New Zealand	6	Leeds
1908	Feb 8th	England	6	New Zealand	18	London
1908	Feb 15th	England	5	New Zealand	8	Cheltenham
1908	Apr 20th	Wales	35	England	18	Tonypandy
1908	May 9th	Australia	10	New Zealand	11	Sydney
1908	May 30th	Australia	12	New Zealand	24	Brisbane
1908	Jun 6th	Australia	14	New Zealand	9	Sydney
1908	Dec 12th	England	22	Australia	22	London
1908	Dec 28th	England	31	Wales	7	Salford

1909	Jan 2nd	England	14	Australia	9	Huddersfield
1909	Jan 23rd	England	15	Australia	5	Newcastle
1909	Feb 3rd	England	17	Australia	17	Glasgow
1909	Feb 15th	England	6	Australia	5	Birmingham
1909	Mar 3rd	England	14	Australia	7	Liverpool
1909	Jun 12th	Australia	11	New Zealand	19	Sydney
1909	Jun 26th	Australia	10	New Zealand	5	Brisbane
1909	Jul 3rd	Australia	25	New Zealand	5	Sydney
1909	Dec 4th	England	19	Wales	13	Wakefield

1910	Apr 9th	Wales	39	England	18	Ebbw Vale
1910	Jun 18th	Australia	20	England	27	Sydney
1910	Jul 2nd	Australia	17	England	22	Brisbane
1910	Jul 30th	New Zealand	20	England	52	Auckland
1910	Dec 10th	England	39	Wales	13	Coventry

1911	Apr 1st	Wales	8	England	27	Ebbw Vale
1911	Oct 7th	Wales	20	Australia	28	Ebbw Vale
1911	Oct 18th	England	6	Australia	11	London
1911	Nov 8th	England	10	Australia	19	Newcastle
1911	Dec 6th	England	5	Australia	3	West Bridgford
1911	Dec 16th	England	11	Australia	11	Edinburgh

1912	Jan 1st	England	8	Australia	33	Birmingham
1912	Jan 20th	England	31	Wales	5	Oldham

1913	Feb 15th	Wales	16	England	40	Plymouth
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1914	Feb 14th	England	16	Wales	12	St Helens
1914	Jun 27th	Australia	5	England	23	Sydney
1914	Jun 29th	Australia	12	England	7	Sydney
1914	Jul 4th	Australia	6	England	14	Sydney
1914	Aug 1st	New Zealand	13	England	16	Auckland

1919	Aug 23rd	New Zealand	21	Australia	44	Wellington
1919	Aug 30th	New Zealand	26	Australia	10	Christchurch
1919	Sep 6th	New Zealand	23	Australia	34	Auckland
1919	Sep 13th	New Zealand	2	Australia	32	Auckland

1920	Jun 26th	Australia	8	England	4	Brisbane
1920	Jul 3rd	Australia	21	England	8	Sydney
1920	Jul 10th	Australia	13	England	23	Sydney
1920	Jul 31st	New Zealand	7	England	31	Auckland
1920	Aug 7th	New Zealand	3	England	19	Christchurch
1920	Aug 14th	New Zealand	10	England	11	Wellington

1921	Jan 19th	England	35	Wales	9	Leeds
1921	Feb 5th	England	33	Other Nationalities	16	Workington
1921	Oct 1st	England	6	Australia	5	Leeds
1921	Oct 10th	England	5	Australia	4	London
1921	Nov 5th	England	2	Australia	16	Hull
1921	Dec 10th	Wales	16	Australia	21	Pontypridd

1922	Jan 14th	England	6	Australia	0	Salford
1922	Dec 11th	England	12	Wales	7	London

1923	Feb 7th	England	2	Wales	13	Wigan
1923	Nov 1st	England	18	Wales	11	Huddersfield

1924	Jun 23rd	Australia	3	England	22	Sydney
1924	Jun 28th	Australia	3	England	5	Sydney
1924	Jul 12th	Australia	21	England	11	Brisbane
1924	Aug 2nd	New Zealand	16	England	8	Auckland
1924	Aug 6th	New Zealand	13	England	11	Wellington
1924	Aug 9th	New Zealand	18	England	31	Dunedin
1924	Oct 15th	England	17	Other Nationalities	23	Leeds

1925	Feb 7th	England	27	Wales	22	Workington
1925	Sep 30th	England	18	Wales	14	Wigan

1926	Feb 4th	England	37	Other Nationalities	11	Whitehaven
1926	Apr 12th	Wales	22	England	30	Pontypridd
1926	Oct 2nd	England	28	New Zealand	20	Wigan
1926	Nov 13th	England	21	New Zealand	11	Hull
1926	Dec 4th	Wales	34	New Zealand	8	Pontypridd

1927	Jan 15th	England	32	New Zealand	17	Leeds
1927	Apr 6th	England	11	Wales	8	Salford

1928	Jan 11th	England	20	Wales	12	Wigan
1928	Jun 23rd	Australia	12	England	15	Brisbane
1928	Jul 14th	Australia	0	England	8	Sydney
1928	Jul 21st	Australia	21	England	14	Sydney
1928	Aug 4th	New Zealand	17	England	13	Auckland
1928	Aug 18th	New Zealand	5	England	13	Dunedin
1928	Aug 25th	New Zealand	5	England	6	Christchurch
1928	Nov 14th	Wales	15	England	39	Cardiff

1929	Mar 20th	England	27	Other Nationalities	20	Leeds
1929	Oct 5th	England	8	Australia	31	Hull
1929	Nov 9th	England	9	Australia	3	Leeds

1930	Jan 4th	England	0	Australia	0	Manchester
1930	Jan 15th	England	3	Australia	0	Rochdale
1930	Jan 18th	Wales	10	Australia	26	London
1930	Apr 7th	England	19	Other Nationalities	35	Halifax
1930	Oct 1st	England	31	Other Nationalities	18	St Helens

1931	Mar 18th	England	23	Wales	18	Huddersfield
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1932	Jan 27th	England	19	Wales	2	Salford
1932	Jun 6th	Australia	6	England	8	Sydney
1932	Jun 18th	Australia	15	England	6	Brisbane
1932	Jul 16th	Australia	13	England	18	Sydney
1932	Jul 30th	New Zealand	9	England	24	Auckland
1932	Aug 13th	New Zealand	14	England	25	Christchurch
1932	Aug 20th	New Zealand	18	England	20	Auckland
1932	Nov 30th	England	14	Wales	13	Leeds

1933	Mar 20th	England	34	Other Nationalities	27	Workington
1933	Oct 7th	England	4	Australia	0	Manchester
1933	Nov 11th	England	7	Australia	5	Leeds
1933	Dec 16th	England	19	Australia	16	Manchester
1933	Dec 30th	Wales	19	Australia	51	London
1933	Dec 31st	England	13	Australia	63	Paris

1934	Jan 13th	England	19	Australia	14	Gateshead
1934	Apr 15th	England	32	France	21	Paris

1935	Jan 1st	France	18	Wales	11	Bordeaux
1935	Mar 28th	France	15	England	15	Paris
1935	Apr 10th	England	24	Wales	11	Liverpool
1935	Sep 28th	New Zealand	22	Australia	14	Auckland
1935	Oct 2nd	New Zealand	8	Australia	29	Auckland
1935	Oct 5th	New Zealand	8	Australia	31	Auckland
1935	Nov 23rd	Wales	41	France	7	Llanelli

1936	Feb 1st	England	14	Wales	17	Hull
1936	Feb 16th	France	7	England	25	Paris
1936	Jun 29th	Australia	24	England	8	Sydney
1936	Jul 4th	Australia	7	England	12	Brisbane
1936	Jul 18th	Australia	7	England	12	Sydney
1936	Aug 8th	New Zealand	8	England	10	Auckland
1936	Aug 15th	New Zealand	11	England	23	Auckland
1936	Nov 7th	Wales	3	England	2	Pontypridd
1936	Dec 6th	France	3	Wales	9	Paris

1937	Apr 10th	England	23	France	9	Halifax
1937	Aug 7th	New Zealand	8	Australia	12	Auckland
1937	Aug 14th	New Zealand	16	Australia	15	Auckland
1937	Oct 16th	England	5	Australia	4	Leeds
1937	Nov 13th	England	13	Australia	3	Manchester
1937	Dec 18th	England	3	Australia	13	Huddersfield

1938	Jan 1st	France	6	Australia	35	Paris
1938	Jan 16th	France	11	Australia	16	Marseille
1938	Jan 29th	England	6	Wales	7	Bradford
1938	Mar 20th	France	15	England	17	Paris
1938	Apr 2nd	Wales	18	France	2	Llanelli
1938	Nov 5th	Wales	17	England	9	Llanelli

1939	Feb 25th	England	9	France	12	St Helens
1939	Apr 16th	France	16	Wales	10	Bordeaux
1939	Dec 23rd	England	3	Wales	16	Bradford

1940	Nov 9th	England	8	Wales	5	Oldham
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1941	Oct 18th	England	9	Wales	9	Bradford
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1943	Feb 27th	England	15	Wales	9	Wigan
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1944	Feb 26th	England	9	Wales	9	Wigan
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1945	Mar 10th	England	18	Wales	8	Wigan
1945	Nov 24th	Wales	11	England	3	Swansea

1946	Feb 23rd	England	16	France	6	Manchester
1946	Mar 24th	France	19	Wales	7	Bordeaux
1946	Jun 17th	Australia	8	England	8	Sydney
1946	Jul 6th	Australia	5	England	14	Brisbane
1946	Jul 20th	Australia	7	England	20	Sydney
1946	Aug 10th	New Zealand	13	England	8	Auckland
1946	Oct 12th	England	10	Wales	13	Manchester
1946	Nov 16th	Wales	5	England	19	Swansea
1946	Dec 8th	France	0	England	3	Bordeaux

1947	Jan 18th	France	14	Wales	5	Marseille
1947	Apr 12th	Wales	17	France	15	Swansea
1947	May 17th	England	5	France	2	Leeds
1947	Sep 20th	England	8	Wales	10	Wigan
1947	Oct 4th	England	11	New Zealand	10	Leeds
1947	Oct 18th	Wales	20	New Zealand	28	Swansea
1947	Oct 25th	England	20	France	15	Huddersfield
1947	Nov 8th	England	7	New Zealand	10	Manchester
1947	Nov 23rd	France	29	Wales	21	Bordeaux
1947	Dec 6th	Wales	7	England	18	Swansea
1947	Dec 20th	England	25	New Zealand	9	Bradford
1947	Dec 28th	France	7	New Zealand	11	Paris

1948	Jan 25th	France	25	New Zealand	7	Bordeaux
1948	Mar 20th	Wales	12	France	20	Swansea
1948	Apr 11th	France	10	England	25	Marseille
1948	May 29th	Australia	19	New Zealand	21	Sydney
1948	Jun 12th	Australia	13	New Zealand	4	Brisbane
1948	Sep 22nd	England	11	Wales	5	Wigan
1948	Oct 9th	Great Britain	23	Australia	21	Leeds
1948	Oct 23rd	Wales	9	France	12	Swansea
1948	Nov 6th	Great Britain	16	Australia	7	Manchester
1948	Nov 20th	Wales	5	Australia	12	Swansea
1948	Nov 28th	France	5	England	12	Bordeaux

1949	Jan 9th	France	10	Australia	29	Marseille
1949	Jan 23rd	France	0	Australia	10	Bordeaux
1949	Jan 29th	Great Britain	23	Australia	9	Bradford
1949	Feb 5th	Wales	14	England	10	Swansea
1949	Mar 12th	England	5	France	12	London
1949	Apr 10th	France	11	Wales	0	Marseille
1949	Sep 17th	New Zealand	26	Australia	21	Wellington
1949	Sep 19th	England	7	Other Nationalities	13	Workington
1949	Oct 8th	New Zealand	10	Australia	13	Auckland
1949	Oct 22nd	Wales	5	Other Nationalities	6	Abertillery
1949	Nov 12th	Wales	16	France	8	Swansea
1949	Dec 4th	France	5	England	13	Bordeaux

1950	Jan 15th	France	8	Other Nationalities	3	Marseille
1950	Mar 1st	England	11	Wales	6	Wigan
1950	Jun 12th	Australia	4	Great Britain	6	Sydney
1950	Jul 1st	Australia	15	Great Britain	3	Brisbane
1950	Jul 22nd	Australia	5	Great Britain	2	Sydney
1950	Jul 29th	New Zealand	16	Great Britain	10	Christchurch
1950	Aug 12th	New Zealand	20	Great Britain	13	Auckland
1950	Oct 14th	Wales	4	England	22	Abertillery
1950	Nov 11th	England	14	France	9	Leeds
1950	Dec 10th	France	16	Other Nationalities	3	Bordeaux

1951	Mar 31st	Wales	21	Other Nationalities	27	Swansea
1951	Apr 11th	England	10	Other Nationalities	35	Wigan
1951	Apr 15th	France	28	Wales	13	Marseille
1951	Jun 11th	Australia	15	France	26	Sydney
1951	Jun 30th	Australia	23	France	11	Brisbane
1951	Jul 21st	Australia	14	France	35	Sydney
1951	Aug 4th	New Zealand	16	France	15	Auckland
1951	Sep 19th	England	35	Wales	11	St Helens
1951	Oct 6th	Great Britain	21	New Zealand	15	Bradford
1951	Nov 3rd	Other Nationalities	17	France	14	Hull
1951	Nov 10th	Great Britain	20	New Zealand	19	Manchester
1951	Nov 25th	France	42	England	13	Marseille
1951	Dec 1st	Wales	11	Other Nationalities	22	Abertillery
1951	Dec 7th	Wales	3	New Zealand	15	Bradford
1951	Dec 15th	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	12	Leeds
1951	Dec 23rd	France	8	New Zealand	3	Paris
1951	Dec 30th	France	17	New Zealand	7	Bordeaux

1952	Apr 6th	France	20	Wales	12	Bordeaux
1952	Apr 23rd	England	31	Other Nationalities	18	Wigan
1952	May 22nd	France	22	Great Britain	12	Paris
1952	Jun 9th	Australia	25	New Zealand	13	Sydney
1952	Jun 28th	Australia	25	New Zealand	49	Brisbane
1952	Jul 2nd	Australia	9	New Zealand	19	Sydney
1952	Sep 17th	England	19	Wales	8	Wigan
1952	Oct 4th	Great Britain	19	Australia	6	Leeds
1952	Oct 18th	England	12	Other Nationalities	31	Huddersfield
1952	Oct 25th	Wales	22	France	16	Leeds
1952	Nov 9th	Great Britain	21	Australia	5	Manchester
1952	Nov 23rd	France	10	Other Nationalities	29	Marseille
1952	Dec 13th	Great Britain	7	Australia	27	Bradford
1952	Dec 27th	France	12	Australia	16	Paris

1953	Jan 11th	France	5	Australia	0	Bordeaux
1953	Jan 25th	France	13	Australia	5	Lyon
1953	Apr 11th	France	13	England	15	Paris
1953	Apr 15th	Wales	18	Other Nationalities	16	Warrington
1953	May 24th	France	28	Great Britain	17	Lyon
1953	Jun 27th	New Zealand	25	Australia	5	Christchurch
1953	Jul 4th	New Zealand	12	Australia	11	Wellington
1953	Jul 18th	New Zealand	16	Australia	18	Auckland
1953	Sep 16th	England	24	Wales	5	St Helens
1953	Oct 7th	Other Nationalities	30	Wales	5	Bradford
1953	Oct 18th	France	10	Other Nationalities	15	Toulouse
1953	Nov 7th	England	7	France	5	Bradford
1953	Nov 28th	England	30	Other Nationalities	22	Wigan
1953	Dec 13th	France	23	Wales	22	Marseille

1954	Jan 9th	France	31	USA	0	Paris
1954	Apr 27th	Great Britain	17	France	8	Bradford
1954	Jun 12th	Australia	37	Great Britain	12	Sydney
1954	Jul 9th	Australia	21	Great Britain	38	Brisbane
1954	Jul 17th	Australia	20	Great Britain	16	Sydney
1954	Jul 24th	New Zealand	7	Great Britain	27	Auckland
1954	Jul 31st	New Zealand	20	Great Britain	14	Greymouth
1954	Aug 14th	New Zealand	6	Great Britain	12	Auckland
1954	Oct 30th	France	22	New Zealand	13	Paris
1954	Oct 31st	Australia	13	Great Britain	28	Lyon
1954	Nov 7th	Australia	34	New Zealand	15	Marseille
1954	Nov 7th	France	13	Great Britain	13	Toulouse
1954	Nov 11th	France	15	Australia	5	Nantes
1954	Nov 11th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	6	Bordeaux
1954	Nov 13th	France	12	Great Britain	16	Paris

1955	Jun 11th	Australia	20	France	8	Sydney
1955	Jul 2nd	Australia	28	France	29	Brisbane
1955	Jul 23rd	Australia	5	France	8	Sydney
1955	Aug 6th	New Zealand	9	France	19	Auckland
1955	Aug 13th	New Zealand	11	France	6	Auckland
1955	Sep 12th	England	16	Other Nationalities	33	Wigan
1955	Oct 8th	Great Britain	25	New Zealand	6	Manchester
1955	Oct 19th	Other Nationalities	32	France	19	Leigh
1955	Nov 12th	Great Britain	27	New Zealand	12	Bradford
1955	Dec 11th	France	17	Great Britain	5	Paris
1955	Dec 17th	Great Britain	13	New Zealand	28	Leeds

1956	Jan 8th	France	24	New Zealand	7	Toulouse
1956	Jan 15th	France	22	New Zealand	31	Lyon
1956	Jan 31st	France	24	New Zealand	3	Paris
1956	Apr 11th	Great Britain	18	France	10	Bradford
1956	May 10th	France	23	England	9	Lyon
1956	Jun 9th	Australia	12	New Zealand	9	Sydney
1956	Jun 23rd	Australia	8	New Zealand	2	Brisbane
1956	Jun 30th	Australia	31	New Zealand	14	Sydney
1956	Nov 1st	France	8	Australia	15	Paris
1956	Nov 17th	Great Britain	21	Australia	10	Wigan
1956	Dec 1st	Great Britain	9	Australia	22	Bradford
1956	Dec 15th	Great Britain	19	Australia	0	Manchester
1956	Dec 23rd	France	6	Australia	10	Bordeaux

1957	Jan 3rd	France	21	Australia	25	Lyon
1957	Jan 26th	Great Britain	45	France	12	Leeds
1957	Mar 3rd	France	19	Great Britain	19	Toulouse
1957	Apr 10th	Great Britain	29	France	14	St Helens
1957	Jun 15th	France	5	Great Britain	23	Sydney
1957	Jun 15th	Australia	25	New Zealand	5	Brisbane
1957	Jun 17th	Australia	31	Great Britain	6	Sydney
1957	Jun 17th	France	14	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
1957	Jun 22nd	Australia	26	France	9	Sydney
1957	Jun 25th	New Zealand	29	Great Britain	21	Sydney
1957	Nov 3rd	France	14	Great Britain	25	Toulouse
1957	Nov 23rd	Great Britain	44	France	15	Wigan

1958	Mar 2nd	France	9	Great Britain	23	Grenoble
1958	Jun 14th	Australia	25	Great Britain	8	Sydney
1958	Jul 5th	Australia	18	Great Britain	25	Brisbane
1958	Jul 19th	Australia	17	Great Britain	40	Sydney
1958	Jul 26th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	10	Auckland
1958	Aug 9th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	32	Auckland

1959	Mar 1st	France	25	Wales	8	Toulouse
1959	Mar 14th	Great Britain	50	France	15	Leeds
1959	Apr 5th	France	24	Great Britain	15	Grenoble
1959	Jun 13th	Australia	9	New Zealand	8	Sydney
1959	Jun 27th	Australia	38	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
1959	Jul 4th	Australia	12	New Zealand	28	Sydney
1959	Oct 17th	Great Britain	14	Australia	22	Manchester
1959	Oct 31st	France	19	Australia	20	Paris
1959	Nov 21st	Great Britain	11	Australia	10	Leeds
1959	Dec 12th	Great Britain	18	Australia	12	Wigan
1959	Dec 20th	France	2	Australia	17	Bordeaux

1960	Jan 20th	France	8	Australia	16	Roanne
1960	Jan 23rd	Italy	15	Australia	37	Padua
1960	Jan 24th	Italy	22	Australia	67	Treviso
1960	Mar 6th	France	20	Great Britain	18	Toulouse
1960	Mar 26th	Great Britain	17	France	17	St Helens
1960	Jun 11th	Australia	8	France	8	Sydney
1960	Jul 2nd	Australia	56	France	6	Brisbane
1960	Jul 16th	Australia	5	France	7	Sydney
1960	Jul 23rd	New Zealand	9	France	2	Auckland
1960	Aug 6th	New Zealand	9	France	3	Auckland
1960	Sep 24th	Australia	13	France	12	Wigan
1960	Sep 24th	Great Britain	23	New Zealand	8	Bradford
1960	Oct 1st	Australia	21	New Zealand	15	Leeds
1960	Oct 1st	Great Britain	33	France	7	Manchester
1960	Oct 8th	Great Britain	10	Australia	3	Bradford
1960	Oct 8th	New Zealand	9	France	0	Wigan
1960	Oct 13th	France	22	New Zealand	11	Paris
1960	Dec 11th	France	10	Great Britain	21	Bordeaux

1961	Jan 28th	Great Britain	27	France	8	St Helens
1961	Jul 1st	New Zealand	12	Australia	10	Auckland
1961	Jul 8th	New Zealand	8	Australia	10	Auckland
1961	Sep 30th	Great Britain	11	New Zealand	29	Leeds
1961	Oct 21st	Great Britain	23	New Zealand	10	Bradford
1961	Nov 4th	Great Britain	35	New Zealand	19	Manchester
1961	Nov 11th	France	6	New Zealand	6	Bordeaux
1961	Nov 19th	France	2	New Zealand	23	Perpignan
1961	Dec 9th	France	5	New Zealand	5	Paris

1962	Feb 17th	Great Britain	15	France	20	Wigan
1962	Mar 11th	France	23	Great Britain	13	Perpignan
1962	Jun 9th	Australia	12	Great Britain	31	Sydney
1962	Jun 30th	Australia	10	Great Britain	17	Brisbane
1962	Jul 14th	Australia	18	Great Britain	17	Sydney
1962	Jul 23rd	New Zealand	19	Great Britain	0	Auckland
1962	Aug 11th	New Zealand	27	Great Britain	8	Auckland
1962	Nov 17th	England	18	France	6	Leeds
1962	Dec 2nd	France	17	Great Britain	12	Perpignan

1963	Feb 17th	France	23	Wales	3	Toulouse
1963	Apr 3rd	Great Britain	42	France	4	Wigan
1963	Jun 8th	Australia	7	New Zealand	3	Sydney
1963	Jun 22nd	Australia	13	New Zealand	16	Brisbane
1963	Jun 29th	Australia	14	New Zealand	0	Sydney
1963	Jul 20th	Australia	34	South Africa	6	Brisbane
1963	Jul 27th	Australia	54	South Africa	21	Sydney
1963	Oct 16th	Great Britain	2	Australia	28	London
1963	Nov 9th	Great Britain	12	Australia	50	Manchester
1963	Nov 30th	Great Britain	16	Australia	5	Leeds
1963	Dec 8th	France	8	Australia	5	Bordeaux
1963	Dec 22nd	France	9	Australia	21	Toulouse

1964	Jan 18th	France	8	Australia	16	Paris
1964	Mar 8th	France	5	Great Britain	11	Perpignan
1964	Mar 18th	Great Britain	39	France	0	Leigh
1964	Jun 13th	Australia	20	France	6	Sydney
1964	Jul 4th	Australia	27	France	2	Brisbane
1964	Jul 18th	Australia	35	France	9	Sydney
1964	Jul 25th	New Zealand	24	France	16	Auckland
1964	Aug 1st	New Zealand	18	France	8	Christchurch
1964	Aug 15th	New Zealand	10	France	2	Auckland
1964	Dec 6th	France	18	Great Britain	8	Perpignan

1965	Jan 23rd	Great Britain	17	France	7	Manchester
1965	Jun 19th	New Zealand	8	Australia	13	Auckland
1965	Jun 26th	New Zealand	7	Australia	5	Auckland
1965	Sep 25th	Great Britain	7	New Zealand	2	Manchester
1965	Oct 23rd	Great Britain	15	New Zealand	9	Bradford
1965	Nov 6th	Great Britain	9	New Zealand	9	Wigan
1965	Nov 15th	France	14	New Zealand	3	Marseille
1965	Nov 28th	France	6	New Zealand	2	Perpignan
1965	Dec 12th	France	28	New Zealand	5	Toulouse

1966	Jan 16th	France	18	Great Britain	13	Perpignan
1966	Mar 5th	Great Britain	4	France	8	Wigan
1966	Jun 25th	Australia	13	Great Britain	17	Sydney
1966	Jul 16th	Australia	6	Great Britain	4	Brisbane
1966	Jul 23rd	Australia	19	Great Britain	14	Sydney
1966	Aug 6th	New Zealand	8	Great Britain	25	Auckland
1966	Aug 20th	New Zealand	14	Great Britain	22	Auckland

1967	Jan 22nd	France	13	Great Britain	16	Carcassonne
1967	Mar 4th	Great Britain	13	France	23	Wigan
1967	Jun 10th	Australia	22	New Zealand	13	Sydney
1967	Jul 1st	Australia	35	New Zealand	22	Brisbane
1967	Jul 8th	Australia	13	New Zealand	9	Sydney
1967	Oct 21st	Great Britain	16	Australia	11	Leeds
1967	Nov 3rd	Great Britain	11	Australia	17	London
1967	Dec 9th	Great Britain	3	Australia	11	Manchester
1967	Dec 17th	France	7	Australia	7	Marseille
1967	Dec 24th	France	10	Australia	3	Carcassonne

1968	Jan 7th	France	16	Australia	13	Toulouse
1968	Feb 11th	France	13	Great Britain	22	Paris
1968	Mar 2nd	Great Britain	19	France	8	Bradford
1968	May 25th	France	15	New Zealand	10	Auckland
1968	May 25th	Australia	25	Great Britain	10	Sydney
1968	Jun 1st	Australia	31	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
1968	Jun 2nd	France	7	Great Britain	2	Auckland
1968	Jun 8th	Australia	37	France	4	Brisbane
1968	Jun 8th	Great Britain	38	New Zealand	14	Sydney
1968	Jun 10th	Australia	20	France	2	Sydney
1968	Nov 7th	England	17	Wales	24	Salford
1968	Nov 30th	Great Britain	34	France	10	St Helens

1969	Feb 2nd	France	13	Great Britain	9	Toulouse
1969	Mar 9th	France	17	Wales	13	Paris
1969	Jun 1st	New Zealand	10	Australia	20	Auckland
1969	Jun 7th	New Zealand	18	Australia	14	Auckland
1969	Oct 18th	England	40	Wales	23	Leeds
1969	Oct 23rd	Wales	2	France	8	Salford
1969	Oct 25th	England	11	France	11	Wigan

1970	Jan 25th	France	11	Wales	15	Perpignan
1970	Feb 24th	England	26	Wales	7	Leeds
1970	Mar 15th	France	14	England	9	Toulouse
1970	Jun 6th	Australia	37	Great Britain	15	Brisbane
1970	Jun 20th	Australia	7	Great Britain	28	Sydney
1970	Jul 4th	Australia	17	Great Britain	21	Sydney
1970	Jul 11th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	19	Auckland
1970	Jul 19th	New Zealand	9	Great Britain	23	Christchurch
1970	Jul 25th	New Zealand	16	Great Britain	33	Auckland
1970	Oct 21st	Australia	47	New Zealand	11	Wigan
1970	Oct 24th	Great Britain	11	Australia	4	Leeds
1970	Oct 25th	France	15	New Zealand	16	Hull
1970	Oct 28th	Great Britain	6	France	0	Castleford
1970	Oct 31st	Great Britain	27	New Zealand	17	Manchester
1970	Nov 1st	France	17	Australia	15	Bradford
1970	Nov 7th	Australia	12	Great Britain	7	Leeds
1970	Nov 12th	France	4	Australia	7	Perpignan
1970	Nov 15th	France	16	New Zealand	2	Carcassonne

1971	Feb 7th	France	16	Great Britain	8	Toulouse
1971	Mar 17th	Great Britain	24	France	2	St Helens
1971	Jun 26th	New Zealand	24	Australia	3	Auckland
1971	Sep 25th	Great Britain	13	New Zealand	18	Salford
1971	Oct 16th	Great Britain	14	New Zealand	17	Castleford
1971	Nov 6th	Great Britain	12	New Zealand	3	Leeds
1971	Nov 11th	France	11	New Zealand	27	Perpignan
1971	Nov 21st	France	2	New Zealand	24	Carcassonne
1971	Nov 28th	France	3	New Zealand	3	Toulouse

1972	Feb 6th	France	9	Great Britain	10	Toulouse
1972	Mar 12th	Great Britain	45	France	10	Bradford
1972	Jul 6th	Australia	36	New Zealand	11	Sydney
1972	Jul 15th	Australia	31	New Zealand	7	Brisbane
1972	Oct 28th	France	20	New Zealand	9	Marseille
1972	Oct 29th	Great Britain	27	Australia	21	Perpignan
1972	Nov 1st	Australia	9	New Zealand	5	Paris
1972	Nov 1st	France	4	Great Britain	13	Grenoble
1972	Nov 4th	Great Britain	53	New Zealand	19	Pau
1972	Nov 5th	France	9	Australia	31	Toulouse
1972	Nov 11th	Australia	10	Great Britain	10	Lyon

1977	Jan 29th	England	2	Wales	6	Leeds
1977	Feb 20th	France	13	Wales	2	Toulouse
1977	Mar 20th	France	28	England	15	Carcassonne
1977	May 29th	New Zealand	12	Australia	27	Auckland
1977	May 29th	Papua New Guinea	37	France	6	Port Moresby
1977	Jun 5th	France	4	Great Britain	23	Auckland
1977	Jun 11th	Australia	21	France	9	Sydney
1977	Jun 12th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	30	Christchurch
1977	Jun 18th	Australia	19	Great Britain	5	Brisbane
1977	Jun 19th	New Zealand	28	France	20	Auckland
1977	Jun 25th	Australia	13	Great Britain	12	Sydney

1973	Nov 3rd	Great Britain	21	Australia	12	London
1973	Nov 24th	Great Britain	6	Australia	14	Leeds
1973	Dec 1st	Great Britain	5	Australia	15	Warrington
1973	Dec 9th	France	9	Australia	21	Perpignan
1973	Dec 16th	France	3	Australia	14	Toulouse

1978	Jan 15th	Wales	29	France	7	Widnes
1978	Mar 5th	France	11	England	13	Toulouse
1978	May 28th	England	60	Wales	13	St Helens
1978	Jun 24th	Australia	24	New Zealand	2	Sydney
1978	Jul 15th	Australia	38	New Zealand	7	Brisbane
1978	Jul 22nd	Australia	33	New Zealand	16	Sydney
1978	Jul 30th	Papua New Guinea	21	New Zealand	30	Port Moresby
1978	Oct 15th	Wales	3	Australia	8	Swansea
1978	Oct 21st	Great Britain	9	Australia	15	Wigan
1978	Nov 5th	Great Britain	18	Australia	14	Bradford
1978	Nov 18th	Great Britain	6	Australia	23	Leeds
1978	Nov 26th	France	13	Australia	10	Carcassonne
1978	Dec 10th	France	11	Australia	10	Toulouse

1974	Jan 20th	France	5	Great Britain	24	Grenoble
1974	Feb 17th	Great Britain	29	France	0	Wigan
1974	Jun 15th	Australia	12	Great Britain	6	Brisbane
1974	Jul 6th	Australia	11	Great Britain	16	Sydney
1974	Jul 27th	New Zealand	13	Great Britain	8	Auckland
1974	Aug 4th	New Zealand	8	Great Britain	17	Christchurch
1974	Aug 10th	New Zealand	0	Great Britain	20	Auckland

1979	Feb 4th	France	15	Wales	8	Narbonne
1979	Mar 16th	England	15	Wales	7	Widnes
1979	Mar 24th	England	12	France	6	Warrington
1979	Jun 16th	Australia	35	Great Britain	0	Brisbane
1979	Jun 30th	Australia	24	Great Britain	16	Sydney
1979	Jul 14th	Australia	28	Great Britain	2	Sydney
1979	Jul 21st	New Zealand	8	Great Britain	16	Auckland
1979	Aug 5th	New Zealand	7	Great Britain	22	Christchurch
1979	Aug 11th	New Zealand	18	Great Britain	11	Auckland
1979	Oct 14th	France	16	Papua New Guinea	9	Albi
1979	Oct 28th	France	15	Papua New Guinea	2	Carcassonne

1975	Jan 19th	France	9	England	11	Perpignan
1975	Feb 16th	Wales	21	France	8	Swansea
1975	Feb 25th	England	12	Wales	8	Salford
1975	Mar 2nd	France	14	Wales	7	Toulouse
1975	Mar 16th	England	20	France	2	Leeds
1975	Jun 1st	Australia	36	New Zealand	8	Brisbane
1975	Jun 10th	England	7	Wales	12	Brisbane
1975	Jun 14th	Australia	30	Wales	13	Sydney
1975	Jun 15th	New Zealand	27	France	0	Christchurch
1975	Jun 21st	Australia	26	France	6	Brisbane
1975	Jun 21st	New Zealand	17	England	17	Auckland
1975	Jun 28th	Australia	10	England	10	Sydney
1975	Jun 28th	New Zealand	13	Wales	8	Auckland
1975	Sep 20th	Wales	16	England	22	Warrington
1975	Sep 27th	New Zealand	8	Australia	24	Auckland
1975	Oct 11th	France	2	England	48	Bordeaux
1975	Oct 17th	France	12	New Zealand	12	Marseille
1975	Oct 19th	Wales	6	Australia	18	Swansea
1975	Oct 25th	England	27	New Zealand	12	Bradford
1975	Oct 26th	France	2	Australia	41	Perpignan
1975	Nov 1st	England	16	Australia	13	Wigan
1975	Nov 2nd	Wales	25	New Zealand	24	Swansea
1975	Nov 6th	Wales	23	France	2	Salford
1975	Nov 12th	England	0	Australia	25	Leeds

1980	Jan 26th	Wales	7	France	21	Widnes
1980	Feb 29th	England	26	Wales	9	Hull
1980	Mar 16th	France	2	England	4	Narbonne
1980	Jun 1st	New Zealand	6	Australia	27	Auckland
1980	Jun 15th	New Zealand	6	Australia	15	Auckland
1980	Oct 18th	Great Britain	14	New Zealand	14	Wigan
1980	Nov 2nd	Great Britain	8	New Zealand	12	Bradford
1980	Nov 15th	Great Britain	10	New Zealand	2	Leeds
1980	Nov 23rd	France	6	New Zealand	5	Perpignan
1980	Dec 7th	France	3	New Zealand	11	Toulouse

1981	Jan 31st	France	23	Wales	5	Narbonne
1981	Feb 21st	England	1	France	5	Leeds
1981	Mar 18th	England	17	Wales	4	Hull
1981	Jun 7th	New Zealand	26	France	3	Auckland
1981	Jun 21st	New Zealand	25	France	2	Auckland
1981	Jul 4th	Australia	43	France	3	Sydney
1981	Jul 18th	Australia	17	France	2	Brisbane
1981	Aug 23rd	Papua New Guinea	13	France	13	Port Moresby
1981	Nov 8th	Wales	15	England	20	Cardiff
1981	Dec 6th	Great Britain	37	France	0	Hull
1981	Dec 20th	France	19	Great Britain	2	Marseille

1982	Jul 3rd	Australia	11	New Zealand	8	Brisbane
1982	Jul 17th	Australia	20	New Zealand	2	Sydney
1982	Jul 25th	Papua New Guinea	5	New Zealand	56	Port Moresby
1982	Oct 2nd	Papua New Guinea	2	Australia	38	Port Moresby
1982	Oct 24th	Wales	7	Australia	37	Cardiff
1982	Oct 30th	Great Britain	4	Australia	40	Hull
1982	Nov 20th	Great Britain	6	Australia	27	Wigan
1982	Nov 28th	Great Britain	8	Australia	32	Leeds
1982	Dec 5th	France	4	Australia	15	Avignon
1982	Dec 18th	France	9	Australia	23	Narbonne

1983	Feb 20th	France	5	Great Britain	20	Carcassonne
1983	Mar 6th	Great Britain	17	France	5	Hull
1983	Jun 12th	New Zealand	4	Australia	16	Auckland
1983	Jul 9th	Australia	12	New Zealand	19	Brisbane
1983	Oct 2nd	New Zealand	60	Papua New Guinea	20	Auckland

1984	Jan 29th	France	0	Great Britain	12	Avignon
1984	Feb 17th	Great Britain	10	France	0	Leeds
1984	Jun 9th	Australia	25	Great Britain	8	Sydney
1984	Jun 26th	Australia	18	Great Britain	6	Brisbane
1984	Jul 7th	Australia	20	Great Britain	7	Sydney
1984	Jul 14th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	0	Auckland
1984	Jul 22nd	New Zealand	28	Great Britain	12	Christchurch
1984	Jul 28th	New Zealand	32	Great Britain	16	Auckland
1984	Aug 5th	Papua New Guinea	20	Great Britain	38	Mount Hagen
1984	Oct 14th	Wales	9	England	28	Ebbw Vale

1985	Mar 1st	Great Britain	50	France	4	Leeds
1985	Mar 17th	France	24	Great Britain	16	Perpignan
1985	Jun 18th	Australia	26	New Zealand	20	Brisbane
1985	Jun 30th	New Zealand	6	Australia	10	Auckland
1985	Jul 7th	New Zealand	18	Australia	0	Auckland
1985	Oct 19th	Great Britain	22	New Zealand	24	Leeds
1985	Nov 2nd	Great Britain	25	New Zealand	8	Wigan
1985	Nov 9th	Great Britain	6	New Zealand	6	Leeds
1985	Nov 24th	France	0	New Zealand	22	Marseille
1985	Dec 7th	New Zealand	22	France	0	Perpignan

1986	Feb 16th	France	10	Great Britain	10	Avignon
1986	Mar 1st	Great Britain	24	France	10	Wigan
1986	Jul 6th	New Zealand	8	Australia	22	Auckland
1986	Jul 19th	Australia	29	New Zealand	12	Sydney
1986	Jul 29th	Australia	32	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
1986	Aug 10th	Papua New Guinea	26	New Zealand	36	Goroka
1986	Aug 17th	Papua New Guinea	24	New Zealand	22	Port Moresby
1986	Oct 4th	Papua New Guinea	12	Australia	62	Port Moresby
1986	Oct 25th	Great Britain	16	Australia	38	Trafford
1986	Oct 27th	Cook Islands	22	Niue	8	Avarua
1986	Oct 27th	Western Samoa	34	Tokelau	12	Avarua
1986	Oct 29th	Niue	16	NZ Maori	32	Avarua
1986	Oct 29th	Tonga	34	Western Samoa	16	Avarua
1986	Oct 31st	Cook Islands	10	NZ Maori	32	Avarua
1986	Oct 31st	Tokelau	22	Tonga	26	Avarua
1986	Nov 2nd	Cook Islands	0	Western Samoa	48	Avarua
1986	Nov 2nd	NZ Maori	27	Tonga	18	Avarua
1986	Nov 4th	Tonga	4	Western Samoa	46	Avarua
1986	Nov 7th	NZ Maori	23	Western Samoa	6	Avarua
1986	Nov 8th	Great Britain	4	Australia	34	Leeds
1986	Nov 22nd	Great Britain	15	Australia	24	Wigan
1986	Nov 30th	France	2	Australia	44	Perpignan
1986	Dec 13th	France	0	Australia	52	Carcassonne

1987	Jan 24th	Great Britain	52	France	4	Leeds
1987	Feb 8th	France	10	Great Britain	20	Carcassonne
1987	Jul 12th	Papua New Guinea	22	New Zealand	36	Port Moresby
1987	Jul 21st	Australia	6	New Zealand	13	Brisbane
1987	Oct 24th	Great Britain	42	Papua New Guinea	0	Wigan
1987	Nov 15th	France	21	Papua New Guinea	4	Carcassonne

1988	Jan 24th	France	14	Great Britain	28	Avignon
1988	Feb 6th	Great Britain	30	France	12	Leeds
1988	May 22nd	Papua New Guinea	22	Great Britain	42	Port Moresby
1988	Jun 11th	Australia	17	Great Britain	6	Sydney
1988	Jun 28th	Australia	34	Great Britain	14	Brisbane
1988	Jul 9th	Australia	12	Great Britain	26	Sydney
1988	Jul 10th	New Zealand	66	Papua New Guinea	14	Auckland
1988	Jul 17th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	10	Christchurch
1988	Jul 20th	Australia	70	Papua New Guinea	8	Wagga Wagga
1988	Oct 9th	New Zealand	12	Australia	25	Auckland
1988	Oct 18th	Cook Islands	19	Tokelau	10	Apia
1988	Oct 18th	NZ Maori	42	American Samoa	10	Apia
1988	Oct 20th	Tonga	38	American Samoa	14	Apia
1988	Oct 20th	Western Samoa	52	Cook Islands	16	Apia
1988	Oct 22nd	NZ Maori	42	Tonga	16	Apia
1988	Oct 22nd	Western Samoa	40	Tokelau	18	Apia
1988	Oct 24th	Tokelau	26	American Samoa	16	Apia
1988	Oct 24th	Western Samoa	52	Cook Islands	16	Apia
1988	Oct 26th	NZ Maori	70	Cook Islands	20	Apia
1988	Oct 26th	Western Samoa	40	Tonga	30	Apia
1988	Oct 29th	NZ Maori	26	Western Samoa	16	Apia
1988	Oct 29th	Tonga	19	Cook Islands	6	Apia

1989	Jan 21st	Great Britain	26	France	10	Wigan
1989	Feb 5th	France	8	Great Britain	30	Avignon
1989	Jul 9th	New Zealand	6	Australia	26	Christchurch
1989	Jul 16th	New Zealand	0	Australia	8	Rotorua
1989	Jul 23rd	New Zealand	14	Australia	22	Auckland
1989	Oct 21st	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	24	Trafford
1989	Oct 28th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	6	Leeds
1989	Nov 11th	Great Britain	10	New Zealand	6	Wigan
1989	Nov 19th	France	14	New Zealand	16	Carcassonne
1989	Dec 3rd	France	0	New Zealand	34	Carcassonne

1990	Mar 18th	France	4	Great Britain	8	Perpignan
1990	Apr 7th	Great Britain	18	France	25	Leeds
1990	May 27th	Papua New Guinea	20	Great Britain	18	Goroka
1990	Jun 2nd	Papua New Guinea	8	Great Britain	40	Port Moresby
1990	Jun 24th	New Zealand	10	Great Britain	11	Palmerston North
1990	Jun 27th	Australia	34	France	2	Parkes
1990	Jul 8th	New Zealand	14	Great Britain	16	Auckland
1990	Jul 15th	New Zealand	21	Great Britain	18	Christchurch
1990	Aug 5th	Papua New Guinea	4	New Zealand	36	Goroka
1990	Aug 11th	Papua New Guinea	10	New Zealand	18	Port Moresby
1990	Aug 19th	New Zealand	6	Australia	24	Wellington
1990	Oct 21st	NZ Maori	24	Aborigines	13	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 21st	Papua New Guinea	16	Tonga XIII	14	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 21st	Tokelau	26	Niue	16	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 21st	Western Samoa	42	Tonga	8	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 24th	Aborigines	unknown	Tonga XIII	unknown	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 24th	NZ Maori	46	Papua New Guinea	14	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 24th	Tonga	58	Niue	4	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 24th	Western Samoa	66	Tokelau	8	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 26th	Aborigines	28	Papua New Guinea	18	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 26th	NZ Maori	20	Tonga XIII	4	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 26th	Tonga	26	Tokelau	10	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 26th	Western Samoa	52	Niue	2	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 27th	Great Britain	19	Australia	12	London
1990	Oct 28th	Tonga	20	NZ Maori	32	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 28th	Western Samoa	22	Aborigines	16	Nuku'alofa
1990	Oct 31st	Western Samoa	26	NZ Maori	18	Nuku'alofa
1990	Nov 10th	Great Britain	10	Australia	14	Trafford
1990	Nov 24th	Great Britain	0	Australia	14	Leeds
1990	Dec 2nd	France	4	Australia	60	Avignon
1990	Dec 9th	France	10	Australia	34	Perpignan

1991	Jan 27th	France	10	Great Britain	45	Perpignan
1991	Feb 16th	Great Britain	60	France	4	Leeds
1991	Jun 13th	New Zealand	60	France	6	Auckland
1991	Jun 23rd	New Zealand	32	France	10	Christchurch
1991	Jul 3rd	Australia	8	New Zealand	24	Melbourne
1991	Jul 7th	Papua New Guinea	18	France	20	Goroka
1991	Jul 24th	Australia	44	New Zealand	0	Sydney
1991	Jul 31st	Australia	40	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
1991	Oct 6th	Papua New Guinea	2	Australia	58	Goroka
1991	Oct 13th	Papua New Guinea	6	Australia	40	Port Moresby
1991	Oct 27th	France	26	Russia	6	Lyon
1991	Oct 27th	Wales	68	Papua New Guinea	0	Swansea
1991	Nov 9th	Great Britain	56	Papua New Guinea	4	Wigan
1991	Nov 24th	France	28	Papua New Guinea	14	Carcassonne

1992	Feb 16th	France	12	Great Britain	30	Perpignan
1992	Mar 7th	Great Britain	36	France	0	Hull
1992	Mar 22nd	Wales	35	France	6	Swansea
1992	May 31st	Papua New Guinea	14	Great Britain	20	Port Moresby
1992	Jun 4th	France	38	C.I.S.	4	Lyon
1992	Jun 12th	Australia	22	Great Britain	6	Sydney
1992	Jun 18th	C.I.S.	8	France	28	Moscow
1992	Jun 26th	Australia	10	Great Britain	33	Melbourne
1992	Jul 3rd	Australia	16	Great Britain	10	Brisbane
1992	Jul 5th	New Zealand	66	Papua New Guinea	10	Auckland
1992	Jul 12th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	14	Palmerston North
1992	Jul 15th	Australia	36	Papua New Guinea	14	Townsville
1992	Jul 19th	New Zealand	16	Great Britain	19	Auckland
1992	Oct 17th	American Samoa	26	Tokelau	18	Auckland
1992	Oct 17th	NZ Maori	36	Aborigines	24	Auckland
1992	Oct 18th	Tonga	24	Niue	8	Auckland
1992	Oct 18th	Western Samoa	32	Fiji	18	Auckland
1992	Oct 19th	Aborigines	46	Tokelau	18	Auckland
1992	Oct 19th	NZ Maori	84	Norfolk Island	8	Auckland
1992	Oct 20th	Cook Islands	23	Niue	22	Auckland
1992	Oct 20th	Western Samoa	20	Tonga	12	Auckland
1992	Oct 21st	Aborigines	74	Norfolk Island	2	Auckland
1992	Oct 21st	NZ Maori	26	American Samoa	12	Auckland
1992	Oct 22nd	Niue	14	Fiji	0	Auckland
1992	Oct 22nd	Tonga	26	Cook Islands	6	Auckland
1992	Oct 24th	American Samoa	94	Norfolk Island	2	Huntly
1992	Oct 24th	Great Britain	6	Australia	10	London
1992	Oct 24th	NZ Maori	38	Tokelau	14	Huntly
1992	Oct 24th	Tonga	23	Fiji	20	Auckland
1992	Oct 24th	Western Samoa	66	Cook Islands	12	Auckland
1992	Oct 26th	Aborigines	32	American Samoa	14	Whangarei
1992	Oct 26th	Fiji	58	Cook Islands	6	Auckland
1992	Oct 26th	Tokelau	44	Norfolk Island	8	Whangarei
1992	Oct 26th	Western Samoa	41	Niue	28	Auckland
1992	Oct 28th	NZ Maori	6	Tonga	18	Auckland
1992	Oct 28th	Western Samoa	44	Aborigines	26	Auckland
1992	Oct 31st	NZ Maori	44	Aborigines	12	Auckland
1992	Oct 31st	Western Samoa	18	Tonga	14	Auckland
1992	Nov 27th	Wales	11	England	36	Swansea
1992	Dec 13th	France	18	Wales	19	Perpignan

1993	Mar 7th	France	6	Great Britain	48	Carcassonne
1993	Apr 2nd	Great Britain	72	France	6	Leeds
1993	Jun 5th	Russia	14	France	30	Moscow
1993	Jun 12th	Moldova	14	France	34	Kishinev
1993	Jun 19th	Papua New Guinea	35	Fiji	24	Port Moresby
1993	Jun 20th	New Zealand	14	Australia	14	Auckland
1993	Jun 25th	New Zealand	8	Australia	16	Palmerston North
1993	Jun 30th	Australia	16	New Zealand	4	Brisbane
1993	Oct 4th	Wales	19	New Zealand	24	Swansea
1993	Oct 16th	Great Britain	17	New Zealand	0	London
1993	Oct 30th	Great Britain	29	New Zealand	12	Wigan
1993	Nov 6th	Great Britain	29	New Zealand	10	Leeds
1993	Nov 21st	France	11	New Zealand	36	Carcassonne

1994	Mar 4th	Wales	13	France	12	Cardiff
1994	Mar 20th	France	4	Great Britain	12	Carcassonne
1994	Jun 9th	USA	22	Canada	0	Atlantic City
1994	Jun 26th	Papua New Guinea	29	France	22	Port Moresby
1994	Jul 6th	Australia	58	France	0	Sydney
1994	Jul 9th	Fiji	20	France	12	Suva
1994	Aug 20th	USA	12	Russia	19	San Francisco
1994	Oct 1st	Canada	10	USA	22	Toronto
1994	Oct 16th	Papua New Guinea	12	New Zealand	28	Goroka
1994	Oct 21st	Fiji	14	Western Samoa	16	Suva
1994	Oct 21st	Rotuma	17	Cook Islands	10	Suva
1994	Oct 22nd	Aborigines	64	Niue	10	Suva
1994	Oct 22nd	Fiji Pres. XIII	16	NZ Maori	28	Suva
1994	Oct 22nd	Great Britain	8	Australia	4	London
1994	Oct 25th	Fiji	19	Cook Islands	11	Suva
1994	Oct 25th	Western Samoa	30	American Samoa	10	Suva
1994	Oct 26th	Fiji Pres. XIII	12	Aborigines	50	Suva
1994	Oct 26th	Tonga	28	NZ Maori	8	Suva
1994	Oct 27th	Papua New Guinea	16	New Zealand	30	Port Moresby
1994	Oct 28th	Cook Islands	22	American Samoa	20	Suva
1994	Oct 28th	Fiji	32	Rotuma	12	Suva
1994	Oct 29th	Fiji Pres. XIII	10	Tonga	32	Suva
1994	Oct 29th	NZ Maori	24	Niue	22	Suva
1994	Oct 30th	Wales	4	Australia	46	Cardiff
1994	Nov 2nd	Fiji	16	American Samoa	14	Suva
1994	Nov 2nd	Western Samoa	50	Rotuma	14	Suva
1994	Nov 3rd	Aborigines	34	Tonga	16	Suva
1994	Nov 3rd	Fiji Pres. XIII	8	Niue	30	Suva
1994	Nov 4th	Rotuma	32	American Samoa	32	Suva
1994	Nov 4th	Western Samoa	60	Cook Islands	0	Suva
1994	Nov 5th	Aborigines	38	NZ Maori	20	Suva
1994	Nov 5th	Great Britain	8	Australia	38	Trafford
1994	Nov 5th	Tonga	58	Niue	12	Suva
1994	Nov 9th	Fiji	21	Aborigines	20	Suva
1994	Nov 9th	Tonga	34	Western Samoa	16	Suva
1994	Nov 11th	Western Samoa	29	Aborigines	22	Suva
1994	Nov 12th	Fiji	11	Tonga	34	Suva
1994	Nov 20th	Great Britain	4	Australia	23	Leeds
1994	Dec 4th	France	0	Australia	74	Béziers

1995	Feb 1st	Wales	18	England	16	Cardiff
1995	Feb 15th	England	19	France	16	Gateshead
1995	Mar 5th	France	10	Wales	22	Carcassonne
1995	Jun 9th	New Zealand	22	France	6	Auckland
1995	Jun 16th	New Zealand	16	France	16	Palmerston North
1995	Jun 18th	Canada	32	France	72	Montreal
1995	Jun 23rd	Australia	26	New Zealand	8	Brisbane
1995	Jul 7th	Australia	20	New Zealand	10	Sydney
1995	Jul 14th	Australia	46	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
1995	Aug 13th	Scotland	22	Ireland	26	Dublin
1995	Aug 26th	USA	44	Canada	0	Baltimore
1995	Oct 7th	England	20	Australia	16	London
1995	Oct 8th	Fiji	52	South Africa	6	Bradford
1995	Oct 8th	New Zealand	25	Tonga	24	Warrington
1995	Oct 9th	Wales	28	France	6	Cardiff
1995	Oct 10th	Australia	86	South Africa	6	Gateshead
1995	Oct 10th	Papua New Guinea	28	Tonga	28	Hull
1995	Oct 11th	England	46	Fiji	0	Wigan
1995	Oct 12th	Western Samoa	56	France	10	Cardiff
1995	Oct 13th	New Zealand	22	Papua New Guinea	6	St Helens
1995	Oct 14th	Australia	66	Fiji	0	Huddersfield
1995	Oct 14th	England	46	South Africa	0	Leeds
1995	Oct 15th	Wales	22	Western Samoa	10	Swansea
1995	Oct 16th	Cook Islands	64	USA	8	Featherstone
1995	Oct 16th	Ireland	48	Moldova	26	Rochdale
1995	Oct 16th	Scotland	34	Russia	9	Featherstone
1995	Oct 18th	Cook Islands	58	Russia	20	Leigh
1995	Oct 18th	Moldova	24	Morocco	19	Northampton
1995	Oct 18th	Scotland	38	USA	16	Northampton
1995	Oct 20th	Ireland	42	Morocco	6	Dewsbury
1995	Oct 20th	Russia	28	USA	26	Warrington
1995	Oct 20th	Scotland	10	Cook Islands	21	Castleford
1995	Oct 21st	England	25	Wales	10	Trafford
1995	Oct 22nd	Australia	30	New Zealand	20	Huddersfield
1995	Oct 24th	Cook Islands	22	Ireland	6	Bury
1995	Oct 28th	Australia	16	England	8	London

1996	Mar 16th	USA	12	Ireland	14	Washington D.C.
1996	Jun 5th	France	14	Wales	34	Carcassonne
1996	Jun 12th	England	73	France	6	Gateshead
1996	Jun 26th	Wales	12	England	26	Cardiff
1996	Jul 3rd	Fiji	14	Cook Islands	8	Auckland
1996	Jul 8th	Papua New Guinea	56	Tonga	19	Port Moresby
1996	Jul 10th	Tonga	22	Western Samoa	17	Nuku'alofa
1996	Jul 12th	Australia	84	Fiji (NRL)	14	Newcastle
1996	Aug 6th	Scotland	26	Ireland	6	Glasgow
1996	Sep 28th	Papua New Guinea	30	Great Britain	32	Lae
1996	Oct 5th	Fiji	4	Great Britain	72	Nadi
1996	Oct 5th	New Zealand	62	Papua New Guinea	8	Rotorua
1996	Oct 6th	PNG (NRL)	6	Australia	52	Port Moresby
1996	Oct 11th	New Zealand	64	Papua New Guinea	0	Palmerston North
1996	Oct 18th	New Zealand	17	Great Britain	12	Auckland
1996	Oct 25th	New Zealand	18	Great Britain	15	Palmerston North
1996	Nov 1st	New Zealand	32	Great Britain	12	Christchurch

1997	Jan 1st	USA	50	Canada	10	Philadelphia
1997	Apr 25th	Australia (SL)	34	New Zealand	22	Sydney
1997	May 11th	Cook Islands	22	Fiji	14	Auckland
1997	May 11th	NZ Maori	46	Tonga	10	Auckland
1997	May 11th	New Zealand XIII	21	Papua New Guinea	18	Auckland
1997	May 13th	France	30	Ireland	30	Essonne
1997	May 13th	NZ Maori	32	Fiji	12	Auckland
1997	May 13th	New Zealand XIII	32	Tonga	10	Auckland
1997	May 13th	Papua New Guinea	34	Cook Islands	12	Auckland
1997	May 15th	NZ Maori	34	Papua New Guinea	6	Auckland
1997	May 15th	New Zealand XIII	46	Cook Islands	2	Auckland
1997	May 15th	Tonga	14	Fiji	14	Auckland
1997	May 18th	Fiji	22	Tonga	20	Auckland
1997	May 18th	New Zealand XIII	20	NZ Maori	15	Auckland
1997	May 18th	Papua New Guinea	38	Cook Islands	14	Auckland
1997	Jul 9th	Scotland	20	France	22	Glasgow
1997	Sep 26th	New Zealand	30	Australia (SL)	12	Auckland
1997	Nov 1st	Great Britain	14	Australia (SL)	38	London
1997	Nov 8th	Great Britain	20	Australia (SL)	12	Trafford
1997	Nov 16th	Great Britain	20	Australia (SL)	37	Leeds
1997	Dec 6th	France	30	South Africa	17	Arles

1998	Apr 24th	New Zealand	22	Australia	16	Auckland
1998	Jun 7th	Tonga	20	Samoa	20	Nuku'alofa
1998	Jun 30th	Tonga	24	Samoa	8	Nuku'alofa
1998	Jul 1st	Tonga	14	Fiji	22	Nuku'alofa
1998	Jul 4th	Samoa	22	Tonga	24	Apia
1998	Jul 18th	Fiji	14	Papua New Guinea	16	Nadi
1998	Jul 22nd	Papua New Guinea	34	Fiji	12	Goroka
1998	Jul 26th	Papua New Guinea	10	Fiji	14	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 7th	NZ Maori	23	Tonga	12	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 7th	Papua New Guinea	46	Cook Islands	6	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 9th	Australia	30	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
1998	Oct 11th	Cook Islands	16	NZ Maori	8	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 11th	Papua New Guinea	44	Tonga	28	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 14th	Papua New Guinea	46	NZ Maori	0	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 14th	Tonga	30	Cook Islands	22	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 16th	New Zealand	16	Australia	36	Auckland
1998	Oct 18th	NZ Maori	28	Cook Islands	6	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 18th	Papua New Guinea	54	Tonga	12	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 31st	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	22	Huddersfield
1998	Nov 4th	Ireland	22	France	24	Dublin
1998	Nov 7th	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	36	Bolton
1998	Nov 11th	France	26	Scotland	22	Perpignan
1998	Nov 14th	Great Britain	23	New Zealand	23	Watford
1998	Nov 15th	Japan	28	Lebanon	52	Fukuoka
1998	Nov 18th	Scotland	10	Ireland	17	Glasgow

1999	Apr 23rd	Australia	20	New Zealand	14	Sydney
1999	Jul 28th	Fiji	10	Samoa	6	Suva
1999	Jul 30th	Tonga	42	Cook Islands	4	Nuku'alofa
1999	Jul 31st	Fiji	22	Samoa	16	Suva
1999	Aug 3rd	Tonga	28	Cook Islands	13	Nuku'alofa
1999	Aug 4th	Fiji	30	Samoa	4	Suva
1999	Aug 4th	Tonga	34	Cook Islands	4	Nuku'alofa
1999	Oct 13th	France	20	England	28	Carcassonne
1999	Oct 15th	New Zealand	24	Australia	22	Auckland
1999	Oct 15th	Wales	17	Ireland	24	Swansea
1999	Oct 22nd	Australia	42	Great Britain	6	Brisbane
1999	Oct 22nd	New Zealand	74	Tonga	0	Auckland
1999	Oct 22nd	Scotland	36	Wales	16	Glasgow
1999	Oct 23rd	England	50	France	20	Hull
1999	Oct 29th	New Zealand	26	Great Britain	4	Auckland
1999	Oct 31st	Ireland	31	Scotland	10	Dublin
1999	Nov 5th	New Zealand	20	Australia	22	Auckland
1999	Nov 9th	USA	54	Japan	0	Kissimmee
1999	Nov 11th	France	80	Morocco	8	Perpignan
1999	Nov 11th	Italy	16	Lebanon	36	Perpignan
1999	Nov 11th	Japan	14	Canada	0	Kissimmee
1999	Nov 14th	France	38	Lebanon	24	Toulouse
1999	Nov 14th	Italy	34	Morocco	0	Toulouse
1999	Nov 15th	USA	68	Canada	0	Kissimmee
1999	Nov 17th	France	10	Italy	14	Avignon
1999	Nov 17th	Lebanon	104	Morocco	0	Avignon
1999	Nov 21st	USA	8	Lebanon	62	Kissimmee

2000	Apr 21st	Australia	52	New Zealand	0	Sydney
2000	May 27th	Tonga	23	Fiji	20	Nuku'alofa
2000	Jun 3rd	Fiji	10	Tonga	6	Suva
2000	Jul 3rd	France	82	Russia	0	Unknown
2000	Oct 7th	Australia	82	Papua New Guinea	0	Townsville
2000	Oct 28th	France	20	Papua New Guinea	23	Paris
2000	Oct 28th	Ireland	30	Samoa	16	Belfast
2000	Oct 28th	Tonga	66	South Africa	18	Paris
2000	Oct 28th	England	2	Australia	22	London
2000	Oct 29th	Wales	38	Cook Islands	6	Wrexham
2000	Oct 29th	Fiji	38	Russia	12	Hull
2000	Oct 29th	New Zealand	64	Lebanon	0	Gloucester
2000	Oct 29th	Scotland	16	NZ Maori	17	Glasgow
2000	Nov 1st	Australia	66	Fiji	8	Gateshead
2000	Nov 1st	France	28	Tonga	8	Carcassonne
2000	Nov 1st	Ireland	18	Scotland	6	Dublin
2000	Nov 1st	Samoa	21	NZ Maori	16	Workington
2000	Nov 1st	England	76	Russia	4	St Helens
2000	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	84	Cook Islands	10	Reading
2000	Nov 2nd	Papua New Guinea	16	South Africa	0	Toulouse
2000	Nov 2nd	Wales	24	Lebanon	22	Llanelli
2000	Nov 4th	Ireland	30	NZ Maori	16	Dublin
2000	Nov 4th	England	66	Fiji	10	Leeds
2000	Nov 4th	Australia	110	Russia	4	Hull
2000	Nov 5th	France	56	South Africa	6	Toulouse
2000	Nov 5th	Wales	18	New Zealand	58	Cardiff
2000	Nov 5th	Cook Islands	22	Lebanon	22	Cardiff
2000	Nov 5th	Scotland	12	Samoa	20	Edinburgh
2000	Nov 6th	Papua New Guinea	30	Tonga	22	Toulouse
2000	Nov 11th	Australia	66	Samoa	10	Watford
2000	Nov 11th	England	26	Ireland	16	Leeds
2000	Nov 12th	New Zealand	54	France	6	Castleford
2000	Nov 12th	Wales	22	Papua New Guinea	8	Widnes
2000	Nov 13th	BARLA	60	Morocco	2	Featherstone
2000	Nov 13th	USA	52	Canada	10	Oxford
2000	Nov 15th	Italy	66	Canada	6	Bradford
2000	Nov 15th	Morocco	12	Japan	8	Hull
2000	Nov 17th	BARLA	54	Japan	0	Whitehaven
2000	Nov 17th	Italy	40	USA	16	Halifax
2000	Nov 18th	England	6	New Zealand	49	Bolton
2000	Nov 19th	Australia	46	Wales	22	Huddersfield
2000	Nov 20th	Canada	28	Japan	12	Wigan
2000	Nov 20th	USA	50	Morocco	10	Wigan
2000	Nov 20th	BARLA	20	Italy	18	Dewsbury
2000	Nov 25th	Australia	40	New Zealand	12	Trafford

2001	Apr 1st	USA	56	Canada	6	Philadelphia
2001	Jun 10th	New Zealand	36	France	0	Auckland
2001	Jun 17th	Papua New Guinea	16	France	27	Port Moresby
2001	Jun 20th	Papua New Guinea	34	France	24	Goroka
2001	Jun 26th	France	56	Ireland	16	Albi
2001	Jul 3rd	France	20	Scotland	42	Lézignan
2001	Jul 13th	New Zealand	10	Australia	28	Wellington
2001	Jul 29th	Wales	33	England	42	Wrexham
2001	Oct 7th	Papua New Guinea	12	Australia	54	Port Moresby
2001	Oct 26th	France	12	Great Britain	42	Agen
2001	Nov 11th	Great Britain	20	Australia	12	Huddersfield
2001	Nov 17th	Great Britain	12	Australia	40	Bolton
2001	Nov 24th	Great Britain	8	Australia	28	Wigan

2002	Jun 1st	USA	26	Japan	10	Philadelphia
2002	Jul 12th	Australia	64	Great Britain	10	Sydney
2002	Oct 12th	New Zealand	24	Australia	32	Wellington
2002	Nov 2nd	Lebanon	36	France	6	Tripoli
2002	Nov 3rd	Wales	22	New Zealand	50	Cardiff
2002	Nov 9th	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	30	Blackburn
2002	Nov 16th	Great Britain	14	New Zealand	14	Huddersfield
2002	Nov 23rd	Great Britain	16	New Zealand	10	Wigan
2002	Nov 30th	France	10	New Zealand	36	Perpignan

2003	May 6th	Russia	44	USA	14	Moscow
2003	May 9th	Russia	12	France	29	Moscow
2003	Jun 27th	USA	78	Japan	6	Philadelphia
2003	Jul 25th	Australia	48	New Zealand	6	Sydney
2003	Sep 27th	Italy	26	Greece	24	Sydney
2003	Oct 18th	New Zealand	30	Australia	16	Auckland
2003	Oct 19th	France	72	Morocco	0	Tripoli
2003	Oct 19th	Lebanon	102	Serbia	0	Tripoli
2003	Oct 22nd	France	120	Serbia	0	Beirut
2003	Oct 22nd	Lebanon	60	Morocco	0	Beirut
2003	Oct 25th	Morocco	58	Serbia	4	Tripoli
2003	Oct 25th	Lebanon	26	France	18	Tripoli
2003	Oct 26th	Scotland	22	Ireland	24	Glasgow
2003	Oct 26th	Wales	74	Russia	4	Port Talbot
2003	Nov 1st	Ireland	18	France	26	Dublin
2003	Nov 2nd	English League	102	Russia	0	Bradford
2003	Nov 2nd	Wales	4	Australia	76	Bridgend
2003	Nov 8th	Great Britain	18	Australia	22	Wigan
2003	Nov 9th	France	6	Scotland	8	Avignon
2003	Nov 9th	English League	22	Wales	4	Leeds
2003	Nov 15th	Great Britain	20	Australia	23	Hull
2003	Nov 16th	English League	68	France	6	Warrington
2003	Nov 22nd	Great Britain	12	Australia	18	Huddersfield

2004	Apr 23rd	Australia	37	New Zealand	10	Newcastle
2004	May 10th	Ireland	74	USA	16	Moscow
2004	May 16th	Russia	64	Ireland	6	Moscow
2004	Aug 8th	Netherlands	24	Serbia	14	Rotterdam
2004	Aug 17th	Cook Islands	36	Fiji	24	Auckland
2004	Aug 27th	Cook Islands	22	Fiji	14	Auckland
2004	Oct 2nd	Italy	58	Greece	14	Sydney
2004	Oct 2nd	France	46	Morocco	6	Tripoli
2004	Oct 2nd	Lebanon	64	Serbia	6	Tripoli
2004	Oct 4th	Tonga	38	Cook Islands	30	Auckland
2004	Oct 5th	France	18	Serbia	4	Tripoli
2004	Oct 5th	Lebanon	48	Morocco	14	Tripoli
2004	Oct 9th	Serbia	20	Morocco	20	Tripoli
2004	Oct 9th	Lebanon	42	France	14	Tripoli
2004	Oct 16th	New Zealand	16	Australia	16	Auckland
2004	Oct 16th	Russia	10	France	58	Moscow
2004	Oct 17th	Tonga	56	Fiji	6	Auckland
2004	Oct 17th	Wales	12	Ireland	25	Port Talbot
2004	Oct 17th	NZ Maori	54	Niue	4	Auckland
2004	Oct 19th	Samoa	36	Niue	18	Auckland
2004	Oct 19th	Cook Islands	18	Tonga	10	Auckland
2004	Oct 21st	NZ Maori	70	Samoa	10	Auckland
2004	Oct 21st	Cook Islands	20	Fiji	12	Auckland
2004	Oct 23rd	Australia	32	New Zealand	12	London
2004	Oct 23rd	Fiji	34	Niue	24	Auckland
2004	Oct 23rd	Cook Islands	46	NZ Maori	4	Auckland
2004	Oct 24th	Russia	4	England	98	Moscow
2004	Oct 24th	Scotland	30	Wales	22	Glasgow
2004	Oct 29th	Ireland	43	Scotland	10	Dublin
2004	Oct 30th	France	4	England	42	Avignon
2004	Oct 30th	Great Britain	8	Australia	12	Oldham
2004	Nov 6th	Great Britain	22	New Zealand	12	Huddersfield
2004	Nov 7th	England	36	Ireland	12	Warrington
2004	Nov 11th	France	20	New Zealand	24	Carcassonne
2004	Nov 13th	Great Britain	24	Australia	12	Wigan
2004	Nov 20th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	24	Hull
2004	Nov 27th	Great Britain	4	Australia	44	Leeds

2005	Apr 22nd	Australia	32	New Zealand	16	Brisbane
2005	Apr 29th	Netherlands	14	Georgia	34	Rotterdam
2005	Jun 18th	Serbia	10	Netherlands	26	Belgrade
2005	Jul 24th	Georgia	44	Serbia	12	Tbilisi
2005	Oct 7th	Tonga	34	Samoa	20	Nuku'alofa
2005	Oct 8th	Malta	24	Greece	22	Sydney
2005	Oct 15th	Australia	28	New Zealand	38	Sydney
2005	Oct 16th	France	80	Russia	0	Arles
2005	Oct 16th	Wales	22	Scotland	14	Bridgend
2005	Oct 21st	New Zealand	26	Australia	28	Auckland
2005	Oct 23rd	England	22	France	12	Leeds
2005	Oct 23rd	Scotland	6	Ireland	12	Glasgow
2005	Oct 23rd	Russia	48	Georgia	14	Moscow
2005	Oct 29th	Ireland	10	Wales	31	Dublin
2005	Oct 30th	Great Britain	26	New Zealand	42	London
2005	Oct 30th	Georgia	0	France	60	Tbilisi
2005	Nov 5th	France	38	Wales	16	Carcassonne
2005	Nov 6th	Great Britain	6	Australia	20	Wigan
2005	Nov 12th	Great Britain	38	New Zealand	12	Huddersfield
2005	Nov 12th	France	12	Australia	44	Perpignan
2005	Nov 18th	France	22	New Zealand	38	Toulouse
2005	Nov 19th	Great Britain	14	Australia	26	Hull
2005	Nov 27th	Australia	0	New Zealand	24	Leeds

2006	Jan 26th	USA	40	Japan	10	Philadelphia
2006	Feb 23rd	Fiji	26	Samoa	4	Auckland
2006	Feb 23rd	Tonga	64	Tokelau	0	Auckland
2006	Feb 26th	Fiji	40	Cook Islands	16	Auckland
2006	Feb 26th	NZ Maori	14	Tonga	42	Auckland
2006	Mar 2nd	Cook Islands	44	Samoa	0	Auckland
2006	Mar 2nd	NZ Maori	64	Tokelau	4	Auckland
2006	Mar 5th	NZ Maori	40	Cook Islands	14	Auckland
2006	Mar 5th	Tokelau	34	Samoa	28	Auckland
2006	Mar 7th	Tonga	22	Fiji	4	Auckland
2006	Apr 28th	Netherlands	14	Russia	40	Rotterdam
2006	May 5th	Australia	50	New Zealand	12	Brisbane
2006	May 13th	Serbia	10	Georgia	45	Belgrade
2006	May 26th	Georgia	57	Netherlands	16	Tbilisi
2006	Jun 4th	Serbia	6	Russia	44	Belgrade
2006	Jun 12th	Italy	6	South Africa	76	Rome
2006	Jun 13th	Italy	20	South Africa	60	Rome
2006	Jun 17th	Netherlands	38	Serbia	26	Rotterdam
2006	Jun 22nd	Russia	24	Georgia	0	Moscow
2006	Jun 28th	Great Britain	46	New Zealand	14	St Helens
2006	Jul 22nd	Germany	38	Estonia	24	Tallinn
2006	Aug 4th	Netherlands	34	Czech Republic	28	Rotterdam
2006	Aug 12th	Czech Republic	28	Serbia	36	Prague
2006	Sep 29th	Samoa	30	Fiji	28	Campbelltown
2006	Sep 29th	Tonga	56	Cook Islands	14	Campbelltown
2006	Oct 4th	Fiji	30	Tonga	28	Sydney
2006	Oct 4th	Samoa	46	Cook Islands	6	Sydney
2006	Oct 7th	Fiji	40	Cook Islands	4	Sydney
2006	Oct 8th	Lebanon	36	Malta	10	Sydney
2006	Oct 14th	New Zealand	18	Australia	30	Auckland
2006	Oct 21st	Australia	20	New Zealand	15	Melbourne
2006	Oct 22nd	Russia	12	Ireland	50	Moscow
2006	Oct 22nd	Samoa	10	Tonga	18	Leeds
2006	Oct 22nd	England	26	France	10	Leeds
2006	Oct 28th	Greece	44	Serbia	26	Athens
2006	Oct 28th	USA	54	Japan	18	Philadelphia
2006	Oct 28th	Lebanon	22	Russia	8	London
2006	Oct 28th	New Zealand	18	Great Britain	14	Christchurch
2006	Oct 29th	Wales	14	Scotland	21	Bridgend
2006	Oct 29th	England	40	Tonga	18	London
2006	Oct 29th	France	28	Samoa	6	Colomiers
2006	Nov 4th	Australia	12	Great Britain	23	Sydney
2006	Nov 5th	France	10	Tonga	48	Castres
2006	Nov 5th	Ireland	18	Lebanon	18	Dublin
2006	Nov 5th	England	38	Samoa	14	Hull
2006	Nov 11th	New Zealand	34	Great Britain	4	Wellington
2006	Nov 12th	England	32	Tonga	14	Widnes
2006	Nov 18th	Australia	33	Great Britain	10	Brisbane
2006	Nov 25th	Australia	16	New Zealand	12	Sydney

2007	Jan 25th	Fiji	50	Cook Islands	12	Coffs Harbour
2007	Jan 25th	Malta	82	Japan	0	Coffs Harbour
2007	Apr 20th	Australia	30	New Zealand	6	Brisbane
2007	Jun 22nd	Great Britain	42	France	14	Leeds
2007	Jul 7th	Germany	6	Serbia	38	Karlsruhe
2007	Aug 4th	Czech Republic	22	Germany	44	Prague
2007	Aug 18th	Serbia	56	Czech Republic	16	Belgrade
2007	Oct 13th	New Zealand	0	Australia	58	Wellington
2007	Oct 19th	Tonga	14	Fiji	12	Nuku'alofa
2007	Oct 20th	Ireland	58	Russia	18	Dublin
2007	Oct 21st	Estonia	38	Latvia	54	Tallinn
2007	Oct 27th	France	46	Scotland	16	Perpignan
2007	Oct 27th	Russia	0	Lebanon	48	Naro-Fominsk
2007	Oct 27th	Great Britain	20	New Zealand	14	Huddersfield
2007	Nov 2nd	Ireland	16	Lebanon	16	Dewsbury
2007	Nov 3rd	France	38	Papua New Guinea	26	Avignon
2007	Nov 3rd	Great Britain	44	New Zealand	0	Hull
2007	Nov 4th	Scotland	16	Wales	18	Glasgow
2007	Nov 9th	Samoa	42	USA	10	Widnes
2007	Nov 9th	Wales	26	Lebanon	50	Widnes
2007	Nov 10th	France	22	Papua New Guinea	16	Bordeaux
2007	Nov 10th	Great Britain	28	New Zealand	22	Wigan
2007	Nov 14th	Lebanon	16	Samoa	38	Featherstone
2007	Nov 17th	France	14	New Zealand	22	Paris

2008	Feb 23rd	Morocco	44	Serbia	6	Paris
2008	May 9th	Australia	28	New Zealand	12	Sydney
2008	Jun 13th	Italy	58	Germany	26	Padua
2008	Jun 27th	France	8	England	56	Toulouse
2008	Jun 28th	Estonia	10	Latvia	48	Tallinn
2008	Jul 12th	Czech Republic	18	Italy	38	Prague
2008	Aug 3rd	Germany	62	Czech Republic	20	Karlsruhe
2008	Aug 3rd	Latvia	62	Estonia	10	Riga
2008	Sep 20th	Serbia	4	Russia	30	Novi Sad
2008	Sep 28th	Russia	80	Lebanon	0	Naro-Fominsk
2008	Oct 5th	Lebanon	20	Serbia	14	Bhamdoun
2008	Oct 10th	England	74	Wales	0	Doncaster
2008	Oct 18th	New Zealand	56	Tonga	8	Auckland
2008	Oct 25th	England	32	Papua New Guinea	22	Townsville
2008	Oct 26th	Scotland	18	France	36	Canberra
2008	Oct 26th	Australia	30	New Zealand	6	Sydney
2008	Oct 27th	Tonga	22	Ireland	20	Sydney
2008	Oct 31st	Samoa	20	Tonga	12	Sydney
2008	Nov 1st	Fiji	42	France	6	Wollongong
2008	Nov 1st	New Zealand	48	Papua New Guinea	6	Gold Coast
2008	Nov 2nd	Australia	52	England	4	Melbourne
2008	Nov 5th	Ireland	34	Samoa	16	Sydney
2008	Nov 5th	Scotland	18	Fiji	16	Gosford
2008	Nov 8th	Scotland	0	Tonga	48	Rockhampton
2008	Nov 8th	England	24	New Zealand	36	Newcastle
2008	Nov 9th	France	10	Samoa	42	Sydney
2008	Nov 9th	Papua New Guinea	6	Australia	46	Townsville
2008	Nov 10th	Fiji	30	Ireland	14	Gold Coast
2008	Nov 15th	New Zealand	32	England	22	Brisbane
2008	Nov 16th	Australia	52	Fiji	0	Sydney
2008	Nov 23rd	Australia	20	New Zealand	34	Brisbane

2009	May 8th	Australia	38	New Zealand	10	Brisbane
2009	Jun 6th	Morocco	32	Italy	10	Paris
2009	Jun 13th	France	12	England	66	Paris
2009	Jul 4th	Czech Republic	30	Germany	4	Olomouc
2009	Jul 11th	Italy	38	Czech Republic	8	Venice
2009	Jul 18th	Germany	30	Italy	42	Cologne
2009	Jul 22nd	Papua New Guinea	54	Fiji	10	Port Moresby
2009	Jul 24th	Latvia	6	Ukraine	40	Riga
2009	Jul 25th	Papua New Guinea	14	Fiji	2	Port Moresby
2009	Jul 26th	Estonia	0	Ukraine	86	Riga
2009	Aug 8th	Estonia	4	Latvia	74	Tallinn
2009	Aug 15th	Morocco	46	Belgium	12	Béziers
2009	Oct 14th	New Zealand	40	Tonga	24	Rotorua
2009	Oct 17th	Greece	34	Italy	14	Sydney
2009	Oct 17th	Wales	12	England	48	Bridgend
2009	Oct 17th	Italy	0	Scotland	104	Padua
2009	Oct 17th	Cook Islands	22	Samoa	20	Cairns
2009	Oct 18th	Ireland	82	Serbia	0	Tullamore
2009	Oct 23rd	England	34	France	12	Doncaster
2009	Oct 24th	Cook Islands	24	Fiji	22	Port Moresby
2009	Oct 24th	Serbia	8	Wales	88	Smederevo
2009	Oct 24th	Australia	20	New Zealand	20	London
2009	Oct 24th	Lebanon	86	Italy	0	Tripoli
2009	Oct 25th	Papua New Guinea	44	Tonga	14	Port Moresby
2009	Oct 31st	Fiji	26	Tonga	16	Port Moresby
2009	Oct 31st	England	16	Australia	26	Wigan
2009	Oct 31st	France	12	New Zealand	62	Toulouse
2009	Nov 1st	Papua New Guinea	42	Cook Islands	14	Port Moresby
2009	Nov 1st	Wales	42	Ireland	12	Pontypridd
2009	Nov 1st	Scotland	22	Lebanon	10	Glasgow
2009	Nov 7th	France	4	Australia	42	Paris
2009	Nov 7th	England	20	New Zealand	12	Huddersfield
2009	Nov 8th	Italy	42	Serbia	14	Bridgend
2009	Nov 8th	Ireland	16	Lebanon	40	Bridgend
2009	Nov 8th	Wales	28	Scotland	16	Bridgend
2009	Nov 14th	USA	37	Jamaica	22	Jacksonville
2009	Nov 14th	England	16	Australia	46	Leeds

2010	May 7th	Australia	12	New Zealand	8	Melbourne
2010	Jun 2nd	Samoa	4	Fiji	24	Apia
2010	Jun 4th	Malta	30	Norway	20	Hamrun
2010	Jun 12th	England	60	France	6	Leigh
2010	Jun 26th	Czech Republic	4	Serbia	56	Prague
2010	Jun 27th	Russia	52	Ukraine	14	Naro-Fominsk
2010	Jul 3rd	Serbia	40	Germany	14	Belgrade
2010	Jul 17th	Germany	96	Czech Republic	0	Kaiserslautern
2010	Jul 31st	Latvia	4	Russia	54	Riga
2010	Sep 18th	Ukraine	112	Latvia	0	Kharkiv
2010	Sep 19th	USA	22	Canada	16	Toronto
2010	Oct 9th	France	58	Ireland	24	Avignon
2010	Oct 10th	Scotland	22	Wales	60	Glasgow
2010	Oct 16th	France	26	Scotland	12	Albi
2010	Oct 16th	New Zealand	50	Samoa	6	Auckland
2010	Oct 17th	Wales	31	Ireland	30	Neath
2010	Oct 23rd	France	11	Wales	12	Albi
2010	Oct 23rd	New Zealand	24	England	10	Wellington
2010	Oct 24th	Ireland	22	Scotland	42	Dublin
2010	Oct 24th	Samoa	22	Tonga	6	Sydney
2010	Oct 24th	Australia	42	Papua New Guinea	0	Sydney
2010	Oct 30th	Sweden	20	Norway	20	Gothenburg
2010	Oct 30th	New Zealand	76	Papua New Guinea	12	Rotorua
2010	Oct 31st	Australia	34	England	14	Melbourne
2010	Nov 6th	England	36	Papua New Guinea	10	Auckland
2010	Nov 6th	New Zealand	20	Australia	34	Auckland
2010	Nov 13th	Australia	12	New Zealand	16	Brisbane
2010	Nov 16th	USA	36	Jamaica	26	Jacksonville
2010	Nov 18th	Jamaica	32	Canada	12	Jacksonville
2010	Nov 20th	USA	46	Canada	12	Jacksonville

2011	Apr 22nd	Germany	6	Serbia	90	Kaiserslautern
2011	May 6th	Australia	20	New Zealand	10	Gold Coast
2011	Jun 29th	Morocco	4	Lebanon	72	Unknown
2011	Jul 2nd	Morocco	0	Lebanon	78	Unknown
2011	Jul 9th	Norway	32	Germany	28	Oslo
2011	Jul 23rd	Germany	36	Malta	12	Kaiserslautern
2011	Jul 23rd	Hungary	16	Czech Republic	38	Kecskemet
2011	Jul 31st	Canada	40	Jamaica	10	Markham
2011	Aug 27th	USA	18	Canada	2	Philadelphia
2011	Sep 2nd	Malta	64	Norway	24	St Julian's
2011	Sep 10th	Ukraine	4	Russia	36	Kharkiv
2011	Sep 18th	Canada	18	USA	16	Markham
2011	Sep 30th	Serbia	10	Ukraine	4	Belgrade
2011	Oct 2nd	Denmark	28	Norway	8	Copenhagen
2011	Oct 9th	Canada	22	South Africa	36	Markham
2011	Oct 15th	USA	40	South Africa	4	Camden
2011	Oct 16th	Lebanon	96	Serbia	4	Tripoli
2011	Oct 16th	Scotland	26	Ireland	6	Glasgow
2011	Oct 16th	Italy	92	Russia	6	Padua
2011	Oct 16th	Australia	42	New Zealand	6	Newcastle
2011	Oct 19th	South Africa	6	Jamaica	20	Camden
2011	Oct 21st	France	18	England	32	Avignon
2011	Oct 22nd	Russia	0	Lebanon	32	Vereya
2011	Oct 23rd	Serbia	6	Italy	52	Belgrade
2011	Oct 23rd	USA	40	Jamaica	4	Camden
2011	Oct 26th	Papua New Guinea	12	Fiji	26	Mount Hagen
2011	Oct 28th	Australia	26	New Zealand	12	Warrington
2011	Oct 29th	Serbia	28	Russia	36	Belgrade
2011	Oct 29th	England	42	Wales	4	Leigh
2011	Oct 29th	Italy	19	Lebanon	19	Belgrade
2011	Oct 29th	France	46	Scotland	10	Perpignan
2011	Nov 5th	Ireland	16	France	34	Limerick
2011	Nov 5th	Wales	0	New Zealand	36	London
2011	Nov 5th	England	20	Australia	36	London
2011	Nov 5th	Papua New Guinea	26	Fiji	0	Port Moresby
2011	Nov 12th	England	28	New Zealand	6	Hull
2011	Nov 13th	Wales	14	Australia	56	Wrexham
2011	Nov 19th	England	8	Australia	30	Leeds

2012	Apr 20th	New Zealand	12	Australia	20	Auckland
2012	Apr 28th	Denmark	122	Sweden	8	Copenhagen
2012	May 12th	Germany	25	Serbia	24	Karlsruhe
2012	May 19th	Germany	26	Russia	32	Karlsruhe
2012	Jun 9th	Serbia	24	Italy	18	Belgrade
2012	Jun 16th	Wales	16	France	28	Wrexham
2012	Jul 7th	Italy	72	Germany	10	Bologna
2012	Jul 14th	Czech Republic	42	Hungary	16	Prague
2012	Jul 21st	Canada	18	Jamaica	12	Toronto
2012	Jul 28th	Sweden	10	Norway	36	Stockholm
2012	Aug 4th	Norway	36	Denmark	6	Oslo
2012	Aug 11th	Canada	36	Lebanon	18	Toronto
2012	Sep 8th	Russia	32	Italy	18	Naro-Fominsk
2012	Sep 8th	Canada	24	USA	28	Toronto
2012	Sep 22nd	Russia	21	Serbia	20	Naro-Fominsk
2012	Sep 22nd	USA	36	Canada	14	Fairfield
2012	Sep 29th	Denmark	12	Malta	74	Copenhagen
2012	Oct 7th	Cook Islands	28	Lebanon	24	Sydney
2012	Oct 13th	Australia	18	New Zealand	10	Townsville
2012	Oct 14th	Scotland	18	Ireland	30	Edinburgh
2012	Oct 19th	Ireland	4	England Knights	56	Belfast
2012	Oct 20th	France	20	Wales	6	Lens
2012	Oct 27th	Wales	12	England	80	Wrexham
2012	Oct 28th	Scotland	24	England Knights	62	Edinburgh
2012	Nov 3rd	England	44	France	6	Hull
2012	Nov 11th	England	48	France	4	Eccles

2013	Apr 19th	Australia	32	New Zealand	12	Canberra					
2013	Apr 20th	Samoa	4	Tonga	36	Sydney					
2013	May 4th	Germany	28	Netherlands	22	Karlsruhe					
2013	May 18th	Serbia	46	Germany	10	Belgrade					
2013	May 25th	Serbia	10	Russia	24	Belgrade					
2013	Jun 29th	Italy	38	Russia	18	Monselice					
2013	Jun 29th	Netherlands	6	Belgium	22	Rotterdam					
2013	Jul 6th	Ukraine	42	Norway	14	Kharkiv					
2013	Jul 6th	Canada	36	USA	20	Toronto					
2013	Jul 13th	Norway	26	Czech Republic	14	Oslo					
2013	Jul 20th	Canada	38	Jamaica	14	Toronto					
2013	Jul 20th	Norway	22	Sweden	40	Oslo					
2013	Jul 27th	Germany	30	Italy	66	Karlsruhe					
2013	Aug 3rd	Sweden	38	Denmark	12	Stockholm					
2013	Aug 10th	Russia	30	Germany	0	Naro-Fominsk					
2013	Aug 17th	Denmark	60	Norway	10	Copenhagen					
2013	Aug 24th	USA	44	Canada	16	Philadelphia					
2013	Sep 7th	Canada	20	USA	28	Toronto					
2013	Sep 14th	Italy	32	Serbia	20	Monselice					
2013	Sep 28th	Czech Republic	4	Ukraine	68	Prague					
2013	Sep 28th	Canada	22	USA	30	Toronto					
2013	Oct 18th	France	18	USA	22	Perpignan					
2013	Oct 19th	Lebanon	34	Fiji	4	Sydney					
2013	Oct 26th	Australia	28	England	20	Cardiff					
2013	Oct 26th	Wales	16	Italy	32	Cardiff					
2013	Oct 27th	Hungary	0	Greece	90	Budapest					
2013	Oct 27th	Papua New Guinea	8	France	9	Hull					
2013	Oct 27th	New Zealand	42	Samoa	24	Warrington					
2013	Oct 28th	Fiji	32	Ireland	14	Rochdale					
2013	Oct 29th	Tonga	24	Scotland	26	Workington					
2013	Oct 30th	USA	32	Cook Islands	20	Bristol					
2013	Nov 1st	New Zealand	48	France	0	Avignon					
2013	Nov 2nd	England	42	Ireland	0	Huddersfield					
2013	Nov 2nd	Australia	34	Fiji	2	St Helens					
2013	Nov 3rd	Wales	16	USA	24	Wrexham					
2013	Nov 3rd	Scotland	30	Italy	30	Workington					
2013	Nov 4th	Papua New Guinea	4	Samoa	38	Hull					
2013	Nov 5th	Tonga	22	Cook Islands	16	Leigh					
2013	Nov 7th	Scotland	22	USA	8	Eccles					
2013	Nov 8th	New Zealand	56	Papua New Guinea	10	Leeds					
2013	Nov 9th	England	34	Fiji	12	Hull					
2013	Nov 9th	Australia	50	Ireland	0	Limerick					
2013	Nov 10th	Wales	24	Cook Islands	28	Neath					
2013	Nov 10th	Tonga	16	Italy	0	Halifax					
2013	Nov 11th	France	6	Samoa	22	Perpignan					
2013	Nov 15th	New Zealand	40	Scotland	4	Leeds					
2013	Nov 16th	Australia	62	USA	0	Wrexham					
2013	Nov 16th	England	34	France	6	Wigan					
2013	Nov 17th	Samoa	4	Fiji	22	Warrington					
2013	Nov 23rd	England	18	New Zealand	20	London					
2013	Nov 23rd	Australia	64	Fiji	0	London					
2013	Nov 30th	Australia	34	New Zealand	2	Trafford					
2014	May 2nd	Australia	30	New Zealand	18	Sydney					
2014	May 3rd	Netherlands	16	Germany	70	Rotterdam					
2014	May 3rd	Samoa	32	Fiji	16	Sydney					
2014	May 17th	Serbia	40	Ukraine	14	Niš					
2014	May 24th	Russia	24	Ukraine	18	Vereya					
2014	May 24th	Belgium	10	Spain	12	Brussels					
2014	Jun 8th	Spain	54	Belgium	10	Valencia					
2014	Jun 21st	Russia	20	Serbia	6	Naro-Fominsk					
2014	Jun 28th	Malta	18	Greece	32	St Julian's					
2014	Jun 28th	Belgium	32	Netherlands	16	Brussels					
2014	Jun 28th	Norway	10	Denmark	16	Oslo					
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2014	Jul 12th	Czech Republic	8	Malta	34	Havlichkov Brod					
2014	Jul 19th	Canada	24	Jamaica	20	Toronto					
2014	Jul 19th	USA	18	Samoa	12	Philadelphia					
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2014	Aug 16th	Denmark	44	Sweden	6	Copenhagen					
2014	Aug 28th	Sweden	24	Norway	12	Stockholm					
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2014	Oct 17th	Wales	18	Scotland	42	Workington					
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2014	Oct 19th	Papua New Guinea	32	Tonga	18	Lae					
2014	Oct 19th	Fiji	40	Lebanon	28	Sydney					
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2014	Oct 25th	Ireland	4	Scotland	25	Dublin					
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2014	Oct 31st	Scotland	22	France	38	Edinburgh					
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2014	Nov 2nd	Wales	14	Ireland	46	Wrexham					
2014	Nov 2nd	Australia	16	England	12	Melbourne					
2014	Nov 8th	New Zealand	16	England	14	Dunedin					
2014	Nov 9th	Australia	44	Samoa	18	Wollongong					
2014	Nov 15th	New Zealand	22	Australia	18	Wellington					

2015	Apr 18th	Belgium	50	Czech Republic	12	Brussels
2015	May 2nd	Netherlands	12	Belgium	60	Rotterdam
2015	May 2nd	Fiji	22	Papua New Guinea	10	Gold Coast
2015	May 2nd	Samoa	18	Tonga	16	Gold Coast
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2015	May 3rd	Australia	12	New Zealand	26	Brisbane
2015	May 9th	Latvia	12	Spain	32	Riga
2015	May 16th	Serbia	20	Russia	15	Belgrade
2015	May 22nd	France	68	Serbia	8	Perpignan
2015	May 24th	Sweden	16	Denmark	30	Belgrade
2015	Jun 6th	Spain	16	Germany	32	Valencia
2015	Jun 13th	Denmark	24	Norway	12	Copenhagen
2015	Jun 20th	Germany	46	Netherlands	12	Karlsruhe
2015	Jun 20th	Italy	14	Serbia	21	Trieste
2015	Jun 21st	Belgium	34	Malta	35	Leeds
2015	Jul 4th	Ukraine	20	Russia	34	Belgrade
2015	Jul 12th	Ireland	34	Belgium	0	Dublin
2015	Jul 18th	Ukraine	12	Italy	40	Kyiv
2015	Jul 25th	Czech Republic	12	Sweden	40	Havlichkuv Brod
2015	Aug 29th	Serbia	16	Ireland	24	Belgrade
2015	Sep 5th	Malta	22	Ireland	34	St Julian's
2015	Sep 12th	Russia	26	Italy	6	Moscow
2015	Sep 12th	Ukraine	4	Serbia	64	Lviv
2015	Sep 20th	USA	28	Canada	36	Philadelphia
2015	Sep 26th	Spain	40	Malta	30	Valencia
2015	Oct 3rd	Czech Republic	14	Belgium	4	Havlichkuv Brod
2015	Oct 10th	Malta	30	Greece	0	Marsa
2015	Oct 16th	Wales	18	Scotland	12	Wrexham
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2015	Oct 17th	Tonga	28	Cook Islands	8	Campbelltown
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2015	Oct 24th	England	84	France	4	Leigh
2015	Oct 25th	South Africa	12	Lebanon	40	Pretoria
2015	Oct 30th	Wales	14	France	6	Cardiff
2015	Oct 31st	South Africa	16	Lebanon	50	Pretoria
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2015	Nov 7th	England	2	New Zealand	9	London
2015	Nov 7th	France	32	Scotland	18	Roanne
2015	Nov 7th	Ireland	4	Wales	30	Dublin
2015	Nov 14th	England	20	New Zealand	14	Wigan
2015	Dec 4th	USA	20	Jamaica	14	Jacksonville
2015	Dec 8th	Canada	18	Jamaica	18	Stanford
2015	Dec 12th	USA	34	Canada	24	Jacksonville

2016	May 6th	Australia	16	New Zealand	0	Newcastle
2016	May 7th	Papua New Guinea	24	Fiji	22	Sydney
2016	May 7th	Samoa	18	Tonga	6	Sydney
2016	May 8th	Cook Islands	30	Lebanon	20	Sydney
2016	Jun 12th	Italy	22	Lebanon	26	Catania
2016	Jun 25th	Ukraine	46	Czech Republic	6	Lviv
2016	Jul 16th	Canada	38	Jamaica	2	Hempstead
2016	Jul 16th	Sweden	24	Norway	40	Stockholm
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2016	Aug 6th	Germany	12	Belgium	26	Dortmund
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2016	Sep 24th	Spain	4	Serbia	64	Valencia
2016	Sep 24th	Canada	8	USA	14	Toronto
2016	Oct 1st	USA	20	Canada	14	Philadelphia
2016	Oct 8th	Czech Republic	12	Ukraine	62	Prague
2016	Oct 8th	Ireland	58	Malta	10	Dublin
2016	Oct 8th	Samoa	18	Fiji	20	Apia
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2016	Oct 21st	Wales	16	Jamaica	16	Wakefield
2016	Oct 22nd	France	6	England	40	Avignon
2016	Oct 22nd	Spain	6	Ireland	46	Valencia
2016	Oct 22nd	Serbia	14	Italy	62	Belgrade
2016	Oct 28th	Scotland	12	Australia	54	Hull
2016	Oct 29th	England	16	New Zealand	17	Huddersfield
2016	Oct 29th	Italy	14	Wales	20	Monza
2016	Oct 30th	Ireland	70	Russia	16	Dublin
2016	Nov 4th	Italy	76	Russia	0	Leigh
2016	Nov 5th	England	38	Scotland	12	Coventry
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2016	Nov 11th	Scotland	18	New Zealand	18	Workington
2016	Nov 13th	England	18	Australia	36	London
2016	Nov 20th	Australia	34	New Zealand	8	Liverpool

2017	May 5th	Australia	30	New Zealand	12	Canberra	2018	Feb 18th	Malta	40	Hungary	28	Sydney
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2017	May 6th	Tonga	26	Fiji	24	Campbelltown	2018	Jun 23rd	Papua New Guinea	26	Fiji	14	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	England	30	Samoa	10	Campbelltown	2018	Jun 23rd	Tonga	38	Samoa	22	Campbelltown
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2017	Jun 3rd	Lebanon	6	Italy	4	Beirut	2018	Jun 24th	Malta	24	South Africa	30	Sydney
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2017	Jun 17th	Norway	38	Sweden	18	Oslo	2018	Jun 30th	Malta	22	Ukraine	34	Marsa
2017	Jul 22nd	Hungary	6	Czech Republic	26	Budapest	2018	Jul 14th	Czech Republic	64	Hungary	10	Chrudim
2017	Jul 22nd	USA	48	Jamaica	6	Jacksonville	2018	Aug 25th	Germany	24	Czech Republic	4	Munster
2017	Aug 19th	Denmark	24	Norway	46	Copenhagen	2018	Sep 1st	Norway	76	Poland	0	Stavanger
2017	Aug 26th	Germany	18	Netherlands	30	Munster	2018	Sep 1st	Netherlands	38	Germany	22	Rotterdam
2017	Aug 29th	Jamaica	28	Canada	14	Kingston	2018	Sep 8th	Ukraine	26	Greece	28	Kharkiv
2017	Sep 9th	Netherlands	28	Sweden	24	Amsterdam	2018	Sep 15th	Norway	40	Germany	22	Porsgrunn
2017	Sep 16th	Canada	18	USA	36	Toronto	2018	Sep 15th	Greece	60	Malta	4	Athens
2017	Oct 6th	Greece	68	Bulgaria	8	Belgrade	2018	Sep 22nd	Sweden	4	Netherlands	24	Gothenburg
2017	Oct 8th	Serbia	50	Greece	8	Belgrade	2018	Sep 28th	Poland	32	Hungary	0	Sydney
2017	Oct 8th	Malta	24	Italy	24	Sydney	2018	Oct 1st	Malta	36	Philippines	10	Windsor
2017	Oct 10th	Serbia	50	Bulgaria	20	Belgrade	2018	Oct 1st	Solomon Is	22	Turkey	30	Windsor
2017	Oct 13th	France	34	Jamaica	12	Perpignan	2018	Oct 1st	Hungary	20	Greece	18	Windsor
2017	Oct 14th	Malta	48	Hungary	16	Sydney	2018	Oct 4th	Malta	16	Niue	26	Sydney
2017	Oct 21st	Czech Republic	26	Norway	30	Krupka	2018	Oct 4th	Japan	0	Turkey	60	Sydney
2017	Oct 27th	Australia	18	England	4	Melbourne	2018	Oct 4th	Hong Kong	6	Poland	62	Sydney
2017	Oct 28th	Papua New Guinea	50	Wales	6	Port Moresby	2018	Oct 4th	Hungary	18	Vanuatu	13	Sydney
2017	Oct 28th	Fiji	58	USA	12	Townsville	2018	Oct 6th	Spain	32	Russia	24	Valencia
2017	Oct 28th	New Zealand	38	Samoa	8	Auckland	2018	Oct 7th	Philippines	12	Niue	24	Sydney
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2017	Nov 5th	Italy	46	USA	0	Townsville	2018	Oct 10th	Vanuatu	4	Poland	44	Sydney
2017	Nov 5th	Papua New Guinea	14	Ireland	6	Port Moresby	2018	Oct 11th	Hong Kong	30	Japan	32	Windsor
2017	Nov 5th	Fiji	72	Wales	6	Townsville	2018	Oct 12th	Italy	18	South Africa	8	Sydney
2017	Nov 10th	Fiji	38	Italy	10	Canberra	2018	Oct 13th	Russia	36	Serbia	18	Vereya
2017	Nov 11th	Samoa	14	Scotland	14	Cairns	2018	Oct 13th	Sweden	6	Norway	46	Gothenburg
2017	Nov 11th	New Zealand	22	Tonga	28	Hamilton	2018	Oct 13th	Turkey	27	Vanuatu	26	Sydney
2017	Nov 11th	Australia	34	Lebanon	0	Sydney	2018	Oct 13th	Greece	26	Hungary	18	Sydney
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2017	Nov 12th	Wales	6	Ireland	34	Perth	2018	Oct 13th	Malta	24	Niue	16	Sydney
2017	Nov 12th	England	36	France	6	Perth	2018	Oct 13th	Solomon Is	56	Hong Kong	14	Sydney
2017	Nov 17th	Chile	54	Brazil	8	Los Angeles	2018	Oct 13th	New Zealand	26	Australia	24	Auckland
2017	Nov 17th	Australia	46	Samoa	0	Darwin	2018	Oct 17th	England	44	France	6	Leigh
2017	Nov 18th	Colombia	22	Brazil	18	Los Angeles	2018	Oct 20th	Serbia	24	Spain	20	Belgrade
2017	Nov 18th	Tonga	24	Lebanon	22	Christchurch	2018	Oct 20th	Australia	34	Tonga	16	Auckland
2017	Nov 18th	New Zealand	2	Fiji	4	Wellington	2018	Oct 27th	England	18	New Zealand	16	Hull
2017	Nov 19th	England	36	Papua New Guinea	6	Melbourne	2018	Oct 27th	Ireland	36	Scotland	10	Dublin
2017	Nov 24th	Australia	54	Fiji	6	Brisbane	2018	Oct 27th	France	54	Wales	18	Carcassonne
2017	Nov 25th	Tonga	18	England	20	Auckland	2018	Nov 3rd	Ireland	10	France	24	Dublin
2017	Dec 2nd	Australia	6	England	0	Brisbane	2018	Nov 3rd	Scotland	12	Wales	50	Edinburgh
							2018	Nov 4th	England	20	New Zealand	14	Liverpool
							2018	Nov 10th	France	28	Scotland	10	Carcassonne
							2018	Nov 11th	England	0	New Zealand	34	Leeds

2018	Nov 11th	Wales	40	Ireland	8	Wrexham
2018	Nov 13th	Jamaica	38	Canada	8	Jacksonville
2018	Nov 13th	USA	62	Chile	0	Jacksonville
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2018	Nov 17th	USA	10	Jamaica	16	Jacksonville
2018	Nov 23rd	Brazil	52	Colombia	14	São Paulo

2019	May 18th	Greece	56	Norway	26	London
2019	Jun 21st	Cook Islands	66	South Africa	6	Sydney
2019	Jun 22nd	Jamaica	26	USA	24	Kingston
2019	Jun 22nd	Fiji	58	Lebanon	14	Sydney
2019	Jun 22nd	New Zealand	34	Tonga	14	Auckland
2019	Jun 22nd	Papua New Guinea	6	Samoa	24	Sydney
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2019	Sep 21st	Serbia	36	Canada	8	Belgrade
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2019	Sep 29th	Fiji	16	Lebanon	42	Sydney
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2019	Oct 25th	Australia	26	New Zealand	4	Wollongong
2019	Oct 26th	Malta	28	Turkey	12	Sydney
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2019	Oct 26th	Spain	8	Ireland	42	Valencia
2019	Oct 26th	Tonga Invitational	14	Great Britain	6	Hamilton
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2019	Nov 2nd	Samoa	18	Fiji	44	Auckland
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2019	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	8	Auckland
2019	Nov 2nd	Tonga Invitational	16	Australia	12	Auckland
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2019	Nov 9th	Ireland	25	Italy	4	Dublin
2019	Nov 9th	New Zealand	23	Great Britain	8	Christchurch
2019	Nov 16th	USA	16	Cook Islands	38	Jacksonville
2019	Nov 16th	Papua New Guinea	28	Great Britain	10	Port Moresby

2020	Sep 26th	Netherlands	20	Germany	18	Zwolle
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2021	Jun 6th	Bosnia-Herz.	4	Serbia	50	Bosnia
2021	Jun 19th	Bulgaria	16	Serbia	28	Sofia
2021	Oct 3rd	Serbia	66	Russia	10	Kragujevac
2021	Oct 6th	Russia	18	Ukraine	96	Belgrade
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2021	Oct 14th	Czech Republic	40	Malta	16	Bodrum
2021	Oct 14th	Turkey	18	Netherlands	40	Bodrum
2021	Oct 17th	Czech Republic	10	Netherlands	36	Bodrum
2021	Oct 17th	Malta	12	Turkey	36	Bodrum
2021	Oct 23rd	France	10	England	30	Perpignan
2021	Oct 24th	Jamaica	30	Scotland	30	Featherstone

2022	Jun 19th	France	34	Wales	10	Albi
2022	Jun 22nd	Lebanon	30	Malta	14	Sydney
2022	Jun 25th	New Zealand	26	Tonga	6	Auckland
2022	Jun 25th	Samoa	42	Cook Islands	12	Campbelltown
2022	Jun 25th	Papua New Guinea	24	Fiji	14	Campbelltown
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2022	Sep 25th	Turkey	38	Bulgaria	16	Istanbul
2022	Sep 27th	Ghana	26	Kenya	6	Accra
2022	Sep 27th	Nigeria	36	Cameroon	2	Accra
2022	Oct 1st	Kenya	16	Cameroon	0	Accra
2022	Oct 1st	Ghana	4	Nigeria	30	Accra
2022	Oct 8th	Bulgaria	6	Malta	50	Sofia
2022	Oct 8th	Netherlands	24	Germany	29	Rotterdam
2022	Oct 9th	El Salvador	24	Japan	26	Sydney
2022	Oct 15th	England	60	Samoa	6	Newcastle
2022	Oct 15th	Australia	42	Fiji	8	Leeds
2022	Oct 16th	Scotland	4	Italy	28	Newcastle
2022	Oct 16th	Jamaica	2	Ireland	48	Leeds
2022	Oct 16th	New Zealand	34	Lebanon	12	Warrington
2022	Oct 17th	France	34	Greece	12	Doncaster
2022	Oct 18th	Tonga	24	Papua New Guinea	18	St Helens
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2022	Oct 21st	Australia	84	Scotland	0	Coventry
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2022	Oct 22nd	England	42	France	18	Bolton
2022	Oct 22nd	New Zealand	68	Jamaica	6	Hull
2022	Oct 23rd	Lebanon	32	Ireland	14	Leigh
2022	Oct 23rd	Samoa	72	Greece	4	Doncaster
2022	Oct 23rd	Philippines	32	Malta	22	Cabramatta
2022	Oct 24th	Tonga	32	Wales	6	St Helens
2022	Oct 25th	Papua New Guinea	32	Cook Islands	16	Warrington
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2022	Oct 30th	Samoa	62	France	4	Warrington
2022	Oct 31st	Papua New Guinea	36	Wales	0	Doncaster
2022	Nov 4th	Australia	48	Lebanon	4	Huddersfield
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2022	Nov 6th	Tonga	18	Samoa	20	Warrington
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2022	Nov 12th	England	26	Samoa	27	London
2022	Nov 12th	Poland	22	Norway	18	London
2022	Nov 19th	Australia	30	Samoa	10	Trafford
2022	Nov 26th	Brazil	20	Chile	18	Jerico
2022	Nov 27th	Colombia	14	Chile	34	Jerico
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2023	Apr 29th	England	64	France	0	Warrington
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2023	Sep 24th	Serbia	10	France	78	Belgrade
2023	Sep 30th	Netherlands	58	Norway	22	The Hague
2023	Oct 7th	Italy	38	Malta	12	Sydney
2023	Oct 7th	Netherlands	58	Albania	18	Amsterdam
2023	Oct 14th	Australia	38	Samoa	12	Townsville
2023	Oct 14th	Netherlands	40	Serbia	10	Zwolle
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2023	Oct 21st	North Macedonia	8	Poland	40	Sydney
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2023	Oct 22nd	Fiji	22	Cook Islands	18	Port Moresby
2023	Oct 22nd	England	22	Tonga	18	St Helens
2023	Oct 28th	Malta	46	Philippines	22	Sydney
2023	Oct 28th	Italy	50	South Africa	20	Sydney
2023	Oct 28th	Australia	36	New Zealand	18	Melbourne
2023	Oct 28th	England	14	Tonga	4	Huddersfield
2023	Oct 28th	Greece	24	Ukraine	38	Athens
2023	Oct 28th	Czech Republic	2	Netherlands	36	Ostrava
2023	Oct 29th	Papua New Guinea	16	Fiji	43	Port Moresby
2023	Oct 29th	Greece	12	Ukraine	22	Athens
2023	Nov 4th	Australia	0	New Zealand	30	Hamilton
2023	Nov 4th	England	26	Tonga	4	Leeds
2023	Nov 4th	Germany	54	Poland	10	Berlin
2023	Nov 4th	Norway	6	Greece	36	Stavanger
2023	Nov 5th	Fiji	12	Papua New Guinea	32	Port Moresby
2023	Nov 8th	South Africa	56	Kenya	12	Pretoria
2023	Nov 11th	South Africa	82	Kenya	2	Pretoria
2023	Dec 2nd	Kenya	6	France	78	Nairobi
2023	Dec 2nd	Jamaica	26	USA	30	Kingston
2023	Dec 5th	Kenya	4	France	108	Nairobi

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 1995-2023

Year	Date	Home		Away		City
1995	Jul 1st	Australia	14	New Zealand	18	Sydney
1995	Jul 8th	Australia	6	New Zealand	14	Canberra
1996	Jul 21st	Australia	16	Great Britain	14	Canberra
1996	Jul 28th	Australia	12	Great Britain	18	Brisbane
1996	Aug 3rd	Australia	18	Great Britain	20	Sydney
1997	Sep 20th	New Zealand	34	Australia	26	Lower Hutt
1997	Sep 24th	New Zealand	40	Australia	16	Auckland
1998	Aug 23rd	New Zealand	28	Great Britain	6	Rotorua
1998	Aug 29th	New Zealand	44	Great Britain	0	Christchurch
1998	Sep 4th	New Zealand	34	Great Britain	2	Auckland
1998	Sep 19th	Fiji	0	Australia	68	Suva
1998	Sep 26th	Fiji	0	Australia	52	Suva
1999	Sep 23rd	Australia	10	New Zealand	20	Sydney
1999	Sep 27th	Australia	22	New Zealand	20	Sydney
1999	Oct 29th	New Zealand	26	Australia	14	Auckland
2000	Nov 7th	Great Britain	12	New Zealand	22	Wigan
2000	Nov 11th	New Zealand	10	Australia	6	Hunslet
2000	Nov 14th	Great Britain	14	Australia	10	Dewsbury
2000	Nov 18th	New Zealand	50	Australia	6	Castleford
2000	Nov 21st	Great Britain	4	Australia	0	Castleford
2000	Nov 24th	Great Britain	4	New Zealand	26	Warrington
2001	Sep 22nd	New Zealand	42	Australia	8	Auckland

2002	Jul 14th	Australia	16	Great Britain	26	Sydney
2002	Jul 20th	Australia	14	Great Britain	10	Brisbane
2002	Jul 27th	Australia	14	Great Britain	5	Canberra
2002	Oct 5th	New Zealand	36	Maori	10	Auckland
2003	Aug 8th	Australia	20	Maori	14	Brisbane
2003	Sep 28th	Maori	24	Australia	28	Auckland
2003	Sep 28th	New Zealand	68	Cook Islands	0	Auckland
2003	Sep 28th	Samoa	12	Great Britain	28	Auckland
2003	Sep 30th	Cook Islands	30	Tokelau	16	Auckland
2003	Sep 30th	Maori	44	Niue	0	Auckland
2003	Sep 30th	Samoa	44	Tonga	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 2nd	New Zealand	84	Tokelau	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 2nd	Niue	0	Australia	58	Auckland
2003	Oct 2nd	Tonga	0	Great Britain	54	Auckland
2003	Oct 4th	Maori	10	Great Britain	8	Auckland
2003	Oct 4th	New Zealand	44	Australia	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 4th	Tokelau	28	Tonga	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 6th	Cook Islands	20	Great Britain	20	Auckland
2003	Oct 6th	New Zealand	84	Samoa	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 6th	Niue	22	Tokelau	14	Auckland
2003	Oct 8th	Maori	46	Cook Islands	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 8th	Niue	14	Tonga	14	Auckland
2003	Oct 8th	Samoa	12	Australia	40	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	Cook Islands	18	Tokelau	12	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	Maori	12	Australia	4	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	New Zealand	38	Great Britain	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 10th	Niue	18	Samoa	24	Auckland
2003	Oct 12th	New Zealand	58	Maori	0	Auckland
2003	Oct 12th	Samoa	28	Cook Islands	18	Auckland
2003	Oct 12th	Tokelau	26	Tonga	12	Auckland

2004	Aug 14th	Australia	12	New Zealand	38	Ipswich
2004	Aug 21st	Australia	10	New Zealand	30	Brisbane
2006	Jul 1st	Maori	12	New Zealand	50	Rotorua
2007	Jul 7th	France	Unknown	England	Unknown	Albi
2007	Oct 31st	Maori	16	Australia	20	Rotorua
2007	Nov 3rd	Maori	20	Australia	4	Rotorua

2008	Jul 13th	England	Unknown	France	Unknown	Widnes
2008	Nov 6th	Australia	60	France	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 6th	England	72	Russia	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 6th	New Zealand	72	Pacific Islands	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 6th	Tonga	0	Samoa	40	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	Australia	72	Russia	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	France	4	England	54	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	New Zealand	42	Tonga	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 8th	Samoa	22	Pacific Islands	26	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	Australia	22	England	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	France	12	Russia	18	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	New Zealand	26	Samoa	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 10th	Tonga	14	Pacific Islands	44	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	Australia	32	Pacific Islands	6	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	New Zealand	16	England	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	Samoa	32	France	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 12th	Tonga	12	Russia	24	Brisbane
2008	Nov 14th	England	24	Pacific Islands	0	Brisbane
2008	Nov 14th	France	34	Tonga	4	Brisbane
2008	Nov 14th	Samoa	52	Russia	8	Brisbane
2008	Nov 15th	Australia	0	New Zealand	34	Brisbane

2009	Jul 18th	France	8	England	28	Toulouse
2009	Jul 25th	France	0	England	36	Toulouse
2009	Sep 16th	Maori	18	Australia	14	Auckland
2009	Sep 29th	New Zealand	16	Australia	18	Auckland

2010	Jul 10th	England	40	France	8	Telford
2010	Oct 10th	New Zealand	44	England	6	Whangarei
2010	Oct 16th	New Zealand	38	England	6	Auckland

2011	Jul 2nd	France	6	England	40	Avignon
2011	Jul 6th	France	6	England	56	Avignon
2011	Sep 3rd	Samoa	14	Australia	42	Apia
2012	Jun 15th	England	48	France	0	Bradford

2013	Jul 5th	England	6	Australia	14	Dewsbury
2013	Jul 5th	France	0	New Zealand	88	Dewsbury
2013	Jul 8th	England	16	New Zealand	34	Featherstone
2013	Jul 8th	France	0	Australia	72	Featherstone
2013	Jul 11th	England	42	France	4	Batley
2013	Jul 11th	New Zealand	14	Australia	6	Batley
2013	Jul 13th	England	54	France	0	Hunslet
2013	Jul 14th	Australia	22	New Zealand	12	Leeds

2014	Nov 9th	Australia	8	New Zealand	12	Wollongong
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2015	May 3rd	Australia	22	New Zealand	14	Brisbane
2015	Jun 17th	France	4	England	24	Agen
2015	Jun 20th	France	14	England	14	Bordeaux

2016	May 6th	Australia	16	New Zealand	26	Newcastle
2016	Oct 22nd	France	6	England	36	Avignon

2017	May 5th	Australia	14	New Zealand	4	Canberra
2017	Jun 21st	France	16	England	26	Perpignan
2017	Jun 24th	France	8	England	14	Perpignan
2017	Nov 4th	Maori	12	New Zealand	32	Hamilton
2017	Nov 16th	Australia	58	Cook Islands	4	Sydney
2017	Nov 16th	New Zealand	50	Canada	4	Sydney
2017	Nov 16th	Papua New Guinea	8	England	36	Sydney
2017	Nov 19th	Australia	38	England	0	Sydney
2017	Nov 19th	New Zealand	76	Cook Islands	0	Sydney
2017	Nov 19th	Papua New Guinea	8	Canada	22	Sydney
2017	Nov 22nd	Australia	88	Canada	0	Sydney
2017	Nov 22nd	Cook Islands	22	England	16	Sydney
2017	Nov 22nd	New Zealand	38	Papua New Guinea	0	Sydney
2017	Nov 26th	Australia	58	Canada	6	Sydney
2017	Nov 26th	New Zealand	52	England	4	Sydney
2017	Dec 2nd	Australia	23	New Zealand	16	Brisbane

2018	Oct 13th	New Zealand	24	Australia	26	Auckland
2018	Oct 27th	France	4	England	54	Carcassonne
2018	Nov 10th	France	60	Italy	0	Carcassonne
2018	Nov 25th	Brazil	48	Argentina	0	São Paulo

2019	May 18th	Turkey	18	Italy	14	Istanbul
2019	Jun 22nd	Fiji	28	Papua New Guinea	0	Sydney
2019	Jun 22nd	Italy	26	Serbia	0	Lignano Sabbiadoro
2019	Jun 22nd	New Zealand	46	Samoa	8	Auckland
2019	Sep 14th	Serbia	6	Canada	34	Belgrade
2019	Sep 14th	Turkey	40	Greece	4	Istanbul
2019	Sep 21st	Serbia	4	Canada	26	Belgrade
2019	Sep 28th	Turkey	0	France	54	Istanbul
2019	Oct 25th	Australia	28	New Zealand	8	Sydney
2019	Nov 9th	Papua New Guinea	10	England	24	Goroka
2019	Nov 16th	Papua New Guinea	20	England	16	Port Moresby

2020	Nov 7th	New Zealand	28	Samoa	8	Auckland
2020	Nov 7th	Niue	8	Tonga	66	Auckland
2021	Jun 25th	England	60	Wales	0	Warrington
2021	Oct 17th	Wales	24	Ireland	26	Llandudno
2021	Oct 23rd	France	4	England	40	Perpignan
2022	Apr 16th	Canada	42	USA	10	Burnaby
2022	Jun 11th	Italy	6	Ireland	30	Udine
2022	Jun 12th	Wales	6	England	32	Cardiff
2022	Jun 18th	England	36	France	10	Warrington
2022	Jun 19th	Wales	60	Italy	0	Cardiff
2022	Jun 25th	New Zealand	50	Tonga	12	Auckland
2022	Sep 25th	Turkey	4	Greece	8	Istanbul
2022	Oct 2nd	Greece	28	Serbia	0	Athens
2022	Oct 8th	Ireland	4	Wales	44	Dublin
2022	Oct 23rd	Philippines	0	Malta	6	Sydney
2022	Oct 25th	Ireland	6	Canada	8	Wigan
2022	Nov 1st	England	72	Brazil	4	Leeds
2022	Nov 1st	Papua New Guinea	34	Canada	12	Leeds
2022	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	46	France	0	York
2022	Nov 2nd	Australia	74	Cook Islands	0	York
2022	Nov 5th	England	54	Canada	4	Wigan
2022	Nov 5th	Papua New Guinea	70	Brazil	0	Hull
2022	Nov 6th	New Zealand	34	Cook Islands	4	York
2022	Nov 6th	Australia	92	France	0	York
2022	Nov 9th	Canada	22	Brazil	16	Leeds
2022	Nov 9th	England	42	Papua New Guinea	4	Leeds
2022	Nov 10th	France	18	Cook Islands	26	York
2022	Nov 10th	Australia	10	New Zealand	8	York
2022	Nov 14th	Australia	82	Papua New Guinea	0	York
2022	Nov 14th	England	6	New Zealand	20	York
2022	Nov 19th	New Zealand	4	Australia	54	Trafford
2022	Nov 25th	Serbia	24	Turkey	16	Belgrade

2023	Jan 28th	Greece	0	Philippines	38	Sydney
2023	Mar 18th	France	116	Serbia	0	Avignon
2023	Apr 29th	England	64	France	0	Warrington
2023	Jun 3rd	Italy	34	Serbia	14	Udine
2023	Sep 23rd	PNG PM XIII	4	Aus PM XIII	56	Port Moresby
2023	Oct 14th	Australia	16	New Zealand	10	Townsville
2023	Oct 15th	Samoa	26	Fiji	12	Port Moresby
2023	Oct 21st	New Zealand	28	Tonga	10	Auckland
2023	Oct 22nd	Papua New Guinea	28	Cook Islands	20	Port Moresby
2023	Oct 28th	Malta	0	Philippines	42	Sydney
2023	Oct 28th	Australia	6	New Zealand	12	Melbourne
2023	Oct 29th	France	14	Wales	4	Carcassonne
2023	Nov 3rd	Nigeria	40	Ghana	4	Lagos
2023	Nov 4th	England	60	Wales	0	Leeds
2023	Nov 11th	Serbia	4	Greece	8	Bojnik
2023	Dec 9th	Greece	0	Netherlands	14	Athens
2023	Dec 16th	Kenya	54	Uganda	0	Kisumu
2023	Nov 5th	Nigeria	14	Ghana	6	Lagos
2023	Jan 28th 2024*	Ghana		Nigeria		Accra

* Note: Ghana v Nigeria postponed from Dec 9th 2023, confirmed rescheduling for January 28 in 2024.

2024 SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Round 1					Round 10					Round 19				
Feb 15th	Thu	Hull FC	Hull KR	MKM	May 2nd	Thu	Wigan	Catalans	DW	Jul 26th	Fri	Huddersfield	Leeds	John Smith's
Feb 16th	Fri	Leeds	Salford	Headingley	May 3rd	Fri	Huddersfield	Salford	John Smith's	Jul 26th	Fri	Hull KR	London	Sewell Grp
Feb 16th	Fri	Leigh	Huddersfield	Leigh Sports	May 3rd	Fri	Leeds	London	Headingley	Jul 26th	Fri	Leigh	St Helens	Leigh Sports
Feb 16th	Fri	St Helens	London	T. Wicked	May 3rd	Fri	Warrington	Hull FC	The HJ	Jul 26th	Fri	Wigan	Warrington	DW
Feb 17th	Sat	Catalans	Warrington	G. Brutus	May 4th	Sat	Hull KR	St Helens	Sewell Grp	Jul 27th	Sat	Catalans	Hull FC	G. Brutus
Feb 17th	Sat	Castleford	Wigan	Jungle	May 4th	Sat	Leigh	Castleford	Leigh Sports	Jul 27th	Sat	Salford	Castleford	Salford
Round 2					Round 11					Round 20				
Feb 22nd	Thu	Hull KR	Leeds	Sewell Grp	May 9th	Thu	Warrington	Hull KR	The HJ	Aug 2nd	Fri	Castleford	Leigh	Jungle
Feb 23rd	Fri	London	Catalans	Cherry Red	May 10th	Fri	Castleford	St Helens	Jungle	Aug 2nd	Fri	Wigan	Huddersfield	DW
Feb 23rd	Fri	Warrington	Hull FC	The HJ	May 10th	Fri	Leigh	Salford	Leigh Sports	Aug 3rd	Sat	Hull FC	St Helens	MKM
Feb 24th	Sat	Huddersfield	St Helens	John Smith's	May 11th	Sat	Catalans	Leeds	G. Brutus	Aug 3rd	Sat	Salford	Leeds	Salford
TBC		Wigan	Leigh	DW	May 11th	Sat	Huddersfield	Wigan	John Smith's	Aug 3rd	Sat	Warrington	Hull KR	The HJ
Feb 25th	Sun	Salford	Castleford	Salford	May 12th	Sun	London	Hull FC	Cherry Red	Aug 4th	Sun	London	Catalans	Cherry Red
Round 3					Round 12					Round 21				
Mar 1st	Fri	Leeds	Catalans	Headingley	May 24th	Fri	Castleford	Hull FC	Jungle	Aug 9th	Fri	Huddersfield	Catalans	John Smith's
Mar 1st	Fri	St Helens	Leigh	T. Wicked	May 24th	Fri	Huddersfield	Leigh	John Smith's	Aug 9th	Fri	Hull KR	Castleford	Sewell Grp
Mar 1st	Fri	Salford	Hull KR	Salford	May 24th	Fri	St Helens	Leeds	T. Wicked	Aug 9th	Fri	Leeds	Wigan	Headingley
Mar 1st	Fri	Warrington	Castleford	The HJ	May 25th	Sat	Catalans	Warrington	G. Brutus	Aug 9th	Fri	Leigh	Hull FC	Leigh Sports
Mar 1st	Fri	Wigan	Huddersfield	DW	May 25th	Sat	Salford	Wigan	Salford	Aug 10th	Sat	St Helens	Salford	T. Wicked
Mar 3rd	Sun	Hull FC	London	MKM	May 26th	Sun	London	Hull KR	Cherry Red	Aug 11th	Sun	London	Warrington	Cherry Red
Round 4					Round 13					Round 22				
Mar 7th	Thu	Hull KR	Warrington	Sewell Grp	May 31st	Fri	Huddersfield	Hull FC	John Smith's	Aug 17th	Sat	Hull FC	London	Elland Rd
Mar 8th	Fri	Castleford	Huddersfield	Jungle	May 31st	Fri	Leeds	Castleford	Headingley	Aug 17th	Sat	Warrington	Leeds	Elland Rd
Mar 8th	Fri	Leigh	Leeds	Leigh Sports	May 31st	Fri	St Helens	Catalans	T. Wicked	Aug 17th	Sat	Wigan	St Helens	Elland Rd
Mar 8th	Fri	St Helens	Salford	Leigh Sports	Jun 1st	Sat	Hull KR	Leigh	Sewell Grp	Aug 18th	Sun	Catalans	Hull KR	Elland Rd
Mar 9th	Sat	Catalans	Hull FC	G. Brutus	Jun 1st	Sat	Warrington	Wigan	The HJ	Aug 18th	Sun	Huddersfield	Castleford	Elland Rd
Mar 9th	Sat	London	Wigan	Cherry Red	Jun 2nd	Sun	Salford	London	Salford	Round 23				
Round 5					Round 14					Round 24				
Mar 14th	Thu	Salford	Wigan	Salford	Jun 14th	Fri	Castleford	Wigan	Jungle	Aug 18th	Sun	Leigh	Salford	Elland Rd
Mar 15th	Fri	Leeds	St Helens	Headingley	Jun 14th	Fri	Hull KR	Huddersfield	Sewell Grp	Aug 23rd	Fri	Castleford	Warrington	Jungle
Mar 16th	Sat	Catalans	Castleford	G. Brutus	Jun 14th	Fri	Warrington	Salford	The HJ	Aug 23rd	Fri	Leeds	Catalans	Headingley
Mar 16th	Sat	Huddersfield	Hull KR	John Smith's	Jun 15th	Sat	Catalans	Leigh	G. Brutus	Aug 23rd	Fri	St Helens	Hull KR	T. Wicked
Mar 16th	Sat	Hull FC	Leigh	MKM	Jun 15th	Sat	Hull FC	Leeds	MKM	Aug 24th	Sat	Salford	Huddersfield	Salford
Mar 17th	Sun	London	Warrington	Cherry Red	Jun 16th	Sun	London	St Helens	Cherry Red	Aug 25th	Sun	London	Leigh	Cherry Red
Round 6					Round 15					Round 25				
Mar 28th	Thu	Castleford	Leeds	Jungle	Jun 20th	Thu	Castleford	Hull KR	Jungle	Aug 30th	Fri	Hull KR	Salford	Sewell Grp
Mar 29th	Fri	Hull KR	Hull FC	Sewell Grp	Jun 21st	Fri	Leeds	Leigh	Headingley	Aug 30th	Fri	Leigh	Warrington	Leigh Sports
Mar 29th	Fri	St Helens	Wigan	T. Wicked	Jun 21st	Fri	Wigan	London	DW	Aug 31st	Sat	Catalans	Wigan	G. Brutus
Mar 30th	Sat	Salford	Leigh	Salford	Jun 22nd	Sat	Catalans	Huddersfield	G. Brutus	Aug 31st	Sat	Hull FC	Castleford	MKM
Mar 30th	Sat	Warrington	Catalans	The HJ	Jun 22nd	Sat	Hull FC	Warrington	MKM	Sep 1st	Sun	Huddersfield	St Helens	John Smith's
Mar 31st	Sun	London	Huddersfield	Cherry Red	Jun 23rd	Sun	Salford	St Helens	Salford	Sep 1st	Sun	London	Leeds	Cherry Red
Round 7					Round 16					Round 26				
Apr 4th	Thu	Leigh	Wigan	Leigh Sports	Jul 5th	Fri	Hull KR	Catalans	Sewell Grp	Sep 6th	Fri	Castleford	Leigh	Jungle
Apr 5th	Fri	Castleford	Salford	Jungle	Jul 5th	Fri	St Helens	Castleford	T. Wicked	Sep 6th	Fri	Leeds	Hull FC	Headingley
Apr 5th	Fri	Hull KR	London	Sewell Grp	Jul 5th	Fri	Warrington	Huddersfield	The HJ	Sep 6th	Fri	Warrington	St Helens	The HJ
Apr 5th	Fri	Leeds	Warrington	Headingley	Jul 5th	Fri	Wigan	Leigh	DW	Sep 6th	Fri	Wigan	Hull KR	DW
Apr 6th	Sat	Catalans	St Helens	G. Brutus	Jul 6th	Sat	Leeds	London	Headingley	Sep 7th	Sat	Salford	Catalans	Salford
Apr 6th	Sat	Hull FC	Huddersfield	MKM	Jul 7th	Sun	Salford	Hull FC	Salford	Sep 8th	Sun	Huddersfield	London	John Smith's
Round 8					Round 17					Round 27				
Apr 19th	Fri	Leeds	Huddersfield	Headingley	Jul 12th	Fri	London	Castleford	Cherry Red	Sep 13th	Fri	Leigh	Hull KR	Leigh Sports
Apr 19th	Fri	St Helens	Hull FC	T. Wicked	Jul 12th	Fri	Warrington	Leeds	The HJ	Sep 13th	Fri	St Helens	Castleford	T. Wicked
Apr 19th	Fri	Wigan	Castleford	DW	Jul 12th	Fri	Wigan	St Helens	DW	Sep 13th	Fri	Wigan	Leeds	DW
Apr 20th	Sat	Catalans	Hull KR	G. Brutus	Jul 13th	Sat	Catalans	Salford	G. Brutus	Sep 14th	Sat	Catalans	London	G. Brutus
Apr 20th	Sat	Warrington	Leigh	The HJ	Jul 13th	Sat	Hull FC	Hull KR	MKM	Sep 14th	Sat	Hull FC	Salford	MKM
Apr 21st	Sun	London	Salford	Cherry Red	Jul 13th	Sat	Leigh	Huddersfield	Leigh Sports	Sep 15th	Sun	Huddersfield	Warrington	John Smith's
Round 9					Round 18					Round 28				
Apr 25th	Thu	St Helens	Huddersfield	T. Wicked	Jul 19th	Fri	Castleford	Catalans	Jungle	Sep 20th	Fri	Huddersfield	Castleford	John Smith's
Apr 26th	Fri	Castleford	London	Jungle	Jul 19th	Fri	Huddersfield	Salford	John Smith's	Sep 20th	Fri	Hull FC	Catalans	MKM
Apr 26th	Fri	Hull KR	Wigan	Sewell Grp	Jul 19th	Fri	Leigh	London	Leigh Sports	Sep 20th	Fri	Hull KR	Leeds	Sewell Grp
Apr 26th	Fri	Leigh	Catalans	Leigh Sports	Jul 19th	Fri	St Helens	Warrington	T. Wicked	Sep 20th	Fri	Leigh	St Helens	Leigh Sports
Apr 27th	Sat	Salford	Warrington	Salford	Jul 20th	Sat	Hull FC	Wigan	MKM	Sep 20th	Fri	Warrington	London	The HJ
Apr 28th	Sun	Hull FC	Leeds	MKM	Jul 20th	Sat	Leeds	Hull KR	Headingley	Sep 20th	Fri	Wigan	Salford	DW

2024 NRLW FIXTURES

Round 1					Round 4					Round 7							
Jul 25th	Thu	7:45pm	Newcastle	Sydney	McD Jones	Aug 17th	Sat	11:05am	Brisbane	Canberra	Langlands	Sep 7th	Sat	11:05am	North Qld	W Tigers	QLD C.B.
Jul 27th	Sat	11:05am	Cronulla	North Qld	Pointsbet	Aug 17th	Sat	12:45pm	North Qld	Gold Coast	QLD C.B.	Sep 7th	Sat	12:45pm	St Geo Illa	Canberra	Netstrata
Jul 27th	Sat	12:45pm	Brisbane	Parramatta	Suncorp	Aug 18th	Sun	12:00pm	St Geo Illa	Sydney	WIN	Sep 8th	Sun	12:00pm	Cronulla	Sydney	Pointsbet
Jul 28th	Sun	12:00pm	St Geo Illa	Gold Coast	WIN	Aug 18th	Sun	1:45pm	Cronulla	Newcastle	Pointsbet	Sep 8th	Sun	1:45pm	Parramatta	Gold Coast	Tweedale
Jul 28th	Sun	1:45pm	W Tigers	Canberra	C'town	Aug 18th	Sun	6:10pm	W Tigers	Parramatta	C'town	Sep 8th	Sun	6:10pm	Newcastle	Brisbane	McD Jones
Round 2					Round 5					Round 8							
Aug 3rd	Sat	11:05am	Canberra	Newcastle	GIO	Aug 24th	Sat	11:05am	Parramatta	Newcastle	Tweedale	Sep 12th	Thu	7:45pm	W Tigers	St Geo Illa	Leichhardt
Aug 3rd	Sat	12:45pm	Gold Coast	W Tigers	Cbus	Aug 24th	Sat	12:45pm	Canberra	North Qld	GIO	Sep 14th	Sat	12:00pm	Brisbane	Cronulla	Cbus
Aug 4th	Sun	12:00pm	Parramatta	Cronulla	Allianz	Aug 25th	Sun	12:00pm	Gold Coast	Sydney	Cbus	Sep 14th	Sat	3:15pm	Gold Coast	Newcastle	Cbus
Aug 4th	Sun	1:45pm	Sydney	Brisbane	Allianz	Aug 25th	Sun	1:45pm	W Tigers	Brisbane	Leichhardt	Sep 15th	Sun	12:00pm	Sydney	North Qld	Gosford
Aug 4th	Sun	6:10pm	North Qld	St Geo Illa	QLD C.B.	Aug 25th	Sun	6:10pm	St Geo Illa	Cronulla	WIN	Sep 15th	Sun	1:45pm	Canberra	Parramatta	GIO
Round 3					Round 6					Round 9							
Aug 10th	Sat	11:05am	Sydney	W Tigers	Gosford	Aug 31st	Sat	11:05am	Gold Coast	Cronulla	Cbus	Sep 19th	Thu	7:45pm	Cronulla	W Tigers	Pointsbet
Aug 10th	Sat	12:45pm	Canberra	Cronulla	GIO	Aug 31st	Sat	12:45pm	Parramatta	St Geo Illa	CommBank	Sep 21st	Sat	1:30pm	St Geo Illa	Brisbane	QLD C.B.
Aug 11th	Sun	12:00pm	North Qld	Parramatta	Langlands	Sep 1st	Sun	12:00pm	Newcastle	W Tigers	McD Jones	Sep 21st	Sat	3:15pm	North Qld	Newcastle	QLD C.B.
Aug 11th	Sun	1:45pm	Brisbane	Gold Coast	Langlands	Sep 1st	Sun	1:45pm	Brisbane	North Qld	Langlands	Sep 22nd	Sun	1:30pm	Canberra	Gold Coast	CommBank
Aug 11th	Sun	6:10pm	Newcastle	St Geo Illa	McD Jones	Sep 1st	Sun	6:10pm	Sydney	Canberra	Allianz	Sep 22nd	Sun	3:15pm	Parramatta	Sydney	CommBank



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