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From the editors

It's hard to believe we're already at our fifth yearbook!

The affiliation with League Unlimited, a website I've had a very long association with personally, has been integral to the unrivalled content within – even still we produce the only Rugby League yearbook that provides match reports for every Super League game, along with our NRL match reports, team reviews and so much more.

We have a brilliant team of writers and contributors and we absolutely love their dedication to their craft and commitment to producing top quality content, be it match reports, club reviews, live updates for League Unlimited or helping with the updating of the Rugby League Project website.

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Like Andrew says above, it's difficult to comprehend we've been partnering on this project for five years - each year enhancing the content, expanding the information offered, and providing rugby league fans a full look at rugby league in Australia for each year and a detailed look at the top tiers of the game in the UK and Europe, as well as the international game.

We're really proud to continue growing our partnership with Rugby League Project, the two sites operating hand-in-hand throughout each season. This is particularly evident in the weekly production of our weekly match programme 'The Front Row', which has now been published online for the best part of five seasons. For that, we thank Andrew alongside his RLP partner Shawn Dollin for their awesome support.

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THE IMG GRADING SYSTEM - HOW DOES IT WORK?

ANDREW FERGUSON

In May of 2022, the English Super League and Rugby Football League announced they had formed a strategic partnership with IMG, spanning 12 years, with the aim 'to reimagine Rugby League and its competitions in the UK.'

IMG is a subsidiary of the Endeavour Group, who are most notably the owners of the TKO Group which was the company that was formed when the UFC and WWE joined forces in September 2023.

The initial focus by IMG was solely on restructuring the major Rugby League competitions in the UK – as well as content production and innovation, domestic and international media rights, streaming and digital transformation.

Shortly after this announcement, IMG set about creating a grading system for all professional teams in the UK:

- **Grade A (score 15+)** – guaranteed place in Super League
- **Grade B (score 7.5 - 14.99)** – eligible to play in Super League, majority of sides will play in Championship.
- **Grade C (score 0 - 7.49)** – ineligible for Super League, but eligible for Championship, majority of sides though will be participating in League One.

Essentially this would lead to teams gaining a licence to compete in Super League, replacing the promotion and relegation system. The only time Super League went with a licence system previously was from 2009-2014.

In April 2023, all 35 British professional sides were given a vote each on this proposal (Super League clubs vote were more heavily weighted than the other teams), while a further

7 votes were distributed to representatives from the amateur Conference Leagues. The proposal got the green light with 86% voting in favour.

IMG set out how the gradings would work – five categories and each club would be given a score in each category. The combined total would then determine with Grade that club received. The five categories announced:

- **Fandom** – 5 points – based on home crowds, TV ratings, social media following and website traffic.
- **On-Field Performance** – 5 points – based on ladder position over the previous 3 seasons and bonus points awarded for winning a Grand Final or Challenge Cup Final.
- **Finance** – 4.5 points – based on profitability, stability and diversification of revenue.
- **Stadium** – 3 points – based primarily on the quality of the stadium and facilities.
- **Community** – 2.5 points – based on actual fanbase vs potential fanbase size (essentially the size of the market the club was based in), club community and charity work.

The long-term aim is to have Super League comprised solely of Grade A teams – with Grade A teams immune from relegation from the top division. If more than the current 12 teams in Super League were to obtain a Grade A rank, then the number of teams in Super League would be increased to include the extra teams.

In October 2023, IMG gave indicative gradings for all clubs. These were to give every club an indication as to where they were placed, but nothing more.

The 2024 season saw:

- **Wigan** beat Hull KR in the Super League Grand Final and they also defeated Warrington in the Challenge Cup final, providing all 3 sides with an increase to their scores.
- **London** finished last in Super League and were relegated to Championship, despite improving their score by a mammoth 4.48 points, while second last Hull FC dropped under 15 points thus losing the Grade A rank.
- **Wakefield Trinity** winning the Championship Grand Final, which saw their score 3.57 points, giving them an A Grade and promotion to Super League. Championship runners-up Toulouse also improved their score, but not by enough to move up to the top division.
- Championship wooden-spooners **Dewsbury** dropped down to League 1.
- League 1 Champions **Hunslet** also earned a promotion into Championship, despite still carrying a Grade C rank.
- **Batley** and **Whitehaven** were not given a rank as they had both failed to submit completed data in time for the gradings. Neither side though would be changing Competitions or grading.

The 2024 gradings from IMG can be seen in the table below:

2023 Rank	2024 Rank	2023 Grade	2024 Grade	Club	2023 Score	2024 Score	Score Change	Rank Change	2025 Division
3	1	A	A	St Helens	16.78	17.02	0.24	Up 2	SL
2	2	A	A	Wigan	16.87	16.91	0.04	No Change	SL
1	3	A	A	Leeds	17.49	16.84	-0.65	Down 2	SL
5	4	A	A	Warrington	15.75	16.27	0.52	Up 1	SL
6	5	A	A	Hull KR	15.52	15.97	0.45	Up 1	SL
4	6	A	A	Catalans	16.73	15.52	-1.21	Down 2	SL
12	7	B	A	Leigh	12.45	15.13	2.68	Up 5	SL
11	8	B	A	Wakefield	12.52	15.09	2.57	Up 3	SL
13	9	B	A	Castleford	12.16	15.02	2.86	Up 4	SL
7	10	A	B	Hull FC	15.05	14.51	-0.54	Down 3	SL
9	11	B	B	Huddersfield	13.49	14.48	0.99	Down 2	SL
8	12	B	B	Salford	13.80	13.97	0.17	Down 4	SL
10	13	B	B	Toulouse	12.97	13.58	0.61	Down 3	CH
24	14	B	B	London	8.07	12.65	4.58	Up 10	CH
17	15	B	B	York	10.05	12.42	2.37	Up 2	CH
14	16	B	B	Bradford	12.02	12.15	0.13	Down 2	CH
19	17	B	B	Barrow	9.18	11.22	2.04	Up 2	CH
15	18	B	B	Featherstone	10.65	10.75	0.10	Down 3	CH

2023 Rank	2024 Rank	2023 Grade	2024 Grade	Club	2023 Score	2024 Score	Score Change	Rank Change	2025 Division
30	19	C	B	Keighley	6.58	9.02	2.44	Up 11	L1
20	20	B	B	Halifax	9.06	8.79	-0.27	No Change	CH
22	21	B	B	Sheffield	8.36	8.77	0.41	Up 1	CH
16	22	B	B	Widnes	10.17	8.60	-1.57	Down 6	CH
23	23	B	B	Doncaster	8.11	7.52	-0.59	No Change	CH
31	24	C	C	Workington	6.54	7.26	0.72	Up 7	L1
26	25	C	C	Swinton	7.21	7.15	-0.06	Up 1	L1
27	26	C	C	Dewsbury	7.10	7.13	0.03	Up 1	L1
25	27	C	C	Oldham	7.39	7.00	-0.39	Down 2	CH
29	28	C	C	Hunslet	6.94	6.98	0.04	Up 1	CH
28	29	C	C	Rochdale	7.03	6.47	-0.56	Down 1	L1
33	30	C	C	Midlands	5.92	5.66	-0.26	Up 3	L1
34	31	C	C	Cornwall	5.75	5.29	-0.46	Up 3	L1
18	32	B	C	Newcastle	9.30	5.20	-4.10	Down 14	L1
35	33	C	C	North Wales	5.07	4.72	-0.35	Up 2	L1
-	-	-	C	Goole	-	-	-	New Club	L1
21	-	B	B	Batley	8.62	-	-	Unranked	CH
32	-	C	C	Whitehaven	6.27	-	-	Unranked	L1

THE BIRTH OF RUGBY LEAGUE IN AUSTRALIA

ANDREW FERGUSON

In 1899, Glebe Rugby Union Football Club board member Lewis Abrams was appointed President for the Metropolitan Rugby Union (which governed the Rugby Union competitions in Sydney) for the upcoming 1900 season.

Abrams was a prominent man in Glebe, serving as Secretary of the Glebe Cricket Club, President of the Glebe Bicycle Club and was formerly an Alderman for the Glebe Council. He's also largely responsible for the "electoral cricket" system which would become the

'residential rule' used in both Rugby codes. In 1900 the MRU announced that clubs from Sydney University, Eastern Suburbs, North Sydney, Glebe, Newtown, Western Suburbs, South Sydney and Balmain would field teams in all three grades. Abrams accepted the role as Glebe's Secretary. The club patron was then

Sydney Mayor Sir Matthew Harris. Harris was also president of the Wentworth Park trust, a ground which had never been used for football, but would become Glebe's home ground in 1900. Harris was also Vice President of the Royal Agricultural Society, which was a marquee venue at the time.

1903

Highly respected historian Sean Fagan revealed in his brilliant book "Pioneers of Rugby League" that by mid-1903 many Rugby Union players were aware that their efforts on the field was producing far more money for the NSW Rugby Union than it needed. Fagan explained:

"This was exacerbated by the behaviour of the Union's officials during the 1903 interstate series. When Easts' player John Maund boarded the train for Brisbane with his fellow NSW state representative players (which included Alex Burdon, Ted Larkin, Dinny Lutge and Peter Moir), they all noticed the tour party included numerous NSWRU officials. "There seemed to be as many officials as players on the trip." Stated Maund. The situation was made worse when "the officials ate oysters and drank whiskey on the train but the players didn't get any."

Players on interstate representative duties were given an allowance of 3 shillings, of which they had to buy a straw boater hat as part of their touring uniform, to which a light blue band that the NSWRU supplied, would be added.

In December James Joynton-Smith, a prominent Sydney businessman and proprietor of the Brighton Racecourse, took out a lease on the Forest Lodge pony course. He would spend 3000 pounds and six months on repairs and refurbishments before opening it in June the following year, renamed Epping Recreation Grounds. It would later become known as Harold Park.

1904

February 12 saw the visiting English cricket side take on the NSW side which contained Test opener Victor Trumper, while one of the umpires was James Giltinan.

March 23, at the opening meeting of the MRU, Lewis Abrams made an attempt to quell some of the discontent amongst players when he suggested the allowance should be increased for representative players travelling interstate. His proposal was rejected.

July 6. The visiting British Lions played the sixth game of their tour against Northern Districts. During this game it was alleged that British player Denys Dobson swore at referee Harry Dolan. Dobson was immediately sent off. England's captain David Bedell-Sivwright was incensed at the decision and ordered his team off the field in protest, before soon returning. Pat Walsh was one of five Northern Districts players that supported the referee's decision at an ensuing investigation into the "Dobson incident" by the NSWRU, who surprisingly sided with the English players, claiming the referee had heard wrong.

July 23. Australia played Great Britain in a Test at Brisbane's Exhibition Ground. Glebe's Alex Burdon playing in his third consecutive test for the Wallabies, scored the opening try that gave the Wallabies a 3-0 lead at halftime. During the second half, he suffered a very heavy knock to his shoulder which forced him from the field. In typical Burdon style, he returned 17 minutes later. Great Britain went on to win the game 17-3.

1905

July 19. After playing a starring role for NSW against Queensland, Pat Walsh is oddly dropped from the state side, confusing everybody. The Referee stated *"Walsh's exclusion is simply a Chinese puzzle."*

August 5. Balmain player Joe Apoloney is sent off for punching the referee. The following week the MRU held a meeting to discuss the incident, but defer their decision until a further meeting, however the Balmain delegate at the meeting, Pat McQuade, revealed that Apoloney is set to be disqualified, despite him presenting 25 pages of witness statements defending Apoloney. The referee H. Nelson, only produced one sheet of evidence. The committee sided with the referee and it was decided that Apoloney be suspended for a number of years.

August 14. Balmain RU hold an urgent meeting about Apoloney. The committee move a motion that Balmain withdraw from the competition in protest. The resolution was defeated by just 1 vote.

August 16. The MRU have confirmed that Joe Apoloney is to be disqualified for a total of ten years.

A disgruntled Pat Walsh left Australia and travelled to South Africa where he played in an expatriate Australian Rules competition in Johannesburg. He was vice-captain of the Commonwealth Football Team which went on to win the title in November.

1906

In April, cricket umpire turned manager James Giltinan took a Sydney representative side, containing Victor Trumper, on a tour to Goulburn.

After his foray into Aussie Rules, Pat Walsh travels to Auckland to play in their local Rugby Competition and is immediately signed by Parnell. He was so good that he earned selection in an Auckland Province side that toured the South Island.

May 21. Several NSW state representative cricketers are suspended for agreeing to play against England in a team sponsored by the Melbourne Cricket Club, including Test stars Victor Trumper and Monty Noble. Giltinan publicly sided with the suspended cricketers.

July 14. Glebe hosted Auckland City at the SCG. In a close fought match, Glebe trailed 11-8 with 10 minutes remaining when Glebe's George Riddell and Auckland's George Little collided heavily when they both attempted to kick a loose ball. The collision saw both players suffer an horrific broken leg each. The sight of the injuries was so severe that the referee and players agreed to call the game off early and the players were sent to St. Vincents Hospital. Coincidentally, the same two players collided with each other in a game just 12 months prior which resulted in both players suffering broken collarbones.

The Glebe club decided to hold a benefit concert to raise funds for both players. Glebe officials asked the NSWRU to support their campaign; however the request was declined because the NSWRU would not support any activity that gave players money. Glebe went ahead and managed to raise £45 for each player (3 months wages).

Former Glebe RUFC board member Joe McGraw publicly criticised the NSWRU for not helping Burdon in 1904 or Riddell in 1906. The NSWRU shortly after agreed to provide extra financial assistance to Riddell and Little.

August 10. The NSW Cricket Association lifts its ban on the ten players they suspended.



Messenger fielding the Ball. The other New South Wales players shown in the picture are Rosenfeldt, Cann, and Cheadle

April 3. At the Meeting of the MRU, Mr A.W.Green moved "That an accident fund be instituted with the Metropolitan Rugby Union." A lengthy discussion took place before going to a vote, where the motion was defeated by one vote. The next business of the meeting saw the secretary receive an increase of his salary to 250 pounds per year. The lack of accident cover meant the onus of insuring players from injury fell to the clubs and players.

May 1. The Referee reports "the announcement that a syndicate in New Zealand were proposing to bring over a team of players to oppose Northern Union teams next season. It was stated on behalf of the would-be promoters that their team would include many prominent players who were prevented from making the journey with the "All Blacks" and that the side would even include some of those redoubtable men."

May 4. Sydney played South Sydney in a match at the SCG. It was towards the end of this game when Burdon infamously broke his arm. Unable to work or earn money, Burdon's feeling of anger towards the Rugby Union for twice failing to help him peaked.

Two weeks later, All Black George Smith sent a telegram to Wallaby Peter Moir enquiring about organising a team to take on the Professional NZ side. Moir took this to an unofficial meeting at Victor Trumper's Sports store at 108 Market St, Sydney where regular attendees Giltinan, Hoyle, Burdon and a few other players would occasionally attend, notably Arthur Hennessy, Bob Graves and Jim Moir. It was agreed to select a combination and begin forming a professional Rugby code.

May 20. Media outlets in Australia and New Zealand report "It is understood that all arrangements will be completed next month for sending a team of professional Rugby Players to England." 2 days later the New Zealand RU demanded all players sign a statutory declaration to prove they are amateurs in order to be considered for selection in future All Blacks games and tours.

May 27. The NZ RU expelled Albert Baskerville from the membership of any club and it has been decided to prevent him from entering any ground under the control of the RU. The upcoming North Island v South Island game will contain none of the 12 players selected from Auckland as they refused to sign the declaration. They were joined by 2 players from Wellington, 2 from Otago and 1 from Canterbury.

May 31. The 12 Auckland players finally agree to sign statutory declarations confirming their amateur status.

June 1. The English Northern Union completed arrangements to play 27 matches against the NZ professionals, which will tour during the coming season. The NU has banked 3000 pounds as a guarantee towards the visitors expenses. 4 days later it was revealed that the professional players stand to earn 200 pounds (a years wage) after all expenses were paid.

June 8. The first Interstate clash of the Rugby Union season took place at the SCG in front of 30,000 spectators. Queensland won 11-6, but it was the graphic injury to NSW captain Harold Judd that is remembered. His leg got entangled with his teammate Bede Smith, when his leg broke just below the knee. The Referee reported "The snap was plainly heard by everyone in the vicinity". The Evening News stated "There was a distinct click which seemed to echo across the ground." Judd was taken to St.Vincent's hospital immediately.

June 12. The New Zealand Professional side confirm that they have a squad of players ready to sail to England, with the ship leaving Australia at the end of July. The squad though could not be named due to the statutory declarations they signed.

One player was asked why he initially refused to sign the declaration and he replied "For instance, I, like others, pay my subscription to a club to play football with the other members. I also pay a shilling a week to go out to the grounds, and why should I have to sign a declaration? I have been an amateur footballer for the past 14 years or so, and my status has never been questioned. Why should it be questioned now? How could anyone, who played for the love of the game, be asked to go before a justice of the peace and sign something binding him over to a certain body, the penalty being that if at any time he broke it he would be liable to imprisonment. Its just the principle of the thing that I'm fighting for, I wouldn't sign a declaration for either side, the Union or the Professionals."

The counter argument, made by one Union official simply stated "If the Union did not stand firm, the young players would eventually be corrupted by professionalism."

In mid-June the MRU purchased Epping Racecourse from James Joynton-Smith for 12,500 pounds.

June 23. The Sunday Sun reported that the MRU had established an insurance fund, which provides payment of medical fees up to 10 guineas and assures a gratuity of 1 pound per week for a maximum of 21 weeks to injured players.

June 26. The NZ Professional side will set sail for England as soon as the All Blacks return from Australia, as a number of the squad will be selected for the Professionals. The NZ side may consider including Australian players to bolster their backline.

The success of the South African Rugby Union tour of Great Britain has been followed by a proposal that a South African professional team should also visit England.

June 27. George Smith is announced as the captain of the professional side, however Albert Baskerville stated no player has been offered the captaincy and that he has no desire to select any Australian players for his professional side.

July 19. Media reports suggest the NZ Professional tour has been dropped and instead, Australia would be keen to play professional rugby games against New Zealand. It is understood that a Professional RU destined to affiliate with the English Northern Union is being formed in Sydney.

August 1. 160 applications were received for places in the NZ squad. 3 matches are set to be played in Sydney and it's

probable that games will be played in Melbourne and Adelaide.

August 2. It's revealed that James Giltinan is organising games to be played in Sydney later in the month between a Sydney combination and the NZ Professionals.

August 4. A widely-circulated rumour suggests that Dally Messenger accepted an invitation to join the NZ professional team. Messenger responded "There is nothing in it as far as I am concerned. I have had no communication with or from the organisers of the team. The rumour that I have joined the team is untrue, and you may contradict it flatly."



August 5. Sydney Morning Herald reports on a concern from several RU officials that a substantial number of players are strongly in favour of professionalism. "Mr J.Giltinan is, it is understood, taking an active part in making the arrangements for the matches, and, if rumour speak truly, some success has been met with in regard to one or two captains of first grade teams."

August 6. The NSWRU are contemplating having players sign a declaration stating that they will not play against the Professional NZ side.

Giltinan told The Sydney Morning Herald "You can take it for certain that next year will see six teams playing under the Rugby League of New South Wales."

Mr H.D.Wood, president of the MRU stated that if clubs were dissatisfied with the administration then they had the remedy in their own hands. Each club elected 3 delegates to the union, one of whom also acted on the committee. The latter elected the various officers, including the secretary and treasurer, so that the administration of the funds rested with them. He went on to say that professionalism in Rugby "its influence is baneful and pernicious."

Mr Lewis Abrams stated "I think by next year there will be seven or eight professional football clubs in Sydney. I see no difference in playing football for payment to playing cricket for money."

August 7. The Sydney Morning Herald labels the professional NZ side as "The All Golds".

A general feeling prevails that, instead of spending 13,000 pounds on the purchase of Lillie Bridge grounds (which was owned at the time by Sir James Joynton-Smith), the Rugby Union should've given funding to clubs solely for upkeep and maintenance of their venues, while also equally distributing the leading games each Saturday over those grounds.

August 8. After a meeting by the council of the NSWRU they were satisfied that no suspicion of professionalism existed amongst the members of the NSW team or the NSW members of the Australian team.

One RU official stated "the real footballers of the state those who were not possessed of this sudden greed for gold, had nothing to fear for the game - they played for the love of it."

"This professionalism speculation will have a cleansing effect. All the 'rag-tags and parasites' of the game will be eliminated."

August 8. A meeting of players and others interested in the professional movement was held at Bateman's Crystal Hotel (pictured below). The chair was occupied by Mr Hoyle. There were about 50 present, including a number of first-grade players; no fewer than 5 captains being amongst them. Eight senior clubs were represented, the remaining three being University, Manly and Western Suburbs - The Manly club couldn't attend as they are away on tour of the Northern Rivers.



Before business was entered upon, all present players had to sign a document agreeing to play against the NZ professional team about to arrive in Sydney. The matches are set for August 17, 21 and 24 at the Agricultural Ground.

It was resolved to form a body called the NSW Football League. Matters in connection with the project were discussed at length, the general tone being that members were not to go in for out and out professionalism, but simply to make good out-of-pocket expenses. A selection committee was appointed, consisting of three, who are captains of first grade clubs.

It is stated on good authority that some leading players and supporters have received intimations from their employers that they must either forego their positions or professionalism.

The question of grounds occupied some attention. There are three grounds mentioned as available for the new league next season; Wentworth Park, Agricultural Ground and Hampden Oval.

The organisers of the movement are Mr J. Giltinan and a prominent cricketer.

August 10. The MRU is understood to disqualify any professional players for life from Rugby Union.

August 12. James Giltinan states that the team to play against the All-Golds will be selected tonight. Meanwhile MRU officials claim that within a month after the NZ Professionals depart Australia, that the movement in Sydney will be "Absolutely dead" and that the rebel players will come crawling back to the amateur game, only to find that they've been banned for life.

On this same day, Alex Burdon resigned from the Glebe RUFC

The NSWRU and MRU in conjunction, released their rules pertaining to professionalism (image of article)

That night at a meeting of the professionals it was announced that the New South Wales Rugby Football League had been formed. Henry Hoyle was announced as president, James Giltinan as secretary, and for the first time in the media, Victor Trumper was named as being present along with around 30 players, including Dally Messenger, Bob Graves (Balmain captain), Arthur Hennessey, Harry Hamill (Newtown captain), Jim Abercrombie (North Sydney captain) and Alex Burdon (Sydney captain). All up it was revealed that some 100 players had thrown their lot in with the Professionals.

Giltinan explained that all players wouldn't be professionals in the strictest sense, rather, players would be financially covered for all their travel and loss of work wages. It was also suggested that footballers could be further assisted financially by having them manning gates or serve as line umpires, paying them for their services in both instances. One of Giltinan's ideas was to have former Rugby players who were out of work, hired to work, for pay, as gatekeepers. If the League became strong enough, they hoped to also establish pensions for players. All players would be fully insured and the League would not give an injured man one guinea a week but much closer to double that.

Trumper added that he had written to England to arrange for a team to leave Australia in 1908. The men would get a certain percentage of the gate.

Bob Graves revealed that he was threatened by his employer that if he continued pursuing professionalism, they would sack him. Giltinan replied "Let him come to me and I'll give him one!" and was met with great applause and cheers.

Hoyle added that any employer who acted upon their threats to sack players who aligned themselves with the professionals, then the League would supply the necessary funds to take the employer to court.

Hoyle revealed that Mr J. Finlay had donated 1 pound and 1 shilling which would be given as a prize to whoever scored the first try as a professional.

Then, a squad of 20 men were named to play against the NZ side.

It was revealed that Dally Messenger was to receive 50 pounds for playing in the three games against NZ and that this drew the ire of one player who abandoned his interest in the professional movement.

Alf Dobbs, named in the 20-man NSWRL squad was on tour with the Balmain RUFC at the time. Upon learning he had been selected, he asked for his return train ticket so as to return to Sydney to commence training. The Balmain club official contacted the MRU about the matter.

August 13. On the same day that the NZ Professionals arrive in Sydney, the MRU hold a meeting where, according to one official "The names of all the players connected with the professional movement will be expunged from the books of the union."

(To the Editor of the "Australian Star.")
Sir,—Our league does not aim to encourage professional footballers, but only to secure fair treatment for the players. It was, therefore, a great surprise when I saw the "Star" announce that Messenger was to get £50 for the matches against the "All Black" team, because no such arrangement has been made, and Messenger himself is started by the information. We enclose a statement from Messenger.—Yours, &c.,
JAMES J. GILTINAN,
156 Clarence-street, August 14.

(To the Editor of the "Australian Star.")
Sir,—I was very sorry, and much surprised, to read in your paper of to-day's issue that I have been offered £50 to play in the three matches against the New Zealand team. I must give this statement an emphatic denial. I have not been promised £50, nor anything at all, and I do not know of any player that has been promised any sum whatever. Hoping you will insert this statement in your paper.—Yours, &c.,
H. H. MESSENGER,
Double Bay, August 13.

August 14. Giltinan denies that Messenger was to receive 50 pounds for playing against NZ and that as far as he was aware, Messenger hadn't been offered any fee to play. Peter Moir also resigns as a member of the Glebe RU club.

August 16. Balmain RU Club, on tour to Mudgee, received a telegram from the MRU that Alf Dobbs was to have his ticket blocked and he was to be sent home at his own expense.

August 17. NSW plays against New Zealand in the first professional Rugby game in Australia. The match was played under Rugby Union rules and was won by NZ 12-8 in front of 20,000 people.

On the same day, Balmain club officials call upon their team to immediately abandon their tour over the Dobbs incident and return home with him, in protest.

August 19. George Smith, William Wynyard and Charles Dunning left Auckland to join the professional NZ side in Australia. The Auckland RU has disqualified all Auckland members of the team for life.

August 21. The Second game between NSW and NZ was played before 4000 spectators. NZ won 19-5. It was also revealed that Messenger has been added to the NZ Professional squad to tour the UK.

August 22. The NZ RU has expelled all the Kiwi professionals from Rugby Union in NZ.

August 23. Giltinan is interviewed by The Evening News where he revealed that clubs will be formed and they will take part in competition matches next season. The clubs are to be established on the district basis, the same system used in Rugby Union. He also revealed "we intend to play 13 men-a-side, and not 15, as at present. I might add that we are now in communication with the Northern Union regarding a visit of a NSW team to England in 1908-09."

August 24. The third game between NSW and NZ was won by NZ 5-3 in front of 8000 spectators. Arthur Hennessy was one of the touch judges and Dan Gilchrist from NZ was the other.

August 28. Lewis Abrams suggested to the MRU that they take on board some of the concepts that the NSWRL was offering

players to switch codes. He made it clear that his idea was ensuring that players still earn no profit or gain from playing, but rather that they do not play at a loss. His ideas were declared out of order and denied consideration in what became an increasingly heated meeting. Abrams then said "I told you four years ago that it would have to be done. Had anyone else brought the matter forward it would have been all right."

Former Rugby Union player-turn-referee Edward Hooper is appointed the inaugural NSWRL Referees Association President. The NSWRL intended to pay the match officials, however Hooper stated that they would refuse payment in the first year, furthermore, their payments should be donated back into the League's coffers to help ensure its survival. Additionally, the referees agreed to donate extra funds out of their own pockets to the NSWRL.

September 2. The MRU began an inquiry into acts of professionalism by all players who opposed the New Zealand professionals and anyone who played for Marrickville, the second grade club, who met McIlrath's in the early match of the 3rd NSW v NZ game. All players were requested to front the committee, however most players saw the futility in this exercise and didn't bother attending.

September 11. The MRU disqualifies all members who appeared for NSW and for Marrickville in the recent professional fixtures. The players are disqualified from playing with any club at any

level that is affiliated with the MRU. They are not disqualified for life or for any team. The removal of these disqualifications can only be done via the English Rugby Union.

September 12. The NZ tour stops over in Sri Lanka and plays against a Ceylon XIII at Colombo, winning 33-6. Messenger scored 2 tries and 6 goals in a game played under Rugby Union rules.

September 22. Arthur Hennessy convenes a small gathering of South Sydney locals who were supportive or directly involved in the creation of the new professional rugby game in Sydney. The meeting was held in Hennessy's home.

September 30. The NZ side arrive in London.

October 9. NZ play their first official game of Rugby League against Bramley and win 25-6 at Barley Mow in Leeds.

December 19. The media reports that a letter received from the NZ tour manager claims that the tour is set to record a profit of 10,000 pounds.

December 21. Giltinan receives a message from Mr Platt, president of the English Northern Union, inviting an Australian based side to tour England the following season. The team is expected to depart Australia in August 1908. They will be touring England at a similar time that the Wallabies will be.

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January 2. The Daily Telegraph reports "The people responsible for professional Rugby football in Sydney are trying to complete arrangements for a visit next season of a team of Maori footballers, who will also give displays of Maori hakas."

January 9. A meeting to form a new district football club, under the NSW Rugby Football League, takes place at the Glebe Town Hall.

January 14. A public meeting is held at the Newtown Town Hall whereby it was decided to form a Newtown District Football Club to play under the Rugby League.

January 15. At the NSWRL meeting, officials decided "that steps be taken to insert in the bylaws of the union a bylaw providing for the granting of an allowance to players representing the state who may be incapacitated by being injured on the field of play."

"It has also been decided by the union that admission tickets be issued to players who have represented the Union in representative games played locally by the union."

January 17. A meeting at the Redfern Town Hall sees the formation of a third Rugby League club - South Sydney.

January 23. The Balmain Rugby Club hold a meeting at the Balmain Town Hall and the club became the only one to vote unanimously (almost, there was one vote opposed out of the approximate 600 people present) in favour of abandoning the Rugby Union and joining the Rugby League.

January 24. The NSWRL has secured the use of Wentworth Park for 1908, which means that the Glebe Rugby Union side will not be able to use the ground.

January 24. The Eastern Suburbs RLFC is formed at a meeting held at Paddington Town Hall.

February 4. The Western Suburbs RLFC is formed at a meeting held at Ashfield Town Hall. Unlike the other clubs which were motivated by a player revolt against Union officials, Wests was formed out of a more internal dispute - a conflict between the Western Suburbs club and second division side Ashfield. Ashfield players routinely found ways to make themselves unavailable to play for Wests top grade side whenever they were called upon. The arrival of Rugby League gave the Ashfield players an opportunity to break away from the Wests Rugby Union side, so they formed their own Western Suburbs team in the NSWRL. The disgruntled members of the Wests side broke away from Rugby Union and formed the Cumberland Rugby League club.

February 7. The North Sydney RLFC is formed at the North Sydney School of Arts.

February 10. A lengthy meeting at Pikes Rooms on Bolton St in Newcastle was held with the hopes of forming a Rugby League team there to participate in the upcoming season. After a lengthy speech where Giltinan allayed all concerns, a decision to form a Rugby League team was put to a vote and it failed to get up.

February 28. At the Rockdale Town Hall, a meeting was held to form a team in the St George district. The attempts to form a team failed as the young playing group opted to stick together and remain playing Union.

April 10. A small group of Newcastle rebel players gathered outside the Central Hotel in Newcastle in a rather impromptu yet vitally important meeting. 15 players had agreed to form a team to compete in the NSWRL but had no paper to write their declarations on. 'Jerry' Bailey saved the day when he produced the back of a cigarette packet which they wrote their names on and presented to Giltinan and with that, Newcastle became the 8th club.

April 20. Rugby League's first official premiership games are played. It's also decided, rather hastily, that a 9th team be admitted under the name Cumberland, however the side is comprised of the disgruntled members of the Wests side broken away from Rugby Union and formed the Cumberland Rugby League club in a meeting held at the Horse & Jockey Hotel in Homebush. The side is required to play a trial match to confirm their suitability for the first grade competition.

May 2. Cumberland play Easts in a trial game and go down 18-4. This was deemed satisfactory and they were admitted into the competition in time for Round 2 the following week.

NRL ROUND 1

MANLY 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 24

The Manly Sea Eagles have created history in rugby league's inaugural venture to Las Vegas with a 36-24 victory over the South Sydney Rabbitohs at Allegiant Stadium.

Opening the 2024 season in the first match of a double header played in the Nevada desert, the Sea Eagles fought back from an early second half deficit to claim only their second round one victory in 11 years and their first win against the Rabbitohs since 2019. After withstanding a physical barrage during the opening exchanges, the Rabbitohs stuck an early blow with Damien Cook sending Richie Kennar (6th minute) over for first points after a fortuitous kick from Cody Walker gave the 'visitors' strong field position. Responding midway through the opening half after a near miss from Tom Trbojevic, the Sea Eagles capitalised on a scrum play with Haumole Olakau'atu (22nd minute) powering his way over the line. The Rabbitohs took advantage of Luke Brooks dropping the ball over the line with Latrell Mitchell throwing a superb cut-out pass which allowed Jacob Gagai (30th minute) enough space to cross for a four-pointer in his first grade debut. With halftime approaching and Tom Trbojevic denied another try by the bunker, the Sea Eagles struck an unlikely blow with Jason Saab (38th minute) swooping on an intercept from Mitchell to send the maroon and whites to the sheds with a 12-10 advantage.

CANBERRA 28 NEWCASTLE 12

The Canberra Raiders have surprised the critics with a commanding 28-12 victory over a sluggish Newcastle Knights side away from home at McDonald Jones Stadium in front of over 22,000 fans.

Both sides were semi-finalists last season and had points to prove heading into the 2024 season. The opening half was marred by mistakes, poor discipline, some scrappy attacking footy and a brain snap by an Origin star. Canberra had the first scoring opportunity after six minutes. Albert Hopoate was ruled to have knocked the ball on in the contest and the first of four first half referred no tries was chalked off. The Raiders continued to build field position and were awarded a dubious penalty when Joe Tapine backed into contact and Leo Thompson inadvertently put pressure on the back of his neck. Jamal Fogarty added the penalty goal in the 14th minute for a 2-0 lead. Nine minutes later, Kalyn Ponga broke through some flimsy Canberra defence before linking up with Tyson Gamble to score. There was just one MAJOR problem, Danny Levi was obstructed from getting to Gamble. In the same play, Ponga was hit late in the head off the ball by Hudson Young. Young was quickly dispatched to the bin by Todd Smith. Two minutes after losing Young, the Raiders crossed first. A clever crossfield kick from Fogarty was well weighted. Zac Hosking flew through between

Making amends immediately following the resumption of play, Mitchell (43rd minute) rose to the occasion with a powerful charge close to the line before delivering the final pass to send Alex Johnston (47th minute) over out wide. Facing the largest deficit of the match, the Sea Eagles responded by making their opponents pay for mistakes with Lachlan Croker (49th minute) and Ben Trbojevic (53rd minute) crossing in quick succession to turn a 12-20 deficit into a 24-20 lead. Continuing the one-way flow of points with Daly Cherry-Evans setting up a try for Reuben Garrick (60th minute), the Rabbitohs began to lose touch with the contest following a slew of errors at both ends of the field. The Sea Eagles completed a remarkable second half turnaround with Brooks (76th minutes) clinching the result with a show-and-go, while a late try to Kennar (78th minute) offered the Rabbitohs mere consolation as the Sea Eagles claimed a 36-24 victory in the season opener. Upon return to Australia, the Sea Eagles will host the Roosters in a Sunday afternoon match, while the Rabbitohs will face the Broncos in a Thursday evening away trip. **ROB**

the crowd of bodies to get to the ball first to score for the Raiders. Fogarty added the extras for an 8-0 lead. Newcastle were able to make most of the extra man advantage and hit back quickly. Tyson Gamble in game 50 soon joined in on the fun with a clever short pass to Frizell who fools the left edge of the Raiders to charge across. Ponga added the extras and we remained at 8-6 through the first 40 minutes.

Canberra opened the second half in fine style. Off the back of some poor discipline from the Knights. Danny Levi burrowed his way between Daniel Saifiti and Jack Hetherington (two defenders who should've done better) to cross and make the SuperCoach owners and Ricky Stuart happy as it was out to 14-6. Newcastle had some scoring opportunities with Greg Marzhev denied after being held up by tenacious defenders. Where the Knights struggled in attack, Canberra flourished and practically sealed the match 17 minutes from time. Fogarty's kick was taken brilliantly in traffic by Hopoate who found Young to quickly get it onto Savage who showed great speed to get it down in the left corner. Fogarty missed the conversion to leave the margin at 12. Canberra took advantage of their opportunities and confidently took home the two points two minutes later. Tom Starling poked his nose through. Got an incredibly quick play the ball. A spread across the backline sees Ethan Strange and Hopoate combine before finding Jordan Rapana to cement Canberra's margin.

SYDNEY 20 BRISBANE 10

The Sydney Roosters kicked off their 2024 season in fine fashion, securing a 20-10 victory over a Broncos team that appeared to struggle with the Vegas conditions and the size of the field in front of nearly 41,000 fans at Allegiant Stadium.

The Roosters quickly took control, dominating possession and field position early in the contest. It took just five minutes for the Tricolours to open the scoring when Joey Manu intercepted an Ezra Mam pass and dashed off for the opening try under the posts. Despite dominating possession and field position throughout the first half, the Roosters could only add a penalty goal by Sam Walker at the 15-minute mark, following a ruck interference penalty against Billy Walters. The half-time scoreboard perhaps flattered the Broncos, who, after benefiting from repeated Roosters' ill-discipline, saw Reece Walsh weave some magic to escape the Roosters' defence and kick through for Deine Mariner to score. The conversion attempt from Adam Reynolds went astray. The Roosters looked to have added a field goal on the stroke of half-time but one of the NRL's new rules reared its head when Sam Walker's efforts were rejected by the bunker for interference by the blockers despite most thinking that it was never going to be stopped.

Physicality didn't disappear during the half time break and if anything it increased as the second half went on. The Roosters initially went close to

scoring when Daniel Tupou lost the ball over the line but a shoulder charge from Reece Walsh was picked up by the bunker on a Captain's Challenge from the Roosters. The Roosters were able to extend their lead when Joey Manu pulled off some magic that wouldn't be out of place on the Vegas strip when he let out a no look fling of the ball that found Fetalaiga Puga perfectly on the chest and the young winger scored on the outside. Ill-discipline from the Roosters let the Broncos back into the contest and it was some typical Brisbane magic that saw the big 3 combine to get the ball out to the outside before coming back inside to Walsh who scored and the Broncos were able to close the gap to just four points. Tensions continued to rise as the Broncos grew frustrated, leading to two separate flare-ups when things weren't going their way. The situation escalated when, during a second confrontation, Broncos' five-eighth Ezra Mam accused a Roosters forward of making a racist remark. Despite not hearing the comment himself, referee Adam Gee reported the incident for post-game review and investigation. The Roosters sealed the victory inside the final 10 minutes when James Tedesco put Victor Radley through to score and Sam Walker converted. The events of the last fifteen minutes were a disappointing end to what was a strong day of football as the Roosters made a strong start to their 2024 campaign, whilst the Broncos will be grateful for the run despite the loss, and look to bounce back when they return to Australia in a fortnight. **JOSH**

Newcastle didn't go down without a fight when Hastings got one back for over 22,000 in attendance with five to go. A show-and-go in between Hosking and Fogarty saw the English international race away to score. In the dying moments, Emre Guler refused to let the play die, linking up with Hosking, who in turn found Young to crash over to put an exclamation mark on this one. For Canberra, it's a win that proves the doubters and critics wrong for now. Meanwhile, the Knights were scrappy in attack and sloppy with their discipline. Issues that will have to improve quickly, if the Knights are going to compete to where we know they can. **AJ**

CRONULLA 16 WARRIORS 12

The Cronulla Sharks have stunned the New Zealand Warriors with a 16-12 win in Auckland to claim only their second opening round win in 11 years.

Fighting back from a 0-12 deficit inside the opening quarter, the Sharks scored either side of halftime to get back into the contest before a try to Siosifa Talakai midway through the second half sealed a memorable win over last year's preliminary finalists. The win continued a strong record for the Sharks at Go Media Stadium - their fourth from their past five visits - along with extending a 66% record from 18 matches against the Warriors over the past decade. The Warriors started in fine fashion with Addin Fonua-Blake (8th minute) showing his future teammates what they can

expect with a powerful run from close range to open the scoring. Taking advantage of Cronulla front-rower Royce Hunt turning over possession on multiple occasions with ill-conceived offloads, the home side doubled their lead with five-eighth Luke Metcalf (12th minute) dazzling the Sharks with speed and footwork to put the home side up 12-0. Threatening to go further in front with Jackson Ford, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and Kurt Capewell all coming close to scoring, the Warriors inability to translate their dominance onto the scoreboard allowed the Sharks to grow in confidence. The visitors struck a crucial blow shortly before the change of ends with Jesse Ramien (34th minute) barging over from a metre out to reduce the margin to 12-6.

Taking advantage of an error in the first set following the resumption of play, the Sharks shifted the ball left and capitalised with Talakai positioning Ronaldo Mulitalo (41st minute) to touch down in the corner. Hitting the front for the first time after withstanding plenty of pressure on their own line, a similar left side shift saw Mulitalo deliver the final pass for Talakai (57th minute) to give the Sharks a 16-12 lead. Repelling the home side repeatedly during the final quarter, the Sharks emerged with a deserved four-point win in Jack Williams' 100th appearance for the club. Next week, the Warriors will travel to Melbourne for a Saturday evening clash with the Storm, while the Sharks will host the Bulldogs on Friday night at home. **ROB**

MELBOURNE 8 PENRITH 0

The Melbourne Storm have kept their undefeated Round 1 record under Craig Bellamy intact, frustrating a persistent Penrith Panthers side 8-0 on Friday night at AAMI Park.

The numbers told quite the story in the end, with the Panthers recording 42 tackles in Melbourne's 20 compared to 21 for the hosts and yet a determined defensive effort saw the hosts home. It was quite the statement for the Storm without five-eighth Cameron Munster and barnstorming forward Nelson Asofa-Solomona, although the Panthers were also without hooker Mitch Kenny and second rower Scott Sorensen. Penrith's attack looked disjointed and chaotic at times but that was as much a product of Melbourne's defence as it was shaking off early season rust for the three-time premiers. A Nick Meaney penalty goal was the only difference between the two sides in what was a fast-paced first half, with both the Storm and Panthers guilty of uncharacteristic errors in humid conditions. There were a few close calls as Taylan May, who looked the most threatening player for Penrith in attack, came up with a crucial one-on-one tackle as Nick Meaney almost sliced through to score in the 21st minute. A trick play from the Panthers off a scrum almost brought on the first try of the game in the 30th minute as Nathan Cleary put in a kick for Brian To'o, only for a tricky bounce to deny the visitors. Elsewhere, Melbourne's right

edge looked the most likely option for the home side but a brilliant tackle from Luke Garner stopped Jahrome Hughes late in the half before scrambling defence saw Meaney taken dead just as he reached over to ground the ball.

The Panthers almost had the first try of the night early in the second as Luke Sommerton spotted a hole close the line and had Nathan Cleary in support, only for a desperate Ryan Papenhuyzen to deny them as he knocked the ball down. Penrith went close again in the 49th minute with the electric May in the thick of it again as he made a break and kicked on the inside for Soni Luke in support but the Bunker intervened to overrule the try on the basis of an obstruction in the lead-up. It proved a crucial call as the Storm went down the other end as broke the try-scoring drought as the size mismatch on the wings finally produced points, with Xavier Coates batting back a Jonah Pezet bomb for Reimis Smith to score. Coates looked to have created another try - and potentially the game-winning one at that - when he charged at the line and offloaded, leaving Tui Kamikamica to run at a disjointed Penrith defence but the front rower dropped it just as he went to ground the ball. It didn't end up making a difference though as the Storm defended their line on multiple occasions to deny the Panthers in a low-scoring thriller. The Panthers host the Eels next week while the Storm are back at AAMI Park again to play the Warriors. **JACKO**

ST GEO ILLA 28 GOLD COAST 4

A maiden NRL hattrick to Tyrell Sloan has secured an emphatic 28-4 upset victory for the St George Illawarra Dragons over the Gold Coast Titans at CBUS Super Stadium.

Both sides were undergoing another rebuilding phase and a new era would begin in either a winning or losing fashion for Des Hasler or Shane Flanagan. The visitors had some early field position and capitalised early, Tom Eisenhuth was held up in the 2nd minute of play and the ensuing play delivered results. The Dragons worked the play down the right edge where Kyle Flanagan and Ben Hunt combined with recruit Ray Faitala-Mariner who broke through some would-be tackles. He was able to offload to Sloan who popped up in the right place at the right time to cross for the first of 2024. Lomax converted from easy range for a 6-0 lead. Gold Coast would dominate the remainder of the first half having an astounding 34 tackles inside the Dragons 20m zone in the first half. But at every turn, the Dragons would answer and turn them away. However, mistakes began to fatigue the visitors and the Titans pounced. It was a long time coming for the home side and after a multitude of possessions. The Gold Coast Titans have crossed for the first time in 2024. Tom Weaver held his nerve and fired the grubber kick in behind the defensive line and Alofiana Khan-Pereira touched down for the Titans. Tanah Boyd's kick was wide left and it remained a two-point gap at the half time break.

Gold Coast made a cheap mistake coming out of yardage when Brian Kelly spilled possession in his 100th club game. After his father played 3 games in 1987, the Flanagan name finally got on the scoreboard in the famous Red V. Kyle Flanagan got his way through some would-be Titans defence to cross for the first try of the second half (47th minute). Lomax converted for a 12-4 lead. Seven minutes later, the Dragons added a third try of the contest. Jacob Little exposed the middle defence as it was retreating and burst through before finding Sloan who sprinted away to collect his second try of the contest. Lomax converted for a 14 point lead. After being under siege for most of the first half, the Dragons continued to put the Titans to the sword. Eight minutes after Sloan's double, a clever grubber from Hunt was scooped up by Lomax to cross for their third try of the second half. The conversion from the right touchline was waved away for a 22-4 margin. Sloan grabbed a hattrick four minutes later after some superb lead-up work from Hunt and Flanagan finding the speedy fullback who burnt some suspect defence to score. Lomax converted from in front for a 28-4 verdict and that is where our scoreline remained after 80 minutes. The Dragons showcased some brilliant attacking football and steel defence. While the Titans need to go back to the drawing board, after a good first half. The defence evaporated like we've seen in previous seasons. So clearly a lot to work on for the home side, while the visitors will be hopeful of more consistent outings like what we saw tonight. **AJ**

PARRAMATTA 26 CANTERBURY 8

Parramatta Eels opened their season with a comfortable 26-8 win over local rivals Canterbury Bulldogs in front of 29,171 fans at Western Sydney Stadium in their game on Saturday afternoon.

The hosts did most of their damage in the first half. Bryce Cartwright with a pair of tries alongside scores from Morgan Harper and Bailey Simonsson were the difference while Blake Wilson and Stephen Crichton found the line for the Bulldogs. The Eels held most of the possession early in the game. They went close through Shaun Lane who was held up then made use of their kicking game to push the Bulldogs back often. It was from the kick where they opened the scoring. Mitch Moses drilled a kick low for former Bulldog Morgan Harper to touch down just inside the in-goal line and make it 6-0. They went to the boot for their next points. Jaeman Salmon clipped an Eel high which drew the whistle and with Moses struggling with an injury, Clint Gutherson piloted through the kick for 8-0. Eels added to their score late in the first half. Joey Lussick flicked the short ball to a rampaging Bryce Cartwright who strolled over almost untouched after a blue-and-gold assault in the first half.

NORTH QLD 43 DOLPHINS 18

The Cowboys began 2024 in the best possible way, with a 43-18 thumping of a Dolphins side that couldn't get out of their own way.

The Cowboys struck first just three minutes into the match, when Zac Laybutt made a line break and dummied Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow out of his boots to grab a four pointer. The Dolphins struck back almost immediately with a try through Tom Flegler, but that was cancelled out almost immediately with a try from Tom Dearden to restore the lead for the Cowboys. Both teams would settle for a little while before Jeremiah Nanai crossed in the 25th minute, closely followed by tries to Kyle Feldt, Josh Kerr and Murray Taulagi in a frantic 10 minute period to blow the score out to 30-12. Chad Townsend then knocked over a field goal on the final play of the first half to establish a 31-12 halftime lead.

The script continued to benefit the Eels in the second half. They went close after some superb work kept the ball alive then Sean Russell went over but it was brought back for Kurt Mann taking it dead. Parramatta didn't have to wait long for another four-pointer. Some superb hands between their forwards saw Cartwright involved heavily again, he rolled over the defense for a 20-0 lead. Bulldogs got on the scoresheet eventually. Eels spilled it in their own half and some quick hands down the right side saw Blake Wilson go over in the corner for 20-4. It felt like groundhog day again for the Bulldogs for their second four-pointer. They were gifted another Eels error then Villiam Kikau poked through and passed to Stephen Crichton to score. The rumours of a Bulldogs comeback were premature. They spread it on last tackle in their own half, spilled it and Bailey Simonsson just ran away to secure the 26-8 win in front of their biggest crowd at Western Sydney Stadium. **JUSTIN**

The Dolphins started the second half well but were unable to capitalise, and the Cowboys soon crossed when Heilum Luki pounced on a Tabuai-Fidow error. From there both sides settled, with Reuben Cotter denied a try in the 60th minute. A controversial penalty try to Zac Laybutt saw the Cowboys breach 40 points, before an attacking kick by the Cowboys backfired when Tabuai-Fidow skipped into space before finding Niu and then Bostock for the Dolphins' third. Kyle Feldt would be denied a try on the siren after dropping the ball over the goal line. It was a statement win for the Cowboys, who displayed a much more aggressive mentality than they had in 2023 as they look to return to the finals. The Dolphins will need to do some soul searching heading into Round 2, made tougher with a suspected dislocated knee cap to Conolly Lemuelu. **RHYS**

ROUND 1 SCOREBOARD

Manly 36 (L. Brooks, L. Croker; R. Garrick, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab, B. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 6 goals) defeated **South Sydney 24** (R. Kennar 2, J. Gagai, A. Johnston, L. Mitchell tries; L. Mitchell 2 goals) at **Allegiant Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 2nd March. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-10. Penalties: Manly 5-1. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 40,746.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloia'i, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Waddell, Bullemor, Brown.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Kennar, Gagai; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Keppie, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Murray (C). Int: Havili, Host, Moale, Burgess.

Player of the Year: 3: D Cherry-Evans
2: B Trbojevic
1: L Mitchell

Sydney 20 (J. Manu, J. Pauga, V. Radley tries; S. Walker 4 goals) defeated **Brisbane 10** (D. Mariner, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds goal) at **Allegiant Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 2nd March. Kickoff: 8:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 8-4. Penalties: Brisbane 7-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 40,746.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Pauga; Keary, Walker; Leniu, Smith, Collins, Wong, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Smith, Whyte, Butcher, May.

Brisbane: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Reynolds (C); Taupau, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Jensen, Smoothy, Baker, Hetherington.

Player of the Year: 3: J Tedesco
2: J Manu
1: S Walker

Canberra 28 (Z. Hosking, D. Levi, J. Rapana, X. Savage, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) defeated **Newcastle 12** (T. Frizell, J. Hastings tries; K. Ponga 2 goals) at **McDonald Jones Stadium**.

Date: Thu, 7th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 8-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 22,378.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Tuala, Gagai, Best, Marzheuw; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Cogger, Saifiti, Hetherington, Pearce-Paul.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Hopoate, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Hosking, Smithies. Int: Starling, Guler, Mariota, Saulo.

Player of the Year: 3: J Fogarty
2: Z Hosking
1: M Smithies

Cronulla 16 (R. Mulitalo, J. Ramien, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes, B. Trindall goals) defeated **Warriors 12** (A. Fonua-Blake, L. Metcalf tries; S. Johnson 2 goals) at **Go Media Stadium**.

Date: Fri, 8th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 12-6. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 24,076.

Warriors: Tuauipiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Lussick, Ale, Afoa, Walker.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Kaufusi, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Finucane, Williams, Rudolf, Hazelton.

Player of the Year: 3: W Kennedy
2: S Talakai
1: A Fonua-Blake

Melbourne 8 (R. Smith try; N. Meaney 2 goals) defeated **Penrith 0** at **AAMI Park**.

Date: Fri, 8th March. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 2-0. Penalties: Melbourne 9-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,169.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Pezet, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Chan, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Welch, Lewis, MacDonald.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Sommerton, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo. Int: Smith, Henry, Eisenhuth, Luke.

Player of the Year: 3: X Coates
2: I Yeo
1: T May

Parramatta 26 (B. Cartwright 2, M. Harper, B. Simonsson tries; C. Gutherson 4, M. Moses goals) defeated **Canterbury 8** (S. Crichton, B. Wilson tries) at **CommBank Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 14-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 29,171.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Simonsson, Penisini, Harper, Russell; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaue, Lane, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Paulo, Hands, Matterson, Tuilagi.

Canterbury: Taaffe, Wilson, Kiraz, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Fa'amausili, Kikau, Preston, Salmon. Int: Mann, Hughes, Curran, Morrin.

Player of the Year: 3: B Cartwright
2: C Gutherson
1: B Wilson

St George Illawarra 28 (T. Sloan 3, K. Flanagan, Z. Lomax tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) defeated **Gold Coast 4** (A. Khan-Pereira try) at **Cbus Super Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 6:35 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 6-4. Penalties: Gold Coast 5-3. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 14,537.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Brimson, Sami; Weaver, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asumaleaui (C), Haas, Fermor, Liu. Int: Palasia, Verrills, Clark, Jolliffe.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Faitala-Mariner, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Muhleisen, Molo, Fifita, Murdoch-Masila.

Player of the Year: 3: T Sloan
2: B Hunt
1: J Liddle

North Qld 43 (T. Dearden, K. Feldt, Z. Laybutt, H. Luki, J. Nanai, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 7 goals; C. Townsend field goal) defeated **Dolphins 18** (J. Bostock, T. Flegler, J. Kerr tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) at **Suncorp Stadium**.

Date: Sun, 10th March. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: North Qld 31-12. Penalties: North Qld 5-3. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 32,477.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Niu, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, O'Sullivan; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Flegler, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Stone. Int: Kerr, Plath, Bromwich, Nicholls.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Laybutt, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, McIntyre, Finefeuiaki.

Player of the Year: 3: Z Laybutt
2: R Robson
1: T Flegler

BYE Wests Tigers

ROUND 1 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	NORTH QLD	1	1	0	0	0	25	2
2	ST GEO ILLA	1	1	0	0	0	24	2
3	PARRAMATTA	1	1	0	0	0	18	2
4	CANBERRA	1	1	0	0	0	16	2
5	MANLY	1	1	0	0	0	12	2
6	SYDNEY	1	1	0	0	0	10	2
7	MELBOURNE	1	1	0	0	0	8	2
8	CRONULLA	1	1	0	0	0	4	2
9	Wests Tigers	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
10	Warriors	1	0	0	1	0	-4	0
11	Penrith	1	0	0	1	0	-8	0
12	Brisbane	1	0	0	1	0	-10	0
13	South Sydney	1	0	0	1	0	-12	0
14	Newcastle	1	0	0	1	0	-16	0
15	Canterbury	1	0	0	1	0	-18	0
16	Gold Coast	1	0	0	1	0	-24	0
17	Dolphins	1	0	0	1	0	-25	0

ROUND 1 JUDICIARY

Jai Arrow (SOU)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1000
Nathan Brown (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Reece Walsh (BRI)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$3000
Hudson Young (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Emre Guler (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Braydon Trindall (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Will Warbrick (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Viliame Kikau (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (GLD)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$3000
Spencer Leniu (SYD)	Contrary Conduct	8 matches (referred)

ROUND 1 POTY LEADERBOARD

3 POINTS

Xavier Coates (Storm), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Zac Laybutt (Cowboys), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), William Kennedy (Sharks), James Tedesco (Roosters), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

BRISBANE 28 SOUTH SYDNEY 18

An electric performance from fullback Reece Walsh has guided the Brisbane Broncos to their first win of 2024, downing an inconsistent South Sydney side by 28-18.

The game had a scrappy feel to it early with both sides keen on handing over possession to the other in the opening 15 minutes. Brisbane conceded two penalties whilst in possession in the red-zone going downtown and for obstruction. Fortunately for the Broncos, the South Sydney attack was struggling to connect and walked away from their early raid empty-handed. Brisbane capitalised early on some chip kicks in behind Alex Johnston by Adam Reynolds, and it paid off early as the Rabbitohs winger was bundled into touch. That proved critical as the Rabbitohs burnt their challenge on the same play. Off that ensuing possession, Reynolds worked his magic with a clever grubber fooling the Souths edge and a flying Deine Mariner won the race to the ball to cross for the opening try of the contest. Reynolds missed the conversion. Souths seemed to try to match Brisbane's pace in attack and it was not successful with mistakes in the middle of the park gifting Brisbane with possession. A Siliva Havili error gave Brisbane the ball and the game's most explosive player made them pay. After receiving the ball from a standing start, Reece Walsh carved Souths open and beat a good 5 defenders including Latrell Mitchell all ends up for a great individual try. Reynolds added it from in front for a 10-0 lead. The Rabbitohs were made to pay further when Mitchell failed to defuse a kick which allowed Reynolds to pick it up and was taken down metres short of the line. Damien Cook was judged to deliberately slow down play, and he

was gone for sin binned. Reynolds added a penalty goal for a 12-0 advantage. Brisbane struggled to execute whilst being down to twelve with several chances going to waste leaving the margin at 12 going into the half.

After gifting possession away in the first half like it was a closing-down sale. Souths passed the error code to Brisbane and Jesse Arthars was the poor soul to put the ball down. South Sydney capitalised and crashed over first to start the second half with a determined effort by Havili beating several defenders to the line. Mitchell added the extras and the deficit was cut in half. Off the back of a flop in the ruck from Billy Walters. Havili turned provider this time with a lovely short pass to Davvy Moale who crashed over next to the posts three minutes later. Mitchell locked the scores up at 12-12. After the initial Rabbitoh resistance, Brisbane fully capitalised on possession down the Rabbitohs' end of the field. Walsh created some lovely second phase out to the left and Arthars finished off in the corner to retake the lead and a 4-point advantage. Despite Souths' best efforts, their attack was being met with every answer and with just under 20 to go, the Broncos eventually were going to strike with their speed in the backs. Walsh ran it on the last down the left finding Cobbo who found Arthars before kicking back in field. Mitchell mistimed getting to the footy and Walsh was there to pick it up and cross for his second of the contest. The conversion was successful for a vital 10 point cushion. Mariner put the icing on the cake with a Phil Blake-esque chip and chase over the top of Alex Johnston to cross for the Broncos to put the exclamation point on a dominant second half. Latrell Mitchell finished off the match with a great individual try, which also capped his 100th try at the NRL level to reduce the pain on the scorebook a little. There was a blow to Brisbane's win with Adam Reynolds failing to

finish with a lower leg injury and being replaced with 10 minutes to go. South Sydney started poor, it got a little better in the second half but they fell in a heap late. They desperately need Wighton back to provide some X Factor in attack out wide. **AJ**

CRONULLA 25 CANTERBURY 6

The Bulldogs started fast, but weren't able to keep pace with a fast finishing Sharks outfit who won 25-6 at Pointsbet Stadium on Friday night.

It didn't take long for drama to unfold in the first game of Friday Night Football for Round 2. In his first carry of the game, Poasa Faamausili went down after a huge tackle from Connor Tracey. He was taken from the field for a mandatory head injury assessment and Josh Curran entered the game much earlier than expected. It didn't take long for the match officials to deem Faamausili unfit to return with a Category 1 HIA result. We didn't have to wait long for more drama to unfold, with Briton Nikora being sent to the bin in the 5th minute after play was stopped by the video referee. An incident that wasn't picked up by the on-field ref was called out following the next play and Nikora was placed on report and binned for a high shot on Villiame Kikau. Alongside this, we had a few instances of 'shenanigans' that the ref warned needed to stop or more players would be sitting out for 10. In an unusual decision, Kikau was denied the first try of the evening because the referee impeded the Sharks defence... there are still a few people scratching their head over that one, questioning how the referee being in the way resulted in the try being overturned. The first points of the evening were earned by young winger, Blake Wilson after spreading the ball out to create and overlap. Wilson still needs to do some work to get over the line with a number of Sharks defenders in his

way. Matt Burton pushed the Bulldogs lead out to 6 by slotting the conversion from the sideline. The next ten minutes saw some end to end footy where both sides had opportunities that they couldn't capitalise on before the Sharks scored. A great passage of play from the Cronulla side saw Nicho Hynes put his second rower in Teig Wilton through a hole... who then connected with Braydon Trindall to send him over for their first points of the night! A successful conversion from Hynes saw the scores locked at 6 a piece and it remained that way until half-time. Going in to the break both sides were pretty evenly matched. Possession swung slightly in the Sharks favour in the last few minutes of the half, while both teams were completing well above 80%.

The second half started pretty slowly, with both sides once again having opportunities to get themselves down field, but errors were holding them back before a late offload from Jesse Ramien saw Sione Katoa go over for the Sharks to put them in front for the first time tonight. Hynes added the 2 to make it a 12 - 6 scoreline. At this stage, it looked like the Bulldogs were tiring much faster than the Sharks. Both sides had started fast, but it was going to come down to who could finish strong as well. It didn't take long for the Sharks to score again, with Teig Wilton threw a crazy pass to Siosifa Talakai before he kicked inside to Ronaldo Mulitalo. He was unable to pick the ball up, but got his toe to it, getting it into the in-goal area and planting it for another Shark's 4 pointer. Hynes converted from beside the sticks and the score was now 18 - 6. Five minutes later, Wilton crossed for his own 4-pointer after a beautiful left-side play, before Hynes kicked the conversion with the help of the goal posts. Nicho Hynes then put the final nail in the coffin by kicking a field goal to win the game 25-6. **KELLY**

PENRITH 26 PARRAMATTA 18

The Parramatta Eels produced a brilliant, fighting first half performance against the defending Premiers, but the Panthers controlled everything in the second half to strangle the Eels and take their first win of the year.

The Eels got off to a perfect start when a penalty in the second minute saw them start their first set inside the Panthers half. A set restart followed and then Joey Lussick dived over from dummy half ever so easily and predictably and he scored a soft try. Mitchell Moses added the extras. The Panthers hit back in the 12th minute when a Nathan Cleary grubber into the Eels in-goal is collected cleanly by Dylan Edwards who scores with no one around. Cleary converts. The 17th minute saw Moses Leota score a brilliant solo try. Leota received the ball flat footed 35m from the Eels line, stepped two defenders clean and then accelerated between two others to score a gorgeous try. Cleary converted. A penalty against Jarome Luai for a trip allowed the Eels to march downfield and from the ensuing set, they shifted the ball left to Dylan Brown who shaped to pass long but then dropped a stunning

short ball to Shaun Lane, who got through a tiny gap, evaded Edwards' tackle and strolled 20 metres to score under the sticks. Moses converted to level the scores again with 16 minutes remaining in the half. The Panthers crossed again with something out of the Matrix. The ball went out to Sunia Turuva seemingly too early, who then slipped and fell to his knee, which coincidentally allowed him to duck under Clint Gutherson's cover tackle attempt. Turuva got back to his feet and dived over in the corner for a brilliant try. Cleary's sideline conversion hit the upright. Penrith very nearly extended their lead further in the final 5 minutes of the half when Brian To'o landed short of the tryline but then lost the ball agonisingly short of the line. With a minute left in the half Parramatta struck back when Dylan Brown in the middle and close to the line, delivered another gorgeous short ball, this time to J'maine Hopgood who stands in the tackle and then stretches out as he falls to score near the posts. Gutherson converted and at halftime the Eels had an 18-16 lead.

Penrith struck first after the break when Issah Yeo, in the middle with nothing happening, kicked across the field perfectly for Turuva, who leapt

and caught the ball cleanly, then fell over the line to score. Cleary converted from out wide. Just 3 minutes later the Panthers crossed again when Penrith spread the ball right to Izack Tago, who stepped inside his defender to score a soft try. Cleary from wide on the right hits the upright again. Both sides started showing signs of fatigue over the last 20 minutes, however it was the Panthers who dominated everything and eventually suffocated the Eels attack to win 26-18. **FERGO**

CANBERRA 32 WESTS TIGERS 12

Benji Marshall's coaching debut has ended with defeat, as the Canberra Raiders ran out 32-12 winners against the Wests Tigers.

The Raiders started the match well on top, with the Tigers unable to complete a set until the 11th minute of the match. In the meantime Jamal Fogarty tacked on a penalty goal, before a clean shift down the left hand side saw Danny Levi score. Even when the Tigers got possession Canberra were still rolling and Ethan Strange was able to make it a 14-0 lead within 15 minutes. But the Tigers caught fire and brought the game back. First Lachlan Galvin, on his NRL debut, turned an

outside-inside with Jahream Bula who offloaded to get Samuela Fainu his first NRL try. Then a set later Apisai Koroisau pounced on a quick play the ball to barge over the line and suddenly the game was back to 14-12. But the Raiders steeled and quick tries by Jordan Rapana and Xavier Savage extended their advantage back to 12 points by halftime, and a myriad of chances by the Tigers coming out of the break couldn't break their line.

A penalty goal extended the lead to 14 for the Raiders, and then Zac Hosking crossed for a try a short time later to put the game almost beyond doubt. But it was the Raiders tough defence that really sealed the win, repelling multiple sets inside their 10 in the last 15 minutes to secure the two points. It's a great result for Canberra, who improve to 2-0 on the season. Heading into 2024 with outside expectations of being a wooden spoon chance, the Raiders are continuing to buck the trend and are building early momentum heading into a trip to New Zealand next week. For the Tigers it's a tough but unsurprising start, and after their Round 1 bye it's still just their first match of the year. But it's straight out the frying pan and into the fire with a match against Cronulla next week. **RHYS**

NORTH QLD 21 NEWCASTLE 20

The Cowboys had one of their most ill-disciplined and sloppiest first halves of footy in some time yet somehow managed to score a win over the Knights in Golden Point.

The first half was riddled with Cowboys errors, silly penalties from sloppy play, Chad Townsend failing to find touch not once, but twice from penalty kicks, Valentine Holmes dropping the ball cold twice and missing a penalty goal from almost in front. Meanwhile the Knights dominated field position but their execution on the last tackle was timid and ineffective, an issue that they struggled to overcome in the second half. In the 13th minute the Cowboys were awarded a penalty and Valentine Holmes missed the regulation goal. Five minutes later and the Knights were on the attack when Adam Elliott broke out of a tackle, fended off a cover defender and then raced 25 metres to score a strong solo try. Kalyn Ponga converted. Tyson Frizell was held up over the line in the 26th minute and Tom Dearden was ruled offside, denying him a try in the 31st minute, but the Knights finally scored just shy of halftime when Jack Hetherington at acting dummy half and right on the Cowboys line, dished a stunning short, flat ball to Elliott who hit a gap and scored his second try. Ponga converted from in front. Jackson Hastings attempted to kick a 2 point field goal right on the stroke of halftime, but he was unsuccessful. At the break, the Knights held a 12-0 lead.

The first 5 minutes of the second half saw a completely different Cowboys side take to the field. In the 42nd minute a Cowboys bomb was

dropped by Greg Marzhew, picked up by Kyle Feldt who quickly passed it out to Chad Townsend who scored untouched in the corner. Holmes nailed the sideline conversion. The Cowboys crossed again just 3 minutes later when Scott Drinkwater floated a beautiful cut-out pass over the top to Feldt who scored in the corner. Holmes failed to convert from the sideline. The Knights got control of the game back in the 50th minute when a kick close to the Cowboys line by Elliott ricocheted up into the waiting arms of Hastings, who then delicately dribbled a grubber to the left wing where Marzhew cleanly regathered and scored in the corner. Ponga's sideline conversion was perfect and gave the Knights an 8 point lead. The Knights received a penalty 4 minutes later deep inside the Cowboys half and Ponga kicked a penalty goal to increase their lead to 10. On the hour mark, the Cowboys kept themselves in the contest when Tom Dearden scored a classic bullocking front rowers try and Holmes converted. With less than 5 minutes left in the game, Townsend put in a lovely grubber which Jeremiah Nanai cleaned up and scored with no Knights players in sight. Holmes from the easy angle failed to convert, leaving the scores tied with 2 minutes remaining. Holmes had a shot at a 2 point field goal from 45 metres out. He struck it perfectly but it sailed just wide and at full time the scores were 20 all. The Cowboys opened Golden Point with a strong defensive set and then followed up by making huge metres before Townsend slotted the match-winning field goal in the 82nd minute. **FERGO**

MANLY 21 SYDNEY 14

There might not have been a big finish like last night but the Manly Sea Eagles have been able to edge themselves to a 21-14 victory over the Sydney Roosters.

The opening forty minutes might have looked close on the scoreboard with the Sea Eagles taking a two point lead but it could have been so much more for the home side. The first try to Manly came with a fair bit of controversy with opinions on divided whether James Tedesco was unfairly taken out in the air by Tom Trbojevic whilst contesting and losing the ball for it to end up with Lachlan Croker to score. Hitting back soon after, the Roosters found space when they really shouldn't have as an attacking raid down the short side netted them a four pointer through Daniel Tupou. Counter-attacking football netted the Sea Eagles their second try as a loose ball from the Roosters in their own end was swooped upon and Tolu Koula found space on the outside of the tricolours defence and he went over in the corner. The Roosters were able to again hit back when Luke Keary, Sitali Tupouniua and ultimate James Tedesco combined when Keary went outside before a quick ball from Tupouniua sent the Roosters captain to score. A penalty goal on the stroke of half time gave the Sea Eagles a deserved 12-10 lead at the break.

The start to the second half was pure dominance from the Sea Eagles as they found themselves in good field position and they scored inside two minutes when Tommy Talau got through four defenders to score. The bunker knocked back two try efforts from the Sea Eagles ruling that Haumole Olakau'atu was taken short of the line initially then a second effort was given by referee Todd Smith but eventually overturned by the bunker for a knock-on. The overturn from the bunker was a big reprieve for the Roosters who were able to keep the scoreline within reach and Dom Young closed it back to 18-14 when he was able to get a touch on a long ball from the Sea Eagles and James Tedesco cleaned it up before finding Dom Young who had the speed to score. Despite being back in the contest, The Roosters looked as if they were still a step behind and a Reuben Garrick penalty goal was able to push the margin out to six before with seven minutes to go DCE kicked a 1 pointer for the ultimate 7-point gap. Next week, Manly have another Sunday afternoon battle as they head to Parramatta to take on the Eels whilst the Roosters will be sweating on the health of Luke Keary who left the field late into the game through a HIA ahead of their Friday night battle against arch-rivals Souths. **JOSH**

MELBOURNE 30 WARRIORS 26

A game that will go down in NRL history forever has seen Xavier Coates turn into superman to dive and miraculously score the match winner in the final 10 seconds as Melbourne took a 30-26 win from the New Zealand Warriors.

Things started much better than last week for the Storm who were able to score inside five minutes when Will Warbrick was able to outjump Marcelo Montoya and get the ball down. The Warriors were able to level things up soon after when Xavier Coates was left isolated in defence and meant that DWZ got space on the outside and scored when he was able to bring the ball around. Jahrome Hughes was controlling the show and Ryan Papenhuyzen was at his attractive best when the two combined to put Nick Meaney into space from deep in their own end to score and reestablish the lead for Melbourne. Nick Meaney extended Melbourne's lead with a penalty goal just after 20 minutes before Ryan Papenhuyzen showed why he is one of the most attractive footballers to watch when he just sliced through the Warriors defence coming back on the angle. The Warriors were denied just after the half hour mark when Marcelo Montoya was initially awarded a try on-field but overturned when the Bunker correctly ruled that Montoya was short of the line and then put his foot over the touch in goal line.

Needing to turn things around in the second half, the Warriors did just that as DWZ was able to isolate the defence of the Storm again and scored in the corner. The visitors continued with

their momentum as luck began to go their way as Jackson Ford got close to the line but was initially denied by the referee before after a long check of replays, the green lights were shown as Ford held the ball and got it to the line. Things were completely derailed for Melbourne as referee Chris Butler brought out a rarely seen and enforced rule when Harry Grant was penalised for deliberately passing the ball into a tackler on the ground out of dummy half. A second penalty goal pushed the Warriors lead after Ryan Papenhuyzen was penalised for a strip after he himself had the ball stripped 1-on-1. Melbourne needed something special in the last two minutes and it was Ryan Papenhuyzen who started it as a pass back on the inside from Eli Katoa to the Melbourne fullback who went through to score. Inside the final minute, a charged down two point field goal gave the Storm a big attacking chance in the final few minutes and Xavier Coates did the unthinkable as he flew in the air for what seemed to be an eternity for a long range aerial try and he just got it down inside the corner for an unlikely 30-26 win after the Meaney conversion. Next weekend, the Storm head to Newcastle to keep their perfect start going with a Sunday night battle meanwhile the Warriors will want to get their first win when in Christchurch they take on the Raiders on Friday night. **JOSH**

DOLPHINS 38 ST GEO ILLA 0

A clinical Wayne Bennett 'bounce-back' has seen the Dolphins nil the Dragons in a 38-point rout at Redcliffe tonight.

The writing was on the wall early, with the 'Phins opening the scoring just seven minutes into the contest thanks to Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow. While the 'Hammer' would go on to score his first career hat-trick later in the game, the second of the night went to Jamayne Isaako just five minutes later, with a great leap and put down to surge the hosts to 10-0 in less than 15 minutes. Just short of the quarter-mark of the game, Dragons half Ben Hunt nailed a 40/20 for the visitors but sloppy attack eventually led to them surrendering possession. An arm wrestle ensured for the remainder of the half, neither side penetrating the scoreboard as halftime edged closer, and the home team retained a 10-0 advantage at the break.

The second half generated somewhat of a party atmosphere for the home fans once the points started flowing. At 49 minutes Mark Nicholls became the Dolphins' third try scorer, then at the hour mark Canterbury import Jake Averillo scored his first try for his new team. Almost immediately after the Averillo four-pointer, the 'Hammer' was back on the scoresheet after a Jack Bostock break and kick set him up. At 28-0 the hosts were home and hosed... but they weren't done yet! With the clock moving nicely to 69 minutes, Jeremy Marshall-King caught the Red V defence napping for a 34-0 lead, then three minutes after that, Tabuai-Fidow sealed his hat-trick with a quality inside step and straighten to the line for 38-0. After a week of praise for Shane Flanagan's charges, it's a harsh reality check for a team whose fans have been through plenty in the last decade and thought they may have turned a corner. They host the top-of-the-table Cowboys at Kogarah next week in their first home game. The new boys meanwhile, enjoy a bye in Round 3 before heading down to Robina for a clash with the Titans. **ANDY**

ROUND 2 SCOREBOARD

Brisbane 28 (D. Mariner 2, R. Walsh 2, J. Arthars tries; A. Reynolds 2, R. Walsh 2 goals) defeated South Sydney 18 (S. Havili, L. Mitchell, D. Moale tries; L. Mitchell 3 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Thu, 14th March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-0. Penalties: Brisbane 4-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 35,507.

Brisbane: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Baker; Hetherington, Taupau.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Tass, Kennar, Milne; Walker, Ilias; Tatola, Cook, Keppie, Koloamatangi, Mitchell, Murray (C). Int: Duncan, Havili, Moale, Burgess.

Player of the Year:
3 - R Walsh
2 - D Mariner
1 - J Arthars

Cronulla 25 (S. Katoa, R. Mulitalo, B. Trindall, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 4 goals; N. Hynes field goal) defeated Canterbury 6 (B. Wilson try; M. Burton goal) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 12,928.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Finucane, Williams, Hazelton, Hau Tapuha.

Canterbury: Taaffe, Wilson, Kiraz, Crichton (C), Tracey; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Fa'amausili, Kikau, Preston, Salmon. Int: Mann, Hughes, Curran, Morrin.

Player of the Year:
3 - T Wilton
2 - R Mulitalo
1 - T Hazelton

Penrith 26 (S. Turuva 2, D. Edwards, M. Leota, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) defeated Parramatta 18 (J. Hopgood, S. Lane, J. Lussick tries; C. Gutherson 2, M. Moses goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 18-16. Penalties: Penrith 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 21,522.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Smith, Henry, Garner, Laurie, Luke.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Simonsson, Penisini, Harper, Russell; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengau, Lane, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Paulo, Hands, Matterson, Tuilagi, Moretti.

Player of the Year:
3 - D Edwards
2 - D Brown
1 - I Yeo

Canberra 32 (Z. Hosking, D. Levi, J. Rapana, X. Savage, E. Strange tries; J. Fogarty 6 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 12 (S. Fainu, A. Koroisau tries; A. Koroisau 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 24-12. Penalties: Canberra 10-6. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 16,968.

Canberra: Rapana, Hopoate, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Hosking, Smithies. Int: Starling, Guler; Mariota, Saulo.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, To'a, Faataape, Tupou; Galvin, Sullivan; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papalii, Bateman, Seyfarth. Int: Sezer, Pole, Twal, Fainu.

Player of the Year:
3 - J Fogarty
2 - Z Hosking
1 - E Strange

North Qld 21 (T. Dearden, K. Feldt, J. Nanai, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 2 goals; C. Townsend field goal) defeated Newcastle 20 (A. Elliott 2, G. Marzhev tries; K. Ponga 4 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-0. Penalties: North Qld 10-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 18,986.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Laybutt, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, McIntyre, Finefueiaki.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Jenkins, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Cogger, Saifiti, Hetherington, Cartwright.

Player of the Year:
3 - A Elliott
2 - K Ponga
1 - T Dearden

Melbourne 30 (R. Papenhuyzen 2, X. Coates, N. Meaney, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) defeated Warriors 26 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, J. Ford, M. Montoya tries; L. Metcalf 5 goals) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 18-6. Penalties: Warriors 7-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 21,927.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Pezet, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Chan, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Welch, Lewis, MacDonald.

Warriors: Tuaupiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Ale, Afoa, Walker, Harris-Tavita.

Player of the Year:
3 - R Papenhuyzen
2 - D Watene-Zelezniak
1 - J Hughes

Manly 21 (L. Croker, T. Koula, T. Talau tries; R. Garrick 4 goals; D. Cherry-Evans field goal) defeated Sydney 14 (J. Tedesco, D. Tupou, D. Young tries; S. Walker goal) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-10. Penalties: Manly 9-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 17,284.

Manly: Trbojevic, Talau, Koula, Garrick, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloia, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Waddell, Bullemor, Brown.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; May, Smith, Collins, Wong, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Whyte, Butcher.

Player of the Year:
3 - D Cherry-Evans
2 - H Olakau'atu
1 - J Tedesco

Dolphins 38 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 3, J. Averillo, J. Isaako, J. Marshall-King, M. Nicholls tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 0 at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 10-0. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 10,011.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Flegler, Kaufusi, Aitken, Plath. Int: Kerr; Nicholls, Wallace, Donoghoe.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Faitala-Mariner, Eisenhuth, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Lawrie, Muhleisen, Molo, Leilua.

Player of the Year:
3 - H Tabuai-Fidow
2 - I Katoa
1 - M Plath

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Gold Coast Titans

ROUND 2 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CANBERRA	2	2	0	0	0	36	4
2	NORTH QLD	2	2	0	0	0	26	4
3	CRONULLA	2	2	0	0	0	23	4
4	MANLY	2	2	0	0	0	19	4
5	MELBOURNE	2	2	0	0	0	12	4
6	DOLPHINS	2	1	0	1	0	13	2
7	PARRAMATTA	2	1	0	1	0	10	2
8	SYDNEY	2	1	0	1	0	3	2
9	Penrith	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
10	Brisbane	2	1	0	1	0	0	2
11	St Geo Illa	2	1	0	1	0	-14	2
12	Wests Tigers	1	0	0	1	1	-20	2
13	Gold Coast	1	0	0	1	1	-24	2
14	Warriors	2	0	0	2	0	-8	0
15	Newcastle	2	0	0	2	0	-17	0
16	South Sydney	2	0	0	2	0	-22	0
17	Canterbury	2	0	0	2	0	-37	0

ROUND 2 JUDICIARY

Davy Moale (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Briton Nikora (CRO)	G2 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Jarome Luai (PEN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Jarome Luai (PEN)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1800
Morgan Harper (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Xavier Savage (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Aidan Sezer (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Ethan Strange (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Tyson Gamble (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jahrome Hughes (MEL)	G2 Contrary Conduct	1 match
Francis Molo (SGI)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match

ROUND 2 POTY LEADERBOARD

6 POINTS

Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

4 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters), Zac Hosking (Raiders)

3 POINTS

Zac Laybutt (Cowboys), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Xavier Coates (Storm), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Adam Elliott (Knights), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Teig Wilton (Sharks), Reece Walsh (Broncos), Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), William Kennedy (Sharks), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins)

PENRITH 34 BRISBANE 12

A superstar performance from Nathan Cleary has guided Penrith to a 34-12 win over a Broncos side who lost Reece Walsh to a facial injury in the opening minutes.

The match began with a frantic pace early and it was a superstar that got caught in the firing line. Walsh was aggressive into the line but collided heads with Tylan May and was forced to leave the field after 4 minutes and didn't return. To the shock of everyone at Penrith, the referee placed May on report for the contact and Koton Staggs added a penalty goal for an early 2-0 lead. That was as close as the Broncos got in the first half, as Penrith very quickly put their opposition in a vice-like grip and kept them there for the remainder of the first half. Off the back of a six again, the Panthers camped down the Broncos end and it was the familiar combination of Isaah Yeo and Cleary who combined nicely. Cleary then provided a lovely pass to Sunia Turuva who dived across for the opening try of the contest after thirteen minutes to lead by two points. For the second week in a row, Izack Tago found himself opposite a second-rower after the reshuffle which saw Brendan Piakura shift to the centres, and after going down the Brisbane left for the first try. The Panthers went back there again and Tago showcased his strength, power and speed to cross for the home side's second try crashing

over the top of multiple defenders to score and lead 10-2. Three minutes later, Mitch Kenny took a dart from a dummy half and fooled Billy Walters to crash over for a try. There was a suggestion of a double movement but the bunker confirmed it. Right on half-time, Cleary again showcased his masterful playmaking and delivered a magical short-ball to Tago to crash across in the shadows of half-time for a 22-2 lead.

The second half began just how the first ended. To start the second stanza, they go down the left edge this time and they expose Jordan Riki out of position this time and the quick hands of the "Head-Gear Trio" of Jarome Luai, May, and Brian To'o combine to score first in the second half. Cleary was able to doink it off the posts for a 28-2 lead. To'o quickly added a second when he received a magical pass from Luai and ran straight over the top of the much bigger Fletcher Baker to extend the margin out to 32. Brisbane got a reward when Selwyn Cobbo broke through on a monster kick return. They earned a set restart and worked the ball right with Cobbo injecting himself in the back-line and finding Deine Mariner who crossed to get Brisbane's first after 55 patient minutes. Five minutes later, Ezra Mam sneaks down the sideline, passing it almost certainly forward to Piakura who broke down field before finding Jesse Arthurs who bumped away from Dylan Edwards to cross for their second unanswered try, Staggs converted for some extra respectability on the score-board at 34-12. **AJ**

SYDNEY 48 SOUTH SYDNEY 6

The Sydney Roosters have absolutely blitzed a mediocre Souths side on the night that Roosters prop Jared Waerea-Hargreaves celebrated his 300th NRL game.

Roosters with a standard set play from a scrum in the fourth minute, sent the ball right to James Tedesco who drew the winger and the passed outside to Dominic Young wrapping around, who scores untouched in the corner. In the 16th minute, Sam Walker grubbered ahead, Cameron Murray got a hand on the ball which slowed it down. Walker followed through, toed it ahead to get past Latrell Mitchell and then he planted the ball for a crafty try. He then converted. The Roosters scored again in the 27th minute when Tedesco threw a dummy and then a glorious long ball out to the unmarked Young who raced around the edge defence before passing inside to Walker in support who skipped over the line to score. He again converted his own try. At halftime, the Roosters were in complete control and lead 18-0.

An offload by Naufahu Whyte goes to ground ten metres from the Bunnies line, before Sandon Smith kicked it off the deck to the right side where Joey Manu caught it and scored a brilliant try. Walker added the extras. Souths finally got off the mark in the 50th minute courtesy of a perfect short ball

from Cody Walker to his lead runner and Jacob Host scored. Latrell Mitchell converted the try. Sam Walker copped a stray elbow to the back of his head as he went into a tackle on Jack Wighton. He walked off the field and was shortly after ruled to have a category one concussion, ruling him out for the remainder of the game. On the hour mark, the Roosters returned their lead to twenty-four points, when Sandon Smith took on the Bunnies line and then grubbered. The ball bounced up and Connor Watson leapt up, caught it, and fell heavily to score. Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii converted. A battle between Latrell Mitchell and James Tedesco over a rolling ball in the Souths in goal ended with Mitchell pushing Tedesco away, which earned Latrell a sinbinning. From the ensuing penalty, the Roosters went right and found Manu in space, and he scored easily. Suaalii converted. With 8 minutes remaining in the game, the Roosters crossed again when Young got into space, grubbered in field, then Tedesco toed it forward again, the ball popped up nicely in the Souths in-goal, Tedesco caught it and planted the ball just before the dead-ball line to score. Suaalii converted. With 3 minutes remaining, the Roosters crossed again. An Angus Crichton offload close to Souths line found Brandon Smith, he then fires a ball to the middle and hits Tedesco running a great line back infield and he dives over to score under the sticks. Suaalii converts. The Roosters finished with an immense 48-6 win. **FERGO**

WARRIORS 18 CANBERRA 10

A superb team performance from New Zealand featuring grit and spark gets them their first win of 2024 - triumphing 18-10 over the Canberra Raiders.

Addin Fonua-Blake was the story of the first half, scoring a try inside the first 10 minutes off a beautiful Shaun Johnson pass, and nearly crossing a second time in what was a dominant performance up the middle. It stayed 6-0 for most of the first 40, as New Zealand cautiously controlled the tempo. Some solo brilliance from Matthew Timoko put Canberra back in the game, with Jamal Fogarty's kicks keeping the milk in with a chance. Canberra looked like scoring again before half time, with a few silly errors from The Warriors putting them in a vulnerable position. Ethan Strange showed his craftiness at 5/8 by regularly threatening New Zealand's try line, but the hosts defence held strong and they ultimately took a narrow 6-4 lead into the break.

Young fullback Taine Tuapiki looked allusive to start the second half, with sharp footwork causing plenty of headaches for the visitors. Unfortunately, a 48th minute HIA which he ultimately failed cut his night short, forcing returning superstar Roger Tuivasa-Sheck to shift to fullback. Although they soon were gifted a golden opportunity through a penalty, strong Canberra defence forced an error. To make matters worse, the hosts conceded a

penalty only a couple sets later to give The Raiders their first attacking chance of the second half. The new-look Warriors backline struggled with their defensive reads, and winger Marcelo Montoya shot up out of his line and left an overlap for Nick Cotric to score a simple try. After Fogarty converted from the sideline, Canberra led 10-6 and seemed right on top with 25 minutes to go and New Zealand down their fullback. After a confusing bunker referral, The Warriors were handed possession and began to build pressure. Ricky Stuart's men struggled to keep their composure, giving away a penalty and providing an opening for their opponents. New Zealand spread the ball wide, but Dallin Watene-Zelezniak cut against the grain and ran back field, finding a beautiful hole for 5/8 Luke Metcalf to scoot through and score. Suddenly, after a successful conversion the hosts were back in front with a 12-10 lead. A Nick Cotric error gave New Zealand good field position, and they took no time capitalising. Interim fullback Roger Tuivasa-Sheck broke the line to score, in a show of strength and determination. Metcalf converted, and New Zealand were 8 in front with only 13 minutes to play, leaving Canberra firmly under the pump. Backed by a fired-up Christchurch crowd, the iron grip began to tighten, and desperate defence shut down any attacking effort The Raiders seemed to make. Although a scrappy last 5 minutes saw Canberra attack New Zealand's line a number of times, a lack of composure blew any fighting chance they had to pull off a miracle win. **AIDAN**

CANTERBURY 32 GOLD COAST 0

It was a day to remember for the blue and white faithful as the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs trounced the Gold Coast Titans 32-0 to post their first win of the season.

Scoring six unanswered tries, while keeping an opposition scoreless for the first time since the final round of the 2021 season, the win marked the first time the Bulldogs held a team to nil at Belmore since 1996. Surviving an early scare after Kieran Foran dropped a pass from AJ Brimson with an open run to the try line, the Bulldogs were left to rue a missed opportunity of their own with the bunker overturning a try to Blake Wilson due to an obstruction in the lead up. Fan favourite Jacob Preston (17th minute) endeared himself to the Belmore faithful with the opening try of the game, running onto a pass from Drew Hutchison close to the line. In an opening half which saw both sides lack cohesion, Viliame Kikau (30th minute) charged down a clearing kick from Tanah Boyd to extend the lead for the home side. The Titans managed to hold their line for multiple sets late in the half but were unable to strike back with points of their own as the Bulldogs took a 12-0 lead to the sheds.

Going close to extending their lead through Josh Curran, only for the bunker to deem an obstruction against Matt Burton moments after the resumption of play, a barge-over effort from Reed Mahoney put the Bulldogs up by three converted tries. Forcing another error out of Boyd with tremendous defensive pressure, a powerhouse run from Jacob Kiraz (53rd minute) sealed the result to give the Bulldogs only their fourth win from thirteen appearances at Belmore since 2015. Piling on further points with Connor Tracey (60th minute) and Blake Taaffe (63rd minute) crossing for their first tries in blue and white colours, the Titans were dealt further insult to injury with captain Tino Fa'asuamaleau assisted from the field with concerns over his knee. The 32-0 victory, played before a crowd of 12,037 supporters, was a deserved reward for underrated front-rower Max King in his 100th first grade appearance. Next week, the Bulldogs will face the Rabbitohs on Good Friday afternoon at Accor Stadium, while the Titans will host the Dolphins at CBUS Super Stadium on Saturday evening. **ROB**

NORTH QLD 46 ST GEO ILLA 24

A rampaging comeback from the North Queensland Cowboys has propelled them to the top of the ladder with a 46-24 verdict over St George Illawarra at Kogarah.

The game began frantically with both sides starting in the set for set grind. However, four minutes in. The Dragons conceded a penalty, and they were pushed down the other end by the Cowboys forward pack who worked the ball down the right. It took a magical pass by Scott Drinkwater which found Murray Taulagi on the chest, and he crossed in the corner. Val Holmes' conversion was waved away, and it was an early lead. St George quickly imposed themselves crossing for three quick tries in the space of eight minutes to go out to a surprise 18-4 lead. First, in the ninth minute, the ball was worked well over to the right edge and Zac Lomax quickly took the footy and ran it around underneath the posts to get the lead. Four minutes later, Benny Hunt drew in some poor Cowboys defence (Holmes in particular) and broke through before finding Tyrell Sloan as he raced away to score. Five minutes after that, Kyle Flanagan beat some defenders that should know better in Reuben Cotter and Jason Taumalolo to cross for their third of the opening quarter hour and it was a three-possession lead. It should've been a 20-point margin when Hunt put boot to ball and Ray Faitala-Mariner put it down with the biggest bombed try so far of 2024. That

play was a complete pendulum swing in favour of the visitors. North Queensland responded after Reece Robson delivered a great deception of his old club's defensive line and Sam McIntyre crossed for his first try as a Cowboy to reduce the gap to eight. With eight to go in the first half, a clever grubber was not defused by Sloan and Griffin Neame placed downward pressure on the ball to get the margin cut to two. Right on the half, a pinpoint Chad Townsend bomb was batted back brilliantly by Kyle Feldt into the waiting arms of Drinkwater and despite trailing early in the half, the Cowboys led 22-18 at the half.

The second half began just the way the first ended. St George Illawarra bombed a chance, and the Cowboys capitalised on it. Leilua delivered a peach of an offload to Flanagan. He kicked, missing the flying Sloan in support which forced a dropout which was not defused by the home side. Following a Drinkwater 40/20, the Cowboys camped up the other end and it was the rampaging Kulikefu Finefeuiaki who charged across for the first try of the second half. That 12-point turn-around proved very costly once more when Lomax failed to come down with a spectacular bomb take. From there, Holmes broke through before finding Tom Dearden who crosses. Just after the hour mark, Drinkwater delivered a great short ball to Holmes who runs between Hunt and Bird who crosses for his first try of the evening. Three minutes after that effort was the softest defensive effort of the

PARRAMATTA 28 MANLY 24

The Parramatta Eels have handed the Manly Sea Eagles their first loss of the 2024 season, holding on for a thrilling 28-24 win at CommBank Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Sea Eagles were challenging the clock early in Sunday's game, racing out to an 8-0 lead after just seven minutes as Parramatta's left edge was torn to shreds. Tom Trbojevic finished off a line break he set up in the fifth minute as he first put Reuben Garrick away before trailing in support and Parramatta's left side opened again a few sets later. On that occasion it was a simple draw and pass to put Jaxson Paulo over, sounding serious alarm bells for coach Brad Arthur as the combination of first-game rookie Blaize Talagi and Morgan Harper continued to struggle defensively. That try had the Sea Eagles up 14-0 after 13 minutes but the injection of Ryan Matterson and Junior Paulo off the bench paid dividends for the hosts, sparking Parramatta's attack to life with second-phase play through the middle. It also helped that Manly started to make a few errors to gift the Eels opportunities, leading to a simple try for Will Penisini in the 18th minute off a Mitchell Moses kick. That second-phase play eventually led the points directly too as Paulo popped a late offload to put Moses over in the 25th minute as suddenly Parramatta only trailed 14-12. Talagi then celebrated his debut with a try as quick hands from Moses off a scrum set play saw the centre power over Trbojevic to give Parramatta an unlikely 16-14 lead after 34 minutes. For all the positives in attack,

the Eels' left edge defence still remained a work in progress though and was exposed once more in the final moments of the half as Garrick scored to put Manly ahead 18-16 at halftime.

Paulo had eighty-five metres and three offloads in the first half while Matterson had 52 metres to his name. As for Manly, Garrick and Paulo feasted on Parramatta's inexperienced left edge on the way to 144 metres between them to go with five tackle busts, four line breaks and two tries. That Eels left edge though continued to produce points as the second half opened with Harper going over untouched in the 43rd minute to see the home side regain the lead. Struggling for field position, Manly conceded again in the 59th minute as a bullet pass from Moses put former Sea Eagles forward Kelma Tuilagi over as the Eels went ahead 26-18. Manly looked to have hit back in the 65th minute as Luke Brooks brilliantly turned it back on the inside to a charging Trbojevic, who then somehow fit a pass through a tight window for Tolutau Koula to run away and score. But the Bunker later took the try off the board, ruling Jake Trbojevic had obstructed Luca Moretti in the lead-up by denying the forward a chance to get to the Sea Eagles fullback. Parramatta later slotted a penalty goal up the other end to push ahead 28-18 before a determined effort down the short side from Corey Waddell set up a grandstand finish entering the final six minutes. In the end the Eels just held on to hand the Sea Eagles their first loss of the year. **JACKO**

night. Chad Townsend carried three defenders to the line, and he was able to contort his arm to not illegally promote the ball to score to make it 46-18. St George Illawarra finished with a consolation effort when Hunt grubber kicked the ball ahead and Lomax was able to dive on it to end the night with the last try and a score of 46-24. North Queensland's effort in the final three quarters of the match was very impressive and sets a tone for the rest of the season. St George Illawarra should take positives from the first quarter, but Shane Flanagan should take the defensive effort of the final hour and blow it up completely. That isn't what the Dragons stand for defensively and expect a big response next weekend. **AJ**

WESTS TIGERS 32 CRONULLA 6

The Wests Tigers have showed things could be vastly different in the Benji era after they were ultra impressive in their 32-6 win over a toothless Cronulla Sharks at Leichhardt Oval.

It was a good start for the Sharks who dominated field position early on and Nicho Hynes looked on and it was the unlikely Tom Hazelton who got over the line first to score first. The game was an even arm-wrestle as the Tigers were slowly able to fight their way back and the wheels started to fall off the Sharks attack which continued to gift the Tigers field position, and they took advantage when an Aiden Sezer kick was tapped back to Isaiah

NEWCASTLE 14 MELBOURNE 12

Newcastle have held out Melbourne with a 14-12 win at McDonald Jones Stadium today, despite being kept scoreless after halftime.

The Knights went into today's game, looking down the barrel of a 0-3 start to the season - and the pressure was on not to let the home crowd down. Melbourne travelled north with a team missing some key players from the spine, as well as a couple of big boppers in the middle. The game was a battle of field position as Cogger and Pezet traded kicks to advantage their teams better. It was an arm wrestle until about the 15-minute mark when Kalyn Ponga started to get involved in the plays, opening up some space on their left for Kai Pearce-Paul. A rib injury to Reimis Smith around the 20-minute mark caused a big shift for Melbourne position-wise. Kane Bradley shifted into the centres, and the Knights started to take more aim with him playing an unfamiliar spot. A quick shift by the Knights down their right side and the strength of Dane Gagai were too much as he took on three Storm players to open up the scoring for the day. There was a change in the air of McDonald Jones Stadium, and the crowd lifted a notch, and the Knights started to feed off it. With the Storm still trying to come to terms with Smith out of the play, Ponga made a skilful attack and sent a rocket of a pass to left-side winger Enari Tuala, who went over with ease for the Knights's second try. With the Storm trying to turn things around on the field, errors started to creep into their game as desperation set in to get some points. With a late attack down the

Papali'i who scored. Dominance began to grow for the Tigers as Api Koroisau's dominance continued when he looked to go out the back from dummy half before he elected to go short to Alex Seyfarth who went through with pure ease. The first half ended perfectly for the home side, and it was Api Koroisau who went through some unbelievably soft defence and Justin Olam went through to score.

The Sharks needed a big second half, but it was anything but that as they lost the plot conceding a penalty goal soon after half time when Justin Olam copped a high shot and then Jesse Ramien was penalised for just shoving over the man playing the ball. Cronulla then gifted the Tigers points as Braydon Trindall kicked the ball back into his own in-goal area and then failed to clean the ball up as the Tigers pounced. Things turned into a bit of slugfest between the two sides though things had not improved for the Sharks as they continued to struggle, and it was Jahream Bula who added a second sliding through some pretty average defence from the Sharks again. The big win for the Tigers will give them a much-needed confidence boost but the questions will be raised if they can build on it because they have struggled with consistency. Next week, they will be boosted by their win in their traditional Easter Monday clash against Parramatta at CommBank Stadium whilst the Sharks will return to Shark Park for a clash against the Raiders on Sunday. **JOSH**

Storm's right side, Will Warbrick's desperate tackle yielded a Knights penalty for stripping the ball. With that, Ponga kept his kicking record for the day and got the points for the penalty. The Storm launched another attack at the end of the half at the Knights' line, only to make more handling errors. An error from Phoenix Crossland gave the Storm the ball back around the 47-minute mark, and they soon capitalised, putting a high ball up for Xavier Coates, who tapped it back to a willing Papenhuyzen, who got the four points at the 49-minute mark.

The next 20 minutes was an arm wrestle again for field position, with each team making errors and diffusing any gains made by either side. But it was Tyrn Wishart who found the Knights' defence lacking with a late attack to walk over and get the try. Nick Meaney's boot was keeping the Storm in the game, and the margin was now back to two points with 3 minutes to go. The Storm were unable to relive the heroics that saw them score 12 points in 3 minutes last round, and even more undermanned than when they started. The Knights' defence helped them, and there was a Storm attack around the 60-minute mark that saw Tyson Frizell stand up and push the Storm attack back. It was a fairly vanilla game from the Storm and the Knights. Only when Ponga attacked the line did the Storm get rattled, and this set the platform for the Knights to score points. The Storm were good through the middle but failed to capitalise too much, which meant the outside backs had to come in if they wanted anything. Any attacks that did were shut down by the Knights forwards. **ANDY**

ROUND 3 SCOREBOARD

Penrith 34 (I. Tago 2, B. To'o 2, M. Kenny, S. Turuva tries; N. Cleary 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 12 (J. Arthurs, D. Mariner tries; K. Staggs 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Thu, 21st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-2. Penalties: Brisbane 7-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,089.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Smith, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Laurie, Eisenhuth, Henry, Garner.

Brisbane: Walsh, Arthurs, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Baker; Piakura, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Hetherington, Taupau, Willison.

Player of the Year: 3 - N Cleary
2 - I Tago
1 - B To'o

Warriors 18 (A. Fonua-Blake, L. Metcalf, R. Tuivasa-Sheck tries; L. Metcalf 3 goals) defeated Canberra 10 (N. Cotric, M. Timoko tries; J. Fogarty goal) at Apollo Projects Stadium.

Date: Fri, 22nd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 6-4. Penalties: Warriors 6-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 17,249.

Warriors: Tuapiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Ale, Afoa, Tevaga, Harris-Tavita.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Hopoate, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Starling, Guler; Hosking, Saulo.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Watene Zelezniak
2 - J Ford
1 - J Rapana

Sydney 48 (J. Manu 2, J. Tedesco 2, S. Walker 2, C. Watson, D. Young tries; J. Sua'ali'i 4, S. Walker 4 goals) defeated South Sydney 6 (J. Host try; L. Mitchell goal) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Fri, 22nd March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 37,594.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Smith, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher; Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Watson, Whyte, May, Crichton.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Wighton, Tass, Milne; Walker; Hawkins; Tatola, Havili, Moale, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Cook, Duncan, Keppie, Burgess.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Walker
2 - S Smith
1 - J Tedesco

Canterbury 32 (V. Kikau, J. Kiraz, R. Mahoney, J. Preston, B. Taaffe, C. Tracey tries; M. Burton 4 goals) defeated Gold Coast 0 at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-0. Penalties: Gold Coast 9-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,037.

Canterbury: Taaffe, Wilson, Kiraz, Crichton (C), Tracey; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Knight, Kikau, Preston, Salmon. Int: Mann, Hughes, Curran, Morrin.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Brimson, Sami; Foran, Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Fa'asumaleaui (C), Haas, Fermor, Jolliffe. Int: Verrills, Liu, Clark, Palasia.

Player of the Year: 3 - V Kikau
2 - J Kiraz
1 - J Curran

North Qld 46 (T. Dearden, S. Drinkwater; K. Finefeuiaki, V. Holmes, S. McIntyre, G. Neame, M. Taulagi, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 24 (Z. Lomax 2, K. Flanagan, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Qld 22-18. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 9,252.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); De Belin, Marschke, Lawrie, Leilua, Faitala-Mariner; Murdoch-Masila. Int: Eisenhuth, Muhleisen, Molo, Fifta.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Chester; Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, McIntyre, Gosiewski.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Robson
2 - S Drinkwater
1 - G Neame

Wests Tigers 32 (J. Bula 2, J. Olam, I. Papali'i, A. Seyfarth tries; A. Koroisau 4, A. Sezer 2 goals) defeated Cronulla 6 (T. Hazelton try; N. Hynes goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 18-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 5-2. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 15,990.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Faataape, Olam, Tupou; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Sullivan, Seyfarth, Twal, Fainu.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Williams, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Finucane, Hunt, Burns, Hazelton.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Koroisau
2 - J Bula
1 - J Olam

Parramatta 28 (M. Harper, M. Moses, W. Penisini, B. Talagi, K. Tuilagi tries; C. Gutherson 3, M. Moses goals) defeated Manly 24 (R. Garrick, J. Paulo, T. Trbojevic, C. Waddell tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 18-16. Penalties: Parramatta 9-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 20,354.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Harper, Penisini, Talagi, Russell; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaue, Lane, Cartwright, Hoggood. Int: Paulo, Moretti, Matterson, Tuilagi.

Manly: Trbojevic, Tuaimalo Vaega, Koula, Garrick, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Waddell, Bullemor, Brown.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Paulo
2 - M Moses
1 - T Trbojevic

Newcastle 14 (D. Gagai, E. Tuala tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) defeated Melbourne 12 (R. Papenhuyzen, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-0. Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 21,889.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Jenkins, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Gamble, Cogger; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Brailey, Saifiti, Croker, Lucas.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Pezet, Wishart; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Bradley, Moeroa, Lewis, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Ponga
2 - D Gagai
1 - T Frizell

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ROUND 3 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	NORTH QLD	3	3	0	0	0	48	6
2	SYDNEY	3	2	0	1	0	45	4
3	CANBERRA	3	2	0	1	0	28	4
4	PENRITH	3	2	0	1	0	22	4
5	MANLY	3	2	0	1	0	15	4
6	PARRAMATTA	3	2	0	1	0	14	4
7	DOLPHINS	2	1	0	1	1	13	4
8	MELBOURNE	3	2	0	1	0	10	4
9	Wests Tigers	2	1	0	1	1	6	4
10	Cronulla	3	2	0	1	0	-3	4
11	Warriors	3	1	0	2	0	0	2
12	Canterbury	3	1	0	2	0	-5	2
13	Newcastle	3	1	0	2	0	-15	2
14	Brisbane	3	1	0	2	0	-22	2
15	St Geo Illa	3	1	0	2	0	-36	2
16	Gold Coast	2	0	0	2	1	-56	2
17	South Sydney	3	0	0	3	0	-64	0

ROUND 3 JUDICIARY

Davy Moale (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Matt Eisenhuth (PEN)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$1000
Jesse Marschke (SGI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Api Koroisau (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Stefano Utoikamanu (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Cameron McInnes (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Leo Thompson (NEW)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match

ROUND 3 POTY LEADERBOARD

6 POINTS

Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

5 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters), Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors)

4 POINTS

Zac Hosking (Raiders), Sam Walker (Roosters)

PENRITH 22 SYDNEY 16

Down on men, Penrith found a way to get it done at Allianz Stadium tonight with a 22-16 win over a fast-finishing Roosters.

From the start, Penrith dominated this contest - with strong line-speed in defence and tough carries in attack. With big shoes to fill, Brad Schneider looked comfortable as ever, coming up with a good kick leading to Penrith's first try. With the Panthers making a mid-air take on the last, an offload was knocked on by the Roosters with a loose ball finding its way to Dylan Edwards who put Sunia Turuva over. Kicking in Cleary's absence, Edwards was solid converting from the sideline. Only 5 minutes later, the reigning premiers did it again. A scrappy set where Jarome Luai had the ball on the last, he stepped and danced in circles and, nothing was on. Any other team would've been tackled, but not Penrith. Luai found Turuva who found Edwards, with the star fullback kicking for himself and pouncing on the ball to score. Penrith led 12-0. A couple penalties to Sydney found them in with a chance, and some solo brilliance and strength from Joseph Manu had Allianz on their feet - until the bunker called the play back. Jared Waerea-Hargreaves was found to have stopped in the line and obstructed Dylan Edwards from defending. Penrith continued to dominate up the

middle with only Sam Walker's solid kicks keeping the hosts out of trouble. An escort penalty gave Edwards the chance to kick a penalty goal from right in front and he made no mistake, giving the Panthers a 14-0 lead with under 10 minutes to go in the half. Out of nowhere, with under a minute to play, a Sam Walker kick found a charging Sitali Tupounia who grounded the ball just before the dead ball line. Despite being dominated all half, Sydney managed to walk into the sheds only 14-6 down, but it got worse from there. 9 minutes into the second half and Sunia Turuva scored a simple but clinical try. Edwards missed the conversion, but Penrith led 18-6.

Only 5 minutes later, Turuva completed his hat-trick through some expansive ball playing where he finished the try off flawlessly. At 22-6, it was dire - but the Roosters kept giving up silly errors and missing chances, and the possibility for a comeback was looking more and more unlikely, until Brandon Smith crashed over the line in the 76th minute. With Sam Walker converting, it was 22-12 with only 4 minutes 40 seconds to play. Although their attack looked disjointed off the restart, Sydney carried the football hard and forced themselves up to Penrith's line. A few crash plays were unsuccessful, but they went wide and found Daniel Tupou who did a good job to stay in the field of play and score. At 22-16, the Roosters opted not to take the conversion and use the full 22 seconds left on the clock to try and come up with a miracle. They were unsuccessful with

BRISBANE 38 NORTH QLD 12

Adam Reynolds put on an absolute masterclass, especially with his kicking game, to spearhead the exciting Broncos attack as they recorded a resounding 38-12 win over the Cowboys.

Before play began, both sides gave a moments silence to pay tribute to the late Carl Webb, who represented both sides in his career. The Broncos took just 3 minutes to get the scoreboard moving when Billy Walters at dummy half and 10 metres from the Cowboys line, went for a scoot, looked for a support runner but then just decided to keep going himself and he burrowed over for a try. Adam Reynolds converted and then 2 minutes later, Reynolds extended the lead with a penalty goal. In the 13th minute, Brisbane crossed again when Reynolds put up a bomb. Scott Drinkwater let it bounce and Ezra Mam cleaned up, passed to Fletcher Baker who threw a brilliant long ball out to Kotoni Staggs who then sent Jesse Arthurs over to score untouched. Reynolds converted from the sideline. Just 2 minutes later the Cowboys hit back when Murray Taulagi was sent down the sideline, before he kicked back in-field where Valentine Holmes caught it cleanly. Despite being tackled from behind, he still managed to get across the line to score. He then converted his own try. In the 19th minute the Broncos marched upfield with ease and then on the last Reynolds grubbered behind the Cowboys line and found Staggs flying through who dived, regathered and slid in to score all in one motion. Reynolds failed to convert, hitting the upright. The Broncos very nearly scored again in the 25th minute but a strong tackle on Jordan Riki saw the ball go forward out of his hands to Tristan Sailor, who dived over for a try, which was immediately disallowed. The Cowboys got themselves

a second try in the 31st minute when Drinkwater got put into a gap on the inside and he raced away, stepped Sailor and then dived over to score in the right corner. Holmes from the sideline nails the conversion. The Broncos skipped back out to an 8 point lead 5 minutes from halftime when he slotted a gift penalty goal. In the 38th minute Reynolds put up another great kick which the Cowboys again failed to take cleanly. Cobbo looked to have cleaned up the loose ball and scored, but the bunker and on-field ref agreed that he knocked the ball on. At halftime, the Broncos had a 20-12 lead.

The Cowboys very nearly scored just 2 minutes into the second half when Taulagi attempted to tap back a kick, but it went forward to Townsend, who dived over for what he thought was a try. The Broncos looked to have extended their lead in the 50th minute when Drinkwater threw a cut-out pass, but Cobbo intercepted it and raced 95 metres to get to the tryline, just as Tom Dearden tackled him around the legs. The referee awarded the try but the bunker found that Dearden got him into touch at the very last second. The Broncos finally extended their lead in the 55th minute when Tyson Smooty at dummy half and close to the Cowboys line, stood and turned right, almost threw a dummy, which fooled everyone and then barged over to score. Reynolds converted. Brisbane crossed again in the 70th minute when Ezra Mam at first receiver, changed direction, grubbered into the Cowboys in-goal for himself and he planted the rolling ball for a great solo try. Reynolds converted. With 5 minutes remaining, Reynolds went to the line and then grubbered for Corey Oates following through, who regathered and scored. Reynolds converted. The Broncos record a convincing 38-12 victory. **FERGO**

the impossible task proving too much. Tayan May knocked the ball on attempting an intercept, but no time was left to pack the scrum and the Sydney Roosters went down fighting to a defiant Penrith Panthers outfit. **AIDAN**

SOUTH SYDNEY 20 CANTERBURY 16

It was a Friday that was Good Enough for South Sydney as the Rabbitohs claimed their first win of the season with a 20-16 victory over the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

Getting a much-needed result following weeks of intense scrutiny on and off the field, the Rabbitohs claimed their fifth consecutive Good Friday win to the delight of 35,275 supporters at Accor Stadium. The Rabbitohs got off to a strong start with a captain's challenge and penalty providing the besieged club with the field position needed to send Thomas Burgess (9th minute) over for the opening try of the day. Extending their lead into double figures after an offload from Latrell Mitchell put the Bulldogs defence on the backfoot, new signing Jack Wighton (12th minute) finished off a left-side shift to score his first try in red and green colours. The Bulldogs managed to hold their nerve despite continued pressure on their try line and were rewarded following an attacking raid instigated by Viliame Kikau and Josh Addo-Carr, who found Matt Burton (24th minute) in support to touch down underneath the posts. Burton shifted

ST GEO ILLA 20 MANLY 12

The St George Illawarra Dragons have put two disappointing performances behind them with a 20-12 win over the Manly Sea Eagles in front of 16,000 fans at WIN Stadium.

In a game that could hardly be called a classic, it was a brilliant start for the visitors as Tom Trbojevic managed to conjure an offload out of nowhere when he had five defenders on him for Tolu Koula who only need to catch and put the ball down to score. The Dragons hit back soon after when Jack Bird was able to dive on a loose ball after the kick was lost backwards by the Sea Eagles. The Red 'V' were denied twice by the bunker with Moses Suli denied an effort with an obstruction from Luciano Leilua opening a gap meanwhile Mikaele Ravalawa was driven into touch. Eventually the Dragons were able to crack the line twice inside the final five minutes of the first half when Tyrell Sloan went through the defence just a couple of plays after Luciano Leilua bombed a certain try after not electing to pass to a man on the outside. The Dragons third try of the half came when Jaydn Su'a was able to get over from close range. Neither try was converted surprisingly by Zac Lomax who won't want to see the first of the two missed conversions as the ball ended up closer to the sideline and the 20m line than what it did at the posts.

the momentum of the match with a 40/20 that enable Blake Taaffe to shine against his former club with a pinpoint perfect chip kick for Connor Tracey (33rd minute) in the corner. Almost going further ahead only for Kurtis Morrin to lose control of the ball a metre out from the try line, the Bulldogs were dealt a major blow with Addo-Carr ruled out of the match with concussion after heavy contact from Mitchell on the final play of the half.

Staring down the prospect of their worst start to a season since 2008, the Rabbitohs responded immediately with Alex Johnston bursting down the touchline and finding Wighton (46th minute) in support to regain the lead. Taking the lead out to a converted try via a Mitchell penalty goal, the Rabbitohs survived a scare with the bunker overturning a Kikau try due to obstruction by Jaeman Salmon in the lead up. The Bulldogs were unable to convert a stack of possession on the Rabbitohs try line and were dealt a further blow when a lack of discipline from Tracey allowed the Rabbitohs to go beyond a converted try with a penalty from in front. A quick tap from Stephen Crichton allowed Tracey (79th minute) to set up a thrilling finish, however the Rabbitohs managed to hold on for a 20-16 win. Next week, the Rabbitohs will host the Warriors on Saturday afternoon, while the Bulldogs will commemorate 20 years since their last premiership against the Roosters on Friday evening. **ROB**

The second half was a pretty shocking half with neither side earning themselves a potential job with armaguard as they just struggled to protect the ball when they had possession of it. The Dragons defence though was one thing that was secure as it kept coming under pressure from the Sea Eagles and kept turning them away. An effort for the Sea Eagles was denied by the bunker when bizarrely Jaxon Paulo was awarded a try on field when he was trying to reach over Mikaele Ravalawa to ground the ball and despite it looking like a knock-on, referee Ashley Klein awarded it until the bunker overturned it. It wasn't long until the Dragons took advantage when Tyrell Sloan picked up his second of the night when there was space in the middle and he chased through a Ben Hunt kick to score under the posts. Another effort late in the half saw Jack Bird denied when he lost the ball trying to get it down. The Sea Eagles took advantage of some late possession after more ill-discipline from the Dragons gave them a big opportunity to fight their way back and a consolation try gave them half a sniff but like the rest of the half, ball control failed them again. Next week, the Dragons head to Newcastle for a clash against the Knights on Friday night whilst the Sea Eagles will really need to improve with a clash against the three time defending premiers Penrith at Brookvale. **JOSH**

DOLPHINS 30 GOLD COAST 14

A man-of-the-match performance from Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow has given the Dolphins back-to-back wins downing Gold Coast by 16 points, placing pressure on the Titans after an 0-3 start.

Both sides had early chances inside the opposition's 20. But, it was the Titans who capitalised crossing for their first try in three halves of football. A quick play the ball allowed Brian Kelly to roam around the ruck which allowed him to put boot to ball and the flying Jaimin Jolliffe put the ball down to cross for the opening try of the contest. The Dolphins were camped down their own end and made a mistake coming out of their own end when Jack Bostock lost the ball in contact. From that mistake, the Titans got their halves involved finding AJ Brimson who drew the edge defence to find Phil Sami for a surprise 10-0 lead. With just over 15 to go, the Dolphins capitalised on a six again to cross for their first try. Isaiya Katoa digs deep into the line, finding Jake Averillo who found Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow who tips it on beautifully to Bostock who crossed out wide after being denied moments before. Jamayne Isaako converted to reduce the gap to six. The Dolphins task got harder minutes later, when Max Plath was sin-binned for a nasty hip drop on Sami. However, they were able to hang on in the sin-bin period and nearly took the lead, but Mark Nicholls lost the ball short of the line. After absorbing a

lot of defence early and dealing with the sin-bin of Plath. The Dolphins managed to lead at the half after a lovely second try assist from Tabuai-Fidow. It was an even better finish from Bostock for his second of the match sending Tanah Boyd down the Constrictor at Wet n Wild. Isaako nailed it from touch for a 12-10 lead at the half.

After a lull to start the second half. The Dolphins splashed and cashed into the try-line for the first time this half as the right edge combined to send Isaako away. He found Herbie Farnworth who crosses for his first try as a Dolphin. Isaako extended the margin beyond two possessions. Following a mistake out of yardage by Kelly in the 62nd minute, Katoa straightened the attack up to find Tom Flegler off the ensuing set as he isolated and bumped off Tanah Boyd. He was able to get the ball free to the Hammer to score what looked to be the match sealer for the Dolphins as they led by 14. With just over 10 to play, Gold Coast began ran out of ideas and eventually the amount of defence began to take it's toll. From a dropout, a simple short pass from Jesse Bromwich found a flying Josh Kerr who crashed over under the posts and it quickly became 30-10. Gold Coast got some consolation in the final 5 minutes. The halves and Brimson combined as they did in the first half to send Sami streaking down the sideline for his double which reduced the gap to 16 points. **AIDAN**

CRONULLA 36 CANBERRA 22

Cronulla have shown their bite after coming back from 18-0 down to defeat the Canberra Raiders 36-22 in an entertaining Easter Sunday at Shark Park.

After a lethargic start in attack from both sides. Xavier Savage burst through the Sharks depleted middle third to give Canberra some tempo with ball in hand. The Green Machine shifted quickly on the last, exposing the new look Sharks left edge as James Schiller had enough pace to beat Will Kennedy to cross for the opening try after 13 minutes. Cronulla continued to have lazy mistakes and were made to pay for a lack of focus in the attacking third. From a scrum win down the other end of the field four minutes later, Savage beat three would be attempts of tackle crossed for a try of his own. Jamal Fogarty added his second conversion for a quick 12-0 lead after the opening quarter of the match. Things looked to turn around for the Sharks with Brayden Trindall's kick forcing a result, but their attack was left on autopilot with how slow and lethargic they looked in Canberra's attacking third. Fogarty got a 40/20 and they added further salt in the wound when Danny Levi crashed over for the softest try of 2024 and an 18-0 lead after 25 minutes. After 28 minutes, the Sharks finally showed some bite and woke up to get on the board. Braydon Trindall dummied his way past some would-be attempts of tackle from Fogarty and Zac Hosking to cross for the first try of the night for the home side. Nicho Hynes' conversion reduced the gap to twelve. The mistakes that were contagious at Cronulla's end also came to bite Canberra. After Jesse Ramien

blew a try the play before, the Sharks came left, and it was the new look left edge combining with Hynes and Kayal Iro to send Ronaldo Mulitalo to score their second of the night. The scoring wasn't finished for the Sharks when off the next set, Blayke Brailey tactically kicked for the corner. Sione Katoa beat a way too-calm Savage to the footy and passed inside. Referee Todd Smith got in Kennedy's way but fortunately, Brailey was there to pick it up and cross. Hynes levelled the scores at 18-18 at the break. The second half continued the tradition of set-for-set footy, with lots of errors thrown in for good fun as both sides traded the footy like it was an Easter Egg Hunt. Following another Savage error, the Sharks crossed first in the second half. Trindall drew in the defence on the left edge and it's a flying Kayal Iro who crossed for his first NRL try. Hynes converted for their first lead of the night.

Following Fogarty's mistake of getting tackled with the ball on the last. The Sharks went down the blind as Hynes and Kennedy combined nicely. Kennedy's grubber was perfectly waited and Mulitalo collected the bounce for his second try of the contest and the fifth on the bounce for the home team. Hynes' conversion from touch meant Canberra's mountain was steeper to climb. Canberra ended the Shark raid in the 72nd minute with a lovely, worked play down the right when Jordan Rapana caught Mulitalo out of position. He delivered a lovely pass to Schiller for his second try of the evening, but Fogarty's conversion doinked off the upright and the margin was eight. Cronulla finished in style when Hynes delivered a magic pass to Katoa to cross in the final minute of play to make it 36-22. **AJ**

WARRIORS 20 NEWCASTLE 12

A dominant return to the number 1 jersey by Roger Tuivasa-Sheck has proven the catalyst for a 20-12 win by the Warriors over the Newcastle Knights.

Both teams felt each other out to start the game in the first 15 minutes before a mistake by Newcastle game the Warriors a chance, and they capitalised when Shaun Johnson teed up Jackson Ford with a short ball to open the scoring. The next set, Wayde Egan split the defence open with a dummy half dart before finding Chanel Harris-Tevita in support to extend the lead to 12-0. But despite dominating the first half hour of play, the Warriors let the Knights back into the game and just before halftime they finally broke through when a Tyson Gamble grubber sat perfectly for the other Tyson, Frizell, to work his way over the line. The Novocastrians would have a chance to tie the game heading to the sheds but were unable to do so, leaving the score at 12-6.

Straight out of halftime the Warriors were able to strike again when Marcelo Montoya flashed across the face of Thomas Jenkins to field a Harris-Tevita kick and crash over to push the lead back to 12 points. While Newcastle would start to win the arm wrestle as the half progressed, Shaun Johnson's kicking game kept them at arms length and eventually gave the Warriors an opportunity at

WESTS TIGERS 17 PARRAMATTA 16

42 per cent of the ball. Six tackles in the opposition 20 compared to 29. Three line breaks to zero. Nine offloads to four. Those sort of numbers last year would have seen the Wests Tigers on the wrong end of a lopsided scoreline. But this is a different Tigers team under Benji Marshall if Sunday's effort is anything to go by. The Tigers held strong in defence to finish the first half level 6-all with the Parramatta Eels and carried the self-belief from that opening 40 minutes into the second, finishing 17-16 winners.

It was a dramatic finish to Monday's game after an Aidan Sezer field goal put the result beyond doubt, only for the Tigers to be penalized for accidental offside off the short restart. It set the Tigers up for similar heartbreak to that they experienced last year against North Queensland when Valentine Holmes snapped a last-gasp penalty goal in a 27-26 win. But Clint Gutherson sent his penalty goal attempt wide, seeing the Tigers hold on for a much-deserved victory and second on the trot after last week's impressive win over the Sharks. The Tigers made a fast start on Monday as Lachlan Galvin took the ball right up to the line and put in a deft grubber for Justin Olam to score in the 3rd minute. It was one of the few scoring opportunities the visitors had in the first half though, with Parramatta enjoying a lion's share of the ball in the second and hitting back in the 15th minute as a late offload from Gutherson saw Maika Sivo go over. The Eels looked the likeliest to score for the remainder of the half but lacked their usual polish in attack, which was

a penalty goal to build a 20-6 lead. But the Knights wouldn't die wondering and Kalyn Ponga took over the final period of the game, first landing a grubber perfectly to give Bradman Best a try to cut the lead to 8. Then a set later, his ball sent Enari Tuala into open space and after getting the ball back, he looked certain to send his winger over for a try before Tuivasa-Sheck reached out to bat the ball down. That proved the Knights final chance and the Warriors held on for the 20-12 victory. Tuivasa-Sheck was the clear man of the match, running for 275 metres and breaking 6 tackles. But multiple Warriors stepped up big time, including Johnson, Egan, Harris-Tevita, Addin Fonua-Blake and Tohu Harris. There is significant concern for the Warriors however after Luke Metcalf went down with a lower leg injury less than 10 minutes into the game. He left the stadium via Medi cab just after halftime and the club will be sweating on the results of X-Rays. For the Knights they drop to 1-3, and it's becoming clear the problems run deeper than just switching around their halfbacks. They'll hope the expected return of Dane Gagai next week can provide the spark in attack that they desperately missed in this one. The Knights will host the Dragons on Friday night, while the Warriors travel to Homebush to take on the Rabbitohs on Saturday afternoon. **RHYS**

also a product of superb scrambling defence from the Tigers. It meant Parramatta settled for a penalty goal on the final play of the first half.

As gallant as the Tigers had been defending their own line they had at times looked vulnerable of being pulled apart from long range and that was the case early in the second as J'maine Hopgood went right through the middle to put Gutherson over in the 45th minute. Galvin was then later sent to the sin bin for a hip-drop tackle on Kelma Tuilagi as things threatened to unravel for the Tigers but Marshall's side stood tall in defence once again to only concede the one penalty goal in the time without the young playmaker on the field. Once Galvin returned the Tigers were gifted an immediate scoring opportunity after a Gutherson error on a bomb and capitalised off a clever Sezer wrap-around play, sending Olam across for his second of the day. After Sezer showed his experience and guile, generation next announced itself once more for the Tigers as rookie playmaker Galvin took on the line and broke through before somehow squeezing a pass to fullback Jahream Bula as the visitors regained the lead. A Gutherson penalty goal then saw the game tied up before Sezer stood tall to snap the game-winning field goal. The Tigers will look to make it three straight wins when they play the Dolphins next week while the Eels face the Raiders. **JACKO**

ROUND 4 SCOREBOARD

Penrith 22 (S. Turuva 3, D. Edwards tries; D. Edwards 3 goals) defeated Sydney 16 (B. Smith, D. Tupou, S. Tupouniua tries; S. Walker 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Thu, 28th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-6. Penalties: Sydney 9-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 25,898.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, May, Butcher, Tupouniua, Radley. Int: Watson, Whyte, Butcher; Crichton.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Schneider; Leota, Kenny, Smith, Garner; Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Laurie, Eisenhuth, Henry, Geyer.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Edwards
2 - I Yeo
1 - J Luai

South Sydney 20 (J. Wighton 2, T. Burgess tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 16 (C. Tracey 2, M. Burton tries; M. Burton 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-10. Penalties: Canterbury 11-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 35,275.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Wighton, Tass, Milne; Walker; Hawkins; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Chee-Kam, Duncan, Mitchell, Moale.

Canterbury: Taaffe, Addo-Carr; Kiraz, Crichton (C), Tracey; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Knight, Kikau, Preston, Salmon. Int: Mann, Hughes, Curran, Morrin.

Player of the Year: 3 - C Murray
2 - D Cook
1 - K Morrin

Brisbane 38 (J. Arthars, E. Mam, C. Oates, T. Smoothy, K. Staggs, B. Walters tries; A. Reynolds 7 goals) defeated North Qld 12 (S. Drinkwater; V. Holmes tries; V. Holmes 2 goals) at SunCorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-12. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 45,793.

Brisbane: Sailor; Arthars, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Baker; Hunt, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Oates.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Laybutt, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, McIntyre, Gosiewski.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Reynolds
2 - E Mam
1 - T Sailor

St George Illawarra 20 (T. Sloan 2, J. Bird, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) defeated Manly 12 (T. Koula, H. Olakau'atu tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 14-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 16,215.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Leilua, Su'A, Faitala-Mariner. Int: Eisenhuth, Marschke, De Belin, Sele.

Manly: Trbojevic, Talau, Koula, Garrick, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Waddell, Brown, Siple.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Sloan
2 - B Hunt
1 - J Su'A

Dolphins 30 (J. Bostock 2, H. Farnworth, J. Kerr; H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) defeated Gold Coast 14 (P. Sami 2, J. Jolliffe tries; T. Boyd goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 6:35 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 12-10. Penalties: Gold Coast 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 13,898.

Gold Coast: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Brimson, Sami; Foran (C), Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Liu, Haas, Fermor, Jolliffe. Int: Verrills, Clark, Stimson, Fifita.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Flegler, Kaufusi, Aitken, Plath. Int: Kerr; Donoghoe, Nicholls, Stone.

Player of the Year: 3 - H Tabuai-Fidow
2 - T Flegler
1 - J Bostock

Warriors 20 (J. Ford, C. Harris-Tavita, M. Montoya tries; S. Johnson 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (B. Best, T. Frizell tries; K. Ponga 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 6:05 PM. Halftime: Warriors 12-6. Penalties: Newcastle 4-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 24,112.

Warriors: Tuivasa-Sheck, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Niukore, Afoa, Tevaga, Harris-Tavita.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Jenkins, Lucas, Best, Tuala; Gamble, Cogger; Saifiti, Crossland, Saifiti, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Brailey, Croker, Hetherington, Jones.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Tuivasa-Sheck
2 - S Johnson
1 - W Egan

Cronulla 36 (R. Mulitalo 2, B. Brailey, K. Iro, S. Katoa, B. Trindall tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) defeated Canberra 22 (J. Schiller 2, D. Levi, X. Savage tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,692.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Talakai, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Atkinson, Williams, Burns, Hau Tapuha.

Canberra: Rapana, Schiller, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Hosking, Smithies. Int: Starling, Mariota, Saulo, Horsburgh.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Mulitalo
2 - J Williams
1 - K Iro

Wests Tigers 17 (J. Olam 2, J. Bula tries; A. Koroisau 2 goals; A. Sezer field goal) defeated Parramatta 16 (C. Gutherson, M. Sivo tries; C. Gutherson 4 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Mon, 1st April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Parramatta 10-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 28,608.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Harper, Russell; Talagi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Paulo, Lane, Tuilagi, Matterson. Int: Hopgood, Moretti, Ofahengau, Hands.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Faataape, Olam, Tupou; Galvin, Sezer; Utaikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Sullivan, Seyfarth, Kepaoa, Fainu.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Koroisau
2 - L Galvin
1 - C Gutherson

ROUND 4 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	DOLPHINS	3	2	0	1	1	29	6
2	PENRITH	4	3	0	1	0	28	6
3	NORTH QLD	4	3	0	1	0	22	6
4	CRONULLA	4	3	0	1	0	11	6
5	MELBOURNE	3	2	0	1	1	10	6
6	WESTS TIGERS	3	2	0	1	1	7	6
7	SYDNEY	4	2	0	2	0	39	4
8	CANBERRA	4	2	0	2	0	14	4
9	Parramatta	4	2	0	2	0	13	4
10	Warriors	4	2	0	2	0	8	4
11	Manly	4	2	0	2	0	7	4
12	Brisbane	4	2	0	2	0	4	4
13	St Geo Illa	4	2	0	2	0	-28	4
14	Canterbury	4	1	0	3	0	-9	2
15	Newcastle	4	1	0	3	0	-23	2
16	South Sydney	4	1	0	3	0	-60	2
17	Gold Coast	3	0	0	3	1	-72	2

ROUND 4 JUDICIARY

Davy Moale (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Nat Butcher (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Blake Taaffe (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Latrell Mitchell (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Kurtis Morrin (CBY)	G2 Dangerous Throw	2 matches
Blake Lawrie (SGI)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1800
Luke Brooks (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Max Plath (DOL)	G3 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Lachlan Galvin (WST)	G3 Dangerous Contact	2 matches

ROUND 4 POTY LEADERBOARD

6 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

5 POINTS

Isaah Yeo (Panthers), James Tedesco (Roosters), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

4 POINTS

Zac Hosking (Raiders), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Sam Walker (Roosters)

BYE

Melbourne Storm

MELBOURNE 34 BRISBANE 32

A magnificent array of attacking skills and open football between the Storm and Broncos produced a stunning contest with a thrilling finish, ending in a 34-32 victory to the Storm.

After an even opening 15 minutes, the Storm looked to have the upper hand, however neither team had troubled the scoreboard. Then Ezra Mam took an intercept and raced 65 metres. On the next play, the Broncos sent the ball right to Kotoni Staggs who ran to the line, drew the final defender, and then put Deine Mariner over for a try in the corner. Adam Reynolds converted superbly from the sideline. Melbourne hit back just 3 minutes later when Eli Katoa ran hard and straight onto a pass, steamrolled through Mam, and scored. Nick Meaney added the extras. The Storm took the lead only 3 minutes later when Jahrome Hughes kicked to the left corner and found Xavier Coates flying high, caught it superbly and then fell down in the Broncos in-goal to score. Meaney failed to convert from out wide. The Broncos responded immediately to claim the lead in the 28th minute. Arthars found some space down the left edge courtesy of a beautiful long ball from Tristan Sailor. Arthars then kicked in-field and Mam got a peach of a bounce, regathered and scored a great try. Reynolds converted. Brisbane extended their lead to 8 points just 3 minutes later. Brisbane went right on the last, the play broke down, Mariner ran the ball back into the middle, linked with Sailor who quickly passed to Reynolds who kicked to the left corner and Arthars flying through regathered

and scored. Reynolds converted from the sideline. Melbourne reduced the deficit just shy of halftime when Hughes held up a pass before putting Katoa into a huge gap and he scored his second try. Meaney converted. At halftime, the Broncos led 18-16.

The Broncos took their lead back out to 8 10 mins after play resumed after Billy Walters kicked down field, the Storm let it bounce and the ball sharply bounced back towards the Broncos end, into the waiting arms of a flying Mam who then zoomed between the back two defenders and raced 30 metres to score a spectacular try. Kotoni Staggs converted. Melbourne's reply came in the 57th minute with a gorgeous play. Katoa got the ball on the left, turned, and offloaded in the line, a-la Arthur Beetson, back to Ryan Papenhuyzen, who then sent a long ball out to William Warbrick unmarked, and he dived over for the try. Meaney converted from the sideline. Staggs kicked a penalty goal in the 69th minute to take their lead out to 4 points. With 6 minutes remaining in the game Tyrn Wishart stormed onto a crash ball and barged over to score. Meaney converted and the Storm took the lead. Melbourne crossed again spectacularly in the 76th minute when Hughes kicks to the left, close to the Broncos line and Coates kicks the ball on the full back infield and Hughes follows through and grounds it for a try. Meaney converts. Within the next minute the Broncos hit back when Tyson Smoothy at dummy half on the Storm line, threw a magical pass back inside to Ben Te Kura who barged over to score. Staggs converted. The Storm hung on for the final 90 seconds of the match to win an entertaining clash by 2 points. **FERGO**

NEWCASTLE 30 ST GEO ILLA 10

The weather was wet but that didn't stop the Newcastle Knights from grinding out a 30-10 win over the St George Illawarra Dragons at home.

On a night that saw both sides brave torrential rain from start to finish, the Knights sealed their second win of the season in front of a small, yet hearty crowd of 9,448 supporters at McDonald Jones Stadium. Taking advantage of multiple penalties inside their own half, the Knights struck an early blow with recalled halfback Jackson Hastings (4th minute) swooping on a Jack Cogger grubber kick to open the scoring. The Dragons responded with Ben Hunt laying on a well-placed kick of his own for Zac Lomax (14th minute) to touch down out wide; the duo combined again moments later with Lomax executing a spectacular flick pass for Hunt (21st minute) to put the visitors in front for the only time during proceedings. Capitalising on the poor discipline of their opponents, the Knights regained the lead with Kalyn Ponga delivering a precision pass to send Enari Tuala (25th minute) over in the corner. Gaining the ascendancy with Daniel

Saifiti (29th minute) swooping on a Cogger kick that landed in a pool of water in-goal, the Knights established a double-digit buffer with Dylan Lucas (35th minute) sliding over for a 24-10 lead at the break.

Appearing to go further in front after the resumption only for the bunker to rule a knock-on against Bradman Best in the act of scoring, the Dragons were left to rue a missed opportunity of their own with Lomax unable to hold onto an inside pass from Luciano Leilua with the try line in sight. The Knights looked to secure the result with Leo Thompson diving through the legs of Phoenix Crossland only for the bunker to rule the front-rower had obstructed the Dragons goal-line defence. Sealing only their sixth win from 24 meetings against the joint venture at McDonald Jones Stadium, Tuala raced down the touchline and kicked in-field for Ponga (73rd minute) to slide over for the only try of the second half. Next week, the Knights will host the Roosters in Newcastle on Thursday night, while the Dragons will travel to Campbelltown to take on the Tigers on Sunday afternoon. **ROB**

CANTERBURY 30 SYDNEY 26

The Canterbury Bulldogs paid tribute to their 2004 premiership-winning side in style with a 30-26 win over the Sydney Roosters, despite leading 26-0 at the break and playing 55 minutes with an extra man advantage.

The Roosters set the tone for the way they would play in just the second tackle of the match when Dom Young lost possession, followed by a failed challenge. Canterbury capitalised with a well-executed scrum play to send Blake Taaffe over for the first try out wide. Matt Burton converted from wide for a 6-0 lead. The Bondi boys continued their error-plagued opening half when a failed backline sweep forced another error. The Dogs capitalised brilliantly when Kurt Mann wrestled his arm free to find Burton for the second try and a 12-0 lead. The Roosters had opportunities but let themselves get in the way, Dom Young streaked away down the wing but opted against going back inside and backed himself. Taaffe made a brilliant cover tackle and stopped the raid. Canterbury again exposed the right edge defence of the Roosters when Viliame Kikau streaked away and got what was a suspect pass to Burton for his second and it was 18-0. Trent Robinson's men were going missing, both figuratively and literally with James Tedesco and Sam Walker leaving the game with failed HIAs. Young found himself back in the spotlight, again for the wrong reasons when he was sent off for a horror high shot on Taaffe which also ended Taaffe's night prematurely. Burton landed a penalty goal and it was 20-0 after 26 minutes. After a mini resistance, Sam Hughes crashed through some soft tackles to score and make it 26-0 at the change of ends.

The second half began and it was almost a brand-new game. The Roosters treated it like it was 0-0 and looked immediately better. Luke Keary broke through some would-be tacklers and linked up with Egan Butcher for the first of the second half after six minutes. Four minutes later, Naufahu Whyte provided much-needed impact and crossed for a strong first try at the NRL level and it was quickly a competitive ball game. From a glut of possession that was executed with great precision, it was back to two possessions when Keary's bomb wasn't defused by Jacob Kiraz, Daniel Tupou was on the spot and basket-balled it to Butcher for his second try. With Suaalii off for an HIA after a head-slam from Sam Hughes, Keary's lack of goal-kicking experience would mean the Roosters were going up by fours. Two minutes later, Keary combined with Angus Crichton who turned it back on the in-side to Manu to reduce the margin to just six points. Canterbury clinched the match with 16 to go when Burton completed his hat trick finally taking advantage of the 12-man Roosters. The missed kick kept them in the game prematurely. Victor Radley ended up in the sin-bin courtesy of a contentious hip-drop ruling from the Bunker, but replays showed the hip-drop mechanisms that we're all familiar with. Despite being down to 11 men, the Roosters weren't done with yet and Tupou crossed following a shift to the left to give them some life and the gap was just four points after Suaalii came back to convert. The Roosters threw everything at the Dogs but it just wasn't enough for victory and the Bulldogs held on in the spirit of the 2004 premiership-winning side. **AJ**

WARRIORS 34 SOUTH SYDNEY 4

New Zealand Warriors won 34-4 against South Sydney Rabbitohs in front of 13,184 fans at Stadium Australia on Saturday afternoon.

The Warriors won their third game in a row with a comfortable win against a downbeat Rabbitohs side which was masterminded by Shaun Johnson who scored 18 points in the one-sided win. Souths were looking to win back-to-back games and got off to a flyer. They spread the ball down the left for a flying Izaac Thompson who stepped past the Warriors fullback to make it 4-0. Stung by conceding, the Warriors clicked into gear quickly. Shaun Johnson took the ball to the line, fed a short pass to Rocco Berry who steamed onto the ball and gave the Warriors a 6-4 lead. Both sides engaged in an arm wrestle through the middle of the first half. Warriors had several chances due to Rabbitohs errors to punish them on the scoreboard but couldn't break through. They did eventually break through and led 18-4 going into half-time. It was another superb pass from Johnson which sent Jackson Ford over then Wayne Egan pushed

through and fed the ball to Johnson to get his own four-pointer.

Coming out of the break, the Warriors felt just fine. It felt like Deja vu when Egan sliced through again, linked up with Te Marie Martin who found a supporting Johnson who strolled over for his second try. There was a cause for celebration just after the hour mark for the Warriors. Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, who was playing his 200th game, was on the end of another slick backline movement to make it 28-4. Martin put the icing on the cake for the Warriors late on. He weaved past some tired Rabbitohs defence and went over to make it 34-4 and a rare win for the New Zealand side at Stadium Australia. For the Rabbitohs, they are back to soul searching after another tough loss. Latrell Mitchell was put on report twice in the first half and they looked like a side which doesn't know how to win a game. **JUSTIN**

MANLY 32 PENRITH 18

Great performances from milestone men Daly Cherry-Evans and Corey Waddell have capped a great night for Manly, dominating the three-time reigning premiers by 14 points at Brookvale Oval.

Manly were intent on celebrating the milestone of Daly Cherry-Evans breaking Cliff Lyons' mark of 309 club games in style. But, the Panthers had other ideas in the early exchanges. Penrith capitalised on an offside penalty and built field position down the Manly end. Dylan Edwards snuck out of acting half and found support in Brad Schneider to cross for the first try of the evening. Edwards converted from next to the posts for an early 6-0 lead. The game then turned into a scrap after the early Schneider try, with both sides having attacking chances. Manly had the better of them, but execution against the top defensive sides again is proving to be a problem. Brian To'o almost made Manly pay but some brilliant defensive work in the 19th minute stopped the scoreboard ticking over. After some defensive resilience down their own end. Manly finally took some advantage of field position when Luke Brooks combined with Tom Trbojevic. Turbo was able to get on the outside of Izack Tago and beat Edwards to cross for the home side's first try. DCE was able to bend it like Beckham to level the scores at six. They nearly grabbed a second but the final pass to Corey Waddell was

put down. Capitalising on penalties, Manly added a penalty goal eight minutes from the break for their first lead of the evening. We got a spicy bit of controversy when Tommy Talau attempted an intercept just before the break. Talau touched the floating pass while Penrith were on the attack, Todd Smith let the play run and Tolu Koula sprinted the best part of 95 metres to score. The decision to confirm the try has left everyone wondering what constitutes a knock-on in 2024 with the replays showing that the ball was knocked on. DCE converted for a contentious 14-6 lead at the break.

Despite things going against the premiers with contentious calls and Liam Henry leaving with a cat 1 concussive incident. They changed momentum quickly when Edwards scored a sensational individual try to open the second half. DCE tried to put boot to ball and Edwards raced the best part of 70 metres to score to reduce the gap to two. With 25 to go, Manly built some great momentum in attack and Turbo turned the pass back on the inside to a juggling DCE who scored. On the ensuing set, Taniela Paseka busted the Penrith defence wide open. From there, Manly worked it right and DCE put boot to ball. Izack Tago lost the ball and the other milestone man in Corey Waddell (an Emu Plains junior) crossed in game 100 and it quickly became 26-12. Penrith were out on their feet following a Waddell intercept and were struggling to get back in defence. A shift back to

NORTH QLD 35 GOLD COAST 22

Points were aplenty as the Cowboys triumphed 35-22 over their QLD rivals, the Gold Coast Titans.

North Queensland got off to a flying start at home - with a strong defensive effort followed by flashy attack which suppressed anything Gold Coast threw at them. Zac Laybutt opened the scoring only 6 minutes in, with a show and go to scoot over off the back of a Chad Townsend ball. Despite his strong start, his afternoon ended after only 20 minutes as he limped from the field with a suspected ACL injury and did not return. 6-0 became 10-0 after a Valentine Holmes tip off put Murray Taulagi over in the corner. Holmes missed the kick, but it was all Cowboys up north. To make matters worse for the Titans, key playmaker Kieran Foran went down injured and left the field 7 minutes later with an injured ankle. An error to David Fifita gave the Cowboys an attacking chance with 8 minutes to go in the first half, and Scott Drinkwater took advantage to score a brilliant solo try which Holmes converted to give the hosts a 16-0 lead. It looked as though Harley Smith-Shields scored on the brink of halftime after a fantastic kick from Brian Kelly, but the bunker reviewed the play and found Jayden Campbell was offside, overturning the call.

Making amends for the disallowed try, Brian Kelly started the second half in style - or rather in strength by muscling his way over from dummy half in the 46th minute. Although Tanah Boyd missed the conversion - it was game on. The moment of competition looked to be short lived as a Valentine Holmes line break put North Queensland

in a very good attacking position, and the lack of defensive resolve from Gold Coast was put on display with Scott Drinkwater bagging his double and giving his side a 22-4 lead. The Titans lack of discipline was further exposed with an ugly high shot from Sam Verrills which opened Reece Robson up to scoot over and score from the subsequent penalty. Although 25 minutes remained, the 28-4 lead looked touch to break until... enter Jayden Campbell. AJ Brimson made a line break out of nothing to put the fullback over the line. Tanah Boyd made no mistake on that occasion, and they only trailed 28-10. Only three minutes later Chad Townsend was sent to the sin-bin for a nasty hip drop and Sam Verrills went from zero to hero with a wonderful short pass to put Kleese Haas over to score. Tanah Boyd converted and two minutes later the Titans halfback set Beau Fermor up for a line break, where he found JoJo Fifita who gave it back to him to score. Somehow, it was 28-22 and Gold Coast had 15 minutes to score 6 points - it looked very possible. It was AJ Brimson who started the Titans resurgence, but also AJ who ended it with an intercept pass which Kyle Feldt pounced on to score his 131st try for the club - making him the Cowboys all-time top try scorer. Valentine Holmes converted, and three minutes later just after returning from the sin bin, Chad Townsend nailed a field goal to give the hosts 13 point lead of 35-22 with seven minutes to play. Gold Coast threw everything they had at North Queensland, but it wasn't enough to get over the line, or to score another point as the Cowboys held on at home. The win would certainly be pleasing, but their defensive lapses at times are a concern for their season. Still,

the right saw DCE find Ben Trbojevic who got a magical offload to Jaxson Paulo to score and put the match beyond the reach of the Panthers with 15 to go. Ben Trbojevic wanted to add to the fun, but the ball bounced around in the in-goal like a pin-ball and it was denied. Penrith capitalised when Daine Laurie combined with Garner to streak away before finding Edwards to reduce the margin to 14 points. Penrith will have some injuries headed to the bye with Henry, Garner and Luai leaving the game under a cloud. Manly weren't escaping with Reuben Garrick leaving with a category 1 concussive incident early in the fixture. They will go to Auckland full of confidence. **AJ**

DOLPHINS 26 WESTS TIGERS 10

The Dolphins have reclaimed their spot back on top of the NRL ladder following an impressive 26-10 win over the Wests Tigers at Suncorp Stadium in an entertaining affair.

The first half was all Dolphins as the Tigers were not able to get anything going where their opponents were able to do it straight from the kick-off. The home side opened the scoring inside five minutes when Jack Bostock got on the outside of the Tigers defence before linking with Isaiya Katoa who scored. Two penalty goals to the Dolphins extended their lead out to 8-0 before the Hammer got his name on the scoresheet but it was Felise Kaufusi

who were victorious over the winless Titans who will need to do some serious soul searching. **AIDAN**

CANBERRA 41 PARRAMATTA 8

The Raiders will have earned some praise tonight as they belt the Parramatta Eels 41 - 8 at GIO Stadium in Canberra. The Raiders tore through the Eels defence putting over 7 tries to the Eels 2.

The Raiders showed early promise and a willingness to move the ball around early. There was some worry as Jordan Rapana had an injury early which saw Simi Sasagi come into the game. With a ruck infringement early and inferno too the goals the raiders took an easy 2 points at the 10 minute mark to start scoring proceedings. The Raiders made the most of an Eels error, with Ethan Strange making a line break and good meters down their left. With momentum in their favour, Sebastian Kris went over at the 15 min mark to push out the Raiders lead. The Eels did keep up their attack but when they were in a position to pressure the raiders on their goal line they voided it with errors. With them not making the most of their chance Canberra hit back with Xavier Savage going over for 4 points at the 30min mark. A dominant performance in the first half ended with Jamal Fogarty putting a cheeky field goal in to push it to 13 - 0 as the players ran off.

Ricky Stuart would have wanted his team to hit back first and they didn't let him down. A red hot Matthew Timoko busted through a rattled Eels defence to set himself up for a try just 3 minutes

who did all the work as he went through space and needing a fresh set of legs to finish it off, it was Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow who was able to get over for The injury crisis of the weekend continued for both sides as the Tigers lost two players to concussion and there were some concerns throughout the second half for the Dolphins as well.

The Tigers looked much better in the second half as things started to click and the return of Api Koroisau to the field sparked things up as Solomona Faataape got the first of his double as he charged over the line and fought his way to the line. The second try for Solomona Faataape again wasn't exactly easy again and had a bit of a talking point to it as he chased through an Aidan Sezer kick and despite some questions on the grounding it was confirmed by the bunker and the Tigers had closed the gap to 14-10. Despite the momentum being with the Tigers, the Dolphins were able to shift it back their way and it was off the boot of Isaiya Katoa setting up Kodi Nikorima with a beautiful grubber through before Felise Kaufusi was able to pick up a rare try to seal the win. Not finished yet though, the Tigers showed some more tenacity when they got over inside the final 10 minutes through Alex Seyfarth but that was it and the gap couldn't get any smaller. The Dolphins will have a clash against the Broncos next week again at Suncorp Stadium whereas the Tigers head to Campbelltown for a clash with the Dolphins. **JOSH**

into the second half. Only to have the Eels make the most of a penalty from offside Raiders, sending Maika Sivo over the line in minute 47. But with some poor choice of kicks from Dylan Brown, the Eels kept putting themselves on the back foot. A dead in goal by Brown was soon turned around by the Raiders as their outside backs had a field day up the Eels right edge. Xavier Savage ran into space and with a slick kick found Danny Levi in support to go over for the Raiders forth try. The Raiders continued to find chances in the Eels armour with James Schiller running into the corner for 4 points and Hudson Young earning a try as he backed up another line break from Matthew Timoko. In the last ten minutes the Eels found themselves at the Raiders goal line, and after many failed attempts finally got Maika Sivo over again for his second. But you could still see the raiders didn't want to sheath their sword and they got right back to business taking apart a lacklustre Eels defence. In the final minute after more unrelenting attack, Matthew Timoko gets his second try after picking up a loose ball. Jamal Fogarty bought the game to an end getting his final conversion for the night.

The Eels failed to capitalise on any time or position they had with the ball, and rarely had any moments of flare against the Raiders. Canberra were ravenous and didn't let up ate whole game, it was an 80 minute performance which was truly reflected in the score. Blaize Talagi was quiet and Dylan Brown didn't have much more to offer the team. Even Clinton Gutherson was not as present as he usually is. With little sting coming from the Eels forwards, bar J'maine Hopgood, it was always going to be the Raiders night. **ANDY**

ROUND 5 SCOREBOARD

Melbourne 34 (E. Katoa 2, X. Coates, J. Hughes, W. Warbrick, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 32 (E. Mam 2, J. Arthars, D. Mariner, B. Te Kura tries; A. Reynolds 3, K. Staggs 3 goals) at AAMI Park.

Date: Thu, 4th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 18-16. Penalties: Brisbane 7-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,698.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Welch, MacDonald, Howarth.

Brisbane: Sailor; Arthars, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Baker, Hunt, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Te Kura, Hetherington, Oates.

Player of the Year: 3 - E Mam
2 - E Katoa
1 - J Hughes

Canterbury 30 (M. Burton 3, S. Hughes, B. Taaffe tries; M. Burton 5 goals) defeated Sydney 26 (E. Butcher 2, J. Manu, D. Tupou, N. Whyte tries; J. Sua'ali'i 2, L. Keary goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 26-0. Penalties: Sydney 6-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 7,169.

Canterbury: Taaffe, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Tracey; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Patolo, Kikau, Salmon, Mann. Int: Hughes, Curran, Edwards, Kautoga, Sexton.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Tupouniua, Crichton, Radley. Int: Watson, Whyte, May, Butcher, Jennings.

Player of the Year: 3 - V Kikau
2 - L Keary
1 - M Burton

Newcastle 30 (J. Hastings, D. Lucas, K. Ponga, D. Saifiti, E. Tuala tries; K. Ponga 5 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 10 (B. Hunt, Z. Lomax tries; Z. Lomax goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 24-10. Penalties: Newcastle 5-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 9,448.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Jenkins, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Cogger; Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Lucas, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Leilua, Su'A, Lawrie. Int: Eisenhuth, Marschke, Molo, Faitala-Mariner.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Cogger
2 - D Lucas
1 - Z Lomax

Warriors 34 (S. Johnson 2, R. Berry, J. Ford, T. Martin, R. Tuivasa-Sheck tries; S. Johnson 5 goals) defeated South Sydney 4 (I. Thompson try) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-4. Penalties: Warriors 6-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 13,181.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Thompson, Wighton, Tass, Milne; Walker, Hawkins; Tatola, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Chee-Kam, Duncan, Keppie, Mamouzelos.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Tuivasa-Sheck, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Afoa, Ford, Barnett, Harris (C). Int: Ale, Tevaga, Laban, Harris-Tavita.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Johnson
2 - W Egan
1 - R Berry

Manly 32 (D. Cherry-Evans, T. Koula, J. Paulo, T. Trbojevic, C. Waddell tries; D. Cherry-Evans 6 goals) defeated Penrith 18 (D. Edwards 2, B. Schneider tries; D. Edwards 3 goals) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Manly 14-6. Penalties: Manly 10-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 17,381.

Manly: Trbojevic, Talau, Koula, Garrick, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloia, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Waddell, Siple, Brown.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Schneider; Leota, Kenny, Smith, Garner; Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Fisher-Harris, Laurie, Henry, Eisenhuth.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Cherry-Evans
2 - C Waddell
1 - D Edwards

Dolphins 26 (K. Bromwich, I. Katoa, K. Nikorima, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 16 (S. Faataape 2, A. Seyfarth tries; A. Sezer 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 6:35 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 14-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 22,051.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Flegler, Kaufusi, Aitken, Bromwich. Int: Stone, Kerr; Donoghoe, Nicholls.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Faataape, Olam, Tupou; Sullivan, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer; Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Fainu, Seyfarth, Twal, Fainu.

Player of the Year: 3 - I Katoa
2 - S Utoikamanu
1 - A Sezer

North Qld 35 (S. Drinkwater 2, K. Feldt, Z. Laybutt, R. Robson, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 5 goals; C. Townsend field goal) defeated Gold Coast 22 (J. Campbell, B. Fermor; K. Haas, B. Kelly tries; T. Boyd 3 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: North Qld 16-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 18,870.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Laybutt, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, McIntyre, Gosiewski.

Gold Coast: Campbell, Smith-Shields, Kelly, Brimson, Fifita; Foran (C), Boyd; Fotuauka, Randall, Jolliffe, Fifita, Fermor; Haas. Int: Clark, Verrills, Stimson, Pahulu.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Robson
2 - S Drinkwater
1 - M Taulagi

Canberra 41 (M. Timoko 2, S. Kris, D. Levi, X. Savage, J. Schiller; H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 6 goals; J. Fogarty field goal) defeated Parramatta 8 (M. Sivo 2 tries) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 13-0. Penalties: Canberra 10-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,907.

Canberra: Rapana, Schiller, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Mariota, Smithies. Int: Starling, Horschburgh, Sasagi, Saulo.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Simonsson, Russell; Talagi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Greig, Lane, Matterson, Hopgood. Int: Paulo, Moretti, Ofahengaue, Tuilagi.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Timoko
2 - M Smithies
1 - J Hopgood

ROUND 5 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	DOLPHINS	4	3	0	1	1	39	8
2	NORTH QLD	5	4	0	1	0	35	8
3	MELBOURNE	4	3	0	1	1	12	8
4	CRONULLA	4	3	0	1	1	11	8
5	CANBERRA	5	3	0	2	0	47	6
6	WARRIORS	5	3	0	2	0	38	6
7	MANLY	5	3	0	2	0	21	6
8	PENRITH	5	3	0	2	0	14	6
9	Wests Tigers	4	2	0	2	1	-3	6
10	Sydney	5	2	0	3	0	35	4
11	Brisbane	5	2	0	3	0	2	4
12	Newcastle	5	2	0	3	0	-3	4
13	Canterbury	5	2	0	3	0	-5	4
14	Parramatta	5	2	0	3	0	-20	4
15	St Geo Illa	5	2	0	3	0	-48	4
16	Gold Coast	4	0	0	4	1	-85	2
17	South Sydney	5	1	0	4	0	-90	2

ROUND 5 JUDICIARY

Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Dominic Young (SYD)	G3 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Sam Hughes (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$1500
Latrell Mitchell (SOU)	G2 Dangerous Contact	3 matches
Kurt Donoghoe (DOL)	G2 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Aidan Sezer (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
David Fifita (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Chad Townsend (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Moeaki Fotuauka (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Reagan Campbell-Gillard (PAR)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800

ROUND 5 POTY LEADERBOARD

9 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

8 POINTS

Rreece Robson (Cowboys)

7 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

6 POINTS

Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins), Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), Viliame Kikau (Bulldogs), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons)

5 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), James Tedesco (Roosters), Kalyn Ponga (Knights), Isiah Yeo (Panthers), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Ezra Mam (Broncos)

BYE

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks

SYDNEY 22 NEWCASTLE 20

A Roosters side without James Tedesco, Sam Walker or Dominic Young has claimed an upset 22-20 victory over the Newcastle Knights at McDonald Jones Stadium on Thursday night.

It was the Knights who started the game well, with Kalyn Ponga and Bradman Best combining for a line break off a kick return. Later that set, Jackson Hastings got the ball from Adam Elliott and sold Victor Radley a dream before stepping inside and getting the games opening try. Just minutes later the Roosters gave away a cheap penalty after failing to beat the dropout shot clock, and the Knights extended the lead to 8-0. But the Roosters picked up a relieving penalty and went straight on the attack, with Luke Keary and Joseph Manu combining to sent Daniel Tupou over in the corner. Making matters worse for the Knights, Ponga injured his hip while trying to challenge for the ball and would be significantly impacted for the remainder of the first half. The injury began to swing the momentum, and a short time later Brandon Smith attacked out of dummy half and found Manu, who offloaded it to Keary who shifted it to Victor Radley for the try. Not long after that Smith dove out of dummy half again and not a single Knight laid a finger on him before he crossed the line to make the scores 16-8.

But the Knights would not yield, and in the dying stages of the half and completely against the run of play, Kai Pearce-Paul made a line break before finding Ponga who hit Bradman Best with plenty of

work to do, but he got it done for the four pointer to make the halftime score 16-14 in favour of the Roosters.

Ponga took some painkillers in the sheds and emerged for the second half looking in a lot less pain, but the opening stages of the half didn't offer much chance to stretch his legs. After 25 minutes where not much happened, the Roosters made a line break where Michael Jennings should have scored, but a play later Smith shifted the ball left where Terrell May turned into a textbook centre to send Tupou over for his second and push the lead to 8 points. But Newcastle wouldn't die wondering, and with less than five minutes remaining Phoenix Crossland engaged the line and got a nice offload to Elliot who worked his way under the posts for the try. Then in their final chance with the ball, Ponga made an excellent line break to set up an attacking opportunity, but the set ended meekly with Crossland grubbering the ball straight to May. Manu was the clear cut man of the match for the Roosters, running for over 300 metres and having a hand in two of the teams tries. May was also phenomenal up the middle, while Smith was a menace around the ruck. For the Knights, their reliance on Ponga was exposed as the team looked completely rudderless with him inebriated in the first half. While players like Elliot, Dane Gagai and Leo Thompson were excellent in their own right, they were overcome by a Roosters side which was missing multiple key players. **RHYS**

BRISBANE 28 DOLPHINS 14

The Broncos have defeated the Dolphins by 28-14 in front of a packed Suncorp Stadium tonight.

After a tense first half, Brisbane poured on four tries in just fifteen minutes to blow their local rivals out of the water with Selwyn Cobbo bagging two tries for the home side. The loss for Wayne Bennett's side was further soured by a hamstring injury to star fullback Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow who was ruled out of the match in a huge blow for the Dolphins night and potentially for Queensland, with State of Origin just over six weeks away. It was a frenetic start to the Battle of Brisbane with both sides testing each other's resolve early on. Brisbane were camped on their goal line early, turning away the Dolphins for five consecutive sets. After both sides went close to scoring, it was the Dolphins who struck the first blow when Broncos winger Corey Oates spilled a bomb on his own line. Kenny Bromwich then picked up the scraps for Redcliffe, with the backrower finding a steaming Jarrod Wallace fresh off the interchange bench to score the first try of the game. The good news for the visitors quickly soured, as star fullback Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow was ruled out of the match with a hamstring injury in a huge blow for the visitors chances. After being camped on their line for the majority of the first half, the pressure was on the Broncos to score before halftime. The Broncos interchange bench then made the desired impact,

with Tyson Smoothy finding the giant Xavier Willison close to the line who reached out to score next to the posts. Reece Walsh took the goalkicking duties and put his side up by 6-4 at the end of the first stanza.

Following the halftime break Corey Oates made up for his error in the first half, collecting a beautiful cut out pass from Ezra Mam to score in the corner to extend the Broncos lead to 10-6 to give the home side the ascendancy. The game then got away from the Dolphins as they simply imploded, first through a loose kick that saw Reece Walsh race 85 metres down the sideline to score. Then makeshift fullback Kodi Nikorima spilled a spiral bomb which saw Selwyn Cobbo pick up the ball to score an easy try. Cobbo then had a double minutes later, as the Queensland outside back pounced on a loose pass to run 70 metres to give the Broncos a commanding 28-4 lead. Redcliffe rallied late to see rangy winger Jack Bostock leap over in the corner, which was followed by Jamayne Isaako who turned the defence inside out to score a late consolation try to narrow to final score to 28-14. Brisbane return to Suncorp in Round 7 for a clash with Canberra next Saturday, while the Dolphins head north to Darwin where they will play Parramatta on Friday night. **SAM**

MELBOURNE 16 CANTERBURY 14

A late Shawn Blore try with under five to play has managed to get the Storm over the line by 16-14, holding off a brave Bulldogs fightback at AAMI Park.

Canterbury started how they finished against the Roosters last week with some silly errors inviting Melbourne to camp down their end. Ryan Papenhuyzen imposed himself after just three minutes, beating some sloppy outside defence to cross for the try. Despite the Bunker being called upon, it took Grant Atkins one look to overturn the on-field decision of no-try. Melbourne were losing troops with Tui Kamikamica injured in the opening 5 minutes, while his replacement Alec MacDonald left with a HIA midway through the first half (which he passed). Despite Canterbury working into the contest and chances coming which included Bronson Xerri finding open space, they were unable to cross the stripe in the opening quarter hour. Melbourne capitalised on the lack of attacking execution up the other end with another miraculous try assist by Xavier Coates. A clever cross field kick was marked by Xavier Coates. Despite Jacob Kiraz doing all he could, Coates somehow got the boot to it and it was miscued by Drew Hutchison and Reimis Smith was urgent and got to the ball to ground it for a 10-0 lead after 24 minutes. Despite both sides looking promising throughout the remainder of the half including a Matt Burton chip to Josh Addo-Carr which saw the flyer tackled by Papenhuyzen. The Storm fullback was put on report for an alleged hip-drop tackle on the Fox, and the scores would remain the same at the change of ends.

WARRIORS 22 MANLY 22

The rivalry between Shaun Johnson and Daly Cherry-Evans delivered in a thrilling contest as the New Zealand Warriors and Manly Sea Eagles split the points in a 22-all draw at Go Media Stadium.

Having faced off for more than a decade in club games, grand finals, and test matches, the two veteran halfbacks were heavily involved for their respective clubs in an outstanding spectacle of rugby league played before 23,076 supporters. Fresh from becoming the most-capped player for the Sea Eagles last week, Cherry-Evans (10th minute) opened the scoring after pouncing on a fortuitous offload from Tom Trbojevic which was knocked back by Wayde Egan and rolled through the legs of Tohu Harris into the in-goal. The Sea Eagles extended their lead after spreading the ball from inside their own half, which allowed Tommy Talau to sprint down the sideline and kick in-field for Cherry-Evans (23rd minute) to collect his second four-pointer. Establishing a 16-0 lead moments later after Tom Trbojevic delivered a cut-out pass for Talau (27th minute) to score in the corner, the Sea Eagles appeared equally impressive in defence when Ben Trbojevic produced a try-saving tackle to deny Marcelo Montoya at the opposite end of the field. The Warriors managed to claw back the lead with Harris sending Jazz Tevaga (35th minute) underneath the posts with a short pass; the joy was short lived as the interchange forward hobbled

After Connor Tracey and Jacob Kiraz completed a Houdini act to escape from the in-goal. The Dogs exposed the lack of defensive numbers of the Storm which allowed Xerri and Addo-Carr to combine. The Fox sprinted the best part of 50 metres to score untouched for the Dogs opening try of the second half. Burton added the extras for the gap to be reduced to four. Canterbury were looking for fire in defence but unfortunately, Sam Hughes' lowered the elbow into Christian Welch's face and was sin-binned. Fortunately, the Bulldogs held firm and forced an error from Melbourne's attacking set. Melbourne were also reduced to 12 moments later when Papenhuyzen was binned for a professional foul on Stephen Crichton. Canterbury quickly struck back when it was 12 v 12. Xerri again showcased magnificent skill to get a pass away to Addo-Carr who crossed for his second try to level the scores at 10-10. Canterbury were gutting the Storm's right edge apart with line breaks galore through the second half. Burton delivered a majestic pass to Addo-Carr who crossed for his hat-trick within 14 minutes (of game time). With time running out and Canterbury failing to put away their opposition. Melbourne continued their tradition of scaring the pants off their home fans. Papenhuyzen and Hughes combined nicely to break through the middle third. Munster demanded the ball off the next set and found a crashing Shawn Blore who crossed inside the last five. Meaney added the conversion to lead with limited time left. Despite a late scare, the Storm hung on for a tough and tenacious victory. The match was very well handled by debutant Wyatt Raymond who deserves an amazing amount of praise for his effort tonight in his maiden game. **AJ**

from the field with a hamstring injury. Striking a crucial blow on halftime courtesy of Luke Brooks throwing an ill-conceived pass, Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (40th minute) raced 50 metres to narrow the margin to 16-10 at the change of ends.

Both halfbacks demonstrated their class early in the second half with Cherry-Evans firing a superb pass to put Ben Trbojevic (44th minute) into a hole, before Johnson (53rd minute) responded with a solo run reminiscent of the highlights he made his name on as a younger man. In a tense second half which saw the visitors hold a 22-14 lead, after Johnson missed a conversion from close to the posts, the Warriors set up a thrilling finish with Watene-Zelezniak (79th minute) crossing for his second. Landing a sideline conversion to narrow the margin to 22-20, Johnson's attempt at a two-point field goal fell short; however Josh Aloiai was penalised for making contact with the legs of the kicker, resulting in a penalty from in front which levelled the scores at 22-all at the end of regulation time. Both sides played field position during golden point with both Cherry-Evans (0/2) and Johnson (0/1) unable to land the decisive score, leaving the two sides to walk away with a deserved point each at the end of 90 minutes. Next week, the Warriors will travel to Wollongong on Friday night to take on the Dragons, while the Sea Eagles will head to the Gold Coast to face the Titzns on Saturday evening. **ROB**

PARRAMATTA 27 NORTH QLD 20

The Eels turn up for a full 80 minutes to beat the Cowboys by 7 points in a thrilling game at CommBank Stadium.

The game's pace was set from the start, with Jeremiah Nanai going over five minutes in after a Scott Drinkwater kick on the opposition's line. Only five minutes later, the Eels pounced on a penalty for foul play to push towards the Cowboys' line. Dylan Brown made a momentum-shifting tackle to put even more pressure on the Cowboys in their quarter of the field. The Eels capitalised on the possession, with Joe Ofahengaue storming over to level up the scores. The game continued to see-saw, and it was only a lazy tackle from Jason Taumalolo on J'maine Hoppog in the Cowboy's 20m zone that gave the Eels a penalty in front and easy points to take the lead by 2 points. The Eels continued to attack, and although it looked dangerous, they failed to put any polish on the ball when it mattered. With a forward pass penalty, the Cowboys took the opportunity with possession to send Tomas Chester over in the 18th minute, to the dismay of the home crowd. The game continued again with momentum shifts, and good phases of attack only really being undone by errors. At the 27th-minute mark, Griffin Neame's loose hand in the ruck was all the Eels needed to regain composure. During some broken play on the Cowboys' line, Joey Lussick jumped over to give the Eels the lead. Until halftime, both teams continued to march up the field and back again. Both teams were finding space, and the Eel's game plan seemed to centre around the movement of the ball and trust in their players to be there when it mattered. The Cowboys were doing the same, with Tom Dearden and Drinkwater racking up the meters in the middle and out wide.

ST GEO ILLA 24 WESTS TIGERS 12

Zac Lomax's contract saga ending has given the winger a new lease on footy, providing much needed spark to give the Dragons a 24-12 win over a disappointing Wests Tigers side before a big crowd at Campbelltown.

St George took full advantage off a penalty conceded by the Tigers coming out of their own end inside the opening minutes. Kyle Flanagan and Ben Hunt combined nicely with Tyrell Sloan to create the extra man and Zac Lomax crossed for the opening try of the contest. Lomax tried to bend it like Beckham but it cannoned into the upright, which kept it at 4-0. Wests hung in the contest and capitalised on the Dragons failed challenge. Api Korosiau pressed his claims for a NSW starting spot with a lovely deceptive crash ball to a rampaging Stefano Utoikamanu who crashed across to get the Tigers back on level terms. Korosiau hit the posts off the conversion, and we needed a rare Bunker intervention to confirm the goal was missed as both touch judges were split on whether the goal was successful. He made amends for the missed conversion when a Sloan high tackle on an evasive Jayden Sullivan gave him a gift two points for their first lead of the afternoon after 23 minutes. Korosiau turned from hero to villain moments later when his kick went out on the full following the two points. St George Illawarra took full advantage when Tom Eisenhuth delivered a late offload to Hunt who got it out to Bird to score with under 15 to go in the first half. The Dragons struck another blow before half-time. A great kick from Hunt was

Drinkwater started the second half started with a penalty, as Bailey Simonsson showed excellent game awareness to catch the ball off the kickoff with a leg over the line. From here, the Eels pushed forward continually with venom. Even in the face of some stiff-line defence by players like Val Holmes, the Eels finally broke through as Morgan Harper got his hands on the end of a nice Dylan Brown grubber. It was a tight game, and teams only really got ahead when errors occurred. Shaun Lane failed to finish off the Eels set, getting out of their half, and in a few minutes, Val Holmes went over to put the Cowboys right back in the game. The Eels looked like they had another try after some more sustained pressure on the Cowboys' line saw Joey Lussick get over from a line dropout. But the Bunker found him offside. Credit to the Eels, as this could have easily taken the wind out of their attack, but they hit back five minutes later, with Daejarn Asi going over to push the Eels out to 26-14 after Clinton Gutherson's successful conversion. With desperation seeping into the Cowboys' game, a series of bad passes managed to break the play up enough that they found a hole down the Eels' right, sending Drinkwater over for a try in his 100th NRL game. And with 10 minutes left and at 26-20, all the sights were a cracker of an ending. But it was the Eels who continued to complete sets and put the pressure on the Cowboys, who seemed tired and on the back foot for the last 10 minutes. With 4 minutes to go, Daejarn Asi managed to get a field goal in, and it sent that it would be a bridge too far for the Cowboys, who were out on their feet after a stop attack by the eels. A great expansive game of footy and it's the style that players like Brown and Gutherson thrive in and the team bought into it. The Cowboy's talent just wasn't enough, and it seemed the last 10 minutes were them done. The Eels came for the 80 minutes. **ANDY**

marked on the full by Lomax against Jahream Bula. Lomax showcased his skill by breaking the tackle and finding Kyle Flanagan who crossed next to the posts for a vital try before half-time to give the Dragons a 16-6 advantage.

The Tigers offered the first scoring chance of the second half, but in attempting to grab the rebounding grubber kick, it was lost by Isaiah Papali'i leaving the scores where they were at the break. On the hour mark, David Klemmer tried to give his team momentum but it was a careless high tackle on Flanagan which saw the enforcer placed on report. Lomax took the shot at goal to take the lead out to twelve points. Two minutes later, following another soft penalty conceded by the home side. Francis Molo got a late offload away to Flanagan who in-turn found Moses Suli who drew in defenders. Suli was able to get the arm free to Jaydn Su'A who beat some sloppy Tigers defence to cross for the try that broke the Tigers spirit as the margin got out to three converted tries. With under 10 to go, the Tigers grabbed a consolation try when Sullivan went deep into the line and found Asu Kepaoa to reduce the gap to twelve where it stayed until full-time. **AJ**

CRONULLA 34 SOUTH SYDNEY 22

If the writing wasn't on the wall for Souths coach Jason Demetriou, then it truly is tonight as an injury hit South Sydney fall to their fifth defeat of the season with a 34-22 defeat to the Sharks at Accor Stadium.

The pressure on the Rabbitohs didn't show early as they were able to defend an initial attacking raid from the Sharks but couldn't use their own chance to pressure the Cronulla line. An error in attack gave Cronulla a strong attacking position and off an attacking scrum the Shire side got the opening four pointer when Ronaldo Mulitalo went over. South Sydney were able to hit back minutes later when some good play down their left saw Michael Chee-Kam have too much size and strength for the Cronulla defence and he was able to get the ball down. Dean Hawkins conversion gave the Bunnies a 6-4 lead. Injuries began to mount for the home side as Tevita Tatola suffered a leg injury and Tyrone Munro suffered a collarbone injury as well as rookie fullback Jye Gray being forced from the field for a HIA. The Sharks began to get momentum and put up two tries inside the final ten minutes of the half both with Ronaldo Mulitalo's fingerprints on them as one he beat Taane Milne to the before linking with Teig Wilton and then second time Ronaldo was able to chase through a Braydon Trindall kick. Nicho Hynes converted both efforts for a 16-6 lead at the break.

CANBERRA 21 GOLD COAST 20

The Canberra Raiders have snatched victory in the very dying seconds of Golden Point thanks to a Jamal Fogarty field goal that gave them a 21-20 over a Gold Coast Titans side who themselves sent the game to golden point in the final seconds.

If you looked at statistics alone, the Raiders should have blown the Titans off the park with a lopsided possession and territory count in their favour but they couldn't get their attack going and could only manage a six point lead at the break. The home-side opened the scoring after 20 minutes and it was a repeat process for the Raiders to keep kicking towards their right side and eventually it worked when James Schiller outjumped Brian Kelly to score. Canberra then added a second try just shy of the half-hour mark when Hudson Young went at the line and got the ball to the line to the satisfaction of referee Kasey Badger.

Despite having the stats against them, the Titans were able to hit back on either side of the half time break when Kieran Foran connected with Jaimin Joliffe to score next to the uprights. The opening points for the Titans came after a wait for the bunker to overturn a live decision of No Try when former Raider Harley Smith-Shields got to a loose ball first. The Raiders extend their two point lead out to four points after the Titans were penalised for a late hit on Jamal Fogarty. The points dried up for the next 20 minutes or so as Canberra were able to clean up a short dropout from the Titans as they mounted pressure and it was James Schiller who picked up his second of the night. Any hope of

The injury concerns continued to mount for Souths as even though Jye Gray had passed his HIA, Souths Captain Cam Murray failed his after being collected high on the stroke of half time. Things got worse for the Rabbitohs as it looked like Cronulla could start racing away with the game as they had luck down their right this with Nicho Hynes able to link with Sione Katoa on the outside to score. The conversion for the Sharks captain put the lead out to 22-6. South Sydney couldn't be accused of a lack of effort tonight despite everything that went against them as Taane Milne kept the Cardinal and Green's hope alive of making a comeback as he had to pick the ball up around his ankles and forced his way to the line. Hawkins' conversion closed the gap to 12 points. Tonight could've been called the Ronaldo Mulitalo show and it was for good reason yet again as he was able to outjump the South Sydney defence when he took possession of a high kick before finding Teig Wilton who scored his second. Souths' hopes of pulling off a miracle were looking good when Tom Burgess' strong performance tonight was rewarded with a much-deserved try as Siiva Havili was able to get the ball free after a good run to Tom Burgess to score. The margin then closed to a converted try when Isaiah Tass scored on the back of a beautiful floating pass from Cody Walker. The hope of the Rabbitohs were dashed inside the last two minutes when a lost ball from Keaon Koloamatangi in his own in goal was scooped up by Blayke Brailey to score and seal the win after Nicho Hynes conversion and seal the 34-22 win. South Sydney's biggest concern in the next fortnight will be who their coach will be in two weeks' time with the bye next week before a tough trip to Melbourne taking on the Storm at AAMI Park on ANZAC day. Meanwhile, the Sharks next week have a clash against the Cowboys back at Shark Park on Sunday afternoon. **JOSH**

a miracle comeback looked extinguished for the Titans as Mo Fotuauka lost the ball close to the line inside the final four minutes but the hope remained for the visitors as a lost ball gave the Titans good field position and Alofi Khan-Pereira scored not once but twice in the last three minutes. The fate of the game rested on Brian Kelly who had never even had an attempt on goal in his NRL career before tonight and after a wild shank for the first, he had a second tough chance to force golden point. As if almost a fairytale, the second sideline attempt went through and scores were locked at 20-20. The only scoring chance in the first half of Golden Point came to the Raiders when Pasami Saulo thought he had sealed the game for Canberra when a Fogarty kick was spilt by the Titans and cleaned up by Saulo. Despite the celebrations, referee Kasey Badger initially ruled no try believing that there was a knock-on by Seb Kris in the contest and her live decision was upheld by Peter Gough in the bunker. The second half of extra time saw the game open up a bit more and it was the Titans who blinked first with Kieran Foran missing two field goal attempts in the mid-way part of the half and it was the second shot that went dead that helped Canberra. A big run from Ethan Strange off the 20m restart saw Canberra get into attacking position in the dying seconds of the game. It was now or never for the Raiders and Jamal Fogarty nailed the field goal attempt from right in front to seal the 21-20 win. Next week, the Raiders head to Brisbane for a fierce battle against Brisbane whilst the Titans return home where they take on the Manly Sea Eagles. **JOSH**

ROUND 6 SCOREBOARD

Sydney 22 (D. Tupou 2, V. Radley, B. Smith tries; J. Sua'ali'i 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 20 (B. Best, A. Elliott, J. Hastings tries; D. Gagai 2, K. Ponga 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Thu, 11th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney 16-14.

Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 21,940.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Marzhew, Gagai, Best, Tuala; Cogger, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Lucas, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

Sydney: Manu, Tupou, Jennings, Sua'ali'i, Pauga; Watson, Keary (C); Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher; Crichton, Radley. Int: Dockar-Clay, Whyte, Tupouniua, May.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Manu

2 - T May

1 - B Smith

Melbourne 16 (S. Blora, R. Papenhuyzen, R. Smith tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) defeated Canterbury 14 (J. Addo-Carr 3 tries; M. Burton goal) at AAMI Park.

Date: Fri, 12th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 10-0.

Penalties: Canterbury 3-2. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 16,065.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Munster; Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blora, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Welch, Moeroa, MacDonald.

Canterbury: Crichton (C), Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Addo-Carr; Burton, Hutchison; Curran, Mahoney, Patolo, Kikau, Salmon, Turpin. Int: Hayward, Fa'amausili, Hughes, Kautoga.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Addo-Carr

2 - X Coates

1 - B Xerri

Brisbane 28 (S. Cobbo 2, C. Oates, R. Walsh, X. Willison tries; R. Walsh 4 goals) defeated Dolphins 14 (J. Bostock, J. Isaako, J. Wallace tries; J. Isaako goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 12th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 6-4.

Penalties: Dolphins 8-1. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 46,224.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Cobbo, Arthars; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Baker, Hunt, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Sailor.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Niu, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Bromwich, Aitken, Stone. Int: Kerr, Milford, Wallace, Hubner.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Cobbo

2 - P Carrigan

1 - E Mam

Warriors 22 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 2, S. Johnson, J. Tevaga tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) drew with Manly 22 (D. Cherry-Evans 2, T. Talau, B. Trbojevic tries; D. Cherry-Evans 3 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 16-10.

Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 23,076.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Harris-Tavita, Ale, Tevaga, Laban.

Manly: Trbojevic, Talau, Koula, Trbojevic, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker; Aloai, Olakau'atu, Waddell, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Bullemor, Siple, Woods.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Cherry-Evans

2 - S Johnson

1 - C Nicoll-Klokstad

Parramatta 27 (D. Asi, M. Harper, J. Lussick, J. Ofahengaue tries; C. Gutherson 5 goals; D. Asi field goal) defeated North Qld 20 (T. Chester, S. Drinkwater; V. Holmes, J. Nanai tries; V. Holmes 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 14-10.

Penalties: Parramatta 8-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 14,433.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Simonsson, Penisini, Harper, Russell; Asi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaue, Lane, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Paulo, Moretti, Matterson, Tuilagi.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Chester, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Neame, McIntyre, Gosiewski.

Player of the Year: 3 - C Gutherson

2 - D Brown

1 - V Holmes

Cronulla 34 (R. Mulitalo 2, T. Wilton 2, B. Brailey, S. Katoa tries; N. Hynes 5 goals) defeated South Sydney 22 (T. Burgess, M. Chee-Kam, T. Milne, I. Tass tries; D. Hawkins 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 16-6.

Penalties: South Sydney 6-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 12,207.

South Sydney: Gray, Munro, Wighton, Tass, Milne; Walker, Hawkins; Tatola, Mamouzelos, Burgess, Kolomatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Chee-Kam, Havili, Mitchell, Moale.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Talakai, Hau Tapuha, Rudolf.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Mulitalo

2 - K Iro

1 - T Burgess

St George Illawarra 24 (J. Bird, K. Flanagan, Z. Lomax, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 12 (A. Kepaoa, S. Utoikamanu tries; A. Koroisau 2 goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 16-6.

Penalties: St George Illawarra 9-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,141.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Faataape, Olam, Tupou; Sullivan, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer; Papalii, Seyfarth, Pole. Int: Simpkin, Iwal, Matamua, Kepaoa.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Sele, Faitala-Mariner, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Marschke, Lawrie, De Belin, Murdoch-Masila.

Player of the Year: 3 - Z Lomax

2 - B Hunt

1 - A Kepaoa

Canberra 21 (J. Schiller 2, H. Young tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals; J. Fogarty field goal) defeated Gold Coast 20 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, J. Jolliffe, H. Smith-Shields tries; J. Campbell, B. Kelly goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6.

Penalties: Canberra 4-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 11,738.

Canberra: Stewart, Schiller, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Hosking, Smithies. Int: Starling, Mariota, Mooney, Saulo.

Gold Coast: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Smith-Shields, Fifita; Brimson, Foran (C); Fotuaka, Randall, Jolliffe, Haas, Fermor; Liu. Int: Fifita, Verrills, Clark, Pahulu.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Fogarty

2 - A Brimson

1 - E Strange

ROUND 6 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	5	4	0	1	1	23	10
2	MELBOURNE	5	4	0	1	1	14	10
3	CANBERRA	6	4	0	2	0	48	8
4	NORTH QLD	6	4	0	2	0	28	8
5	DOLPHINS	5	3	0	2	1	25	8
6	PENRITH	5	3	0	2	1	14	8
7	WARRIORS	6	3	1	2	0	38	7
8	MANLY	6	3	1	2	0	21	7
9	Sydney	6	3	0	3	0	37	6
10	Brisbane	6	3	0	3	0	16	6
11	Parramatta	6	3	0	3	0	-13	6
12	Wests Tigers	5	2	0	3	1	-15	6
13	St Geo Illa	6	3	0	3	0	-36	6
14	Newcastle	6	2	0	4	0	-5	4
15	Canterbury	6	2	0	4	0	-7	4
16	Gold Coast	5	0	0	5	1	-86	2
17	South Sydney	6	1	0	5	0	-102	2

ROUND 6 JUDICIARY

Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Luke Keary (SYD)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1000
Jacob Saifiti (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Reimis Smith (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Ryan Papenhuyzen (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Alec MacDonald (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Samuel Hughes (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Jordan Riki (BRI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Anthony Milford (DOL)	G2 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Josh Aloiai (MAN)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Sam McIntyre (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Kulikefu Finefeuiaki (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Sione Katoa (CRO)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Justin Matamua (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
David Klemmer (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
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Jaimin Jolliffe (GLD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 6 POTY LEADERBOARD

12 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

9 POINTS

Jamal Fogarty (Raiders)

8 POINTS

Reece Robson (Cowboys), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks)

7 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

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Penrith Panthers

MELBOURNE 18 SYDNEY 12

The Storm have cemented their place at the top of the NRL ladder with an 18-12 win on the road against the Roosters.

You can't power defibrillators without electricity, and the Storm are continuing to live up to their name with another close win - this time downing the Roosters 18-12. The game started at a frantic pace, with the Roosters showing their gameplan of targeting Melbourne's wings with high kicks while the Storm struggled to build momentum. But that changed when Jahrome Hughes put up a bomb which was knocked back by William Warbrick before Eliesa Katoa found Hughes backing up on the inside to get over the line. The Storm almost had back to back tries, but Lindsay Collins managed to knock down a Nick Meaney pass that could have sent Warbrick over. The try saver swung momentum, and the Roosters struck soon after when Warbrick failed to defuse a Luke Keary bomb and the bouncing ball beat Nick Meaney to be grounded by Michael Jennings. Both teams made mistakes in the next ten minutes, but the Storm would hit the front when a Cameron Munster bomb was caught by Katoa who managed to get the ball to the ground. There were suggestions Nelson Asofa-Solomona had tried to maul the ball across the line but the Bunker did not intervene and Melbourne would go into halftime with a 12-6 lead.

The second period started a lot slower, and the game was almost begging for someone to break it open. It looked like it would be after 55 minutes

DOLPHINS 46 PARRAMATTA 10

On a hot and steamy night in Darwin, a coach-less Dolphins came up trumps against a shell-shocked Eels team, with a 46-10 win at TIO Stadium.

With Wayne Bennett stuck in Brisbane due to illness, it was up to Kristian Woolf to help guide an injury-struck Dolphins side up against Brad Arthur's Eels, keen for back-to-back wins. In the first half, it looked like the Parramatta would get their first win in two games in the northern capital. Bryce Cartwright showed early signs of trouble up their right edge, proving a handful running and kicking the ball for his open runners. It was the Eels who, after a number of attacks on the Dolphins' line, finally got over in the 18th minute thanks to Shaun Lane hitting the line hard against Kodi Nikorima. The 'home' team continued to apply pressure to the visitors, who were able to hold off the number of raids to their credit. But it was some lazy play by the Dolphins that saw a penalty for hands on the ball, backed up by a six again, and finally ended with Will Penisini going over. Woolf's outfit could not contain the Eels and paid the price for the Eels' handy work with late offloads. A change in momentum came after Josh Kerr received a penalty for high contact by Bryce Cartwright. The Dolphins were able to turn around the advantage. Isaiya Katoa began to

when the Roosters get a 20 metre restart, and while the Storm players remonstrated over a hit on Hughes, Cameron Munster grabbed James Tedesco and as a result was sent for a 10 minute spell. But despite the 13 on 12 advantage, the Hooks couldn't take advantage. That was until Munster returned to make the teams even again, when a Keary bomb was batted back by Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii into the chest of Joseph Manu who finished in the corner. As he had for his first 21 attempts at Allianz Stadium, Suaalii converted the try to bring the game back to 12-12. But cometh the hour, cometh the man, and as he has all season Xavier Coates found himself in the right place at the right time to win the game for Melbourne. This time Hughes put up a bomb which was dropped by Manu, then picked up by Harry Grant who grubbered over to his winger with plenty of work left to do. Coates was tackled by a gang of Roosters but still got the ball down to give the Storm the 18-12 lead they would ultimately hold onto. While questions will obviously continue to be asked about how sustainable their start to the season has been, the reality is the Storm have gotten through a quarter of the season with a 5-1 record. That's even without Munster at his 100% damaging best. Hughes has been excellent and was again in this one, and Papenhuyzen continues to bounce back from his horror injury history. The Roosters meanwhile have dropped to 3-4 and while injuries have certainly played a part, there are questions that need to be asked as to why they are losing these types of matches. Sam Walker coming back next week should be helpful, however it's not a magic sponge for this wounded side. **RHYS**

take control and soon sent Jack Bostock over in the 31st minute to give the Dolphins a whiff. The opening half ended with the Dolphins looking good but behind the pace of the Eels.

The Eels took the first points after the break, as a late hit on Daejarn Asi gave the Eels a penalty right in front and an easy two points. But it would be the last points the Eels would taste until near the end of the game. From that point on, the Dolphins had some players lift in key positions, and the game was theirs. Isaiya Katoa's performance in controlling the game and kicking was exceptional, and his efforts were supported by his teammates. It was the spirited work up the middle from forwards like Josh Kerr and Max Plath that laid a foundation for the Dolphins to expose a tired Parramatta team. Jeremy Marshall-King began running, and teammates continually backed him up. Trai Fuller showed he's as good as any first-grade fullback by constantly being in the right spot. The Dolphins went on to score eight straight tries for the next 30 minutes, which saw Jack Bostock get a hat trick, Max Plath, and Test Niu get two tries apiece, and Trai Fuller and Jake Averillo also got one on the scorecard with a try each. The Eels seemed to fall apart, as many would expect any team to do in the hot and humid conditions, but the Dolphins found another gear, and they took full advantage. Dylan

ST GEO ILLA 30 WARRIORS 12

Zac Lomax has celebrated game 100 in style with a great individual performance to guide St George Illawarra to a commanding and upset 30-12 win over a sloppy and ill-disciplined New Zealand Warriors at WIN Stadium.

Both sides started with intent, but the first blink from either side would prove to be critical. After the penalty for a slow peel against Jaydn Su'A. The Warriors executed an attacking raid down the right edge, Shaun Johnson went through a yawning gap between Kyle Flanagan and Moses Suli to cross for the opening try. Johnson added the extras for a 6-0 lead after just 12 minutes of playing time. New Zealand dominated field position from that point on, having 30 tackles to 1 inside opposition territory through the opening quarter hour. To St George Illawarra's credit, they hung on in determined fashion to limit the Warriors to one try through the first twenty. The home side did have a chance when Su'A had a half-break 21 minutes in, but the pass was forward, and the opportunity was squandered. The poorly disciplined Warriors conceded a soft penalty allowing the home side to get their second attacking chance. Ben Hunt delivered a lovely flat pass to Suli who got on the outside shoulder of Rocco Berry to get the Dragons on the board with 15 to go before the break. Zac Lomax couldn't hook it back and it remained a 2-point gap. After a Marcelo Montoya error coming out of yardage. The Dragons added a second try with 10 minutes to go. Hunt combined well with Tyrell Sloan who got on the outside of Roger Tuivasa-Sheck who was able to get it away to Mikaele Ravalawa to cross for his first of 2024 for

Brown found the visitors' defence lacking as his left footsteps close to the line in the 77th minute got the Eels some points, but the scoreboard showed how they had well been off the pace in the second half. Several Dolphins players gave standout performances. Katoa led from the middle, rallying his troops. Kerr was inspiring, Plath and Fuller were always in support, and Fuller and Liu terrorised the line. It's easy to single them out, but it really was a team effort by the boys from Redcliffe. Parramatta, after a promising start, fell away. With Gutherson and Brown left to pick up the pieces. Cartwright was promising at the start, but alas, his impact wasn't there in the second half, and the team's effort will not have gone unnoticed by coach Brad Arthur as they look to a clash with Manly next week. The Dolphins, meanwhile, will take plenty of confidence into their home game against Newcastle next Sunday. **ANDY**

PENRITH 22 WESTS TIGERS 6

The Penrith Panthers have continued a strong record in Bathurst with a 22-6 victory over the Wests Tigers.

Posting their sixth win from ten appearances at Carrington Park over the past decade, the hosts, led by Central West junior Isaac Yeo, were a class

their first lead of the game. The Warriors discipline issues continued through the first half as another penalty, which compounded into a set restart gave the Dragons some further field position. Hunt was able to beat three defenders including a vicious fend on Wayne Egan to score. Lomax added a two-point field goal from beyond the 40m line to give the Dragons a 16-6 lead.

Off the back of the first set of the second stanza. Hunt went high to the air, and after two unsuccessful efforts in the first half. Lomax flexed highest and came down with it to give the Dragons opening points of the second half and a 16-point lead. The Warriors had some attacking chances, but poor execution ruled their opportunity. Johnson's dropout failed to break the plane and Lomax continued his flawless milestone game to date with a penalty goal. Any hope for the Wahs evaporated with 17 to play when Johnson put down a pass which went straight to Hunt. Hunt then got it away to Sloan who sprinted the best part of 90 metres to score beating the cover defence for his seventh try of the season. St George got complacent in the final minutes and allowed a consolation try. Johnson and Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad combined with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak to get it down in the right corner despite Sloan's best efforts with a finish that needs to be seen to be believed. Johnson converted well from touch to reduce the gap to 18 points. But that was all that troubled the scorer with the Dragons best effort of the season rewarded with an upset victory forming a real defensive identity that has been lacking over the last few seasons. The Warriors will need to regroup quickly with their worst performance of the Andrew Webster era to date. **AJ**

above in the 'Battle of the Big Cats' to the delight of a 12,000 strong crowd. Having stunned the premiers with an upset victory in Bathurst last season, the Wests Tigers impressed in the opening stages and were rewarded with Junior Tupou (9th minute) crossing for his first try of the season. The Panthers held their nerve defensively after the initial blemish and were rewarded with Sunia Turuva (15th minute) touching down in the corner to lock the scores up at 6-all. Tupou's inability to catch a long-range kick from Brad Schneider proved costly with the hosts shifting the ball right to send Turuva (26th minute) over for his second four-pointer.

Holding a 10-6 advantage for more than half an hour, the Panthers struck a huge blow midway through the second half with former Bulldogs centre Paul Alamoti (63rd minute) crashing over for a try on his club debut. Wrapping up a hard-fought result following an error from John Bateman brought on by desperation, James Fisher-Harris (71st minute), charged over next to the posts to finish an emotional week for the departing New Zealand forward. Next week, the Panthers will take on the Cowboys in Townsville on Saturday night, while the Tigers will host the Broncos at Campbelltown earlier on Saturday. **ROB**

MANLY 34 GOLD COAST 30

A high-scoring, see-sawing contest on the Gold Coast has resulted in Manly secure a vital victory in an entertaining 34-30 victory over the lowly Gold Coast Titans.

Manly opened their account in just the fifth minute when they shifted the ball right to Tom Trbojevic who threw a dummy, a gap opened and he walked in for a try. Reuben Garrick converted. After some entertaining lead-up plays, Manly travelled close to the length of the field before again going right where a lovely cut-out pass put Jason Saab in for a try. Garrick failed to convert from touch. After 10 minutes, Manly lead 10-0. The Titans finally responded in the 15th minute when a lobbed ball over the top to Alofiana Khan-Pereira allowed him to score in the left corner. Tanah Boyd converted superbly from touch. The Titans levelled the scores in the 19th minute when Brian Kelly opened up the Manly edge defence, drew the fullback and then got a good ball to Khan-Periera who ran 32 metres to score his second try. Boyd from wide on the left again, converted and put the Titans in the lead. Back-to-back set restarts for Manly inside the Titans red zone resulted in Manly taking the lead

back when Daly Cherry-Evans turned Haumole Olakau'atu inside and the big bloke barged over for a strong try. Garrick converted. The Titans wouldn't go away though and in the 32nd minute David Fifita stormed over to score. Boyd converted. A Kieran Foran break was followed by him putting in a perfect banana kick back infield and AJ Brimson took it cleanly and scored a great try. Boyd converted. On the stroke of halftime Manly's fullback Tom Trbojevic bagged his second try when he backed up on the inside and strolled in for a easy try. Garrick converted and at halftime the Titans held a 24-22 lead.

Manly regained the lead 6 minutes into the second half when Tolutau Koula took an intercept and raced 60 metres to score. Garrick converted. In the 53rd minute, Brimson bounced out of two tackles, linked with Foran who then passed back out to Boyd in support who scored untouched. Boyd converted. As per usual in this game, Manly immediately responded when Ethan Bullemor barged over for a tough try. Garrick converted. Both sides began to tire in the final 20 minutes which saw neither side add any more points, errors crept into both sides' performance, but in the end, Manly hung on to record a 34-30 victory. **FERGO**

CANTERBURY 36 NEWCASTLE 12

The Bulldogs have claimed win number 3 on the season with a dominant 36-12 victory over the Knights.

The 2024 Newcastle Knights season is on tenterhooks after just seven weeks, after suffering a fifth loss in 24-point beat down at the hands of the Bulldogs. The Dogs started off well, picking up a penalty and forcing a dropout before Reed Mahoney set up a crash play to give Samuel Hughes the opening try. They thought they had a second 10 minutes later when Jaeman Salmon lost it over the line, but it wasn't too long before a slick backline movement put Jacob Kiraz over in the corner to stretch the lead to 12-0. But when the Dogs weren't peppering the line, they were making errors, and eventually the Knights took advantage with Tyson Gamble putting Dylan Lucas into a hole to half the deficit. But after Greg Marzhew dropped the ball on the first tackle off the kickoff, the Bulldogs sniffed blood and Mahoney put his hands in the cookie jar and again pulled out chocolate chip, setting up Bronson Xerri for his first try in over four years and an 18-6 half time lead.

It didn't take long for the Dogs to make their mark in the second half, when Bailey Hayward pounced on a Mahoney grubber for his first try in the NRL. After that they opened the game up, Josh Addo-Carr going over once and twice, however the second one was walked back after replays showed he dragged his foot across the sideline. But shortly after another shift by the Dogs saw some hot potato which eventually landed in the hands of Stephen Crichton, but instead of burning him it got him a four pointer to push the lead to 36-6. The match finished off with some heated moments, a few scuffles ultimately seeing Mahoney and Jack Hetherington being rewarded with early showers. Bradman Best also crossed late for Newcastle but it did little but flatter their efforts in a difficult loss. It's a statement win for the Dogs; after coming so close in the last few weeks they've finally thrown the gauntlet down and shown the type of team they are. The bye comes at an almost imperfect time given the momentum being built but the team will be hoping to attack coming into a Round 9 clash with the Tigers. For the Knights, their start to the season couldn't have been worse. Not only are they 2-5 and in 15th, but Kalyn Ponga is also out for an extended period with a suspected ankle injury. Forget about going a step further than 2023, the Knights are on the verge of needing a miracle just to get back into the finals. The clock is ticking on Newcastle's season and a clash with the Dolphins can either be a chance to prove they're still here, or the proverbial final nail in the coffin. **RHYS**

BRISBANE 34 CANBERRA 10

Brisbane put on a clinical first half display to set up cruisy victory over the Raiders in the rain.

The Broncos got on the board first when Reece Walsh received a lovely ball out the back, 40 metres from the Raiders line, stepped Matthew Timoko and then raced away to score a brilliant solo try. He then converted his own try. In the 17th minute, Brisbane crossed for the second try when Ezra Mam put in a shallow cross-field kick which Fletcher Baker caught and then offloaded to a storming Jordan Riki and the big man barged over for a try. Walsh converted. Brisbane scored again from the very next set. Jock Madden with a great kick resulted in Chevy Stewart dropping the ball cold and Mam gently toed it forward and then planted the rolling ball for a try. Walsh converted from in front. In the 27th minute on the last tackle, Billy Walters at dummy half, grubbered for himself, regathered and scored a brilliant solo try under the posts. Walsh converts from in front.

In the 31st minute, Brisbane crossed again when Walsh, out wide on the right side, chimed into the backline movement, held a pass up and then a hole opened up in front of him and Walsh strolled in to score. He then failed to convert from out wide.

Brisbane looked like they scored first after the break when a lovely cut-out pass put Kotoni Staggs into space. He grubbered ahead for himself and Jesse Arthars reached out to score but the ball was grounded by his elbow. The bunker ruled a knock-on. The next set saw Canberra finally get on the board. Simi Sasagi ran onto a pass from Josh Papali'i, and a gap opened up in front of him and the back rower scored. Chevy Stewart converted. Mam holds up a lovely ball for Cobbo, who runs an angled line back infield, and he scores. Walsh converted. Canberra scored again in the 67th minute when Xavier Savage shrugged off a tackle and dived over to score. Stewart failed to convert. Neither side could trouble the scoreboard in the final 13 minutes as the rain and weariness took over. **FERGO**

CRONULLA 42 NORTH QLD 6

A ruthless home display has seen the Cronulla Sharks sound the alarm that they are a force in season 2024 with a 42-6 rout over a disappointing North Queensland Cowboys side at PointsBet Stadium.

A high kick from Nicho Hynes was defused by Scott Drinkwater, but as he was getting dragged towards the sideline. He flipped the ball back in play, but it was intercepted by Will Kennedy who fooled the lone Cowboy in cover defence to score for his maiden try of 2024 after just 2 minutes of play. Hynes was able to curve the kick back in from touch for a 6-0 lead. The game had a good flow and tempo throughout the first half, but territorially it was played down the Cowboys' defensive end. As a result, they had to do a lot of defence on their line and eventually, it took their toll. Tom Hazelton beat a handful of defenders to get his way to the line and give the Sharks a handy 12-0 lead after 22 minutes. A few minutes later, a Braydon Trindall kick was batted back by Jesse Ramien. Jack Williams was on the spot who got it onto debutant Sam Stonestreet who showed off to his friends and family in the Stonestreet Corner of Shark Park to cross for his maiden try in the NRL. Hynes again showcased his curve on the conversion for an 18-0 lead. North Queensland weren't helping themselves either when they got rare glimpses of attacking footy. After Drinkwater's pass was intercepted in good ball territory, the Sharks again set up camp down in the Cowboys half. Blayke Brailey capitalised on a quick play the ball finding Trindall who put boot

to ball and got a room-service bounce for a great individual try and it was 24-0 in the blink of an eye. The scores remained that way heading into the sheds at the end of the first half.

Despite North Queensland having the better start in possession. Their execution was leaving plenty to be desired. As a result, Cronulla like they did in the first half were able to march down field and score. A Hynes bomb was up in the air for Drinkwater to take. But under pressure from Briton Nikora, he spilled the ball and Trindall was jolly on the spot for his second try. Following off another Cowboys mistake out of yardage. The Sharks shifted play to the left edge and Hynes delivered a wonderful pass to Ronaldo Mulitalo who was allowed to run untouched right round underneath the sticks. Just after the hour mark, the Cowboys crossed for their first try. After forcing a goal-line dropout, a well-worked set play saw Chad Townsend put the ball on the toe which landed behind the defensive line and Valentine Holmes was able to pounce and score for the visitors and reduce the gap to 30. North Queensland thought they scored a penalty try with Jeremiah Nanai who was crunched in a total and fair tackle by Mulitalo, and the score remained at 36-6. From that missed opportunity, Mulitalo was able to capitalise for his third consecutive double of the year to push the margin to 36. Cronulla were brutal and deserving of the two points, while for the Cowboys it was a disaster of epic proportions tonight. A mission they will need to quickly forget and move onto their next assignment, which isn't an easy one against the Panthers at home. **AJ**

ROUND 7 SCOREBOARD

Melbourne 18 (X. Coates, J. Hughes, E. Katoa tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) defeated Sydney 12 (M. Jennings, J. Manu tries; J. Sua'ali'i 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Thu, 18th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 12-6.

Penalties: Melbourne 10-7. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,714.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Jennings, Manu, Sua'ali'i; Watson, Keary; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Butcher, Crichton, Radley. Int: Dockar-Clay, Whyte, Butcher, May.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Welch, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Chan, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes
2 - V Radley
1 - X Coates

St George Illawarra 30 (B. Hunt, Z. Lomax, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals; Z. Lomax field goal (2pt)) defeated Warriors 12 (S. Johnson, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; S. Johnson 2 goals) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 16-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 13,111.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Tuipulotu, Suli, Lomax, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Sele, Faitala-Mariner, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Lawrie, De Belin, Murdoch-Masila, Brown.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Ale, Laban, Pompey, Roache.

Player of the Year: 3 - Z Lomax
2 - B Hunt
1 - T Sloan

Dolphins 44 (J. Bostock 3, T. Niu 2, M. Plath 2, J. Averillo, T. Fuller tries; J. Isaako 3, K. Nikorima goals) defeated Parramatta 16 (D. Brown, S. Lane, W. Penisini tries; C. Gutherson 2 goals) at TIO Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 8-4. Penalties: Parramatta 5-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 11,094.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Simonsson, Penisini, Harper, Russell; Asi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaue, Lane, Cartwright, Hoppood. Int: Paulo, Moretti, Matterson, Talagi.

Dolphins: Fuller; Isaako, Averillo, Niu, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Bromwich, Aitken, Plath. Int: Kerr; O'Sullivan, Stone, Keeley.

Player of the Year: 3 - I Katoa
2 - M Plath
1 - J Kerr

Penrith 22 (S. Turuva 2, P. Alamoti, J. Fisher-Harris tries; D. Edwards 3 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 6 (J. Tupou try; A. Koroisau goal) at Carrington Park.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 4-1. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 12,000.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Luai, Schneider; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Laurie, Smith, Henry, Garner.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Naden, Olam, Tupou; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Bateman, Pole. Int: Fainu, Twal, Seyfarth, Fainu.

Player of the Year: 3 - I Yeo
2 - D Edwards
1 - J Fisher-Harris

Manly 34 (T. Trbojevic 2, E. Bullemor, T. Koula, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) defeated Gold Coast 30 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, T. Boyd, A. Brimson, D. Fifita tries; T. Boyd 5 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 24-22. Penalties: Gold Coast 4-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 13,336.

Gold Coast: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Smith-Shields, Fifita; Boyd, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Randall, Jolliffe, Haas, Fermor; Liu. Int: Fifita, Verrills, Clark, Pahulu.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker; Lodge, Olakau'atu, Waddell, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Bullemor, Woods.

Player of the Year: 3 - H Olakau'atu
2 - K Foran
1 - T Trbojevic

Brisbane 34 (R. Walsh 2, S. Cobbo, E. Mam, J. Riki, B. Walters tries; R. Walsh 5 goals) defeated Canberra 10 (S. Sasagi, X. Savage tries; C. Stewart goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 28-0. Penalties: Brisbane 2-1. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 37,286.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Cobbo, Arthurs; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Baker, Hunt, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Sailor.

Canberra: Stewart, Schiller, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Sasagi, Smithies. Int: Mariota, Starling, Mooney, Saulo.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Walsh
2 - B Walters
1 - P Carrigan

Canterbury 36 (J. Addo-Carr; S. Crichton, B. Hayward, S. Hughes, J. Kiraz, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (B. Best, D. Lucas tries; J. Hastings, K. Ponga goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 18-6. Penalties: Newcastle 6-2. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 17,784.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Patolo, Kikau, Salmon, Curran. Int: Hughes, Hayward, Morrin, Taaffe.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Marzheuw, Tuala, Best, Jenkins; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Lucas, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Saifiti, Crossland, Hetherington, Jones.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Mahoney
2 - J Kiraz
1 - C Tracey

Cronulla 42 (R. Mulitalo 2, B. Trindall 2, T. Hazelton, W. Kennedy, S. Stonestreet tries; N. Hynes 7 goals) defeated North Qld 6 (V. Holmes try; V. Holmes goal) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 24-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 12,415.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Stonestreet, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Rudolf, Talakai, Hamlin-Uele.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Chester, Valemei; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki, Gosiewski, Cotter.

Player of the Year: 3 - W Kennedy
2 - N Hynes
1 - R Mulitalo

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South Sydney Rabbitohs

ROUND 7 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	6	5	0	1	1	59	12
2	MELBOURNE	6	5	0	1	1	20	12
3	DOLPHINS	6	4	0	2	1	53	10
4	PENRITH	6	4	0	2	1	30	10
5	MANLY	7	4	1	2	0	25	9
6	BRISBANE	7	4	0	3	0	40	8
7	CANBERRA	7	4	0	3	0	24	8
8	NORTH QLD	7	4	0	3	0	-8	8
9	St Geo Illa	7	4	0	3	0	-18	8
10	Warriors	7	3	1	3	0	20	7
11	Sydney	7	3	0	4	0	31	6
12	Canterbury	7	3	0	4	0	17	6
13	Wests Tigers	6	2	0	4	1	-31	6
14	Parramatta	7	3	0	4	0	-41	6
15	Newcastle	7	2	0	5	0	-29	4
16	South Sydney	6	1	0	5	1	-102	4
17	Gold Coast	6	0	0	6	1	-90	2

ROUND 7 JUDICIARY

Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
James Tedesco (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$750
Bryce Cartwright (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Aidan Sezer (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$3000
Jaimin Jolliffe (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Drew Hutchison (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$750
Jaeman Salmon (CBY)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1500
Reed Mahoney (CBY)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1000
Jack Hetherington (NEW)	G2 Contrary Conduct	1 match

ROUND 7 POTY LEADERBOARD

12 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

9 POINTS

Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks)

8 POINTS

Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Isaaq Yeo (Panthers)

7 POINTS

Zac Lomax (Dragons), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons)

GOLD COAST 27 WARRIORS 24

The first game of the ANZAC round has set the bar with a try-fest finally sealed by a desperate Gold Coast Titans.

A powerful ANZAC pre-game ceremony was enough to give the home team a boost at the start, putting on two tries in the first 10 minutes of the game. Some undisciplined play by Kelly earned a penalty and a good field position for the Warriors early, and in no time, Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad charged over. This was quickly followed by an error by Alofiana Khan-Pereira within the Titan's 20m line. Opening the door for a big and fast Addin Fonua-Blake to find a gap and crash over for another try. It looked like another long day for the Titans until they started to grind out some momentum, with Alofiana Khan-Pereira finding 50m of space up the left edge. AJ Brimson was there to offer support and was rewarded with a try, giving the Titans a whiff into they could get back into the game. That whiff turned into another two tries before halftime and then another two unanswered tries in the opening of the second half. The Warriors weren't helping themselves and, during the end of the first half, kept giving the ball up to the Titans 20m, giving them relief from pressure and good attack positions. Tanah Boyd began to warn up to the game, and after the Titans got some extra meters from a penalty, Boyd attacked the line, catching the Warriors flat and taking the 4 points. Boyd gained confidence from this, and his kicking game improved, forcing an error by Marcelo Montoya in goal. The following set David Fifita found space on the line and was over. Boyd ended the first half with a smart field goal to

MELBOURNE 54 SOUTH SYDNEY 20

The Melbourne Storm have continued a dominant record on ANZAC Day with a 54-20 victory over the South Sydney Rabbitohs at AAMI Park.

Scoring ten tries to four - in a result that will amplify the speculation surrounding the future of Jason Demetriou as South Sydney coach - the Storm extended an unbeaten record against the Rabbitohs in Melbourne to 19 consecutive matches. Getting off to a fast start with Jahrome Hughes exposing the Rabbitohs' retreating defence with a chip kick to send Ryan Papenhuyzen (6th minute) over for first points, the Storm capitalised on an error in the following set to take the score out to 10-0 after Cameron Munster audaciously chipped for Xavier Coates (10th minute) on the first play of a set restart. The Rabbitohs managed to work their way back into the contest with multiple sets attacking the Storm line and were rewarded with recalled winger Jacob Gagai (18th minute) touching down for his second try in as many games in the top grade. Three tries in the space of five minutes shifted the momentum of the match back in favour of the home side with Munster running riot to set up a hat-trick for Coates (27th and 32nd minutes) separated in between by a four-pointer to Will Warbrick (29th minute). A solo effort from Harry Grant (37th minute) out of dummy half completed a first half rout with the Storm going to the shed leading 32-4.

Continuing the rout after the resumption with an early penalty paving the way for Papenhuyzen (42nd minute) to snare his second, the Rabbitohs

run into the sheds ahead 19-12.

The Titans came out firing first in the second half, with Alofiana Khan-Pereira going over after a Warriors error close to their line. The Warriors weren't done, but a counter-attack lost its wind after the bunker found a knock-on to RTS from Wade Egan before he left above Aaron Schoupp to almost score. Feeling the pressure, the Warriors were making more errors in their game. The desperation got to Dallin Watene-Zelezniak as he tried a reckless offload in his own 20m and failed. With the Titans making them pay for this error; they were sitting pretty at 27-12 after AJ Brimson went over for his second try of the day. But the Warriors' shifting momentum came about with some inspiring runs from Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad. His teammates were rallying, and they had the Titans on the back foot. It was relentless raid after raid on the Titans' goal line, with Addin Fonua-Blake going over for his second and sparking a revival in his team. Shaun Johnson's kicking had been sound, and he finally produced the goods when he placed it perfectly for a charging Rocco Berry to go over and give the Warriors and their fans belief! From Berry's try in the 63rd minute onwards, the Titans' line was assaulted. It was only a matter of time before the Warriors went over; they had lifted another gear. But it was the Titans who were digging deeper than we had seen this year with a spirited defence. The Warriors gave it everything, but the Titans' defensive efforts in the back end of the game cemented the win. Although they had given away easy points early, it was their defensive effort for the last 15 minutes that won them the game and their first win for the year. **ANDY**

managed to temporarily stem the flow of points with Gagai (51st minute) running onto a cut-out pass from Cody Walker to collect his second. The Rabbitohs continued to rally with tries in quick succession to Taane Milne (57th minute) and Cameron Murray (59th minute) narrowing the margin to 36-20 with plenty of time left on the clock. Awakening from their third quarter malaise with tries to Munster (65th minute) and Tyrn Wishart (70th minute) - filling in for Coates on the wing - a soaring catch through the air from Joe Chan (76th minute) saw the Storm cross the half century threshold. A dangerous tackle on Munster in the final seconds of the match saw Milne sent to the sin bin as the Storm posted their eighth consecutive victory on ANZAC Day to the delight of 25,149 supporters. Next week, the Storm will face the Titans at CBUS Super Stadium on Saturday evening, while the Rabbitohs will host the Panthers at Accor Stadium on Thursday night. **ROB**

MANLY 32 PARRAMATTA 18

Manly skipper Daly Cherry-Evans has led his side to a 32-18 victory over Parramatta at a sold-out Brookvale Oval tonight.

The Eagles raced in four second half tries after being down 14-6 at halftime, with Cherry-Evans setting up a try with a sublime pass and then scoring a try under the posts all in a five minute period to spark the second half fight back. With the match was in the balance with 11 minutes remaining, Eels winger Maika Sivo went from hat-trick hero to villain, when the blockbusting winger was sent to the Sin Bin for an undisciplined forearm

SYDNEY 60 ST GEO ILLA 18

Sam Walker put on an attacking masterclass as his Roosters absolutely belted the Dragons 60-18.

The very first run of the game by Jared Waerea-Hargreaves saw him have a heavy collision with 3 Dragons defenders, one of whom was Moses Suli, who copped a head knock and was brought from the field with a concussion and immediately ruled out for the rest of the game. In the fifth minute, Zac Lomax got a great flick to Tyrell Sloan who wrapped around and raced down the wing and chipped downfield. The ball bounced back towards the Dragons end but evaded everyone. Ben Hunt regathered, passed back inside to Jack Bird who quickly passed to Jaydn Su'A who was tackled, the defender dropped off, he got back up and slammed the ball down for a spectacular try. Lomax converted. In the 11th minute the Roosters struck back when Dominic Young was taken down by a legs tackle, but wasn't ruled to be held. He continued on, crawling over the line, and slamming the ball down for a try. Sam Walker converted from the sideline. The Roosters took the lead just 5 minutes later. After a strong run off his own line, Lomax offloaded back to an unsuspecting Hunt, who dropped the ball. Michael Jennings cleaned up and passed to Angus Crichton who strolled in for a soft try. Walker converted. A great run by Nat Butcher set up a great opportunity for the Roosters. On the next play, Walker at dummy half put a chip over the top and Joey Manu followed through and planted the rolling ball in the Dragons in-goal for a brilliant try. Walker again converted. Just 3 minutes later, Walker grubbered through and as he chased the ball, Nu Brown ankle tapped him. Walker just got his hand on the ball and very nearly grounded it.

to the head of Reuben Garrick. The Sin Bin proved costly with Garrick then racing in two second half tries down Sivo's wing to seal an impressive second half revival for the home side. While the Eels were markedly improved from last week's efforts, Brad Arthur's men will rue their ill-discipline with centre Will Penisini also spending 10 minutes in the Bin for taking out Tom Trbojevic without the ball. It saw the Eels effectively down to 12 men for the final quarter of the match. The match was built up as a throwback to the old days and it was a wild start. Sea Eagles backrower Haumole Olakau'atu flipped his opposite number Shaun Lane heavily on his back, which was deemed dangerous and the NSW Origin hopeful was sent to the Sin Bin. The Eels then took the penalty to jump out to an early 2-0 lead. Parramatta looked a completely different side to their lethargic selves from the week before and they were rewarded when skipper Clint Gutherson was heavily involved in finding his winger Maika Sivo who crashed over in the corner for the first try of the night. Manly then returned serve when a quick interchange of passes on the last found Luke Brooks who produced a perfectly timed grubber that bounced up for Tommy Talau to score and get the vocal home crowd back in the match. The Sea Eagles faithful was silenced minutes later, when Gutherson again got involved as the skipper produced a nice cut out pass for Sivo to score his second try and give his side a shock 10-6 lead. Parramatta then scored a crucial third try just before the break, when strike centre Will Penisini broke the line and found his winger Bailey Simonsson who raced away to score in the corner and give the Eels a deserved 14-6 at halftime.

The Bunker awarded him a penalty try. Walker converted. 4 minutes before the break, Luke Keary kicked cross-field. Manu tapped it back to Nat Butcher, who then got between two defenders and slammed the ball down for a try. Walker converted. At halftime, the Roosters had a commanding 30-6 lead.

11 minutes into the second half, the Dragons scored, when Jack De Belin ran onto a crash ball, stepped at the line, and then scored against the upright. Lomax converted. The Roosters replied shortly after when Keary ran to the line and slipped through to score. Walker converted. Just after the hour mark had passed, a kick was put up by Walker. Two Dragons collided as they tried to field the kick, the ball came loose and Joey Manu cleaned up before strolling in to score in the corner. Walker converted from the sideline. The following set, saw Watson at dummy half, running to the line before he offloaded to Angus Crichton, who broke through the defence, drew the fullback and then passed inside to James Tedesco in support who scored. Walker converted from in front. With 13 minutes remaining in the game, the Dragons refused to quit. Tom Eisenhuth received a long cut-out pass from Lomax and he strolled in for an easy try. Lomax converted. Inside the final ten minutes, the Roosters brought up 50 points when Walker on the last tackle and close to the Dragons line, grubbered through and Nat Butcher took it cleanly scored a clever try. Walker converted. With just 3 mins left in the game, Egan Butcher produced a perfect behind-the-back flick pass which found Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii, who stepped inside the two cover defenders and then dived over to score. Walker converted. The Roosters whitewash finally came to an end, as the belted the Dragons 60-18. **FERGO**

Manly needed a spark and it came through their skipper when Daly Cherry-Evans produced a superb cut out pass to put Jason Saab down the sideline. The lanky winger then found Tom Trbojevic who was on the spot to race away to score and narrow the Eels to two points. The home crowd were in raptures minutes later when interchange prop Nathan Brown put Jake Trbojevic through a huge hole mid field. The NSW forward then found Daly Cherry-Evans in support who raced away to give his side the lead for the first time in the match. Manly continued to pile on the pressure on Parramatta when Luke Brooks kicked early for a looming Tom Trbojevic who was tackled without the ball by Will Penisini. The visitors then rightfully found themselves down to 12 men with 22 minutes remaining in the match after the Eels centre was sent to the Sin Bin for 10 minutes. Despite being down a man, Parramatta managed to score with Maika Sivo claiming a hat-trick following some quick hands off rookie half Ethan Sanders and Junior Paulo to narrow the lead to two points following Dylan Brown's missed conversion from the sideline. Maika Sivo then went from hat-trick hero to villain with unnecessary high contact on Reuben Garrick and the Fijian international found himself in the Sin Bin with just 11 minutes remaining. The ill-discipline proved critical when the Sea Eagles then sealed the deal, when Haumole Olakau'atu produced a terrific offload down Sivo's wing for Reuben Garrick to score and give Manly a late 26-18 lead. Garrick then collected his second try after picking up a bounce pass from Daly Cherry-Evans to seal a great second half comeback for the Sea Eagles to run out 32-18 winners. **SAM**

BRISBANE 34 WESTS TIGERS 10

The Brisbane Broncos may have some injury worries but they turned on the style with an impressive 34-10 win over the Wests Tigers at Campbelltown Stadium in front of 17,000 fans.

Starting fast, the Broncos couldn't take their first opportunity when space on the outside opened up for Deine Mariner who lost the ball with the line wide open. The second effort though worked as Mariner was able to just keep himself inside the field of play to score. The Broncos continued to target that side of the field but just couldn't get the last pass or kick to stick heading Mariner's way. The Tigers were up against it with their attack holding no potency and then a brain fade from Samuela Fainu tackling Corey Oates who was on his way to take a quick 20m restart saw the rookie sent to the sin bin for a professional foul. It was only a matter of minutes later the Broncos took and an Adam Reynolds kick for Reece Walsh worked perfectly except the bounce of the ball favoured Jock Madden who scored for the visitors rather than for Reece Walsh. Despite being outplayed completely, the Tigers thought they had a try but Peter Gough in the bunker got the technicalities out of the rule book as Api Koroisau's effort was denied by the fact that the ball had come away from his grip and was ruled not to have regathered it before grounding it.

NEWCASTLE 18 DOLPHINS 14

The battle of two young fullbacks took command at Suncorp Stadium as the Knights proved too strong for the fast-finishing Dolphins in an exciting Sunday footy clash.

Newcastle started the match with a big point to prove after a poor start to the season. Repeatedly forcing the Dolphins back deep to start each set, their persistence was rewarded with David Armstrong crossing in his maiden NRL match. Jackson Hastings delivered a magical pass on the inside to Armstrong and the man from Mungindi beat the cover defence for the opener. The possession was dominant for the visitors in this first half, as their forward pack finally were able to outmuscle their opposition. Nine minutes later, Tyson Gamble went deep into the line and found Dane Gagai who was able to carry Jack Bostock over the try-line and cross for the Knights' second of the afternoon. Gagai converted this one to give Newcastle a surprising 10-0 lead after 19 minutes. Things got bad to worse for the home side when Kenny Bromwich was collected trying to tackle Leo Thompson and left the game to undergo a HIA and wouldn't return. That stoppage might've been what the Dolphins needed to just reset and click themselves back into gear. After a big kick return from Trai Fuller, the Dolphins were able to

To rub salt into the wounds of the Tigers having the disallowed try as Reece Walsh went to the middle of the field and showed his electricity in attack as he went back to the middle of the field to score. Adam Reynolds converted from in front to give Brisbane a 16-0 lead at the break.

The second half started the way the Broncos finished as a dumb penalty from the Tigers inside the first minute gave the visitors good field position and they took advantage when Jock Madden picked up his second try of the game. Another try came for the Broncos at the 55-minute mark when Adam Reynolds ran across field having the defence holding off him before turning the ball back inside for Reece Walsh and the change of direction was unstoppable and Brisbane lead 22-0. Injury concerns started to mount for both teams with Api Koroisau going off the field with a back injury for the Tigers whilst Jock Madden suffered a Pec injury with both leaving the field. The Broncos managed to add another as Payne Haas was able to reach out and score. Despite the dominance of the scoreboard, things didn't go all the Broncos way with major injury concerns to both Reece Walsh and Adam Reynolds coming from the field despite multiple times being given the all clear by trainers. The Tigers put some respectability to the scoreline with two late tries to Charlie Staines to close the gap to 34-10. Next week, the Tigers have an important clash against the Bulldogs whilst the Broncos will be sweating on the condition of four key playmakers as they have a clash back at Suncorp against the Roosters. **JOSH**

set themselves down the right edge which sent Jake Averillo away into open space. He was then able to link up with Oryn Keeley who channelled his inner Steve Mavin, diving spectacularly to cross for his maiden NRL try to reduce the gap to just four points. The Dolphins would dominate the remainder of the rest of the first half, but some determined defensive efforts from Newcastle held the Phins out. Fuller again went close three minutes from time but Adam Elliott saved the day for the visitors as the scoreboard read 10-6 at the break.

Off a mistake from Isaiya Katoa. Newcastle started how they did in the opening 40. Hastings went flat to Phoenix Crossland who got between some ineffective tackles by Keeley and Kodi Nikorima before linking up with Gamble for the first try of the second stanza. The Dolphins weren't without their own chances with a last tackle play coming up short then Kurt Donoghoe missing a certain four pointer missing Kodi Nikorima. Newcastle capitalised on the rushed play from the Dolphins chasing the game and had a portion of possession with 15 to go. A hand in the play the ball saw the Phins penalised and Gagai added a penalty goal for an 18-6 lead. What will concern Adam O'Brien is Jacob Saifiti's exit via an ankle injury, meanwhile Wayne Bennett could have both Bromwich's missing

PENRITH 26 NORTH QLD 20

The Penrith Panthers have held off a fast-finishing North Queensland Cowboys side 26-20 at Townsville in a Saturday night thriller to re-enter the NRL's top four.

Panthers winger Brian To'o opened his 100th NRL appearance in style as he scored the first try of the game, going over on the left edge after a lovely cut-out pass from Jarome Luai. It came as a result of a charging run from Paul Alamoti, who was a late addition to Penrith's team on Saturday night, replacing Sunia Turuva in what was described to Fox League's Dan Ginnane as a "coach's decision". It was curious timing given it had been confirmed on Friday that Turuva, who had been a reliable contributor on the right wing, would be joining the Wests Tigers in the 2025 season. But the Panthers look to have found a clear replacement for him in Alamoti, who had 196 metres, five tackle busts and a try in the first half alone. The three-time defending premiers looked switched on early but a few unforced errors gifted North Queensland field position and eventually the hosts capitalised as Tom Dearden sent Semi Valemei flying over to score in the 14th minute. The errors kept coming from Penrith, who held a 6-4 lead at that point and held onto it on the back of relentless goal-line defence that continually repelled the Cowboys. While Penrith's defensive system stood tall, North Queensland should have scored in the 24th minute only for a stunning one-on-one tackle from Dylan Edwards to deny Jeremiah Nanai. That defensive stand paved the way for a late blitz from the

Panthers in the first half, with Edwards rewarded for his efforts as he scored in the 33rd minute before a late intercept try capped off a brilliant 40 minutes for Alamoti.

Penrith quickly extended its lead early in the second as Liam Martin pounced on a Semi Valemei error off a Nathan Cleary bomb, with the halfback once again perfect off the tee to make it 24-4. The Cowboys needed to score next to be any hope of a miraculous comeback and did just that, albeit in contentious circumstances, as Valentine Holmes went over in the 48th minute. It came after Edwards was ruled to have dropped the ball close to Penrith's line, although replays showed it was dislodged by Scott Drinkwater. But with no challenge left after unsuccessfully contesting a call earlier in the game the Panthers had to cop the call, with the difference this time being that their defence folded in an unusually soft manner. It proved a critical turning point as North Queensland were on the ropes after the Martin try. The home side further closed the gap as Kulikefu Finefeuiaki scored to make it 24-14 after 55 minutes. Jeremiah Nanai then crashed over, reducing Penrith's deficit to 24-20 heading into the final quarter of the game. It was a nervy finish for the premiers as the Cowboys continued to roll up the field and threaten with their second-phase play while the Panthers were uncharacteristically poor in closing out the game late. They face the Rabbitohs next week while North Queensland host the Dolphins and will be without centre Tom Chester, who failed to finish the game after picking up a hamstring injury. **JACKO**

after Jesse left with a calf injury. With time winding down. Katoa and Nikorima combined to deliver a wonderful cutout ball to Jamayne Isaako who was able to beat Marzhev's cover tackle to give the Dolphins life. Isaako's miss kept the gap at two possessions. On the next set, some enterprising play from capitalised on Bradman Best jamming in to send Isaako away down the right edge, he beat the cover before linking up with Averillo to score again for the home side. Isaako hooked the kick to the right to reduce the gap to 4. **AJ**

CRONULLA 40 CANBERRA 0

Cronulla Sharks won 40-0 against Canberra Raiders in their game down at Canberra Stadium to round off ANZAC Round in the National Rugby League competition.

The Sharks remain at the top of the NRL ladder after their dominant win over a rudderless Raiders line-up. They were marshalled around the park well by Nicho Hynes who had a personal tally of 16 points in the display. Sharks were on from the opening whistle. Nicho Hynes created the movement on the left, which saw the Sharks offload at will until it ended with Cameron McInnes who strolled over for 6-0. Next, it was a simple effort from big Tom Hazleton. It was a pass inside which

saw the rampaging forward brush off a few feeble attempts from the Raiders to double their delight. Raiders did have a few chances to get themselves in the contest. Xavier Savage made a break down the left but his pass to Danny Levi went to ground which let them off the hook. Sharks made them pay instantly. It was a simple backline movement from the Sharks which ended with Sione Katoa strolling over then Hynes kicked a third goal to make it 18-0. The hosts had the opportunity to get on the board before the break. They set up down the Sharks end but again, simple errors turned the ball over against a dogged Sharks defence.

Coming out of the break, Sharks felt just fine. Hynes laid another on a plate, this time for forward Briton Nikora who walked over for his first four-pointer of the season for 24-0. Hynes did it all himself to get the Sharks past 30. He bamboozled Chevy Stewart for a 40/20 then sliced through the tired Raiders defence to take his tally to 14 for the day. It was all Sharks as they swarmed on the ball. Hynes snaffled an intercept which had them on the back foot which allowed them to spread it to the right and hand Katoa his second. Sharks rounded out the dominant win with their seventh try of the afternoon. Kayal Iro started the move which ended with Jesse Ramien who slammed the ball down and a 40-0 win. **JUSTIN**

ROUND 8 SCOREBOARD

Gold Coast 27 (A. Brimson 2, T. Boyd, D. Fifita, A. Khan-Pereira tries; T. Boyd 3 goals; T. Boyd field goal) defeated Warriors 24 (A. Fonua-Blake 2, R. Berry, C. Nicoll-Klokstad tries; S. Johnson 4 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Thu, 25th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 19-12. Penalties: Gold Coast 5-3. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 23,912.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Laban, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Ale, Mai'u'u.

Gold Coast: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Fifita; Boyd, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Randall, Jolliffe, Haas, Fermor, Liu. Int: Fifita, Verrills, Clark, Pahulu.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Brimson
2 - D Fifita
1 - A Fonua-Blake

Sydney 60 (N. Butcher 2, J. Manu 2, A. Crichton, L. Keary, J. Sua'ali'i, J. Tedesco, D. Young tries; S. Walker 10 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 18 (J. De Belin, T. Eisenhuth, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Thu, 25th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Sydney 30-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 40,727.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Tuipulotu, Suli, Bird, Lomax; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Sele, Faitala-Mariner, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Brown, Lawrie, De Belin, Murdoch-Masila.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Sua'ali'i, Jennings, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Watson. Int: Whyte, Butcher, May, Wong.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Walker
2 - C Watson
1 - N Butcher

Melbourne 54 (X. Coates 3, R. Papenhuyzen 2, J. Chan, H. Grant, C. Munster, W. Warbrick, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 7 goals) defeated South Sydney 20 (J. Gagai 2, T. Milne, C. Murray tries; D. Hawkins 2 goals) at AAMI Park.

Date: Thu, 25th April. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 32-4. Penalties: Melbourne 7-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 25,149.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Welch, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Asofa-Solomona, Wishart, Chan, MacDonald.

South Sydney: Gray, Gagai, Wighton, Tass, Milne; Walker, Hawkins; Koloamatangi, Cook, Burgess, Chee-Kam, Host, Murray (C). Int: Mamouzelos, Havili, Moale, Arrow.

Player of the Year: 3 - C Munster
2 - H Grant
1 - J King

Manly 32 (R. Garrick 2, D. Cherry-Evans, T. Talau, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 18 (M. Sivo 3, B. Simonsson tries; C. Gutherson goal) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Fri, 26th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 14-6. Penalties: Manly 10-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 17,385.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker; Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Waddell, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Bullemor, Lodge, Brown.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Harper, Simonsson; Sanders, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaua, Lane, Matterson, Hoppood. Int: Paulo, Hands, Makatoa, Tuilagi.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Cherry-Evans
2 - D Brown
1 - R Garrick

Brisbane 34 (J. Madden 2, R. Walsh 2, P. Haas, D. Mariner tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 10 (C. Staines 2 tries; A. Sezer goal) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 16-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,351.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Naden, Olam, Alaimalo; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Fainu, Bateman. Int: Fainu, Twal, Seyfarth, Pole.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Arthars, Mariner; Madden, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Baker.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Walsh
2 - A Reynolds
1 - P Carrigan

Penrith 26 (P. Alamoti, D. Edwards, L. Martin, B. To'o tries; N. Cleary 5 goals) defeated North Qld 20 (K. Finefeuiaki, V. Holmes, J. Nanai, S. Valemei tries; V. Holmes 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-4. Penalties: North Qld 6-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 20,960.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Chester, Valemei; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Neame, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Granville, Taumalolo, McIntyre, Mikaele.

Penrith: Edwards, Alamoti, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Smith, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner; Martin, Yeo. Int: Henry, Eisenhuth, Geyer.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Edwards
2 - B To'o
1 - J Taumalolo

Newcastle 18 (D. Armstrong, D. Gagai, T. Gamble tries; D. Gagai 3 goals) defeated Dolphins 14 (J. Averillo, J. Isaako, O. Keeley tries; J. Isaako goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-6. Penalties: Dolphins 4-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 18,033.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Averillo, Niu, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Bromwich, Aitken, Plath. Int: Kerr, Donoghoe, Stone, Keeley.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Marzhew, Gagai (C), Best, Tuala; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Lucas, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Crossland, Saifiti, Cartwright, Jones.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Gamble
2 - D Armstrong
1 - T Fuller

Cronulla 40 (S. Katoa 2, T. Hazelton, N. Hynes, C. McInnes, B. Nikora, J. Ramien tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) defeated Canberra 0 at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 18-0. Penalties: Canberra 7-2. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 15,820.

Canberra: Stewart, Schiller, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Papalii, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Sasagi, Smithies. Int: Starling, Mariota, Mooney, Saulo.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Talakai, Hamlin-Uele, Hau Tapuha.

Player of the Year: 3 - N Hynes
2 - T Hazelton
1 - S Katoa

ROUND 8 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	7	6	0	1	1	99	14
2	MELBOURNE	7	6	0	1	1	54	14
3	PENRITH	7	5	0	2	1	36	12
4	MANLY	8	5	1	2	0	39	11
5	BRISBANE	8	5	0	3	0	64	10
6	DOLPHINS	7	4	0	3	1	49	10
7	SYDNEY	8	4	0	4	0	73	8
8	CANTERBURY	7	3	0	4	1	17	8
9	North Qld	8	4	0	4	0	-14	8
10	Canberra	8	4	0	4	0	-16	8
11	St Geo Illa	8	4	0	4	0	-60	8
12	Warriors	8	3	1	4	0	17	7
13	Newcastle	8	3	0	5	0	-25	6
14	Wests Tigers	7	2	0	5	1	-55	6
15	Parramatta	8	3	0	5	0	-55	6
16	Gold Coast	7	1	0	6	1	-87	4
17	South Sydney	7	1	0	6	1	-136	4

ROUND 8 JUDICIARY

Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Jacob Laban (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
David Fifita (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Tyrell Sloan (SGI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
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Taane Milne (SOU)	G3 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Daly Cherry-Evans (MAN)	G2 Dangerous Throw (judiciary downgrade G1)	\$1000
Haumole Olakau'atu (MAN)	G2 Dangerous Throw	2 matches
Ryan Matterson (PAR)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Maika Sivo (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$3000
Liam Henry (PEN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Kenny Bromwich (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Teig Wilton (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 8 POTY LEADERBOARD

15 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

12 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

9 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks)

8 POINTS

Isaiah Yeo (Panthers), Ben Hunt (Dragons), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Reece Robson (Cowboys)

7 POINTS

Sam Walker (Roosters), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons)

BYE

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs

PENRITH 42 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

The Ben Hornby era has started very similar to how the Jason Demetriou era ended at South Sydney, with the Rabbitohs falling 42-12 against the Panthers in front of a small Accor Stadium crowd.

Penrith were left at an early disadvantage after Izack Tago got sent to the sin bin for a hip drop on Jye Gray. Off the next seat Cody Walker sent Izaak Tu'itupou Thompson over in the corner, and a set later put in a kick for Dean Hawkins to score the first try of his career, and within 12 minutes the Rabbitohs led 12-0. But Jai Arrow was soon sent to the bin after Souths conceded 5 penalties on their line, and the momentum shifted immediately with both Sunia Turuva and Brad Schneider scoring tries in the ten minute period to tie the game at 12. Souths then had a try denied after an obstruction, and Jarome Luai made them pay with a lovely short ball to put Luke Garner over for a try. The Bunnies would soon have another try turned away due to the use of a driver, and Penrith led 18-12 at the break.

SYDNEY 40 BRISBANE 18

Just as the Broncos were back to a full-strength side, injuries hit them again. Not only did they lose the game, but they lost some troops along the way, with the Roosters coming out with a bang (for the second time against the Brisbane side in 2024).

The game started off quite tame, with the ball going back and forth between the two teams with some errors here and there from both sides. Jordan Riki then scored for the Broncos, putting the first points on the board. This came after he has just knocked on the ball in the previous set, with the Broncos were blessed with a penalty with Roosters obstructing Adam Reynolds in the line of play. Very quickly, the Roosters hit back with Joey Manu scoring the tricolours first try of the night. The first bad news then hit for Brisbane, with Jesse Arthars making a big hit on Dom Young, leading to a suspected broken jaw. The trouble doesn't end there for the Broncos, with too many stupid kicks and offloads that end up costing them. The Roosters dominate the rest of the first half, Angus Crichton scoring a double, with the Easts leading at halftime 18-6.

The second half started with both teams struggling to feel each other out, and ultimately it was the Panthers that hit first after a kick was left to bounce and Tago got there first, toeing it through for Lindsay Smith to score. Just minutes later Cody Walker kicked the ball dead, and Dylan Walker beat almost every red and green jersey to the quick tap, setting up Taylan May for the easiest 80 metre try you'll ever see and basically sealing the game at 30-12. Compounding issues for Souths, Jacob Host was sent to the bin for dangerous contact on the kicking Schneider, and that let Garner get a second before Tago also crossed to push the score line to 42-12 at full time. It was a great win for the Panthers, especially in the absence of Nathan Cleary. To be able to afford to rest one of the best players in the game and still dominate their opponents shows how special this team is. They'll look to keep the momentum rolling against the Warriors in Round 10. Souths are not only rooted to last on the ladder once again, but now they have more injury concerns through Jye Gray (ankle) and Dean Hawkins (quad). At 1-7, it's almost season over, especially if they were to lose their next match against the Dragons. **RHYS**

Overall, the first half saw the Roosters just dominating over and outplaying the Brisbane side. The second half started out with a mix of emotions for the Broncos side, with Adam Reynolds leaving the field in the opening 5 minutes with a bicep injury, but very quickly the Brisbane side recovered, scoring two tries in succession. The dynamic duo of Reece Walsh and Ezra Mam electrified Suncorp Stadium, however that would be the final points scored by the Broncos, who were just beyond battered and bruised. The tricolours just continued to decimate the Broncos, with their forwards playing such a dominate and strong game. Leading to a try double from Terrell May and Connor Watson also charging over the line. Roosters go back-to-back with impressive wins, scoring 100 points combined between last week and tonight's match. Brisbane will now be looking forward, looking to go an extended period without Reyno and Arthars. Finding a positive for them is hard, but at least they didn't have 50 put on them... so their premiership torch hasn't been snuffed out yet. **BETH**

CANBERRA 26 MANLY 24

A remarkable comeback has seen the Canberra Raiders defeat the Manly Sea Eagles 26-24 on Friday evening.

Trailing 20-0 inside the opening half hour before rallying to hit the front with only four minutes to play, the Raiders shone on a rain-soaked night to record only their eighth win from 19 appearances at 4 Pines Park in the NRL era. Coming close to opening the scoring following an audacious chip kick by Daly Cherry-Evans inside his own half, fellow playmaker Luke Brooks exposed the opposition defence with a pass that allowed Tom Trbojevic (9th minute) to cross for his 13th try in 11 games against the Raiders. Taking the score into double digits after Tommy Talau (17th minute) swooped on a wayward pass and raced 50 metres untouched, a moment of magic from Cherry-Evans (21st minute) saw the veteran halfback strike on his own kick when Ethan Strange failed to ground the ball in-goal. The home side took advantage of Albert Hopoate being sent to the sin bin following multiple Canberra infringement with Reuben Garrick (27th minute) touching down to put the Sea Eagles up 20-0 inside the opening half hour. The Raiders managed to avoid a first half shut-out when Elliott Whitehead produced a flick pass, allowing Kaeo Weekes (31st minute) to score his first try in green against his former club.

CANTERBURY 22 WESTS TIGERS 14

A 16-0 second half from Canterbury has led to a 22-14 come-from-behind victory over Wests Tigers at Accor Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

After last week's disappointing showing against Brisbane, it was the Tigers who started strongly at Accor Stadium. Absorbing the early weight of possession and territory Canterbury had, the Tigers opened the scoring through a 14th minute penalty goal to Aidan Sezer following a high tackle. From the ensuing kickoff the Tigers cut loose, Jahream Bula found Brent Naden, who drew the last defender and gave Charlie Staines a rails run to the line for the first try of the contest in the right corner. Sezer's conversion put the visitors 8-0 up and forced the Bulldogs to tighten up their defensive line. By the 23rd minute the Dogs had swung momentum their way and Kurt Mann poked through a yawning gap in the Tigers' line. The visitors weren't happy with Canterbury being within two points, so it was only four minutes later the eight-point buffer was restored, Fonua Pole crashing across - just - just a few plays after a successful captain's challenge he brought forward to keep his side in possession near Canterbury's line. The Wests Tigers held the eight-point advantage from there until halftime. The only notable incident for the remainder of the half saw Bulldogs hooker Reed Mahoney put on report for a dangerous throw. As the siren sounded for the change of ends, Canterbury did try some enterprising play which would be a harbinger for what was to come after the break - a Burton chip

A try early in the second half to Garrick (49th minute) provided fleeting joy for the home side, as an error from the kick-off gave the Raiders the field position needed for Whitehead (53rd minute) to respond with a barge-over effort. The Raiders continued to grow in confidence and narrowed the margin to a converted try after an error from Corey Waddell saw Whitehead (58th minute) collect his second of the night. In a moment of ecstasy and agony for Weekes, the rookie halfback produced a spectacular kick for Nick Cotric (67th minute) to score in the corner only to miss a crucial sideline conversion. The Sea Eagles looked to put an end to the comeback through Jason Saab, only for the bunker to rule the ball came into contact with Garrick during a contest in the air. Trailing by two points heading into the final ten minutes, a well-placed bomb from Strange gave the Raiders a repeat set which was promptly capitalised upon with the young five-eighth threading a beautiful grubber for Hudson Young (76th minute) to put the visitors ahead for the first time in the match. Cherry-Evans tried to send the game to golden point with an attempt at a two-point field goal, but the Sea Eagles were left to rue a game that got away as the Raiders held on for a memorable win on the road. Next week, the Sea Eagles will face the Dolphins at Suncorp Stadium on Thursday night, while the Raiders will have the bye ahead of Magic Round. **ROB**

finding Josh Addo-Carr, who grubbered after running out of room, only for Xerri to be beaten to the ball by a steaming Charlie Staines to save the day.

The urgency wasn't there for the Tigers after the break, though. The Bulldogs were on the board with their second time just five minutes after the break after Josh Curran pounced on a Drew Hutchison grubber. Two penalty goals in five minutes then moved the needle from 12-14 to 16-14 for the home team, then Bronson Xerri got on the end of a Burton line break to push the margin out to eight points once converted. Several points of controversy came out of the contest - Mahoney's spear tackle, a Sezer hip-drop around the 55th minute and a pair of sin-bins just minutes from fulltime which saw the Tigers reduced to 11 players late in the contest. David Klemmer will likely see a fine for contrary conduct while Alex Seyfarth may have headbutted Viliame Kikau in the aftermath of Klemmer's sin-bin for dissent and face some kind of charges as well. In terms of outcomes, the 22-14 win for the 'Dogs sees them move to 4-4 after nine rounds (one bye) and confirm a top eight spot for a second week running - the Tigers languish in 15th place with not a lot to show for their clear improvement so far in 2024. Canterbury have a crunch match with Penrith next Friday at Bluebet Stadium where they'll get to cut their teeth on a high-quality opponent, while the Tigers travel up the New England to host the Knights at Scully Park in Tamworth. **TIM**

MELBOURNE 22 GOLD COAST 20

Storm seal another win in a game that came down to the final minutes, whilst the Titans are left reeling after Melbourne's 22-20 victory at Cbus Super Stadium.

In what began as an even contest between the two in the opening ten minutes, with each team making considerably equal errors and going set for set, it surely did not stay that way. Kieran Foran opened the points for the match, after the Storm were previously denied an otherwise perfect try if it wasn't for Christian Welch obstructing defenders. Storm then fought back, scoring three tries within ten minutes, with gun fullback, Ryan Papenhuyzen, playing a hand in all of them and Cameron Munster getting his own four pointer in his milestone 200th match. Sua Fa'alofo also got his own four pointer within the next ten minutes, in only his second NRL grade game, however that was the end of the Storm's tries for the game. To close out the point scoring in the first half, Philip Sami scored a try that was most definitely questionable but was ruled as okay. Having his best half of footy in a long time, making two try assists and his on try, all looking amazing for the Storm fullback, but good things can't last, I guess... With Papenhuyzen limping off the field in the final minute of the first half, where they suspect he has a high ankle sprain. (Note: I cannot go through a third Paps injury, can any fan of the game for that matter?) Overall, the first half showed a confident Titans side and a Storm side that was exploding but still far from perfect.

NEWCASTLE 14 WARRIORS 8

The Newcastle Knights have posted back-to-back wins for the first time in 2024 following a hard-fought 14-8 victory over the New Zealand Warriors in rain-soaked conditions.

Posting their sixth win from ten meetings against the Warriors during Adam O'Brien's tenure at the club, the Knights rose to the challenge defensively and were carried home by a vocal group of 16,094 supporters who braved the wet. The Knights reaped the rewards of a high completion rate early on in proceedings with Tyson Gamble (10th minute) swooping on an error from Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad to open the scoring. Going close to extending their lead through Dylan Lucas in the following set - only for the bunker to rule an obstruction against Dane Gagai - the Warriors poor discipline allowed the home side to go beyond a converted try with Gagai slotting a close-range penalty goal. In an opening quarter riddled by poor ball control and discipline, Dylan Walker (27th minute) narrowed the deficit by running onto a short pass from Tohu Harris and crashing over for his first try of the season.

The second half was mostly uneventful in terms of scoring, with only one try from the Titans, where AJ Brimson proved his worth in the fullback position, making it three consecutive weeks of tries scored. Melbourne were struggling during this half; they had not recovered from losing Papenhuyzen and were not getting the job done with fatigue constantly setting in. Whilst the Titans were in fighting form where they just continued to push on. A penalty goal from the Titans in the 54th minutes evened the score. This was later followed by a failed then successful penalty goal attempts from Nick Meaney, for the Storm to gain the lead in the 68th minute. A try-saving tackle from Joe Chan in the last five minutes, left the Titans without an important four more points. The Titans were trying so hard to get a win but were given an unfair bunker call in the last two minutes of the game (where there definitely was no intent to strip), to end all hopes of making a final minute comeback. After the performance that Melbourne put on last week, this match was multiple steps down, where they struggled with errors and in defence, missing a total of 44 tackles compared to the 17 that the Titans missed. On the other hand, the Titans continued to show promising signs, continuing on with the form that got them to win against the Warriors last weekend. **BETH**

A desperate defensive effort from Nicoll-Klokstad denied Gagai a four-pointer late in the half, while the Warriors pleas for a penalty try fell on deaf ears when Dallin Watene-Zelezniak failed to ground the ball after being tackled mid-air by Greg Marzhew in the final moments of the first half.

The Warriors came close to taking the lead through Jackson Ford and Watene-Zelezniak only to be cruelled by the bunker; a penalty goal to Shaun Johnson in the 54th minute levelled the scores at 8-all right as the rain began to pour down at its heaviest. The Knights, buoyed on by a dedicated contingent of supporters braving the conditions, rallied in the wet and capitalised with Daniel Saifiti (63rd minute) powering his way onto a pass from Jackson Hastings to take a 14-8 lead. Repelling the Warriors despite intense pressure on their goal line during the closing exchanges, the Knights stood tall to secure their fourth win of the season. Next week, the Knights will face the Tigers in Tamworth on Saturday afternoon, while the Warriors will take on the Roosters at Allianz Stadium on Sunday afternoon. **ROB**

DOLPHINS 28 NORTH QLD 26

One of the most entertaining clashes of 2024 has played out in Townsville as the Dolphins picked up a 28-26 win over the Cowboys in front of almost 21,000 fans.

The first half didn't lack entertainment, nor did it lack points with 40 points racked up by the two sides in the opening stanza. The Cowboys opened things up inside five minutes when Kyle Feldt was able to get on the outside of Jack Bostock to score in the corner. Things didn't look good for the Redcliffe side when they conceded a second try inside the opening ten minutes when Reuben Cotter was able to carry three defenders over the line. The Dolphins had barely touched the ball for the opening ten minutes and off the back of a penalty against the Cowboys, the Dolphins were able to score in their first attacking raid as Jamayne Isaako picked up the first of his three tries when he scored out in the corner. A surprise 40/20 put the Cowboys on attack but they couldn't make the attack stick and it was the Dolphins who took advantage when Tesi Niu was able to get through to score and as Isaako added his second for a 12-10 lead for the Dolphins. Points were frequent in the final ten minutes of the first half as the Cowboys regained the lead when Jeremiah Nanai cleaned up a lost ball to score when Trai Fuller spilt the ball. The nature of the half showed that wasn't the last time the lead was going to change, and it did when Jamayne Isaako picked up his second try just a couple of minutes later when the Dolphins halves combined yet again

CRONULLA 20 ST GEO ILLA 10

Shane Flanagan's return to Shark Park was marred by torrential rain and howling winds as the Sharks managed to handle the conditions better, winning by 20-10 over arch-rivals St George Illawarra.

After letting an early opportunity slip. The Dragons conceded a penalty and compounded that with a six again which allowed the Sharks to dominate field position. A crafty pass from Blayke Brailey found Oregon Kaufusi who crashed over the top of some soft St George Illawarra defence to cross for the first try of the contest. Nicho Hynes converted from next to the posts for a 6-0 lead. Dan Atkinson broke through after 20 minutes, but it was an important tackle from Tyrell Sloan which saved the Dragons blushes. The Sharks' goal-line attack was finding it difficult early to penetrate the Dragons line. St George Illawarra had some sustained possession set up by a Jacob Liddle line-break but again finding points was proving challenging. It took many sets on the Sharks line, but they eventually cracked when Ben Hunt went down the short-side and found Mikaele Ravalawa who went over untouched on the right edge. Zac Lomax's conversion was wide right, and the Sharks still had a narrow two-point lead. Cronulla's ill-discipline would be their undoing in the first half, another set restart conceded before the break gave the Dragons life. Capitalising on the additional field position, the Dragons added

slickly to get the ball out to Isaako. The conversion gave the Dolphins an 18-16 lead. Of course, that was not going to be the end of the first half scoring when another spilt kick at the back from the Dolphins left the ball loose when Sam McIntyre almost spilt his lollies trying to get the ball down but held it enough to score. The conversion from in front gave the Cowboys a 22-18 lead.

The points weren't as free flowing in the second half, but the action was still as exciting and the Dolphins regained the lead ten minutes into the half when Isaako picked up his third after a penalty against the Cowboys deep in their own territory gave the visitors a big chance which they took advantage of. The Cowboys thought they had the lead when Scott Drinkwater went over but it had to be overturned by the bunker when a touch from Jake Clifford travelled forward before Drinkwater took possession Mounting pressure, the Dolphins couldn't crack the line until a kick from Kodi Nikorima looked too big until the bounce sat up and Jake Averillo got to the ball first and grounded the ball just inside the dead ball line. The Cowboys created a grandstand finish inside the final two minutes when Jeremiah Nanai was able to get over. Val Holmes missed a relatively easy attempt at goal to keep the score at 28-26. A late two-point field goal attempt from Drinkwater went away and the Dolphins held onto the win. Next week, the Cowboys will look to break their losing streak in another Queensland Derby against the Titans whilst the Dolphins have a task against the Sea Eagles. **JOSH**

a try on the stroke of half-time as they shifted the ball back to the right. Ravalawa again crossed out wide after a defensive mix-up from the Sharks left edge. Lomax converted for an unlikely four-point lead at the half.

The Sharks split the Dragons open early as Hynes found a gap. A determined try saver from Sloan putting his body on the line saved the day. On the ensuing play, Siosifa Talakai was also held up, but we needed the highly criticised Bunker to confirm the decision. After being denied minutes before. Hynes and Talakai combined forces once more to isolate Hunt in defence. The power of the impact bench forward was too much for the opening try of the half. Hynes' conversion put the Sharks in front. With the game in the balance, both sides had chances in their attacking zones. But at the last chance, both teams' execution in the challenging conditions left a lot to be desired. At last, with 15 to go, the Sharks made another break, Sione Katoa breaks through up field before another critical tackle from Sloan. On the ensuing play, Hynes combined with Tom Hazleton and the big cult hero crashed across for the third straight game. Hynes converted to make it a two-possession game. Despite the Dragons running fast to finish the match, they were unable to get over the line. Hynes added a late penalty goal to secure a gritty 10-point victory. **AJ**

ROUND 9 SCOREBOARD

Penrith 42 (L. Garner 2, T. May, B. Schneider, L. Smith, I. Tago, S. Turuva tries; D. Edwards 6, B. Schneider goals) defeated South Sydney 12 (D. Hawkins, I. Thompson tries; D. Hawkins 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Thu, 2nd May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-12. Penalties: Penrith 8-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 8,155.

South Sydney: Gray, Tass, Wighton, Chee-Kam, Thompson; Walker, Hawkins; Arrow, Cook, Moale, Koloamatangi, Host, Murray (C). Int: Mamouzelos, Havili, Burgess, Keppie.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, May, To'o; Luai, Schneider; Smith, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Leota, Eisenhuth, Geyer, Cole.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Edwards
2 - L Garner
1 - B Schneider

Canberra 26 (E. Whitehead 2, N. Cotric, K. Weekes, H. Young tries; K. Weekes 3 goals) defeated Manly 24 (R. Garrick 2, D. Cherry-Evans, T. Talau, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Fri, 3rd May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 20-6. Penalties: Manly 8-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 10,215.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloia, Bullemor; Waddell, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Siple, Brown, Lodge.

Canberra: Hopoate, Savage, Timoko, Kris, Cotric; Strange, Weekes; Guler, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Mariota, Mooney.

Player of the Year: 3 - E Whitehead
2 - K Weekes
1 - D Cherry-Evans

Sydney 40 (A. Crichton 2, T. May 2, J. Manu, C. Watson, D. Young tries; S. Walker 6 goals) defeated Brisbane 18 (E. Mam, J. Riki, K. Staggs tries; R. Walsh 2, A. Reynolds goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 3rd May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Brisbane 6-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 40,190.

Brisbane: Walsh, Arthars, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Baker.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Pauga, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Whyte, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Watson. Int: Wong, Butcher, May, Tupouniua.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Crichton
2 - C Watson
1 - T May

Canterbury 22 (J. Curran, K. Mann, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 5 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 14 (F. Pole, C. Staines tries; A. Sezer 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 14-6. Penalties: Canterbury 7-6. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 17,068.

Canterbury: Taaffe, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Salmon, Mann. Int: Curran, Hayward, Morrin.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Naden, Olam, Alaimalo; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Simpkin, Klemmer, Papali'i, Fainu, Bateman (C). Int: Fainu, Twal, Seyfarth, Pole.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Burton
2 - J Curran
1 - C Staines

Melbourne 22 (S. Fa'alogo, C. Munster, R. Papenhuyzen, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) defeated Gold Coast 20 (A. Brimson, K. Foran, P. Sami tries; B. Kelly 4 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 20-12. Penalties: Melbourne 7-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 13,096.

Gold Coast: Brimson, Sami, Kelly, Smith-Shields, Fifita; Boyd, Foran (C); Pahulu, Randall, Jolliffe, Fifita, Fermor, Liu. Int: Stimson, Verrills, Clark, Haas.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Fa'alogo; Munster, Hughes; Welch, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Chan, Asofa-Solomona, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Brimson
2 - J King
1 - R Papenhuyzen

Dolphins 28 (J. Isaako 3, J. Averillo, T. Niu tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) defeated North Qld 26 (J. Nanai 2, R. Cotter; K. Feldt, S. McIntyre tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: North Qld 22-18. Penalties: North Qld 5-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 20,967.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Valemei; Dearden (C), Clifford; McLean, Robson, Neame, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Luki, Mikaele, McIntyre, Taumalolo.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Averillo, Niu, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Lemuelu, Kaufusi, Aitken, Plath. Int: Nicholls, Kerr, Donoghoe, Stone.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Isaako
2 - R Cotter
1 - K Nikorima

Newcastle 14 (T. Gamble, D. Saifiti tries; D. Gagai 3 goals) defeated Warriors 8 (D. Walker try; S. Johnson 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 8-6. Penalties: Newcastle 10-9. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 16,094.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Marzhev, Gagai (C), Best, Tuala; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Lucas, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Crossland, Cartwright, Jones, Hetherington.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Ford, Capewell, Harris (C). Int: Walker, Ale, Afoa, Pompey.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Gagai
2 - J Hastings
1 - D Saifiti

Cronulla 20 (T. Hazelton, O. Kaufusi, S. Talakai tries; N. Hynes 4 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 10 (M. Ravalawa 2 tries; Z. Lomax goal) at Poinbets Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 10-6. Penalties: Cronulla 8-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 9,731.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Talakai, Rudolf, Hamlin-Uele.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Tuipulotu, Bird, Lomax, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Sele, Eisenhuth, Su'A, Lawrie. Int: Faitala-Mariner, Brown, De Belin, Murdoch-Masila.

Player of the Year: 3 - N Hynes
2 - B Brailey
1 - M Ravalawa

BYE Parramatta Eels

ROUND 9 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	8	7	0	1	1	109	16
2	MELBOURNE	8	7	0	1	1	56	16
3	PENRITH	8	6	0	2	1	66	14
4	DOLPHINS	8	5	0	3	1	51	12
5	MANLY	9	5	1	3	0	37	11
6	SYDNEY	9	5	0	4	0	95	10
7	BRISBANE	9	5	0	4	0	42	10
8	CANTERBURY	8	4	0	4	1	25	10
9	Canberra	9	5	0	4	0	-14	10
10	North Qld	9	4	0	5	0	-16	8
11	Newcastle	9	4	0	5	0	-19	8
12	Parramatta	8	3	0	5	1	-55	8
13	St Geo Illa	9	4	0	5	0	-70	8
14	Warriors	9	3	1	5	0	11	7
15	Wests Tigers	8	2	0	6	1	-63	6
16	Gold Coast	8	1	0	7	1	-89	4
17	South Sydney	8	1	0	7	1	-166	4

ROUND 9 JUDICIARY

Izack Tago (PEN)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Jacob Host (SOU)	G2 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Emre Guler (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Nathan Brown (MAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$300
Morgan Smithies (CAN)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1500
Deine Mariner (Brisbane)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$1500
Sam Hughes (CBY)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$3000
Reed Mahoney (CBY)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1800
Reed Mahoney (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$2500
Aidan Sezer (WST)	G3 Dangerous Contact	4 matches
David Klemmer (WST)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$3000
Alex Seyfarth (WST)	G1 Striking	\$1500
Chris Randall (GLD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Joe Chan (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Felise Kaufusi (DOL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Scott Drinkwater (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Teig Wilton (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Tyrell Sloan (SGI)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$3000

ROUND 9 POTY LEADERBOARD

16 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

15 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

9 POINTS

Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Reece Walsh (Broncos), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders)

8 POINTS

Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Reece Robson (Cowboys), AJ Brimson (Titans), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Ben Hunt (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Sam Walker (Roosters)

DOLPHINS 28 MANLY 24

The Dolphins have come from 16-4 down to defeat Manly by 28-24 in an exciting and attacking contest at Suncorp Stadium. The Manly loss has also been overshadowed by yet another suspected hamstring injury to Tom Trbojevic.

Both sides exchanged early penalties for hand on the ball. However, the Manly side capitalised on their field position best and crossed inside the first 10 minutes. The left edge left the Dolphins gasping for numbers after a poor defensive read and Tommy Talau dove across in the corner for the opening try. Reuben Garrick's conversion was waved away, leaving the score at 4-0. A few minutes later, the Dolphins capitalised with a try against the run of play after Daly Cherry-Evans tried to catch the home side asleep down the short side, unfortunately for Manly the pass was picked off by Euan Aitken who crossed to level the scores. Jamayne Isaako's conversion rattled into the left post for a 4-4 score-line. After a lull period in the game, the Dolphins made a bad mistake out of yardage which allowed Talau to steal it one on one from Isaako. From that set, Tom Trbojevic's grubber kick was waited to perfection and Corey Waddell did just enough to force downward pressure on the ball. Garrick added the conversion from easier range for a 10-4 lead. Despite earning a set restart on the set after Manly's post points, the Dolphins went for glory immediately. Max Plath's pass was intercepted by Luke Brooks who sprinted away. The former Tiger was able to find Tolu Koula who had too much pace for the cover to cross for try number three for a 16-4 lead. Some field position of their own gave the Dolphins some much needed points. Kodi Nikorima continued his amazing form in 2024 with yet another try assist. The half combined beautifully with Connelly Lemuelu to isolate the Manly left edge to crash over for the second try of the half. Isaako converted for a 16-10 lead. Off the next set and literally nothing. Trai Fuller got the ball over half-way and busted through some febel defence. If that wasn't enough, he audaciously chipped over Tommy Turbo and got the bounce to give the Dolphins the game tying try. Isaako converted for 16-16. If that wasn't enough, Jeremy Marshall-King fooled the marker defence and was able to offload to Jake Averillo who busted wide open before finding Mark Nicholls to give the Dolphins the lead at the break as Manly let a 16-4 lead slip in mere minutes.

Manly crossed first to start the second half after a last tackle six again against the home side. The Trbojevic's combined, well Tom to Jake who then got it back to Tom to cross for the first of the second stanza for the visitors. Garrick's conversion was successful and Manly reclaimed the lead that they had earned in the first half, but if anything involving Manly so far in 2024, it isn't over until the final siren. The Phins levelled the scores with just over 25 to play with an Isaako penalty goal and a 22-22 scoreline. Manly were able to march up field off one of the more cynical penalties of the 2024 season. Jesse Bromwich made the slightest of high contact on Turbo. However, as the decision was challenged,

the Bunker didn't have to determine if it was reportable like it would in it's normal intervention. Off that successful challenge, Manly got field position and Felise Kaufusi again flew off the mark with a late shot on Jake Trbojevic, Garrick added the gift two points for a 24-22 lead. The Dolphins answered back with their own contentious high tackle penalty. Manly jammed in on their right edge when Ben Trbojevic flew in off his wing, leaving Garrick deserted and Jack Bostock capitalised on an open run to the line to retake the lead. More concerningly for Manly, was Tommy Turbo coming from the field with a leg injury in the immediate aftermath of that try. Isaako converted for a four point lead. Manly had chances to snatch an equaliser including a late effort from Talau, but he spilled the ball agonisingly short of the try-line. Isaako added a penalty goal on full-time after Ethan Bullemor's tackle had better qualifications for the wrestling mat. The Dolphins hung on for a come from behind victory, while for the Sea Eagles, they again have to begin to prepare for life without Turbo at the back. **AJ**

PENRITH 16 CANTERBURY 10

Penrith have ground out a solid win over Canterbury in wet conditions with a 16-10 victory at Bluebet Stadium on Friday evening, but will be impacted at least medium-term with Nathan Cleary succumbing to injury.

Billed as a huge grudge match with a host of former Panthers returning home in blue-and-white, there was a war of attrition in the opening 20 minutes, neither side touching the scoreboard. The deadlock broke at 26 minutes when Luke Garner stormed over despite plenty of defensive attention, Nathan Cleary's conversion giving the hosts a 6-0 lead short of the half-hour mark. With discipline issues and errors creeping in to Canterbury's performance, things deteriorated further just before halftime when Brian To'o helped Penrith double their lead. But in the background, a bigger story was developing. Penrith and NSW halfback Nathan Cleary stumbled up the tunnel, apparently grabbing at his hamstring. It would later be revealed the three-time premierships winner is set to miss a number of weeks after re-injuring that hamstring which has seen him intermittently playing throughout season 2024 so far. Dylan Edwards stepped up to convert the To'o four pointer, Penrith taking a 12-0 lead to the break.

Intriguingly, the hosts wouldn't cross the line for a try again in the contest, with the Panthers instead nailing two penalty goals over the course of the second forty. Canterbury wouldn't breach the Penrith defence until the 69th minute when Matt Burton's persistence got the blue-and-white team on the scoresheet, but the scoreline only narrowed to 16-10 right on fulltime when Jacob Kiraz scored to bring the margin tighter and perhaps reward the visitors' persistence and effort. Penrith will face the Warriors next Sunday at Suncorp Stadium to open Day Three of NRL Magic Round, while Canterbury are opening the whole thing when they play Canberra on Friday evening. **TIM**

BRISBANE 30 PARRAMATTA 14

Brisbane has defeated Parramatta by 30-14 at CommBank Stadium tonight. Maroons fullback Reece Walsh was again instrumental, scoring a try and having a hand in two more to continue his electric form for the Broncos this season.

The win was soured somewhat with a wrist injury to hooker Billy Walters, who left the field in the 12th minute and failed to return. However, despite a narrow 14-8 lead at halftime, the visitors kicked away from the Eels through some classy tries to Ezra Mam and Selwyn Cobbo to run out convincing winners in wet conditions. It wasn't all doom and gloom for the Eels who were well in the game for the majority of the match, with replacement fullback Blaize Talagi having a sensational debut at fullback, filling in for injured captain Clint Gutherson. Parramatta will also welcome back star half Mitchell Moses back next week in a welcome boost. Parramatta were under pressure to perform in front of their home fans and they were denied early when Dylan Brown looked to have put Bailey Simonsson over in the corner. Replays showed Simonsson lost the ball but the Eels were awarded a penalty for offside. Sean Russell landed the penalty goal to give the Eels an early 2-0 lead. Parramatta continued to attack the Broncos line, however Broncos livewire Ezra Mam collected a dropped ball from Parramatta and found speedster Reece Walsh in support who raced away to score the first try of the night and take a 6-2 lead. The Broncos then struck again through Maroons fullback Walsh, who found some space and unlocked winger Deine Mariner who beat two Eels defenders all ends up to score a superb try under the posts. The home side continued to throw the ball around and were finally rewarded when rookie fullback Blaize Talagi produced a wicked step on Ezra Mam to race over for a superb try and narrow the Broncos lead. The Eels' faithful was silenced just before the break however, when Deine Mariner scored his second try after Jordan Riki picked up a loose pass to send Mariner on an 80 metre run to score and give Brisbane an 18-8 lead at the break.

Parramatta might have felt aggrieved to be down at halftime but they have got off to the perfect start following a one-on-one strip from Dylan Brown who scored under the posts and give the Eels a huge boost and narrow the scoreline to just four points. The rain then began to pour down in Western Sydney, but that did not bother Ezra Mam, who produced a superb chip and chase close to the line to score a classy try. Walsh converted the try to give the visitors a ten-point lead. Brisbane then kicked away from the Eels, when Walsh kicked along the wet surface for his outside men. Selwyn Cobbo then miraculously caught the ball inches from the dead ball line to put the ball down and extend the scoreline to 30-14. Next week is Magic Round and will see Brisbane face Manly on Friday night, while Parramatta will take on Melbourne on Sunday afternoon. **SAM**

NEWCASTLE 20 WESTS TIGERS 14

Bradman Best produced a man of the match display as the Newcastle Knights posted their third straight victory with a 20-14 win over the Wests Tigers.

The powerhouse centre scored a try, set up another and produced 11 tackle breaks as the Knights levelled their season ledger at five wins and losses in a match played before a 10,000 strong crowd in Tamworth. The Tigers, who led with seconds remaining in the first half, were left to lament tries either side of halftime as they slumped to their sixth loss in succession. In a rain-soaked opening that saw the Knights lose their captain's challenge and returning Tigers centre Starford To'a forced from the field with a hamstring injury, a fortuitous offload from replacement halfback Bud Sullivan allowed Isaiah Papalii (15th minute) to charge over for first points. The Knights worked their way into the contest after a barnstorming run from Best saw Jahream Bula sent to the sin bin for stripping the ball from the grasp of Dylan Lucas; rookie fullback David Armstrong split the hosts off a scrum and found Greg Marzhew (27th minute) in support for a four-pointer. Apisai Koroisau appeared to push the hosts further ahead only for the bunker to deem the Tigers captain had used Alex Twal to impede the Newcastle defence in a try-scoring position. Despite losing Tyson Gamble with a foot injury in the final moments of the opening half, the Knights struck a decisive blow after Dane Gagai executed a grubber allowing Enari Tuala (40th minute) to send the visitors to the sheds with an 8-6 lead.

Waiting little time to extend their lead after the resumption, the Knights went the length of the field after Marzhew sent Best on a barnstorming run, resulting in the incumbent NSW centre drawing in Bula and having Armstrong (43rd minute) in support to score underneath the posts. A momentum shifting run from Bula, who streaked away after catching a line drop out, saw the Tigers come close to scoring with Papalii held up over the line; the rampaging forward (52nd minute) wasn't to be denied in the following set to narrow the margin to 14-10. Taking advantage of a line drop out that failed to go the required ten metres, the Knights shifted the ball once again to Best (64th minute) who powered over to give the visitors the biggest lead of the game. The Knights played out the final minutes a man down after Daniel Saifiti was sent to the sin bin for high contact on Jake Simpkin and withstood a last gasp try to Brent Naden (79th minute) to hold on for a 20-14 victory. Next week at Magic Round, the Knights will face the Titans on Saturday afternoon, while the Tigers will come up against the Dolphins in the final game on Sunday evening. **ROB**

ST GEO ILLA 28 SOUTH SYDNEY 14

The St George Illawarra Dragons have piled on the misery for South Sydney with their 28-14 win at a wet Kogarah.

It wasn't a crisp performance throughout the first half for either side but it was the Dragons who took advantage first when Zac Lomax got over after a strong attacking kick from Kyle Flanagan. A rocks and diamonds performance which we've been used to this season from Latrell Mitchell was on show as he had some lazy work at the back but scored his first of the night when he combined with Cody Walker to chase through a kick and level the scores at 6-6 after the conversion. The Dragons were able to hit back just shy of the half-hour mark on the clock when Souths shot themselves in the foot losing the ball, conceding a penalty and then a six again in the lead up to concede. Zac Lomax couldn't convert and the Dragons lead 10-6. Souths had a try disallowed right before half time but the starring play of the half was Zac Lomax's two-point field goal that extended the Dragons lead to 12-6 at the break.

The second half started with a penalty goal for the Red V to extend their lead out to 8 points which became handy as the Rabbitohs struck soon after. The Bunnies scored through Izaac Tu'itupou Thompson in the corner with the big man keeping himself just inside the sideline to score. Latrell couldn't convert and the margin stayed at 14-10. As the Rabbitohs continued to shoot themselves in the foot they gifted the Dragons points with Jaydn Su'a scoring off a grubber kick and then soon after extending the lead to 12 again with Zac Lomax nailing a gift penalty. Latrell Mitchell's weird night was on show again as a mistake at the back gifted Jack De Belin a try when the big man was on the spot to pounce and Zac Lomax converted to push the score to 28-14. Latrell scored a late consolation for the Bunnies after the ball pinballed everywhere inside the last two minutes to close the gap to 14. Next weekend, the Bunnies head to Magic Round with a clash against the Cowboys next Saturday night whilst the Dragons get to enjoy Magic Round as fans before preparing for a clash with the Dogs in a fortnight. **JOSH**

CRONULLA 25 MELBOURNE 18

The Cronulla Sharks have broken Melbourne's six game home winning streak with a controversial 25-18 win over the Storm at AAMI Park.

Both sides were pressing each other and the Storm were able to open the scoring first when Nick Meaney slotted a penalty goal after 15 minutes. The Storm then added to their 2-0 lead as a correct call from Grant Atkins ruling Kayal Iro put himself into position to let the ball hit him and go out saw the Storm attack and out of dummy half Eli Katoa went over. The Sharks were able to hit back five minutes later with the rookie Tuku Hau Tapuha crashing over under the posts and after Daniel Atkinson converted, the Sharks had levelled the scores. Cam Munster set up Melbourne's second try with a magnificent ball out to Reimis Smith who was able to get over and the Storm were back in front leading 12-6. Controversy began to reign with two very contentious bunker decisions leaving the home fans and the NRL fans at a whole very confused as Harry Grant was penalised and sin binned for contact on the leg of Daniel Atkinson. The Storm fans were not happy as were a lot of the NRL public as the contact from Grant being extremely minor yet the decision was to bin the Melbourne captain.

The Sharks took advantage of the numbers and again it was through bunker controversy that they got the next try with Oregon Kaufusi going over but initially denied by Grant Atkins on field for a knock on and replays seemed to agree but Adam Gee ruled that possession was maintained and grounded and the scores were level. Cronulla began to dominate position and possession and after knocking on the door repeatedly they were able to barge over when Jesse Ramien got over in the corner. Atkinson's sideline conversion gave the Sharks a six point lead. Tyran Wishart proved that he is a valuable commodity as he was able to single handedly pull the Storm back into the game as he took a run with the defence splitting and the Storm levelled things up.

The Sharks then went back into the lead with a Daniel Atkinson field goal before a poor decision to go short from the kick-off for Melbourne saw the ball go back the other way as Ronaldo Multalo set up Sifa Talakai to go through and score and send the Sharks out to their match-winning 25-18 win. Next week at Magic Round the Storm have a clash against the Eels on Sunday night whilst the Sharks play host to the Roosters. **JOSH**

SYDNEY 38 WARRIORS 18

An opening 15 minutes of pure dominance from the Roosters set Allianz Stadium alight as they took an important 38-18 win over the injury hit New Zealand Warriors in front of 16,000 fans.

The home side opened the scoring inside four minutes when too easy for Joey Manu to draw in the defence and put Dom Young in for his first of the afternoon. The second try for the Tricolours was just as easy as Dom Young continued his early dominance over the game as he made big metres before the opportunity opened up for Angus Crichton to go over. Not having the ball didn't help the Warriors and in the rare time they actually did get the ball an error put them on the back foot as straight from the scrum the Roosters again went right and Dom Young went over in the corner again with just pure ease as the Warriors left were no match. If it wasn't Dom Young doing the damage then it was Angus Crichton in the first fifteen minutes as it was his turn to pick up a second try as Luke Keary drew in the defence and Crichton was able to beat the Warriors and get to the ball first. Sam Walker converted for a 22-0 lead inside 15 minutes. Both sides had efforts chalked off by the bunker with Shaun Johnson having an effort knocked back for an obstruction and Angus Crichton denied a hatrick with a knock-on in the lead up from the Joseph Suaalii.

The Roosters turned on the special football again inside the first five minutes of the second half as Dom Young ran 60m up the field before being caught by DWZ before in the next play, Sam Walker kicked 40m across field with Daniel Tupou unmarked on the other side of the field to score. Despite being hampered significantly by injury, Shaun Johnson showed why he is one of the most talented players in the NRL with a beautiful, lofted pass out to Ed Kosi to score in the corner. It wasn't long before the Roosters negated the Warriors effort as they scored again through James Tedesco as the home side were able to cut through the middle again. Discipline went out the window for the Roosters as the Warriors were able to hit back twice in quick succession with Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad going over from close range before a big run from Addin Fonua-Blake charging at the line to get over. Roosters put a seal on the win as Sam Walker was able to combine with Luke Keary though probably not intended as his kick was lost by the Warriors and Walker cleaned it up to score and convert to seal the 38-18 win. Next weekend, the Roosters take on Cronulla Sharks on Saturday at Magic Round whilst the Warriors hit by more injuries take on the Panthers next Sunday. **JOSH**

GOLD COAST 20 NORTH QLD 18

Gold Coast Titans won their second game of the NRL season in a 20-18 thriller against North Queensland Cowboys at Robina Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Titans did all their damage in the first half, scoring 20 points before a resolute defensive effort allowed them to hold on despite having no fit players left on their bench by the full-time whistle. Titans were the first side on the board in this Queensland derby. It was a high tackle on fullback Keano Kini which allowed Brian Kelly to slot the penalty goal for 2-0. The hosts held much of the ball in the first half and were able to convert. A high kick bamboozled the Cowboys defence then David Fifita shuffled it onto JoJo Fifita to get a four-pointer. It was a double feature for the Fifita name in the first half. David burrowed over from close range to cap off a big week for the representative forward and make it 14-0 Titans. The Titans rounded off their superb first half effort with a fourth try. AJ Brimson scooped the ball up from a quick play the ball from a forward and wrestled his way over. Cowboys weren't at the races in the first half, with errors and penalties costing them field position. Their closest chance to get on the board was through Semi Valemei but it was chalked off for obstruction.

There was a resolute mantra about the Titans defence tonight. First, Kyle Feldt was denied on the right and then Valemei was bundled into touch on the left side by the defence. They did get on the board at the hour mark. Chad Townsend kicked behind the Titans defence and Jeremiah Nanai was on hand to take the room service bounce and make it 20-6. Cowboys got some hope late through Nanai again. The forward steamed onto a pass, brushed off the defence and touched down. Valentine Holmes converted quickly, and the visitors were within eight. That hope became belief when the Cowboys brought it back to 20-18. It was another good pass from Townsend who floated it out to the Cowboys all-time leading try scorer Feldt to touch down. The visitors had one final shot to fire. They munched up the metres in the final minute, tried to create space and turn the game around. Their last tackle play saw Feldt try to dive over but he was swarmed by the defence. One sour note on the day for the Titans was injuries. Kieran Foran left the field in the second half with a hamstring injury while AJ Brimson was another who limped from the field. The Titans ended up with no one left on their interchange bench. **JUSTIN**

ROUND 10 SCOREBOARD

Dolphins 30 (E. Aitken, J. Bostock, T. Fuller, C. Lemuelu, M. Nicholls tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) defeated Manly 24 (T. Koula, T. Talau, T. Trbojevic, C. Waddell tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Thu, 9th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 20-16. Penalties: Manly 6-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 14,059.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Aitken, Plath. Int: Nicholls, Kerr, Stone, Donoghoe.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Lawton, Aloiai, Trbojevic, Waddell, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Siple, Bullemor, Lodge.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Fuller
2 - I Katoa
1 - T Talau

Penrith 16 (L. Garner, B. To'o tries; D. Edwards 3, N. Cleary goals) defeated Canterbury 10 (M. Burton, J. Kiraz tries; M. Burton goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 10th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-0. Penalties: Penrith 9-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 21,525.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Alamoti, May, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo. Int: Cole, Smith, Henry, Geyer.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Salmon, Mann. Int: Curran, Hayward, Morrin, Preston.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Edwards
2 - B To'o
1 - J Kiraz

Brisbane 30 (D. Mariner 2, S. Cobbo, E. Mam, R. Walsh tries; R. Walsh 4, K. Staggs goals) defeated Parramatta 14 (D. Brown, B. Talagi tries; S. Russell 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 10th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 18-8. Penalties: Parramatta 4-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 17,393.

Parramatta: Talagi, Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Simonsson; Sanders, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaue, Lane, Matterson, Hoppood. Int: Paulo (C), Makatoa, Tuilagi, Hands.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Rogers; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Gosiewski.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Walsh
2 - P Haas
1 - E Mam

Newcastle 20 (D. Armstrong, B. Best, G. Marzhev, E. Tuala tries; D. Gagai 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 14 (I. Papali'i 2, B. Naden tries; J. Sullivan goal) at Scully Park.

Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 8-6. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 10,107.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, To'a, Olam, Naden; Galvin, Sullivan; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Fainu, Bateman, Papali'i. Int: Simpkin, Twai, Seyfarth, Pole.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Marzhev, Gagai (C), Best, Tuala; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Pearce-Paul, Crossland, Jones, Hetherington.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Best
2 - I Papali'i
1 - B Jones

St George Illawarra 28 (J. Bird, J. De Belin, Z. Lomax, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals; Z. Lomax field goal (2pt)) defeated South Sydney 14 (L. Mitchell 2, I. Thompson tries; L. Mitchell goal) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 4-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 7,517.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Sele, Eisenhuth, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Faitala-Mariner, Brown, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Shibasaki, Wighton, Chee-Kam, Thompson; Walker (C), Teupa; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Havili. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Burgess, French.

Player of the Year: 3 - J de Belin
2 - Z Lomax
1 - B Hunt

Cronulla 25 (T. Hau Tapuha, O. Kaufusi, J. Ramien, S. Talakai tries; D. Atkinson 4 goals; D. Atkinson field goal) defeated Melbourne 18 (E. Katoa, R. Smith, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 3 goals) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Melbourne 8-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 18,670.

Melbourne: Fa'alogo, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Anderson; Munster, Wishart; Welch, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Asofa-Solomona, MacDonald, Howarth, Kamikamica.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Brailey; Hazelton, McInnes (C), Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, Williams. Int: Talakai, Hunt, Hamlin-Uele, Hau Tapuha.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Atkinson
2 - T Wishart
1 - E Katoa

Sydney 38 (A. Crichton 2, D. Young 2, J. Tedesco, D. Tupou, S. Walker tries; S. Walker 5 goals) defeated Warriors 18 (A. Fonua-Blake, E. Kosi, C. Nicoll-Klokstad tries; A. Pompey 3 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 22-0. Penalties: Warriors 8-3. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 16,517.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Watson, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Leniu, May, Smith, Butcher.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Kosi; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Afoa, Ford, Barnett, Harris (C). Int: Egan, Walker, Ale, Tevaga.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Young
2 - S Walker
1 - J Tedesco

Gold Coast 20 (A. Brimson, D. Fifita, S. Fifita tries; B. Kelly 4 goals) defeated North Qld 18 (J. Nanai 2, K. Feldt tries; V. Holmes 2, S. Drinkwater goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 20-0. Penalties: Gold Coast 8-6. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 12,125.

Gold Coast: Kini, Sami, Kelly, Smith-Shields, Fifita; Brimson, Foran (C); Fotuaika, Randall, Jolliffe, Fifita, Fermor, Haas. Int: Verrills, Liu, Clark, Pahulu.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Valemei; Dearden (C), Townsend; Mikaele, Robson, Neame, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Finefeuiaki, McIntyre, Taumalolo, Edwards.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Brimson
2 - K Kini
1 - C Townsend

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Canberra Raiders

ROUND 10 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	9	8	0	1	1	116	18
2	PENRITH	9	7	0	2	1	72	16
3	MELBOURNE	9	7	0	2	1	49	16
4	DOLPHINS	9	6	0	3	1	57	14
5	SYDNEY	10	6	0	4	0	115	12
6	BRISBANE	10	6	0	4	0	58	12
7	CANBERRA	9	5	0	4	1	-14	12
8	MANLY	10	5	1	4	0	31	11
9	Canterbury	9	4	0	5	1	19	10
10	Newcastle	10	5	0	5	0	-13	10
11	St Geo Illa	10	5	0	5	0	-56	10
12	North Qld	10	4	0	6	0	-18	8
13	Parramatta	9	3	0	6	1	-71	8
14	Warriors	10	3	1	6	0	-9	7
15	Wests Tigers	9	2	0	7	1	-69	6
16	Gold Coast	9	2	0	7	1	-87	6
17	South Sydney	9	1	0	8	1	-180	4

ROUND 10 JUDICIARY

Kurtis Morrin (CBY)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Shaun Lane (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1500
Ryan Matterson (PAR)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1800
Isaiah Papali'i (WST)	G2 Dangerous Contact (trip)	1 match
Jackson Hastings (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Alex Seyfarth (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Daniel Saifiti (NEW)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Matt French (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Harry Grant (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Not guilty
Joseph Aukuso-Suallii (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Luke Keary (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Angus Crichton (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1000
Sandon Smith (SYD)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Griffin Neame (NQL)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1500
Reece Robson (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Moeaki Fotuaika (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$3000

ROUND 10 POTY LEADERBOARD

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

16 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

12 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

11 POINTS

AJ Brimson (Titans)

10 POINTS

Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins)

9 POINTS

Zac Lomax (Dragons), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Sam Walker (Roosters), Ben Hunt (Dragons)

CANBERRA 24 CANTERBURY 20

Canberra show flash and determination to dog walk Canterbury at Suncorp.

Magic Round kicked off with a mid-table clash between the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs and the Canberra Raiders. What many expected to be a mundane match was filled with twists and excitement, leaving viewers on the edge of their seats until the last minute. A Kao Weekes kick was spilt by Connor Tracey in just the fourth minute of the game which Xavier Savage pounced on to open the scoring. Rapana converted but soon both sides were back in the arm wrestle. Josh Addo-Carr looked close to scoring but had a foot in touch, and Canberra later capitalised on another Bulldogs error for Sebastian Kris to cross over untouched. It was 12-0 and the Raiders looked right on top as they dominated the pace towards the backend of the half. Eventually, the momentum flipped through a mistake to Canberra where cult hero Jacob Preston dived on a grubber kick which not even two Raiders players could contain. A kick from Matt Burton found Josh Addo-Carr who kicked for himself and was taken out by Jordan Rapana on the chase. The bunker found it was a professional

foul by the Raiders fullback and Canterbury scored easily off the next set, spreading the ball to Stephen Crichton who barreled his way over on the right edge. Burton missed the kick and it was 12-10 to Canberra with 2 minutes to play... but the first half had even more in store for us. Josh Papali'i was sent to the sin bin in the 39th minute for a nasty hip drop on Viliame Kikau which will likely have him in trouble by the Match Review Committee. Down to 11 men, a try was ominous and although the half time hooter was in sight, Drew Hutchinson was cool and calm threading the needle through with a crafty kick. Matt Burton jumped at the opportunity to score but couldn't make the conversion. Half time. 14-12 Dogs favour.

The Bulldogs looked to pile on points in the second 40, with Jacob Kiraz crossing for a simple try in the 42nd minute, still making the most of the 11 manned Raiders side. They rushed to a 20-12 lead, but it was only downhill from there with Papali'I and Rapana returning from the sin bin and having an instant effect. Ethan Strange set up Hudson Young beautifully and soon it was 18-14 with 28 minutes to play. Canberra halfback Kao Weekes continued with his strong performance where he controlled the tempo with some nice kicks before unleashing his dynamic best to make a 60m linebreak where he cam agonisingly close to scoring. With

Canterbury struggling to get back, Ethan Strange could set up his second try for the match, again to Hudson Young who crossed the line to score an easy try. With momentum flipping so fast, Ricky Stuart's men led 24-20 with only 17 minutes to play. The Bulldogs had ample chances to put points on the board, but poor attack put their field position to waste as they blew chance after chance. Ultimately neither team could score again and Canberra held on to a gritty and hard fought win to kick off magic round in style. **AIDAN**

BRISBANE 13 MANLY 12

With their star-studded spine taking a few hits recently, the Broncos overcome these losses to win their fourth Magic Round clash against Manly, which is looking to be the last for while.

Brisbane started the game off strong, with Brendan Piakura sliding over for a try in the sixth minute, this came after Koula was unable to catch a spiralling ball from Madden. The next set then saw Paseka sent to the bin for a professional foul, which saw the Broncos capitalise, with Deine Mariner scoring a four-pointer. The ball then goes back and forth between the two teams, with Manly failing to make anything stick in the first half.

The opening ten minutes of the second half saw

NEWCASTLE 28 GOLD COAST 24

The Newcastle Knights have fought back from a halftime deficit to defeat the Gold Coast Titans 28-24 in Magic Round.

Getting off to a fast start before conceding five straight tries to trail by 14 points at the break, the Knights managed to snatch their fourth straight win from the jaws of defeat when the bunker overruled a potentially game-clinching try to Brian Kelly in the dying moments. Returning to Magic Round after missing last year's festivities with a bye, the Knights maintained their winning momentum with Jacob Saifiti breaking through the opposition defence and finding David Armstrong (4th minute) in support for first points. Hitting double figures moments later with Armstrong (9th minute) snaring his second with a solo effort close to the line, the Titans struck back with Sam Verrills threading a grubber into the in-goal for Klese Haas (15th minute) to pounce. Levelling the scores at 10-all midway through proceedings courtesy of a left-side shift finished off by Alofiana Khan-Pereira (18th minute), a penalty for late contact allowed the Titans to hit the front after Jojo Fifita (25th minute) outleapt Greg Marzhew in the air. In a moment of madness which saw Jackson Hastings concede a penalty with the Knights on the attack, the Newcastle halfback and Gold Coast centre Aaron Schoupp were sent to the sin bin with ten minutes remaining in the half. The one-way flow of points continued, despite both teams being a man

down, with Keano Kini (34th minute) racing away for his first try in first grade before Khan-Pereira (37th minute) snared his second to send the Titans to the sheds up 24-10.

Bradman Best failed to return to the field after halftime due to a hamstring injury, however his replacement Dylan Lucas made his presence felt with a strong run that resulted in Armstrong (47th minute) claiming a treble. Narrowing the margin further when an error from Kini saw Brodie Jones (50th minute) claim a rare four-pointer, the Knights held their nerve defensively and grew in confidence as the half wore on. The Knights regained the lead through Saifiti (67th minute) with the bunker awarding a penalty try due to Moeaki Fotuauka illegally holding the NSW representative off the ball. In a moment set to come under plenty of scrutiny in the days to come, the Titans appeared to conjure a miracle with Brian Kelly catching a chip kick from Tom Weaver to level the scores at 28-all; the bunker deemed upon review that Kelly knocked on in the field of play to keep the Knights ahead with four minutes remaining. The Titans had one final opportunity to snare victory with a scrum on halfway, however the Knights remained resolute to remain undefeated without Kalyn Ponga and move into the top eight for the first time this season. Next week, the Titans will face the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday afternoon, while the Knights will rest up during Indigenous Round with a bye. **ROB**

CRONULLA 38 SYDNEY 30

There was no shortage of points as the Cronulla Sharks have kept their spot at the top of the NRL ladder with a 38-30 win over the Sydney Roosters at Suncorp Stadium.

The Sharks opened the scoring within 60 seconds as they looked to spread the ball early and they found the Roosters napping as Will Kennedy was able to clean up the spilt kick at the back to score. Nicho Hynes conversion gave the Sharks a 6-0 lead. Despite the fast start from the Sharks, the Roosters were able to hit back soon after when off the back of a set restart, the Tricolours got into attacking position as Sam Walker drew in defenders before Suaalii and Young combined to score the visitors opener. The Roosters took the lead a few minutes later when Sam Walker slotted a penalty goal. The tit-for-tat nature of the game was on show as Sione Katoa was able to put the Sharks back into the lead as Jesse Ramien drew in the defence before Katoa flew for the corner. Hitting back, the Roosters then scored through Daniel Tupou flew over the top for the Sharks defence to score and the scores were level when Sam Walker couldn't convert.

good goal line defence from the Broncos. Manly then finally get their first points on the board in the 49th minute, when Garrick scores a try off of a controversial forward pass. Ten minutes to go and Manly even up the score, with Vaega scoring a try off of a Brisbane penalty on their goal line, and Garrick successively converting. Now is five minutes to go, and Payne Haas makes a magical reappearance for the Broncos after limping into the sheds in the 61st minute. A high shot from Paulo sees the Broncos get a penalty, giving them some much needed field space. Jock Madden then ices the game, getting his first ever NRL grade field goal. This now marks Manly's third loss in a row, as they look to next week where they take on long time rivals, the Storm. There was various poor choices in attack from this side and they want any sliver of hope for next round, they need to fix these gaps. Brisbane have proven that even without the electrifying Walsh and experienced Reyno that they can get the job done, with both Selwyn Cobbo and Jock Madden having an excellent game in fullback and halfback respectively. Josiah Karapani also made his NRL debut tonight and made some good efforts, making 174 metres in 17 runs, five tackle breaks and 20 tackles. The Broncos now look forward to playing their QLD rivals, the Titans, at home for an early Sunday afternoon game. **BETH**

Cronulla hit the lead again after a brain fade from James Tedesco to let a 40/20 go out and Nicho Hynes was able to set up Teig Wilton to score. The Roosters went bang bang to end the first half as Fetalaiga Pauga scored a double when Spencer Leniu put him through and then scoring in the corner on the stroke of half time after a Sharks error. Sam Walker converted both kick for a 24-18 lead at the break.

It wasn't the start to the second half the Roosters wanted as Sifa Talakai should've been stopped by 4 Roosters defenders before getting his way to the line to score. Nicho Hynes converted to level the scores. The Roosters became their worst enemy as they looked to begin playing catch-up football as they began throwing unnecessary passes and it came back to haunt them initially as the Sharks took the lead through a penalty goal and then conceded a Ronaldo Mulitalo try. Despite leading 32-24, things weren't done for the Sharks as the Roosters scored in the corner to make it interesting as Sam Walker's conversion closed the score to 32-30. The Sharks though sealed the deal inside the final two minutes when cult hero Tom Hazelton continued his try scoring streak to seal the deal. Next week, the Sharks have a battle against the Panthers whilst the Roosters head to Canberra for a Saturday afternoon battle with the Raiders. **JOSH**

NORTH QLD 28 SOUTH SYDNEY 22

Two teams struggling for form showed why they are languishing as the Cowboys broke their losing streak with a 28-22 win over the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

Souths had two big attacking chances early to start the game but their attacking woes were on show as they couldn't capitalise but saw their opponents go up the other end of the park to score when Vilami Vailea was able to open the scoring. The Cowboys extended their lead five minutes later when they were able to keep the ball alive through Tom Dearden after Murray Taulagi was able to keep the ball alive and free for the Cowboys five-eighth to score. Things looked bad for the Rabbitohs though their attack looked very messy but it still paid off as Latrell Mitchell was able to fight his way over the line through five defenders to get the ball down. The Bunnies then were able to take the lead through Alex Johnston who picked up career try 189 to score and Latrell Mitchell converted from the sideline to give Souths a 12-10 lead. A rare half-time lead for South Sydney vanished when former Rabbitoh Braidon Burns was able to get across with only inches between him and the sideline to get the ball down. The Cowboys converted and took a 16-12 lead in the break.

The second half showed why both teams struggled with some of the play but the Cowboys were able

to extend their lead as Braidon Burns picked up a second try when the North Queenslanders went further ahead. Souths looked as if they were running in quicksand but after enough chances on the North Queensland line they finally cracked the scoreboard again when Cody Walker ran the ball and drew in defenders to score. Pressure grew back on the Rabbitohs as Latrell Mitchell's dropout failed to go ten minutes as Tom Dearden was able to get over for his second fighting through some poor defence. The try had a double whammy for the Bunnies as Dion Teaua had hit Dearden high which meant it became a potential eight point try and the Souths rookie went to the sin bin after bunker official Liam Kennedy ruled it had high force. Thankfully for the Rabbitohs, Valentine Holmes only managed to convert one of his two attempts at goal and the gap was 10 points. Souths hit back inside the final five minutes to set up a grandstand finish as Cody Walker ran to the line and drew in defenders before finding Damien Cook who scored. Latrell Mitchell rushed the conversion and hit the post. The Rabbitohs had two big chances with a Captains Challenge going their way and then Tom Dearden sin binned inside the final sixty seconds by referee Peter Gough for a professional foul. Souths had a big chance to score but couldn't take advantage and the Cowboys survived. Next weekend, the Cowboys have a battle against the Tigers in Townsville on Friday night whilst Souths return to Sydney as they take on Parramatta next Saturday night. **JOSH**

unsuccessful conversion left the game level before Warbrick made up for the mistake in the 26th minute, scoring a sensational solo 40-metre try as he swatted away defenders. Suddenly the Eels found themselves trailing 16-4 after the Storm scored off their next set, with quick hands sending Xavier Coates down the right touchline and he found Harry Grant trailing in support. Parramatta looked on the brink of being blown away but were able to hit back in the 34th minute as Talagi caught out the Melbourne defence off a scrum play, scoring what was a relatively simple but well-executed sweeping play.

That left the score at 16-10 entering halftime, although it quickly ballooned out to a 26-point difference in a matter of minutes as a ruthless Melbourne went on with the job without Munster. An early penalty goal pushed the lead out beyond a converted try before Grant scored his second of the night, with Reimis Smith then grabbing two of his own in the space of four minutes. Eli Katoa soared above Maika Sivo to score Melbourne's eighth try of the game before the Eels winger went over late as young Eels fullback Talagi sent another reminder of just how talented he is, producing the looping try assist. The Storm take on the Sea Eagles next week while Parramatta face South Sydney. **JACKO**

WARRIORS 22 PENRITH 20

The Warriors have claimed a 22-20 upset win over the Panthers despite missing stars Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and Shaun Johnson and losing Wayde Egan in the opening quarter of the match.

The Warriors started off in the worst way possible, with Taine Tuapiki putting the opening kickoff out on the full. Penrith took full advantage of the subsequent penalty when Jarome Luai set up Dylan Edwards to open the scoring. Then to make matters worse, Egan was ruled out with a category 1 concussion symptoms within the first five minutes. But they wouldn't give up, and after a couple of Panthers no-tries. They were able to strike back and tie the game with a try to Marcelo Montoya in the corner. Penrith were clearly losing the field position battle towards the end of the first half, but still had a big play in them when Luai made a linebreak before finding Scott Sorensen, who did not have the pace to get to the line and made the smart decision to get the ball back to his halfback for a try. The Warriors had a good chance to grab another try of their own before the end of the half but were unable to do so, and the Panthers would lead 10-4 at the break.

Momentum shifted very early in the second half when Isiah Yeo was sent to the sin bin for a professional foul. The Warriors completely took advantage of the extra man with quick tries to

Ali Leiatua and Adam Pompey. By the time Yeo returned to the field, the Warriors held a 16-10 lead. The Panthers were on the back foot, however as they've shown for the last 4 years that tends to be when they're at their best. Once they were able to wrestle back field position, they quickly tied the game through a try by Yeo. They soon took the lead again when Izack Tago scored, but a missed conversion kept it a four point game. But when James Fisher-Harris was penalised for a hip drop, the Warriors were handed one last chance to win, and they took advantage when Taine Tuapiki scored and converted to take the lead. The Panthers had their chances to take the result back, but great goal line defence by the Warriors and a missed penalty goal by Dylan Edwards would see the Kiwis club hold on for the upset. It's the Warriors first win since Round 5, and comes at a much needed time for the team. The road back to any sort of finals contention will be tough, especially with Johnson and Tuivasa-Sheck out for an extended period. But if they can win a game like this, they can beat most opponents they face. For the Panthers, this is not how they wanted to start their period without Nathan Cleary. They cannot afford to complete as poorly as they did in this one and expect to win matches without their star halfback. But by no means is it time to press the panic button at the foot of the mountain. **RHYS**

MELBOURNE 48 PARRAMATTA 16

The Storm and Queensland Maroons will be sweating on the availability of Cameron Munster after the star five-eighth went down injured in Melbourne's 48-16 win over the Parramatta Eels on Sunday afternoon.

Munster went down clutching at his groin late in the first half and was then pictured laying on the ground in agony shortly after, having aggravated the issue once again in a tackle. The 29-year-old was sidelined until Round 5 earlier this year with a groin complaint. With Munster joining Jahrome Hughes and Ryan Papenhuyzen on the sidelines, the second half was expected to be a solid test of Melbourne's famed system and the resolve of Craig Bellamy's side. They ended up passing it with flying colours as Parramatta dropped four consecutive games for the first time in a season since rounds 19 to 22 in 2021. The Eels put themselves under plenty of pressure early in Sunday's game, with Blaize Talagi failing to defuse Melbourne's first last-tackle kick of the game while Will Penisini later coughed up possession close to the Parramatta line. The visitors were able to weather that early storm but another turnover, this one on an unnecessary offload, saw Harry Grant later send Tui Kamikamica over for the opening try. Nick Meaney's conversion went wide, leaving the score at 4-0 after eight minutes, but Paramatta tied things up soon after after capitalising on an error from Melbourne. On that occasion it was Will Warbrick spilling a bomb, with some subtle ball-playing from J'Maine Hopgood opening up space for Bailey Simonsson to score in the 16th minute. Sean Russell's

DOLPHINS 24 WESTS TIGERS 12

The Dolphins have run out 24-12 winners over Wests Tigers in the eighth and final match of Magic Round for 2024 on Sunday night at Suncorp Stadium.

It was tipped as the clash of apprentice and master of the coaches, with Benji Marshall tacking on his mentor, Wayne Bennett. And what better way to end a great round of footy? But with Wests in poor form and Dolphins riding a high, it was always going to be tough for the Tigers at Suncorp. The Tigers applied pressure early, after a Jack Bostock error under the high ball gave the Tigers some good field position. But with their paws all over the ball, some undisciplined play in the ruck saw their good work come unstuck. In the next play, the Dolphins took advantage and turned their good field position into points, with Bostock going over in the left corner in the 12th minute. The return to play saw more attack from the Tigers, but they kept coming up short, with their errors releasing any pressure they were putting on the Dolphins. The Dolphins were able to turn the Tiger's errors into better possibilities on the field and made the most of it when Jeremy Marshall-King lined up Mark Nicolas in broken play to go over for a try in the 28th minute. The Tigers again continued to apply pressure on the Dolphins after the return to play. Through some scrappy play, Justin Olam found the ball in his hands and space between him and the try line. And with the conversion, the Tigers were back in the game just before halftime. But they were to suffer a blow after a brain explosion from Brett Naden. With only a minute to go before halftime, Bostock jumps on a

loose ball, only to be cleaned up by Naden and cop a swinging arm. The Bunker didn't like it, and Chris Butler concurred, giving Naden 10 minutes in the bin for his trouble, as both teams ran back into the sheds.

For Wests, Jayden Sullivan's consistent kicking allowed the Tigers to stay in the game. And the Dolphin's back-rower, Euan Aitkens, bullocking runs up the left edge that was standing out for them. On paper, the Tigers were looking the better team, with high completion rates, fewer penalties conceded and missing only 10 tackles to the Dolphins' 23. There was clearly hope for the Tigers and room for improvement for the Dolphins. Only four minutes into the second half Justin Olam gets sent to the bin for ten for dangerous contact on Jamayne Isaako. This put the Tigers to 11 men, and in the 48th minute, the Hammer went over after jumping on a loose ball at the Dolphin's 30m line. But with only 12 on the field, the hungry Tigers managed to get over after Jayden Sullivan gave a late offload to Api Koroisau, who found the Dolphins sleeping at the line and went over. At 12-18 and with about 25 minutes of play, it looked like we were in for a nail-biter. But the momentum started to go in the favour of the Dolphins. Even though there were consistent breakdowns in the Dolphin's attack 10 minutes before the end of the Connelly Lemuelu found some space, and then an ever-present Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow in support to give the returning fullback a double. The Tigers had a few more moments to try something, but the clock beat them and gave the Dolphins yet another win, even if it wasn't emphatic. **ANDY**

ROUND 11 SCOREBOARD

Canberra 24 (H. Young 2, S. Kris, X. Savage tries; J. Rapana 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 20 (M. Burton, S. Crichton, J. Kiraz, J. Preston tries; M. Burton 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 17th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 14-12. Penalties: Canterbury 6-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 50,971.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Guler, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Mariota, Mooney.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Hutchison; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Curran, Mann. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Preston, Fa'amausili.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Weekes
2 - E Strange
1 - J Kiraz

Brisbane 13 (D. Mariner; B. Piakura tries; K. Staggs 2 goals; J. Madden field goal) defeated Manly 12 (R. Garrick, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 17th May. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-0. Penalties: Manly 4-2. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 50,971.

Manly: Koula, Tuaimalo Vaega, Talau, Garrick, Paulo; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Lawton, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Waddell, Bullemor, Lodge.

Brisbane: Cobbo, Oates, Staggs, Karapani, Mariner; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Smoothy, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Mozer, Willison, Hetherington, Gosiewski.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Cobbo
2 - J Madden
1 - P Carrigan

Newcastle 28 (D. Armstrong 3, B. Jones, J. Saifiti tries; J. Hastings 4 goals) defeated Gold Coast 24 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, S. Fifita, K. Haas, K. Kini tries; B. Kelly, A. Schoupp goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 24-10. Penalties: Gold Coast 5-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 50,708.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Schoupp, Fifita; Randall, Weaver; Fotuauka (C), Verrills, Jolliffe, Fifita, Fermor, Haas. Int: Clark, Palasia, Liu, Pahulu.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Tuala, Gagai (C), Best, Marzhev; Cogger, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Pearce-Paul, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Frizell, Crossland, Jones, Hetherington.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Fifita
2 - D Armstrong
1 - E Clark

Cronulla 38 (T. Hazelton, S. Katoa, W. Kennedy, R. Mulitalo, S. Talakai, T. Wilton tries; N. Hynes 7 goals) defeated Sydney 30 (J. Pauga 2, D. Young 2, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 5 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney 24-18. Penalties: Cronulla 8-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 50,708.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Talakai, Hunt, Hau Tapuha.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Pauga, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Watson, Collins, Crichton, Butcher, Radley. Int: Smith, Butcher; Leniu, May.

Player of the Year: 3 - N Hynes
2 - S Katoa
1 - D Young

North Qld 28 (B. Burns 2, T. Dearden 2, V. Vailea tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) defeated South Sydney 22 (D. Cook, A. Johnston, L. Mitchell, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 3 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: North Qld 16-12. Penalties: South Sydney 10-2. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 50,708.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Wighton, Thompson, Gagai; Walker (C), Teauga; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Koloamatangi, Arrow, Havili. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Burgess, Milne.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Burns, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Neame, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: McIntyre, Mikeale, Finefeuiaki, Taumalolo.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Dearden
2 - C Walker
1 - B Burns

Warriors 22 (A. Leiataua, M. Montoya, A. Pompey, T. Tuauipiki tries; T. Tuauipiki 3 goals) defeated Penrith 20 (D. Edwards, J. Luai, I. Tago, I. Yeo tries; D. Edwards 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-4. Penalties: Penrith 7-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 47,517.

Warriors: Tuauipiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Leiataua, Pompey, Montoya; Nicoll-Klokstad, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan (C), Afoa, Ford, Barnett, Walker. Int: Ale, Tevaga, Laban, Roache.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Cole, Luai; Smith, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Leota, Eisenhuth, Peachey, Sorensen.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Martin
2 - T Tuauipiki
1 - J Luai

Melbourne 48 (H. Grant 2, R. Smith 2, X. Coates, T. Kamikamica, E. Katoa, W. Warbrick tries; N. Meaney 8 goals) defeated Parramatta 16 (B. Simonsson, M. Sivo, B. Talagi tries; D. Asi 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-10. Penalties: Parramatta 4-2. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 47,517.

Melbourne: Fa'alogo, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Munster, Wishart; Welch, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Kamikamica. Int: Loiero, Asofa-Solomona, MacDonald, Anderson.

Parramatta: Talagi, Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Simonsson; Asi, Brown; Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Ofahengaua, Lane, Cartwright, Hoppood. Int: Paulo (C), Makatoa, Tuilagi, Moretti.

Player of the Year: 3 - H Grant
2 - S Fa'alogo
1 - E Katoa

Dolphins 24 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, J. Bostock, M. Nicholls tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 12 (A. Koroisau, J. Olam tries; A. Koroisau 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 6:25 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 12-6. Penalties: Dolphins 7-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 47,517.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Naden, Olam, Alaimalo; Galvin, Sullivan; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Fainu, Kepaoa, Twal. Int: Seyfarth, Simpkin, Pole, Fainu.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Kaufusi, Lemuel, Aitken, Bromwich. Int: Nicholls, Kerr, Donoghoe, Stone.

Player of the Year: 3 - E Aitken
2 - H Tabuai-Fidow
1 - A Koroisau

ROUND 11 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	10	9	0	1	1	124	20
2	MELBOURNE	10	8	0	2	1	81	18
3	PENRITH	10	7	0	3	1	70	16
4	DOLPHINS	10	7	0	3	1	69	16
5	BRISBANE	11	7	0	4	0	59	14
6	CANBERRA	10	6	0	4	1	-10	14
7	SYDNEY	11	6	0	5	0	107	12
8	NEWCASTLE	11	6	0	5	0	-9	12
9	St Geo Illa	10	5	0	5	1	-56	12
10	Manly	11	5	1	5	0	30	11
11	Canterbury	10	4	0	6	1	15	10
12	North Qld	11	5	0	6	0	-12	10
13	Warriors	11	4	1	6	0	-7	9
14	Parramatta	10	3	0	7	1	-103	8
15	Wests Tigers	10	2	0	8	1	-81	6
16	Gold Coast	10	2	0	8	1	-91	6
17	South Sydney	10	1	0	9	1	-186	4

ROUND 11 JUDICIARY

Josh Papalii (CAN)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Jordan Rapana (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Joseph Tapine (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Brendan Piakura (BRI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jack Hetherington (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Keenan Palasia (GLD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Dion Teaua (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jackson Ford (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$1500
James Fisher-Harris (PEN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Nelson Asofa-Solomona (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Brent Naden (WST)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Justin Olam (WST)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match

ROUND 11 POTY LEADERBOARD

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

16 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

12 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

11 POINTS

AJ Brimson (Titans), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

10 POINTS

Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins)

9 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Sam Walker (Roosters), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders)

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St George Illawarra Dragons

CANTERBURY 44 ST GEO ILLA 12

The first game of the Indigenous Round has been a night out for the Bulldogs as they found their legs for a destructive second half over the Dragons, victorious 44-12 at Accor Stadium tonight.

The first half saw a fairly even contest, with some strong performances from Jack De Belin and Jacob Liddle. Off the back of some penalties against the Dogs and errors with ball control, Jack De Belin's barnstorming run set up Mosese Suli to go over the line. Instead of backing down, this got the Bulldogs fired up. After an error and a six-again, Toby Sexton chipped a nice ball through after seeing Tyrell Sloan out of place, a big mobile Matt Burton going over with millimetres to spare on the dead ball line. Another run of errors around the 30-minute mark by the Bulldogs gave the Dragons too much ball, and Jacob Liddle was rewarded for his hard work in the middle when he rushed through broken defence at the 32-minute mark. The end of the opening half was marred by a nasty ankle injury to Jack Bird, rolling it trying to tackle. He was driven off on the stretcher after play had been stopped for some time. Although fairly even at halftime across the board, it was the missed tackle count of the Bulldogs that would have been a worry for coach Cameron Ciraldo. At fifteen to three it was lopsided and something Dragons coach Shane Flanagan would have been ready to take advantage of, if it wasn't for the turnaround to come. Ultimately, St George Illawarra held a 12-6 advantage with the two sides in the sheds.

MANLY 26 MELBOURNE 20

Manly have held off a fast-finishing Melbourne Storm to come away with a valuable and well deserved 26-20 win at Brookvale Oval tonight.

Queensland halfback and Sea Eagles skipper Daly Cherry-Evans was instrumental in the win, having a hand in several tries, in what was a terrific battle in game management with Storm half Jahrome Hughes. With key attacking weapons Tom Trbojevic and Toutau Koula watching from the stands and off the back of three straight losses, many had written the Sea Eagles off against the high-flying Storm. However it was their young guns in Tommy Talau, who scored two tries and debutant Lehi Hopoate who lifted for the home side to help secure arguably their best win of the season. It was billed as a big occasion on the peninsula for their clash with their bitter rivals and Manly managed to get on the scoreboard first, thanks to an early penalty goal from Rueben Garrick. The home side then extended their lead when Luke Brooks put Ben Trbojevic through an enormous hole off a scrum play, where Trbojevic the third wrestled his way over the line to score the first try of the night. Garrick nailed the sideline conversion to give his side a confidence boosting 8-0 lead. Tommy Talau made it back-to-back tries for the Sea Eagles after the former Tiger collected a nice pass from rookie fullback Lehi Hopoate to slide over in the corner and it was all the Sea Eagles at 12-0 with

Ciraldo released the hounds and created havoc in the second half, with his players going over within the first five minutes after the resumption. A relentless out-of-the-gate approach pinned the Dragons early with a line dropout. A quick through-the-hands move finished off with Jaeman Salmon landing a four-pointer. The Dragons' fire seemed to be fizzing out, and after a penalty for taking a tackle too far, Jaeman Salmon ran over for his second try in the 53rd minute. The Dogs were in a fever, the Dragons made more errors, and after a scrum at the Dragons' 20m from a Zac Lomax knock-on, Jacob Kiraz went over for a try at minute 57. Stephen Crichton had seen some opportunities open up without Jack Bird on the defensive line and was keen to exploit it and kept calling the attack his way. Only a few minutes later, Jack De Belin knocked on in the Dragons' quarter, and the Bulldogs made them pay with Jacob Preston falling over soft Red V defence. It was shaping up to be quite the turnaround by the Dogs, and everything was going their way. After some broken play and a Bronson Xerri break down the Bulldogs' left side, Zac Lomax found himself 10 minutes in the bin for a professional foul in holding back a player following some analysis by the bunker. Oddly, down to 12 men, the Bulldogs showed some brief mercy and only took the two points slotted by Burton at the 62nd minute. The Bulldogs were running downhill, and with some fresh legs in the form of Jake Turpin on the ground, they continued to maul the Dragons through the middle. Front rower Max King demanded respect and attention, having a solid session. As were Josh Curran, and Viliame Kikau.

halftime looming. In typical Melbourne fashion the Storm hung in, and it was Eliesa Katoa who dived on a deft grubber at the line from Jahrome Hughes to score a crucial try just before halftime and reduce the score to 12-6.

Manly regained the momentum in the second half when NSW forward Jake Trbojevic crashed over next to the posts following a superb short ball from the skipper Daly Cherry-Evans. Garrick converted and it was 18-6 to the home side. Melbourne again hit back through Nick Meaney who scored next to the posts after collecting a neat pass from Sualauvi Faalogo to narrow the margin to a converted try following Meaney's conversion. The Storm continued to apply pressure to the home side, when Harry Grant made a bust and Manly were penalised for being offside in marker defence from the ensuing play. Meaney took the gift two points to narrow the scoreline to 18-14 with a quarter of the match remaining. Manly then nudged themselves ahead on the scoreboard when Talau picked up his second try after Cherry-Evans created an overlap on the left-hand side. Garrick converted and the home side led by 10 with as many on the clock. Luke Brooks then looked to have got Manly the win, however replays showed he lost the ball over the line. Melbourne was penalised for a high tackle in the lead up however, and Garrick extended the margin to 12 points through a penalty goal. Melbourne refused to go away as the halves in Wishart and Hughes combined to put their halfback

The 70th minute saw some slick work with an early kick in the set from Connor Tracy being taken up by a speedy Stephen Crichton. A tired and frazzled Dragons side was limping through the game's back-end while the Dogs were in a feeding frenzy. Not content, the hosts kept the pressure up, and Jacob Kiraz finished off the evening by flying through the air in the south-west corner of the stadium, landing his second try and a dominating performance from his side. The Bulldogs eventually put on 34 unanswered points in the second half to completely outclass the St George club. With a final score of 44-12, it was a demolition by the Canterbury team; and a bad night out for the Dragons, who will be counting the cost after losing Jack Bird and Hame Sale to injury. **ANDY**

NORTH QLD 42 WESTS TIGERS 28

A 42-28 win for the Cowboys over Wests Tigers has said more about Origin selection than either side's chances of surging up the NRL table at QLD Country Bank Stadium tonight.

North Queensland shot out of the blocks in front of a near 16,000-strong home crowd, Kyle Feldt was first on the board six minutes, taking advantage of numbers out to the right wing. Three minutes later Jeremiah Nanai went in and the signs were becoming ominous. It only grew more concerning when Val Holmes popped over a penalty goal at the 13th minute, and not long after Feldt had a double and before the 20 minute mark, the hosts led 20-0. Once the visitors got some possession, the tide turned. At 26 minutes Solomon Alaimalo got his side on the board and just minutes later

over late in the match putting them behind by a converted try. The Storm had the wind in their sails and they kept coming for the Eagles late, but Manly scrambled and scrapped their way to a morale boosting 26-20 win in front of their ecstatic home fans. Both teams will enjoy the bye heading into the first week of the Origin period and will re-set post Origin I for the second part of the NRL season. **SAM**

SYDNEY 44 CANBERRA 16

Sydney Roosters bounced back with a 44-16 win over Canberra Raiders at Canberra Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Roosters backline were in fine fettle in their 28-point win against a lowly Raiders side. James Tedesco continued his sparkling form with a pair of tries in the one-sided contest to kick off Super Saturday. Roosters struck first in the contest in front of a big crowd in the capital. It was a superb line run by Victor Radley who sliced through some soft defence and Sam Walker converted for 6-0. Next, it was the link up from the Roosters halves. Walker stabbed through a kick which Luke Keary looked to put down. It went to a bunker review and judged that Morgan Smithies impeded the five-eighth and was ruled a penalty try. Raiders absorbed the early body blows and threw their first punch of the game. It was a high kick that Elliot Whitehead tapped back right to Nick Cotric who went over for 12-6. The visitors started to get into

Jahream Bula had the Tigers within ten points after snatching a bomb contest from Scott Drinkwater. The Cowboys looked like they might stumble further before the change of ends when Valentine Holmes was sin binned for a hip drop at 37 minutes, but the hosts were able to hold on to the ten-point lead headed into the halftime break. All eyes will be on the match review committee's findings on Saturday morning as to whether Holmes will be eligible to play in the first State of Origin clash for the Maroons.

With Holmes still off the field, the Tigers did take advantage just after the resumption of play when Samuela Fainu chased through a Lachlan Galvin kick and crashed over and the margin narrowed right down to just 4 points. That, however, would be as close as the Tigers would get. With Holmes back on, the Cowboys crossed for two quick tries at the 54th and 57th minutes, Sam McIntyre flying through and Val Holmes getting one himself. 20-16 quickly became 32-16. The game was iced for the Cowboys six minutes from time when Nanai secured his second off a great setup from Chad Townsend. Down 38-20, the Tigers did push for two late tries through Stefano Utoikamanu and Alex Twal, but the Cowboys had the last laugh with Holmes securing his double on the siren, the final score ending 42-28. The Tigers will welcome the bye next week while North Queensland are off to Sydney to face the Roosters. **TIM**

their rhythm and made it 18-6 before the break. Joey Manu was a nuisance with some strong carries and the centre finished off a backline, fending off a defender.

Coming out of the break, James Tedesco felt just fine. The representative fullback showed off evasive skills to brush off the Raiders defence and slammed it down for a 24-6 Roosters lead. The Raiders got themselves back in the contest again through their toy scorer. Hudson Young kept his legs pumping and went over for his seventh try of the season to get them back within 14. Roosters kept them at arm's length again with another four-pointer. It was set up from a Tedesco run then they kept it alive before Manu drew in his defender and went over for his second try. The tri colours were in an attacking mood and kept the scoreboard ticking over. It was shape to the left this time which finished with Joseph Suaalii got himself on the try scorers list. They added another long-range effort from a Raiders error. Manu and Dom Young exchanged passes to get them upfield then it was a simple pass combination for Angus Crichton to score. There was some late consolation for the Raiders. Young half Kaeo Weekes went through the line and sliced through to make it 38-16 after Rapanas' quick conversion. The Roosters finished the game off with one final party piece. Radley went through again, linked with Keary before they found a trailing Tedesco to get his second four-pointer. **JUSTIN**

PENRITH 42 CRONULLA 0

Jarome Luai exhausted all superlatives with a rarified performance as the Penrith Panthers asserted their premiership credentials with a 42-0 victory over the Cronulla Sharks.

Having a hand in multiple tries and suffocating the competition leaders with his kicking game, Luai sent a timely reminder to NSW coach Michael Maguire ahead of the opening State of Origin fixture, while Nicho Hynes will be racing to prove his fitness after passing a HIA but sitting out the second half with calf tightness. The reigning premiers were ruthless in recording their first victory at PointsBet Stadium since 2012 while extending their record against the Sharks to seven wins from nine matches during Ivan Cleary's second stint at the club. Setting a dominant tone from the outset with James Fisher-Harris (4th minute) capitalising on an error forced by Luai's kicking game, the Panthers established a double-digit lead ahead of the clock with Luai (8th minute) taking on the line to leave the hosts stunned. The Panthers continued to heap pressure on their shellshocked opponents, forcing Hynes to kick out on the full multiple times and exposing the presumptive NSW halfback in defence off a scrum which allowed Paul Alamoti (26th minute) to cross from close range. The Sharks were powerless to prevent further tries when Hynes was ruled out of the match as Dylan Edwards (32nd minute) and Jack Cole (39th minute) crossed to send the Panthers to the sheds leading 28-0 at the end of a near flawless opening half.

Maintaining the one-way flow of points with Liam Henry (47th minute) pouncing on a kick from Mitch Kenny to collect his first NRL try, the Panthers relentlessly forced repeat sets until a chip kick from Cole allowed Scott Sorenson (65th minute) to score against his former club. The final stages of the match saw Edwards slot a penalty goal as Izack Tago and Moses Leota were both placed on report. The Sharks had one final attacking chance after Leota was sent to the sin bin with seconds remaining, however the Panthers remained resolute in defence to run out 42-0 victors. Next week, the Sharks will face the Eels at CommBank Stadium on Thursday night, while the Panthers will host the Dragons on Saturday evening at BlueBet Stadium. **ROB**

SOUTH SYDNEY 42 PARRAMATTA 26

Sin bin controversy as reared its ugly head again as the contrasting decisions left fans confused during Souths 42-26 win over Parramatta at Accor Stadium on Wanngal land.

It was a fast start for the Rabbitohs when Jai Arrow looked to go close and at first referee Chris Butler wanted him to play the ball before sending it to the bunker. It was a good thing that he did because replays showed the point of the ball hitting the line and Souths went 6-0 up after Latrell converted. Things continued to look good for Souths as they added two more tries before the 20-minute mark as Keaton Kolomatangi charged over under the posts and then Dion Teupa slid through some very fragile defence and after both were converted the home side had a 18-0 lead. Souths extended their lead to 22-0 after 26 minutes when Parramatta turned the ball over again and Alex Johnston picked up another try. Things began to turn suddenly as the Blue and Gold put two tries on the board in the space of two minutes when Blaize Talagi and Sean Russell were able to go over and Parramatta closed the gap to 22-12. A big talking point came inside the final 90 seconds when Latrell Mitchell was sent to the sin bin by referee Chris Butler for a hip drop tackle.

The Eels took advantage of the extra man early in the second half when they closed the gap to 22-16 after a cross-field kick was knocked backwards for the Eels by Bryce Cartwright and the Blue and Gold spread the ball right and Morgan Harper scored. The conversion was waved away. Controversy reigned again around hip drop tackles and dangerous leg tackles as Joe Ofahengauwe was penalised and everybody expected him to go to the sin bin but the issue was just put on report. Souths took advantage though as Sean Keppie scored after chasing through a kick and getting to the ball first. Latrell Mitchell converted from close range to give Souths a 30-16 lead. The ball went back and forth but it was some repeat possession for the Eels that got them back on the board and gave them a fighting chance as Maika Sivo went over in the corner. The comeback hopes were short lived as the boot of Latrell set up the next two tries for Souths with Damien Cook chasing through and grounding a grubber kick. Soon after, a floating bomb was spilt by Eels fullback Blaize Talagi, and it was Koloamatangi who got there first to score. A consolation try came inside the final sixty seconds for Parramatta when Maika Sivo went over to score but a comeback hope was gone. Luckily for Souths, a bye next week means Jack Wighton should be right for their clash against the Titans in a fortnight BUT they will have a nervous wait overnight to see what charge if any is handed against Latrell Mitchell. Parramatta don't have the luxury of the bye as they have a clash with the Cowboys next week. **JOSH**

GOLD COAST 36 BRISBANE 34

Gold Coast Titans dug deep to win 36-34 against Brisbane Broncos at Lang Park on Sunday afternoon.

It was a showcase in the sunshine in Brisbane on Sunday. The battle between the two fullbacks Keano Kini and Reece Walsh headlined the contest but the main takeaway was a gritty win for the Gold Coast Titans. Broncos showed their hand early in the game with some long breaks. Reece Walsh was in scintillating form headed into the Origin period and looked dangerous every time he touched the ball. The hosts were the first on the scoresheet with their fast start. It was a simple short pass to Payne Haas at the line which saw the prop plunge over followed by Madden converting for 6-0. The Titans first four-pointer was the stuff of dreams for Tony Francis. The winger was on the end of a backline move and touched down in the corner before he was subbed off due to an arm injury. Broncos were enjoying a rare day time game and it showed in their football. They broke down the wing again through Josiah Karapani then he turned it inside for Corey Oates for the four-pointer. Next, it was an all effort try from the Broncos. Selwyn Cobbo rose highest to catch the ball, offloaded to Ezra Mam who kicked for Deine Mariner, but the winger was taken out in the contest. The Bunker then determined it would be a penalty try. Titans continued to show fight though. Backrower turned centre Beau Farmor just did it all himself to bring it back to 18-12. He scooped it up from dummy-half, threw a dummy and went over. Walsh continued his stellar half with another try assist. He took the ball to the line then sent the short pass to Brendan Piakura who strolled over to take it back out to a 12-point lead. The visitors struck again on the stroke of half-time. They kept the ball alive on the right before it was swung inside for Erin Clark. The interchange forward just kept pumping his legs until he put it down.

The Titans further reduced the deficit after the break. It was a move on the left side which saw David Fifita do some ball playing before Chris Randall sliced through for 24-22. In true Titans fashion though, they handed Broncos a four-pointer. Tom Weaver kicked it straight to Ezra Mam who won the foot race against the Titans chasers to stretch it past a converted try. The game continued to be a see-saw affair. Titans scored back-to-back tries through Keenan Palasia against his old club then Brian Kelly finished off a backline move for 32-30. Titans were in full flow and went ahead by six points. The high kick created the contest, Mariner spilled it and it was sent out to Alofiana Khan-Pereira who produced a fabulous finish. There was a final twist left in the game with the Broncos getting back within two. Walsh was the architect again with a delightful short pass for Selwyn Cobbo to go over. Jock Madden missed the conversion. That set up a frantic final few minutes. The Broncos tried to pull off the comeback, but they were held at bay by a gutsy Titans outfit who win their third game of the season. **JUSTIN**

WARRIORS 42 DOLPHINS 20

Despite being in the trenches and missing ten of their regular starting 17 players, the Warriors claim victory over the Dolphins.

The Dolphins started out with a bang, with Jamayne Isaako contorts his body and goes over in the corner off the back of a Warriors error. The two sides then play some back and forth footy, with Isaiya Katoa kicking his career first 40-20 which was subsequently also the first 40-20 for the Dolphins side. Another Warriors error causes the Dolphins to score another try, with Herbie Farnworth to score his second try of the season with the Dolphins. Finally, the Warriors get their first points of the game when the Dolphins apparently forget that they should be contesting for the ball and not blankly staring at each other... Chanel Harris-Tavita easily goes over for the Wahs' first try. This is quickly followed up by a Dolphins try, with Farnworth combining (and remembering to pass) with Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow for a long range try. The two teams continue to go tit for tat, with the Warriors then crossing the line again, with Te Maire Martin going over for his own four pointer right under the sticks. A controversial call was then made on the stroke of halftime, with people left wondering if it should have been Dolphins ball considering Isaako did not regain possession... However, Dolphins led 16-12.

The opening ten minutes of the second half saw a lot of potential but no action or scoring, with the ball continuing to go back and forth between the Wahs and Phins. The Warriors then finally took the lead for the first time in the match, with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak making a linebreak and getting the first points for the second half. Much scrambling comes from the Dolphins but they are just not reaching the same level as the Warriors, with Marata Niukore going over for a four-pointer after three back-to-back line dropouts being forced by the Dolphins. The Dolphins make a fight in the final five minutes, with Jamayne Isaako going over for his second of the night, however he fails to convert and they clearly do not have enough gas in the tank to make a magic play in the closing minutes. Despite missing more than half of their star players, the Warriors made a statement, and managed to get another win in the bag, looking forward to a much needed bye next round. After winning three in a row, the Dolphins succumb to a loss away from home, and they look to next round where they take on the Raiders, potentially without their star fullback due to Origin duties. **BETH**

ROUND 12 SCOREBOARD

Canterbury 44 (M. Burton 2, J. Kiraz 2, J. Salmon 2, S. Crichton, J. Preston tries; M. Burton 6 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 12 (J. Liddle, M. Suli tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Thu, 23rd May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-6. Penalties: Canterbury 7-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 15,442.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Salmon, Hayward. Int: Curran, Morrin, Preston, Turpin.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Bird, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Sele, Eisenhuth, Su'A, De Belin. Int: Brown, Lawrie, Faitala-Mariner, Leilua.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Burton
2 - J Curran
1 - J Kiraz

North Qld 42 (K. Feldt 2, V. Holmes 2, J. Nanai 2, S. McIntyre tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 28 (S. Alaimalo, J. Bula, S. Fainu, A. Twal, S. Utoikamanu tries; A. Koroisau 2, J. Sullivan 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: North Qld 20-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers 4-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 15,957.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Neame, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: McIntyre, Mikaele, Finefeuiaki, Taumalolo.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Staines, Casey, Feledy, Alaimalo; Galvin, Sullivan; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Papali'i, Fainu, Twal. Int: Matamua, Simpkin, Seyfarth, Pole, Lobb.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Nanai
2 - T Dearden
1 - L Galvin

Manly 26 (T. Talau 2, B. Trbojevic, J. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) defeated Melbourne 20 (J. Hughes, E. Katoa, N. Meaney tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-6. Penalties: Melbourne 6-5. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,211.

Manly: Hopoate, Saab, Talau, Garrick, Tuaimalo Vaega; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Lawton, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Waddell, Bullemor, Brown.

Melbourne: Fa'alogo, Warbrick, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Wishart, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), Welch, Blore, Katoa, King. Int: Loiero, Anderson, Asofa-Solomona, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Cherry-Evans
2 - J Trbojevic
1 - J Hughes

Sydney 44 (J. Manu 2, J. Tedesco 2, A. Crichton, L. Keary, V. Radley, J. Sua'ali'i tries; J. Sua'ali'i 3, S. Walker 3 goals) defeated Canberra 16 (N. Cotric, K. Weekes, H. Young tries; J. Rapana 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-6. Penalties: Canberra 9-7. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 18,049.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Guler, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Starling, Mariota, Mooney, Hola.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Whyte. Int: Smith, Butcher; Leniu, May.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tedesco
2 - V Radley
1 - J Manu

Penrith 42 (P. Alamoti, J. Cole, D. Edwards, J. Fisher-Harris, L. Henry, J. Lui, S. Sorensen tries; D. Edwards 7 goals) defeated Cronulla 0 at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 28-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 13,500.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Hynes; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Talakai, Hunt, Hau Tapuha.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Cole, Lui; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Laurie, Smith, Henry, Eisenhuth.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Lui
2 - I Yeo
1 - J Cole

South Sydney 42 (K. Koloamatangi 2, J. Arrow, D. Cook, A. Johnston, S. Keppie, D. Teapa tries; L. Mitchell 6, D. Teapa goals) defeated Parramatta 26 (M. Sivo 2, M. Harper, S. Russell, B. Talagi tries; D. Asi 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 22-12. Penalties: South Sydney 7-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 15,202.

South Sydney: Mitchell (C), Johnston, Milne, Chee-Kam, Gagai; Wighton, Teapa; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Host, Arrow, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Havili, Burgess.

Parramatta: Talagi, Sivo, Harper, Russell, Simonsson; Asi, Brown (C); Campbell-Gillard, Lussick, Paulo, Cartwright, Tuilagi, Hoppood. Int: Lane, Makatoa, Ofahengaue, Hands.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Koloamatangi
2 - L Mitchell
1 - J Hoppood

Gold Coast 36 (E. Clark, B. Fermor, T. Francis, B. Kelly, A. Khan-Pereira, K. Palasia, C. Randall tries; K. Kini 4 goals) defeated Brisbane 34 (S. Cobbo, P. Haas, E. Mam, D. Mariner, C. Oates, B. Piakura tries; J. Madden 5 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 24-16. Penalties: Gold Coast 4-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 42,221.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Karapani, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Gosiewski.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fermor, Francis; Randall, Weaver; Fotuika (C), Verrills, Pahulu, Fifita, Haas, Palasia. Int: Liu, Clark, Stimson, Alick.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Kini
2 - R Walsh
1 - S Verrills

Warriors 24 (C. Harris-Tavita, T. Martin, M. Niukore, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; A. Pompey 4 goals) defeated Dolphins 20 (J. Isaako 2, H. Farnworth, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 6:05 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 16-12. Penalties: Warriors 5-0. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 23,116.

Warriors: Watene-Zelezniak, Kosi, Graham-Taufa, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Niukore, Roache, Afoa, Ford, Barnett (C), Walker. Int: Lussick, Ale, Tevaga, Laban.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Kaufusi, Lemuel, Aitken, Plath. Int: Nicholls, Kerr, Bromwich, Stone.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Martin
2 - J Ford
1 - D Watene-Zelezniak

ROUND 12 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	11	9	0	2	1	82	20
2	PENRITH	11	8	0	3	1	112	18
3	MELBOURNE	11	8	0	3	1	75	18
4	DOLPHINS	11	7	0	4	1	65	16
5	SYDNEY	12	7	0	5	0	135	14
6	BRISBANE	12	7	0	5	0	57	14
7	NEWCASTLE	11	6	0	5	1	-9	14
8	CANBERRA	11	6	0	5	1	-38	14
9	Manly	12	6	1	5	0	36	13
10	Canterbury	11	5	0	6	1	47	12
11	North Qld	12	6	0	6	0	2	12
12	St Geo Illa	11	5	0	6	1	-88	12
13	Warriors	12	5	1	6	0	-3	11
14	Gold Coast	11	3	0	8	1	-89	8
15	Parramatta	11	3	0	8	1	-119	8
16	Wests Tigers	11	2	0	9	1	-95	6
17	South Sydney	11	2	0	9	1	-170	6

ROUND 12 JUDICIARY

Valentine Holmes (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
David Klemmer (WST)	G2 Dangerous Contact	3 matches
Victor Radley (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Latrell Mitchell (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$3000

ROUND 12 POTY LEADERBOARD

19 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

11 POINTS

AJ Brimson (Titans), Nicho Hynes (Sharks)

10 POINTS

Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Isaaah Yeo (Panthers)

9 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Zac Lomax (Dragons), James Tedesco (Roosters), Sam Walker (Roosters), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks)

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Newcastle Knights

PARRAMATTA 34 CRONULLA 22

The returns of Mitchell Moses and Clint Gutherson have inspired the Eels to a 34-22 win over the Sharks. The Eels hopes of a late season charge to the finals have gotten off to the best start possible with tonight's victory.

Cronulla picked up a penalty, a set restart and forced an error early before Sione Katoa opened the scoring. The Eels struck back quickly however when Will Penisini scored a spectacular solo try, and then quickly jumped out to a 12-point lead with a Maika Sivo double. But as their momentum began to look irresistible, the Sharks resisted and Ronaldo Mulitalo took off on a kick return, breaking Mitchell Moses' ankles and selling Clint Gutherson some candy before linking up with Will Kennedy for the try. Moses missed a field goal right on half time, and the score remained 16-10 at the break.

The Sharks dominated the ball early in the second half but failed to score, and when Parra got a chance, they took advantage when Junior Paulo carried five Sharks defenders across the line. Moses quickly followed up with a penalty goal, before setting up a brilliant short side raid to send Bailey Simonsson over and extend the lead to 28-10. But the Sharks refused to die wondering and picked up two tries in seven minutes through Daniel Atkinson and Katoa respectively. But just as momentum was building, a mistake by the Sharks put the Eels back on the front foot, and Dylan Brown stepped through the defences to ice the game and a crucial two points for the Blue and Golds. This felt like a must win for the Eels, and getting a 4th win halfway through their season is the bare minimum they needed if they want to make the finals this season. It's going to be a long road, but the returns of Moses and Clint Gutherson go a long way towards that goal. For the Sharks it's time to press the panic button. Back-to-back losses and conceding 106 points in just three weeks. This team is being exposed at a ridiculous rate and Craig Fitzgibbon needs to rectify it if the Sharks want to remain a premiership contender. **RHYS**

CANTERBURY 32 NEWCASTLE 2

Despite missing Matt Burton, Stephen Crichton and Viliame Kikau, the Bulldogs have given the Knights a brutal rugby league lesson on their home turf to the tune of 32-2.

It was a frantic start with both sides tempted to play the game at a high intensity going from end to end. However, a penalty against the Dogs after 5 minutes gave the Knights an early chance. A trick shot for David Armstrong just misfired, but there was a clear reason why. Connor Tracey overran the play and played the man, forcing Armstrong off course and the bunker dispatched the Canterbury custodian to the sin-bin. Jackson Hastings added a penalty goal for a 2-0 lead early on. Despite being a man down, the Dogs wanted to get adventurous, but the link up with Drew Hutchison and Bronson Xerri fell short and Dane Gagai sprinted away before being stopped 10 metres out. Fortunately, the Dogs scrambled well on the ensuing play when

Greg Marzhev was playing hero ball and was taken in a brilliant try-saving tackle by Jacob Preston and the score remained 2-0. Right as the bin period was over, the Bulldogs struck with force and speed. A shift down the left edge saw Josh Addo-Carr get some early ball on the last tackle. The Fox chipped over the top of the defence, left Armstrong looking like Bambi on ice-skates and collected the ball to score the opener. Toby Sexton converted for a 6-2 lead. After forcing a mistake from the rookie fullback Armstrong, Canterbury showed their skills and crossed for number two after some silky link up on the left edge. Toby Sexton straightened the attack, found Drew Hutchison who did a bounce pass to find Addo-Carr who crossed in the corner for his second. Sexton's conversion hit the post, and it was 10-2. Newcastle weren't without chances to end the half; Dylan Lucas was denied in a tenacious goal-line defensive effort by the Dogs as they were determined to leave the Knights stranded on 2 points at the break.

The second half began much the same as the first ended, with the Knights making some poor attacking choices and silly mistakes coming out of their own end. A brilliant short ball from Tracey earned the full-back redemption from his first-half sin-bin and Jacob Preston delivered, crashing over for a pretty easy try. Sexton for the second time tonight doinked the posts and it was 14-2. Canterbury soon found themselves again down to 12 men. After conceding 3 six agains in 20 seconds, Sexton was guilty of a professional foul after making an offside tackle in a potential try-scoring situation and he was dispatched for 10. The Dogs capitalised on some horrific Newcastle attack while down to 12 men. Mahoney's clever grubber was ricochet off Brailey and was kicked forward by Josh Curran. The big forward won the race to the ball with a spectacular dive for the ball. Off yet another Newcastle mistake seven minutes later. Canterbury went right this time, and Mahoney again put boot to ball. Preston was able to get through and beat two Newcastle players to ground the football for his second try of the contest. Sexton got the radar on and nailed the kick for a 22-point lead as the Knights fans headed for the exit. Bronson Xerri crashed over with just over 5 to go for the Dogs to hit 30 for the fourth occasion in 2024. The night ended on a sour note with Jacob Saifiti binned for the dumbest play of 2024 with a headbutt on the serial pest Mahoney. Sexton added two points on full-time for a massacre in Newcastle. **AJ**

ST GEO ILLA 22 PENRITH 10

A remarkable second half from the St George Illawarra Dragons at a wet Bluebet Stadium has seen them down reigning premiers Penrith 22-10 in front of over 12,000 fans.

After a gruelling opening quarter, Penrith troubled the scoreboard first in the 26th minute with Paul Alamoti getting over the line on the left edge. While unconverted, the 4-0 lead wouldn't sit idle for too long, Jesse McLean capping off an impressive opening half to score out wide himself just before halftime. The hosts retained a 10-0 lead into the sheds. Whatever Shane Flanagan said in the sheds must have worked though, because the second

forty was all Dragons. Just three minutes after play resumed, Toby Couchman took defenders across the line for the visitors' first and it ended up being a bit of a looming spectre of what was to come.

Just before the 50 minute mark five-eighth Jesse Marschke put a neat grubber through the line for fullback Tyrell Sloan to collect and in the blink of an eye the Dragons went from trailing 10-0 to leading 12-10. The visitors clung to that two-point lead despite plenty of challenges until a try out wide for Mat Feagai secured a bigger buffer, and the result was ultimately sealed in rainy conditions with about six minutes left, second-rower Raymond Faitala-Mariner going all the way and then some to secure an important win to keep pace with the top eight contending sides. The loss for Penrith means they won't finish the round on top, but they should have plenty of their State of Origin representatives back next weekend when they host Manly on Sunday afternoon, all of whom were sorely missed tonight. The Dragons will potentially welcome back halfback Ben Hunt from Origin duty next Friday when they host the Wests Tigers in Wollongong. **TIM**

CANBERRA 26 DOLPHINS 25

An 87th-minute field goal has seen Jordan Rapana guide the Canberra Raiders to a 26-25 away win over the Dolphins at Redcliffe tonight.

In a see-sawing contest that has seen early crows of 'game of the year', it was the home side Dolphins who got on the board early, hooker Jeremy Marshall-King going over beside the posts. The 6-0 lead following Jamayne Isaako's conversion would be cancelled out by Xavier Savage flying over for the visitors' first try five minutes later. The Raiders went from six down to six up in a short space of time with Ata Mariota strolling over before the 20-minute mark and suddenly found themselves 12-6 leaders. The back-and-forth nature of the contest became apparent at the 25th minute with Jack Bostock hitting the tryscorer list off a Herbie Farnworth offload, Isaako again converting to level the action at 12-all inside half an hour. The scoreboard would click over for a fifth time just six minutes from the break when Canberra back rower Elliott Whitehead broke two tackles and crashed over, and the Raiders went to the break off that converted try to lead 18-12.

Tries were a little more spaced out in the second forty, with Jake Averillo striking first for the Dolphins just three minutes after the resumption, but that deadlock remained until Kaeo Weekes went himself, skirting Isaiya Katoa to score out wide. The 24-18 lead evaporated ten minutes later when Phins utility Kurt Donoghoe crossed in the corner for what would be the last try of the contest, Isaako's perfect goalkicking record ensuring a grandstand final ten minutes. Field goals from Isaako and Jordan Rapana provided the platform to take an entertaining contest to extra time, with the scoreline finishing 25-all after regulation time. Extra time was packed with controversy, with four field goal attempts (two each) and a penalty against the Dolphins for a blocker when it looked like Isaako had iced the game. The agonising seven minutes extra finally produce a golden point victor,

with Rapana's one-pointer avoiding scrutiny from the officials despite home side players claiming obstruction, the field goal standing and Canberra taking a 26-25 win home. Both sides will get a weekend extra to recover from that gruelling contest, with the Dolphins heading away to Cronulla the week after, and Canberra hosting the Cowboys the same weekend. **DAN**

NORTH QLD 18 SYDNEY 16

The North Queensland Cowboys have overturned a 10 point half time deficit to take an 18-16 win over the Sydney Roosters in front of 13,000 fans at Allianz Stadium.

The Roosters preparations were thrown a curveball early Sunday morning when James Tedesco was called back into the NSW origin squad as Roosters fans thought they could get through the Origin series having their custodian. Normally fast starters, The Roosters had to wait until the 20th minute for their first points which came off the boot of Sam Walker with a penalty goal. The tricolours were able to then add their first try a few minutes later when off the back of a penalty Terrell May was able to crash over and twist his way to get the ball down. The Cowboys hit the scoreboard just after the half hour mark when Dom Young was caught infield and stuck in defensive limbo as Braidon Burns was unmarked on the outside of him to score in the corner. A piece of luck for the home side helped them to a second try as a pass that looked to be a long way forward was actually touched by the Cowboys who stopped and Dom Young was able to get upfield before slipping over. The quick play the ball caused issues for the North Queenslanders and Sam Walker's quick thinking to play left but go straight back to the unmarked Dom Young on the right to score easily. The conversion from out wide was successful and the Roosters lead 14-4 at the break.

An early penalty goal was added by Sam Walker to start the second half as the Roosters extended their lead to 12. The Cowboys then went up against it as Heilum Luki was given 10 minutes in the sin bin for a dangerous lifting tackle. If the extra man was meant to be a hindrance for the Cowboys, it turned into a rocket that they needed as they were able to cross through Scott Drinkwater who had too much speed for the sliding Roosters defence and got across to score a converted try. An extra two points was added a few minutes later when the Cowboys wound down the sin bin time to close the gap to 16-12. The Cowboys momentum continued as Kulikefu Finefeuiaki was able to cross with ten minutes to play with the Roosters losing the plot and struggling to control the ball. The missed conversion didn't hurt the visitors too much as they were able to hit the lead a few minutes later when Scott Drinkwater added a penalty goal after the Roosters were caught offside. The Roosters tried everything in the dying minutes but couldn't crack the Cowboys line and fell to an 18-16 defeat. Next week, the Roosters have the benefit of having the bye whilst the Cowboys get a boost by returning to Townsville for a clash with the Warriors. **JOSH**

ROUND 13 SCOREBOARD

Parramatta 34 (M. Sivo 2, D. Brown, J. Paulo, W. Penisini, B. Simonsson tries; M. Moses 5 goals) defeated **Cronulla 22** (S. Katoa 2, D. Atkinson, W. Kennedy tries; B. Trindall 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Thu, 30th May. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-10.

Penalties: Parramatta 5-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 11,665.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Simonsson; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Greig, Tuilagi, Cartwright, Ofahengau. Int: Paulo, Talagi, Lane, Makatoa.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Trindall; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton (C), Williams. Int: Talakai, Rudolf, Hunt, Hamlin-Uele.

Player of the Year: 3 – M Moses
2 – D Brown
1 – C Gutherson

Canterbury 32 (J. Addo-Carr 2, J. Preston 2, J. Curran, B. Xerri tries; T. Sexton 4 goals) defeated **Newcastle 2** (J. Hastings goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 31st May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-2.

Penalties: Newcastle 9-7. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 21,204.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Tuala, Gagai, Mapapalangi, Marzheuw, Cogger, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey (C), Thompson, Pearce-Paul, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Crossland, Frizell, Saifiti, Jones.

Canterbury: Tracey, Wilson, Xerri, Kiraz, Addo-Carr; Hutchison, Sexton; King, Mahoney (C), Hughes, Preston, Salmon, Hayward. Int: Mann, Curran, Morrin, Hopoi.

Player of the Year: 3 – J Preston
2 – R Mahoney
1 – J Addo-Carr

St George Illawarra 22 (T. Couchman, R. Faitala-Mariner, M. Feagai, T. Sloan tries; K. Flanagan 3 goals) defeated **Penrith 10** (P. Alamoti, J. McLean tries; P. Alamoti goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-0. Penalties:

St George Illawarra 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 12,025.

Penrith: Laurie, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, McLean; Cole, Schneider; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris (C), Sorensen, Henry, Smith. Int: Toelau, Riki, Geyer, Peachey.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Finau, Suli, Feagai, Feagai; Flanagan, Marschke; Molo, Liddle, De Belin (C), Leilua, Faitala-Mariner; Eisenhuth. Int: Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Couchman, Couchman.

Player of the Year: 3 – J Marschke
2 – T Sloan
1 – J McLean

Canberra 26 (A. Mariota, X. Savage, K. Weekes, E. Whitehead tries; J. Rapana 4 goals; J. Rapana 2 field goals) defeated **Dolphins 25** (J. Averillo, J. Bostock, K. Donoghoe, J. Marshall-King tries; J. Isaako 4 goals; J. Isaako field goal) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-12.

Penalties: Canberra 6-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 10,024.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Milford, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Nicholls, Lemuelu, Aitken, Plath. Int: Kerr, Bromwich, Stone, Donoghoe.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Guler, Levi, Tapine, Mariota, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Sasagi, Mooney.

Player of the Year: 3 – J Rapana
2 – J Tapine
1 – H Farnworth

North Qld 18 (B. Burns, S. Drinkwater, K. Finefeuiaki tries; S. Drinkwater 3 goals) defeated **Sydney 16** (T. May, D. Young tries; S. Walker 4 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-4.

Penalties: North Qld 8-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 13,811.

Sydney: Manu, Tupou, Pauga, Jennings, Young; Keary (C), Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, May, Butcher, Radley, Whyte. Int: Smith, Wong, Tupouniua, Steep.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Purdue, Vailea, Burns; Clifford, Townsend (C); McLean, Granville, Neame, Luki, Finefeuiaki, Mikaele. Int: McIntyre, Edwards, Shibasaki, Taumalolo.

Player of the Year: 3 – S Drinkwater
2 – T May
1 – K Finefeuiaki

BYES
Brisbane Broncos
South Sydney Rabbitohs
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles
Melbourne Storm
Wests Tigers
Gold Coast Titans
Warriors

ROUND 13 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	11	8	0	3	2	75	20
2	CRONULLA	12	9	0	3	1	70	20
3	PENRITH	12	8	0	4	1	100	18
4	DOLPHINS	12	7	0	5	1	64	16
5	BRISBANE	12	7	0	5	1	57	16
6	CANBERRA	12	7	0	5	1	-37	16
7	MANLY	12	6	1	5	1	36	15
8	SYDNEY	13	7	0	6	0	133	14
9	Canterbury	12	6	0	6	1	77	14
10	North Qld	13	7	0	6	0	4	14
11	Newcastle	12	6	0	6	1	-39	14
12	St Geo Illa	12	6	0	6	1	-76	14
13	Warriors	12	5	1	6	1	-3	13
14	Gold Coast	11	3	0	8	2	-89	10
15	Parramatta	12	4	0	8	1	-107	10
16	Wests Tigers	11	2	0	9	2	-95	8
17	South Sydney	11	2	0	9	2	-170	8

ROUND 13 JUDICIARY

Jacob Saifiti (NEW)	G1 Striking	\$3000
Trey Mooney (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Kurt Donoghoe (DOL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Anthony Milford (DOL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Siuua Wong (SYD)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1000
Heilum Luki (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$1000

ROUND 13 POTY LEADERBOARD

19 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

11 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks), AJ Brimson (Titans)

10 POINTS

Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

9 POINTS

Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), Sam Walker (Roosters), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Ben Hunt (Dragons), James Tedesco (Roosters), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Jamal Fogarty (Raiders)

ST GEO ILLA 56 WESTS TIGERS 14

Forty-four unanswered second-half points from the St George Illawarra Dragons have seen them top the half-century for the first time at WIN Stadium since 2017, to defeat the battling Wests Tigers in Wollongong tonight while Zac Lomax broke Amos Roberts' record for most points in a single match.

The Tigers started with intent and delivered opening points after just 5 minutes of play. Following an early 40/20 from Api Koroisau, the Tigers set up camp in the Dragons attacking zone and had several chances including Jahreem Bula going close to scoring. From the ensuing play, Jayden Sullivan put a clever cross-field kick in and in his maiden NRL start, Alex Lobb crossed for his maiden NRL try. Koroisau was unable to add the extras but it was an impressive Tigers start. Wests were playing such an expansive style of football in the early stages causing the Dragons defence to be turned around early on. St George Illawarra's defence was further caught napping following a right hand shift, Charlie Staines offloaded it well to Jahreem Bula to find the space in open field before linking up with Jayden Sullivan who finished off the movement he started as the former Dragons had their own way in the opening 20 minutes. Koroisau converted for a 10-0 lead. After earning the first penalty of the match, the St George Illawarra Dragons had some field position and worked their way back into the game after forcing some errors from the Tigers. A clever cross-field kick from Ben Hunt found a swarm of Tigers players lacking the

desire to get the ball, fortunately for the hosts, Tyrell Sloan batted it back to Kyle Flanagan to get the Dragons back into it at the 23 minute mark. Five minutes later, Moses Suli caught a couple of shocking Tigers defenders offside and bumped away from a couple of tacklers to break away. Suli found Lomax who stepped past a couple of would be defenders to level the scores, Lomax's conversion gave the Dragons their first lead of the night. Despite a crazy end to the half, with both sides playing end to end footy, some push and shove and Flanagan being denied for a double movement, the scores stayed the same right up to the change of ends. Two late Tigers penalties gave them a late chance, Sullivan dug deep into the line to find Alex Seyfarth who redeems himself for the penalty that he conceded minutes earlier and gets the lead back for the visitors on the break.

St George Illawarra capitalised on a slow second half start from the Tigers to cross first. A nice shift saw Flanagan deliver a wonderful pass to Suli get through a yawning gap exposing the poor edge defence of the Tigers. Suli got it away to Mat Feagai to cross for the try. Lomax added the extras for a four-point lead. The Dragons soon got an extra man, and a converted try lead when Jayden Sullivan was sin-binned for a professional foul, Lomax added the penalty goal for a 20-14 lead. Capitalising on the extra man advantage and some real elementary mistakes from the Tigers. St George Illawarra went down the Sullivan edge to cross. Hunt caught all the defenders on the right edge napping as he delivered a wonderful pass to Luciano Leilua to cross. Lomax converted for a 26-14 lead. Ben Hunt added further salt in the wound with a clever individual try to make it 32-14.

WARRIORS 42 NORTH QLD 12

Both sides saw a plethora of star players return from Origin duties [Cowboys] and injuries [Warriors], although the Cowboys just couldn't get the job done against an almost clinical Warriors side.

The first half saw an untidy game of play from the Cowboys, with the side struggling in both defence and attack. The Warriors got their first four-pointer in the 8th minute through Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad off the back one of the many Cowboys errors. Continuing to put on a powerful display of attack, the Warriors scored another three unanswered tries in the 13th, 18th and 32nd minute respectively. The side looked cohesive in both their attack and defence, looking refreshed after their Round 13 bye. Finally, the Cowboys managed to strike back in the 37th minute after a linebreak from Tom Dearden and perfectly timed pass to Scott Drinkwater. Chalk and cheese would be the phrasing to describe these two teams in the first half. The Warriors playing a clean, direct, and tidy game, being able to easily add on the points. On the other side, the Cowboys are compounding on errors, and just not being able to hold the ball nor have a solid line of defence, the fatigue clearly hitting them.

Having a refreshed halftime break, the Cowboys had a strong start to the second half, improving their ball play and minimising the errors, but they weren't putting on the points to show it. Dallin Watene-Zelezniak then opens the points scoring for the Warriors in the second half in the 52nd minute, after a crusher penalty on the last tackle of their previous set. The 60th minute saw both Chanel Harris-Tavita and Chad Townsend sin binned, leaving both sides down a man. A slightly improved second half from the Cowboys compared to the opening half was not enough, continuously spending time on the Warriors line and unable to come up with points. In a miracle play in the 68th minute, Watene-Zelezniak manages to keep his foot in the field of play to bat the ball back, for Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad to score a double. Scott Drinkwater kicks off the 20-metre restart for the Cowboys to then get their first points of the second half in the 73rd minute through Braidon Burns. The Warriors clearly wanted to finish in style, scoring another try in the last three minutes, to make the final score line 42-12. In the end, the Warriors came out on top, as the well deserving winners of the clash, having an excellent game in attack and defence. **BETH**

The Tigers kept making mistakes and it was their undoing in the second half. Despite having Sullivan return, the young side made another mistake and Leilua pounced on the grubber kick to cross for his second. Despite their best efforts, Wests' couldn't trouble the scorer in the second half after Seyfarth was denied for a double movement with 15 to go. From that penalty, Jacob Liddle caused havoc in the middle linking up with his middles to send Flanagan away before finding Mat Feagai for his second. Lomax added to his try tally of 2024 with his second. To add further salt into the Tigers wound, the conversion doinked off the upright to bring up the half century. Some last minute trickery saw Hunt do a reverse banana kick to Max Feagai which found Lomax to cross for a hattrick break the record for most points in a match for the Dragons. **AJ**

SOUTH SYDNEY 46 GOLD COAST 12

South Sydney Rabbitohs won back-to-back games in their 46-12 win against Gold Coast Titans at Robina Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

It was a big statement win for the Rabbitohs who picked up back-to-back wins for the first time in the 2024 season and it was built off the work from their spine players led by Latrell Mitchell and Cody Walker. The Rabbitohs showed their intent from the opening set where they went nearly the full length. It took them eight minutes to get on the board when Damien Cook stepped through and sent Latrell Mitchell over. They continued to march forward with the ball, making metres at ease. Cody Walker provided a superb ball to find Jacob Gagai who had acres to roam on the wing and touched down for 10-0. Gold Coast Titans hit back with a

spectacular effort of their own. Alofiana Khan-Pereira was released down the wing, he turned the defenders inside out before getting the hosts on the board. At points, this game felt like a basketball game with the up and down nature of the football. Souths had the better finish with some quick hands put Richard Kennar over for 16-6. The Rabbitohs led 22-6 going into half-time after a precise kick. It was placed well enough to force Alofiana Khan-Pereira to spill it right to Walker who got an easy score.

Both sides had opportunities early in the second half to strike. Michael Chee-Kam had a score chalked off due to an error while Beau Fermor went closest for the Titans but the Rabbitohs defense held firm. It was a banner afternoon for Mitchell who might have staked his claim for a New South Wales spot. This time, he played provider for Thomas Burgess to rumble over from close range for 28-6. Souths kept piling on the points late in the contest. Jack Wighton had the Titans line retreating with a strong carry then Peter Mamouzelos engaged the markers before Davvy Moale crashed over. David Fafita had a running battle with Walker all afternoon. The big man got some personal revenge with a rampaging run which saw him bump off the five-eighth to score. The Rabbitohs put the icing on the cake late in the contest. Chee-Kam had another effort ruled out by the bunker but a few tackles later, Wighton was able to get it down and we got a ceremonial conversion from Jai Arrow to make it 40-12. They had one final shot to throw at the tired Titans defence who had given up the ghost. The kick fell to Wighton who invented a pass to Walker who stroled over for his second of the afternoon. **JUSTIN**

CRONULLA 22 BRISBANE 12

An eleven minute burst right after half time has seen the Cronulla Sharks take an important 22-12 comeback victory over the Brisbane Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.

The Broncos opened the scoring just after the tenth minute when Jordan Riki was able to keep the ball alive and Kotoni Staggs made a long run before Billy Walters and Pat Carrigan finished things off. Hitting back a few minutes later, the Sharks proved to the Broncos why you need to wrap the ball up as on last tackle, Cronulla elected to run the ball and keeping the ball alive, the Sharks were able to score through Sifa Talakai. The Sharks had the majority of possession and field position but they saw the scoreboard going up against them as the Broncos were able to snatch a late try with some luck as Jock Madden's kick was spilt by Braydon Trindall and the home-side was able to clean it up and Tyson Smoothy scored. Staring down an unexpected 12-4 deficit at half time, the Sharks proved a point as they were able to run in three unanswered tries inside the first eleven minutes of the second half.

The Broncos were in all sorts to start the second half as they looked trapped in quicksand as they couldn't go anywhere and the Sharks had all the momentum as a lost ball saw the Visitors go right and stepping off his right foot, Sione Katoa was able to slice through soft defence. Ball control wasn't the friend of Brisbane and a lost ball from Kotoni Staggs put the Sharks into good position and again a soft defence was penetrated by a hard run from Braydon Trindall who just through a dummy and split the defence between Pat Carrigan and Brendan Piakura. The trifecta of tries for the Sharks saw Tristan Sailor's poor night at the back continue as a simple kick was spilt by the Broncos replacement fullback perfectly for the ball to land in the arms of the Sharks and Blayke Brailey was able to get over. It was all Blue, Black and White in the second half as the Broncos didn't even get close to scoring and although they didn't score for the last half hour, the victory was never in doubt for the Sharks. Next week, the Broncos will need to buck up their ideas when they have a clash against South Sydney who are growing in confidence whilst the Sharks have a Thursday night battle against the Dolphins at Shark Park. **JOSH**

MELBOURNE 36 NEWCASTLE 28

A barrage of tries either side of halftime has paved the way for the Melbourne Storm to extend their dominant record over the Newcastle Knights with a 36-28 victory.

Posting their 11th win from 13 clashes against the Knights at AAMI Park, the Storm crossed for five tries in a 20 minute passage either side of halftime before holding off a fast-finishing Knights side. In a match which saw both teams make a host of positional changes prior to kick-off, Newcastle debutant Fletcher Sharpe appeared to open the scoring midway through the first 40 only for the bunker to rule the fullback lost control in attempting to score. The Storm quickly capitalised on their good fortune through Nick Meaney (17th minute), who burnt his former club with pace to collect his 50th career try. An uncharacteristic error inside the Melbourne half saw Jackson Hastings swoop on a loose ball and link with Dylan Lucas (21st minute) in support to lock the scores up at 6-all. The Knights withstood multiple repeat sets on their try line and appeared to strike a major blow with Sharpe (30th minute) slicing through at the other end of the field to put the visitors in front. Turning a six-point deficit into a six-point lead in the final moments of the first half, Jahrome Hughes

(38th minute) burrowed underneath the black dot before a chip kick by Grant Anderson off the kick-off allowed Meaney (40th minute) to put the Storm ahead at the change of ends.

An error by Nelson Asofa-Solomona from the kick-off saw Lucas (41st minute) slide over for his first career double, however the joy was short-lived as Tyran Wishart (47th minute) sliced through to extend the Storm's lead beyond a converted try. The Storm continued to keep the points flowing with Xavier Coates (54th minute) producing an airborne four-pointer and Wishart (60th minute) supporting a break by Anderson to establish a 34-16 advantage. A try to Dane Gagai (65th minute) gave the Knights a glimmer of hope which grew into a spark when Enari Tuala (76th minute) made amends for an earlier blemish by collecting a first tackle cross-field kick from Jackson Hastings to set up a grandstand finish. The Knights' hopes of an unlikely comeback were extinguished when Tyson Frizell was sent to the sin bin on the final play of the game; Nick Meaney added a penalty goal to give the Storm a 36-28 victory to the delight of 20,269 supporters in attendance. Next week, the Storm will travel to Auckland on Saturday to face the Warriors, while the Knights will return home for a Sunday afternoon clash with the Panthers. **ROB**

PENRITH 32 MANLY 22

Penrith's Brian To'o and Manly's Tommy Talau have had field days on the wing in a high scoring contest that saw the Panthers finish 32-22 winners at Penrith Park this afternoon.

The scoring took 12 minutes to open, with To'o diving over out wide off a superb shift from Jarome Luai and Daine Laurie. Around the 20-minute mark, Manly - specifically Talau - turned the game on its head. In the space of seven minutes, the Sea Eagles winger had a hat-trick and the game was turned on its head - visitors suddenly ahead 12-4. With four tries scored and not a conversion in sight, it was over to Penrith to improve the scenario - something they did with two for To'o which produced two from two conversions from Alamoti. To'o's hat-trick completion put the hosts ahead 16-12 after it was looking a bit dire just a few minutes earlier.

Leading by four at the start of the second half, Penrith improved their position to six clear with a 46th minute penalty goal after a hair pull by Manly's Nathan Brown. Sunia Turuva continued the pattern of players with surnames starting with 'T' scoring tries at the 52 minute mark and put a ten-point buffer on things for his side. The gap became even more comfortable for the home team, Liam Henry scoring on the hour mark and making things a bit dark for Manly. Not even Talau's fourth try a few minutes later - narrowing the gap to 28-16 - could prevent the Penrith onslaught, and when Turuva picked up his second at the 67th minute, it was well and truly game over. Ten minutes from time, Jason Saab did his level best to keep the game alive after a shift to the right from his Manly backline, but it proved nothing more than consolation as Penrith held firm for the remainder to be ten-point winners and remain at pace with leaders Melbourne and Cronulla. Penrith head up the M1 next Sunday to visit Newcastle, while earlier the same afternoon Manly will welcome the Dragons to Brookvale Oval. **DAN**

CANTERBURY 22 PARRAMATTA 18

An immense crowd of almost 46,000 turned out to watch a brilliant game of football between two old rivals, with the Bulldogs prevailing with a late try.

Bulldogs started strong and made a promising run down the right side before a Stephen Crichton inside ball was ruled forward. The Dogs then gave away 3 consecutive penalties in less than 2 minutes to invite the Eels down into the Dogs red zone. Then on the 6th minute, Eels shifted right. They didn't have the numbers, but Blaize Talagi got outside his opposite and dived over to score in the corner. Mitchell Moses converted. The Bulldogs got a reprieve in the 12th minute when Bryce Cartwright threw a woeful pass into touch. From the ensuing scrum, the Dogs shifted the ball right to Crichton

who strolled in for a soft try. Matt Burton failed to convert from the sideline. The Dogs again exploited the Eels left side in the 19th minute. This time Crichton uses his pace to get outside the defender, draws the cover and then gets a great offload to Blake Wilson, who comes back infield and scores. Burton converted. In the 22nd minute it looked as though Deajarn Asi had got himself a try but the Bunker ruled that Crichton had a hand under the ball and thus, he had denied the Eels winger a try. Sean Russell looked to have scored in the 30th minute, but the bunker again denied the Eels, after they found a knock-on by both Connor Tracey and Clint Gutherson when contesting a bomb in the lead-up. The Eels weren't to be denied a third time. Moses on the last shaped to kick, dummied and then exploded through a small gap, flicked out the back to Cartwright who drew the defence before

passing to Viliami Penisini, who scored back on the inside. Moses converted. In the 39th minute, Burton hoisted up a monster bomb. As it came back down Gutherson fell over, the ball bounced sharply to the right into the waiting arms of Wilson who scored. The Bunker though rules that a host of Dogs players were offside who were involved in the play and the try was disallowed. Moses had a shot at field goal on the stroke of halftime, but failed.

5 minutes after play resumed, the Eels extended their lead. Close to the Dogs line, the Eels produce a shortside play to Dylan Brown who dropped a short flat ball to Kelma Tuilagi who burst through a gap and scored. Moses converted. The Bulldogs were denied a try to Bronson Xerri due to a forward pass from Toby Sexton in the 52nd minute, then 2 minutes later Kiraz almost gets to the line before

losing the ball, then in the 58th minute Jacob Preston very nearly scored off a kick but grounded the ball on the dead ball line. A minute later, Blake Wilson went on a great run through the middle from deep inside his own half and gets well inside the Eels half before throwing a forward pass. The Dogs finally added to their score in the 68th minute when they shifted to the right again, this time Connor Tracey got around and then sliced through the defence before turning the ball inside to Crichton who crossed for his second try. Burton converted. With 5 minutes remaining in the game, Tracey got outside and then flew past Asi, drew the fullback and then sent a great ball to Wilson who scored. Burton converted. The Dogs held onto their lead to record a well-earned victory. **FERGO**

ROUND 14 SCOREBOARD

St George Illawarra 56 (Z. Lomax 3, M. Feagai 2, L. Leilua 2, K. Flanagan, B. Hunt tries; Z. Lomax 10 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 14 (A. Lobb, A. Seyfarth, J. Sullivan tries; A. Koroisau goal) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Fri, 7th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 14-12. Penalties: St George Illawarra 6-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 9,969.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Feagai, Feagai; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Su'A, Faitala-Mariner, Eisenhuth. Int: Leilua, Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Couchman.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Lobb, Staines, Olam, Alaimalo; Galvin, Sullivan; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Twal, Fainu, Seyfarth, Matamua. Int: Naden, Pole, Fainu, Porter.

Player of the Year: 3 - Z Lomax
2 - B Hunt
1 - L Leilua

South Sydney 46 (C. Walker 2, T. Burgess, J. Gagai, R. Kennar; L. Mitchell, D. Moale, J. Wighton tries; L. Mitchell 6, J. Arrow goals) defeated Gold Coast 12 (D. Fifita, A. Khan-Pereira tries; J. Campbell 2 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 22-6. Penalties: South Sydney 7-4. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 14,434.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fermor; Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuaika, Randall, Pahulu, Fifita, Haas, Palasia. Int: Verrills, Liu, Clark, Alick.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Chee-Kam, Arrow, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Havili, Burgess.

Player of the Year: 3 - L Mitchell
2 - C Walker
1 - J Wighton

Warriors 42 (R. Berry 2, C. Nicoll-Klokstad 2, M. Barnett, A. Fonua-Blake, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; A. Pompey 7 goals) defeated North Qld 12 (B. Burns, S. Drinkwater tries; V. Holmes 2 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Warriors 22-6. Penalties: Warriors 4-3. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 19,623.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Burns; Dearden (C), Townsend; Cotter, Edwards, Neame, Luki, Finefeuiaki, Mikaele. Int: Purdue, McIntyre, Taumalolo, Nanai.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Ford, Niukore, Barnett, Walker. Int: Harris (C), Tevaga, Capewell, Lussick.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Martin
2 - C Nicoll-Klokstad
1 - A Fonua-Blake

Cronulla 22 (B. Brailey, S. Katoa, S. Talakai, B. Trindall tries; B. Trindall 3 goals) defeated Brisbane 12 (P. Carrigan, T. Smoothy tries; K. Staggs 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-4. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 41,004.

Brisbane: Sailor, Oates, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Hetherington, Gosiewski, Baker.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Talakai, McInnes (C). Int: Hazelton, Williams, Hunt, Hau Tapuha.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Brailey
2 - B Trindall
1 - B Nikora

Melbourne 36 (N. Meaney 2, T. Wishart 2, X. Coates, J. Hughes tries; N. Meaney 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 28 (D. Lucas 2, D. Gagai, F. Sharpe, E. Tuala tries; J. Hastings 4 goals) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sun, 9th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 18-12. Penalties: Melbourne 7-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 20,269.

Melbourne: Fa'alogo, Anderson, Smith, Meaney, Coates; Wishart, Hughes; King, Garlick, Kamikamica, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Welch, Grant (C), Asofa-Solomona, Chan.

Newcastle: Sharpe, Tuala, Gagai, Lucas, Marzheuw; Cogger, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Pearce-Paul, Frizell (C), Elliott. Int: Brailey, Jones, Croker, Hetherington.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes
2 - J Hastings
1 - N Meaney

Penrith 32 (B. To'o 3, S. Turuva 2, L. Henry tries; P. Alamoti 4 goals) defeated Manly 22 (T. Talau 4, J. Saab tries; R. Garrick goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 9th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Penrith 16-12. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,101.

Penrith: Laurie, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Cole, Luai; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Garner, Yeo (C). Int: Toelau, Smith, Henry, Eisenhuth.

Manly: Hopoate, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Lawton, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Waddell, Siple, Brown.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Laurie
2 - B To'o
1 - T Talau

Canterbury 22 (S. Crichton 2, B. Wilson 2 tries; M. Burton 3 goals) defeated Parramatta 18 (W. Penisini, B. Talagi, K. Tuilagi tries; M. Moses 3 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Mon, 10th June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 12-10. Penalties: Parramatta 9-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 45,496.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Wilson; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Preston, Salmon, Hayward. Int: Mann, Curran, Morrin, Hopoi, Turpin.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Talagi, Penisini, Asi, Russell; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Greig, Tuilagi, Cartwright, Hopgood. Int: Paulo, Ofahengaue, Lane, Lussick.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Crichton
2 - C Tracey
1 - M Moses

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Sydney Roosters

ROUND 14 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	12	9	0	3	2	83	22
2	CRONULLA	13	10	0	3	1	80	22
3	PENRITH	13	9	0	4	1	110	20
4	DOLPHINS	12	7	0	5	2	64	18
5	CANBERRA	12	7	0	5	2	-37	18
6	SYDNEY	13	7	0	6	1	133	16
7	CANTERBURY	13	7	0	6	1	81	16
8	BRISBANE	13	7	0	6	1	47	16
9	St Geo Illa	13	7	0	6	1	-34	16
10	Warriors	13	6	1	6	1	27	15
11	Manly	13	6	1	6	1	26	15
12	North Qld	14	7	0	7	0	-26	14
13	Newcastle	13	6	0	7	1	-47	14
14	Parramatta	13	4	0	9	1	-111	10
15	Gold Coast	12	3	0	9	2	-123	10
16	South Sydney	12	3	0	9	2	-136	10
17	Wests Tigers	12	2	0	10	2	-137	8

ROUND 14 JUDICIARY

Sam Verrills (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Eli Katoa (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Kai Pearce-Paul (NEW)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$1000
Nathan Brown (MAN)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1800
Josh Aloiai (MAN)	G2 Dangerous Contact (trip)	2 matches
Kurt Mann (CBY)	G2 Crusher Tackle	2 matches

ROUND 14 POTY LEADERBOARD

22 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 19, Maroons 3)

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

12 POINTS - Zac Lomax (Dragons)

11 POINTS

Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Ben Hunt (Dragons), AJ Brimson (Titans)

10 POINTS

Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins 8, Maroons 2)

DOLPHINS 30 CRONULLA 28

After an opening period where both teams fired body shots, the Dolphins broke the game open when Kenny Bromwich gave Max Plath a golden offload to open the scoring. After that it became the Kodi Nikorima show, with the five-eighth recording try assists to Herbie Farnworth, Jack Bostock and Jake Averillo in quick succession to set up a 22-0 lead.

But the Sharks fought back, first scoring through a powerful carry from Royce Hunt. Then Briton Nikora powered his way past Isaiya Katoa to cut the lead back to 10 points. The Dolphins had one more chance before the break but couldn't capitalise, and the teams went in at 22-12. The Sharks continued the second half where they finished the first, and tries to Ronaldo Mulitalo and Will Kennedy suddenly have them a 24-22 lead. They were dominating possession and looked like they would continue their trend of poor first halves leading to comeback wins.

But cometh the hour, cometh the Hammer. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow caught a kick on his own 10 metre

line, ran back towards his goal line in a bid to shake off Braydon Trindall, and then proceeded to burn every single Cronulla player in a 100-metre sprint to the line. The Dolphins took back the lead, which was pushed out to 30-24 after a Jamayne Isaako penalty goal. But the Sharks refused to quit, and in the last play of the game they pushed the ball from sideline to sideline which led to Katoa finding space and scoring to bring the game to two points on the siren. But alas, Nicho Hynes' conversion attempt stayed too far to the right, and the Dolphins emerged with their first ever win in Sydney in the clubs' history. The win is the Dolphins' 8th, as many as they had in 2023. Meanwhile it's a 3rd loss in 4 games for the Sharks as they now threaten to slide down the table. **RHYS**

NORTH QLD 34 CANBERRA 16

The Cowboys have comfortably dented the Raiders' form line tonight with a surprising 34-16 win at GIO Stadium in front of more than 9,000 fans.

When Canberra hosted North Queensland on a chilly Friday night, most were expecting them to win comfortably to supercharge their push for a top four spot. Ultimately, this could not have been further from reality, with the Cowboys putting up a stellar attacking display to win comfortably

in the nations capital. They stormed out of the blocks to take a 6-0 lead in only the ninth minute, through a Kyle Feldt try where Kasey Badger in the bunker had a lot to look at, but ultimately gave the all clear. Their next would come only five minutes later, but this time it was soft and uncontroversial, with second rower Heilum Luki breaking through a tackle and finding a hole in some week Raiders defence. The onslaught from the boys up north continued, with halfback Chad Townsend coming up with a pinpoint kick to silence the critics and the home crowd as Jeremiah Nanai reminded everyone why he's Billy Slater's go to man come Origin by pouncing on the bouncing ball and making no mistake with the grounding. 20 minutes in, North Queensland were 18-0 up and racing the clock in what was a shock to everyone. Although Canberra served up a tenacious ten-minute period to try and hold the Cowboys out, it was Kyle Feldt crossing for his second try of the match with a miraculous put down in the corner to further flatten the hopes of Ricky Stuart's men. With only a minute to go before the halftime break, Valentine Holmes tried for a two point field goal to make it a 24-0 lead, but the shot went wide as the half time buzzer sounded.

It was the visitors yet again who took the lead after the break with Chad Townsend serving up another nice kick for marquee centre Valentine Holmes. It was 28-0 with only half an hour left to play, but Canberra responded in emphatic style with Jordan Rapana crossing to score only two minutes later, and dominated the proceeding 10 minute period with field position. Despite their stronghold, Reece Robson came up with a line break inside his own half and after putting Scott Drinkwater away on the same play, got hit with a short ball and clear run to the line to score the try of the night against the run of play. With nothing to lose, Canberra tried for a short drop out which proved successful, and the deal was only sweetened when a determined piece of play from Sebastian Kris put his winger in space to run and score. The Xavier Savage try made it 34-10 with 13 minutes to play, but Elliot Whitehead came up with a barnstorming run only three minutes later where he shrugged off Valentine Holmes to score. The last 10 minutes was relatively uneventful, with the Raiders squandering numerous attacking chances and a Chad Townsend field goal attempt hitting the post and bouncing back into the field of play. Ultimately, it was the Cowboys who held on to win 34-16 in a relatively convincing display that will undoubtedly fill them with confidence. **AIDAN**

SOUTH SYDNEY 22 BRISBANE 12

South Sydney have upset a fast-finishing Brisbane by 22-12 at a wet Accor Stadium tonight. The win gives the Bunnies their third win on the trot under the tutelage of coach Ben Hornby and raises hopes that the Rabbitohs can make a late run for the Top 8 following a shocking start to the year for the Redfern based club.

The match was built up as a final audition for Rabbitohs superstar Latrell Mitchell and he certainly was involved with a try, try assist, some towering bombs and a stint in the Sin Bin to remind Blues coach Michael Maguire that he has the X-Factor to challenge the Maroons at the MCG in Origin II. Mitchell wasn't on his own though with forwards Keon Koloamatangi and skipper Cameron Murray also putting themselves in the Blues selection discussion. Halfback Cody Walker was also solid once again following his recent move from five-eighth. Brisbane on the other hand are now officially in a form slump and face the possibility of slipping out of the Top 8 this weekend if results don't go their way. Coach Kevin Walters will be hoping his representative players get through next Wednesday so the cavalry can return to strengthen their position on the ladder sooner rather than later. Coming into the game off back-to-back wins, the Rabbitohs threw the ball around with confidence early. Brisbane managed to repel them several times before Damien Cook raced out

of dummy half to score the first try of the night after 12 minutes. With Blues selection a possibility for Latrell Mitchell and Cody Walker, it was Walker with a deft kick towards the upright which saw Keon Koloamatangi come down with the ball to score the home side's second try, before Mitchell made his presence felt minutes later crashing over close to the line to make it 18-0 with just 23 minutes on the clock. Brisbane needed something to go their way, and it appeared to be happening when Souths centre Richie Kennar found himself in the Sin Bin for a high tackle on Selwyn Cobbo. Brisbane then quickly set about getting on the scoreboard with the one-man advantage when fullback Tristan Sailor threw a flick pass for Ezra Mam to score, but the pass is ruled forward and the Rabbitohs held on to their 18-0 lead a half-time.

The Blues audition continued to go well for Latrell Mitchell after the break, this time with a superb cut out pass for Alex Johnston to score his side's fourth try of the night and it was all the Bunnies at 22-0. With 23 minutes remaining, the game hit a flashpoint when returning Rabbitohs skipper Cameron Murray was taken out without the ball by Jordan Riki in an ugly tackle. Mitchell then objected and ran a mile towards Riki to demonstrate his dissatisfaction. The referee then sent both players to the Sin Bin, while Murray left the field for a head injury assessment. Following both players return, the Broncos scored their first try of the night when Deine Mariner slid over in the corner to narrow

the score to 22-6 following the sideline conversion from Kotoni Staggs. Mariner then had a double late in the match following a superb kick by Ezra Mam but it was merely a consolation, as the Broncos low completion rate never had them in the game and South Sydney came away with a deserved victory. South Sydney now wait to see how many of their players will be selected for the Blues before they return to Accor Stadium in Round 16 to take on Manly next Saturday. Brisbane will also have a contingent of players in Origin but have a welcome bye round next week. **SAM**

WESTS TIGERS 18 GOLD COAST 10

The Wests Tigers have recorded their third win of the season with a come-from-behind performance to down the Gold Coast Titans 18-10 at Leichhardt Oval.

A day after \$40 million was pledged to upgrade the iconic ground, courtesy of joint funding provided by the Federal Government, State Government and Inner West Council, the joint venture rallied to win consecutive matches in the same season at Leichhardt Oval for the first time since 2019. Enduring a wretched run of nine straight losses and an injury toll that saw a further two players - Jordan Miller and Heath Mason - debuted in first grade, the Tigers defied expectations to the delight of a hearty group of 8,147 supporters braving the conditions. The Titans shot out of the gate with two

rampaging runs from Jojo Fifita and a 40/20 from Jayden Campbell, which gave the visitors the field position needed for Fifita (5th minute) to slide over for first points. Responding with a four-pointer of their own off the back of a repeat set, returning playmaker Aidan Sezer threw a terrific pass that created space for Justin Olam (11th minute) to cross for his fifth try of the season. Taking advantage of retreating defence after a dashing kick return by Keano Kini, veteran halfback Kieran Foran split the Tigers defence with a show-and-go before passing to his halves partner Jayden Campbell (19th minute) to regain the lead. The Titans continued to mount pressure during the latter half of the first 40, without converting their ascendancy into points, to take a 10-6 lead at the change of ends.

Determined to make amends for last week's capitulation after halftime, the Tigers began to grow in confidence when a strong run from Samuela Fainu saw Olam (60th minute) collect his second out wide; a sideline conversion from Apisai Koroisau put the side in front for the first time. Turning their confidence into genuine belief after repeatedly turning the Titans away on their goal line, a grubber from Koroisau at the other end of the field allowed Fonua Pole (76th minute) to seal a deserved victory at home. Next week, the Tigers will host the Raiders at Campbelltown on Sunday afternoon, while the Titans will return home on Saturday afternoon to take on the Warriors. **ROB**

MELBOURNE 38 WARRIORS 24

Melbourne have put themselves to the top of the NRL ladder yet again following their 38-24 come from behind win over the New Zealand Warriors in wet conditions in Auckland.

The start could not have been worse for the visitors as the Warriors dominated the opening 20 minutes with nearly all of the possession being with the home-side and they were able to open the scoring inside just six minutes when Adam Pompey was able to slide over in the wet conditions. A penalty goal for the Warriors put them 8 points ahead before just shy of the 20 minute mark, Marcelo Montoya was able to go over in the corner but it was the work of Charnze Nicolli-Klokstad to throw a miracle flick pass out the back that did the damage. Adam Pompey added his third goal of the night to give the Warriors a 14-0 lead. Things began to swing towards the visitors very quickly as a penalty put the Storm into attacking position before Eli Katoa was able to pull out some magic to swiftly pinch the ball from Adam Pompey after he landed to score Melbourne's first. The momentum was well and truly with the Melbournians as Grant Anderson went over after the X Man, Xavier Coates was able to fly high and tap the ball back for Anderson to score. Nick Meaney's missed conversion kept the Storm four points behind. Melbourne were able to level the score and then ultimately take the lead in the space of seven minutes when Dean Jeremia went over as the Warriors defence was caught infield before Nick Meaney scored after some strong work again from Eli Katoa. Meaney's conversion of his own try gave the Storm an unlikely 20-14 lead at half time.

MANLY 30 ST GEO ILLA 14

Despite having times with no players on the bench, the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles have pulled off one of their best modern victories over the St George Illawarra Dragons with a 30-14 win.

Things started ominously before kick-off for the Dragons with Moses Suli ruled out in the warm-up after suffering a hamstring injury seeing Christian Tuipulotu come into the side replacing Suli. The start looked promising for the Dragons as they opened up space on the Manly edge but a Ben Hunt kick just rolled meekly into touch away from the chasing Zac Lomax. Manly though opened the scoring as Lehi Hopoate was able to beat the defence with his speed and get over first. Reuben Garrick pushed the conversion wide for the home side to lead 4-0. The first of the Dragons tries was reminiscent of the opening try of the 2023 NRL Grand Final for Mitch Kenny, after the Sea Eagles went short for the dropout and the tap back favoured Dragons hooker Jacob Liddle who got the ball and had open space to the line. The visitors were able to extend their lead as the Sea Eagles couldn't wrap up the ball and Kyle Flanagan was able to score and after the conversion the Red 'V' had a 10-4 lead. Injury concerns mounted for the Sea Eagles but they were still able to mount a big attacking raid and Haumole Olakau'atu went over and despite some obstruction concerns, the bunker gave it the all clear and the home side trailed 10-8 after the missed conversion.

The Warriors started the second half fast as Mitch Barnett saw a sniff on the line and went straight at it to close the gap to just two points as Adam Pompey's conversion attempt was an absolute shocker and the score remained 20-18. The wheels had really fallen off the Warriors wagon in the second half as an effort for a Jazz Tevaga try was denied with the bunker going back to an earlier foul play penalty against Te Maire Martin who was placed on report and luckily not sin binned. Marcelo Montoya wasn't so lucky as he was given 10 minutes in the sin bin for a professional foul after he tackled Jahrome Hughes in an offside position after the Storm halfback took a quick tap. The Storm were able to take advantage of the extra man when they went right and Sua Fa'alogo was able to go over in the corner. If things were going bad for the Warriors, they got very quickly worse when DWZ was eventually sent to the sin bin after a long conflag between Gerard Sutton and bunker official Liam Kennedy after Dallin was penalised for a high and off the ball hit on Grant Anderson. The Storm used the extra numbers with a slight kick through the defensive line as Xavier Coates was able to get over in the corner. Nick Meaney converted to give the visitors a 32-18 lead. A late fightback attempt from the Warriors saw Marcelo Montoya pick up a second try in the corner and Chanel Harris-Tavita converting to close the gap to eight points but the Storm put an end to that inside the final 90 seconds when Sua Fa'alogo went over. Nick Meaney sealed the 38-24 victory with a conversion just shy of full time. Next week, the Storm minus their origin stars have a battle in Brisbane against the Dolphins whilst the Warriors are also in Queensland with a clash against the Titans. **JOSH**

The second half started good for the Dragons momentarily as Ben Hunt hit a perfect 40/20 kick to put the Red 'V' into attack but an awful attacking kick put the Sea Eagles back into attack and it was the combination of Luke Brooks and Karl Lawton combining with Brooks putting Lawton into space before getting the ball back. The conversion from DCE put Manly into a 14-10 lead the visitors were able to hit back not long after as Zac Lomax crossed but couldn't convert his own try to keep the scores locked up at 14 all. Despite being hampered by injuries, the Sea Eagles just took control of the contest with DCE showing why he is one of the greatest players of the game. Manly sensed an opportunity down their right and even though it didn't work first time they continued to pepper that edge as the speed of the Lehi Hopoate to burst through and find Ben Trbojevic to score. DCE missed the conversion and the hosts lead 18-14. The last twenty minutes was all the Sea Eagles as Daly Cherry-Evans took total control as he put the ball through with a pinpoint kick for his opposing Origin captain Jake Trbojevic to score under the posts. Despite the Dragons having an effort denied by the bunker, the Sea Eagles pressure did not let up one bit as the magic of DCE was on show again as his kick for Jason Saab was pinpoint along the ground and the big winder scored to seal the game for Manly. Next week, Manly will be missing their key origin players up against South Sydney who also miss key players whilst the Dragons get the advantage of the bye. **JOSH**

SYDNEY 28 PARRAMATTA 18

A genuine see-sawing battle saw the Roosters come from behind to win a highly entertaining contest, despite the fact it contained over a dozen scrums.

The third minute saw Kelma Tuilagi dump Lindsay Collins on the back of his neck. Collins got straight up and looked to be fine, but it was bad enough to see Tuilagi put on report and sent to the sin bin. Almost immediately after, the Roosters shifted to the right with simple run-draw-passes until Fetalaiga Pauga got the ball unmarked and he strolled over to score. Sam Walker converted. The Roosters scored a second try against the 12-man Eels, eight minutes later when Angus Crichton delivered a great offload to James Tedesco, who then drew and passed to Michael Jennings, who dummied and then slipped into a gap and over for a try on the left side. Walker's sideline conversion hit the upright and was waved away. Parramatta very nearly hit back just 4 minutes later when they went to their right side to Blaize Talagi who rolled over to get the ball down, but the cover tackle effort from Luke Keary forced the ball loose and denied the try. It wasn't until the 27th minute that the scoreboard saw some action. From a scrum, the Roosters went left to Tedesco, who executed a perfectly timed draw and pass to send Daniel Tupou over for a try. Walker converted from the sideline. With just under 7 minutes remaining in the half, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves got sent to the sin bin for an unintentional high tackle on Shaun Lane. Two minutes later Shaun Russell dived to score in the corner but dropped the ball over the line. Three minutes before the break, Parramatta finally got on

PENRITH 26 NEWCASTLE 18

The crowd was baying for their team, but it was not enough to get the home side the win, and the Knights went down 26-18 against a relentless Penrith Panthers.

The Knights brought some expansive footy to the table early on. Off the back of two successive penalties early, the Knights managed to draw first blood as their new star interim full-back, Fletcher Sharpe, went over. Not to be outdone, last year's premiers countered after an Adam Elliot high tackle penalty gave the Panthers position to attack the Newcastle line. A kick from Brad Schneider found Scott Sorenson waiting to tap it back, but instead, a fortunate bounce gave the second rower the ball, and he fell over the line for the points. Five minutes later, the Panthers' tail was up, making the most of being in the Knights red zone so quickly again. Schneider and Jerome Luai worked together to draw in the Knight's defenders and send Brian To'o over in the 17th minute. For the next 15 minutes, the Knights tried to get back into the game with some pressure down the Panthers' line, but their attack was thwarted by a scrambling defence, which turned on their own pressure to counter it. In the 32nd minute, Luai mesmerised the Knight's defence with his footwork, and he found a gap, pushing the Panthers ahead further. In a turning point of the game, Dane Gagai made a great break up the right, and while the rest of the Knights thought he was held in a tackle, he shot out on offload; no Knights saw it, only Scott Sorenson who gobbled it up and it took the wind out of the Knights. Luai, again dancing at the line, found gaps,

the board. Regan Campbell-Gillard found himself in a gap and ran 35 metres before sending a good ball inside to Mitch Moses in support, who streaked away to score a good try. He then converted his own try. At halftime, the Roosters held a 16-6 lead.

Just two minutes after play resumed, the Roosters very nearly scored after a legal strip by Angus Crichton saw him lose the ball forward. Parramatta scored first though in the second half, when just over a minute later, Dylan Brown scooped the ball up at dummy half, 30 metres from the Roosters line, used his step to evade the marker, then swerved back in-field and beat 3 cover defenders with pace to score a great try. Moses converted. In the 47th minute, Will Penisini got a great ball to Talagi who sneaked down the narrow corridor to score. Moses failed to convert from the sideline, leaving the scores tied. A penalty against Lindsay Collins for dissent after he brilliantly shut down a grubber on his own goal line, saw Moses kick a penalty goal from in front to give the Eels the lead. 15 minutes of back and forth ensued before the Roosters produced a short-side play, with Waerea-Hargreaves playing as a halfback, hit the trailing runner Tedesco, who miraculously got a ball to Tupou who stepped inside the defender to score. Walker converted from out wide to give the Roosters a 4-point lead. The Roosters almost scored just 3 minutes later, however the final pass from Crichton to Tupou went forward. With just under 5 minutes remaining, the Roosters put the match to bed when a Walker grubber into the Eels in-goal saw Crichton regather, then planted the ball for a try. Walker converted and the Roosters won a thoroughly entertaining match 28-18. **FERGO**

and Lindsay Smith got over right on halftime with Paul Alamoti's conversion, putting the score at 20-6, which looked bleak for the home side.

But the Knights showed they weren't down, and with a Schneider kick going dead in their goal they made the most of a seven-tackle set, and some change in attack created space for Dylan Lucas to go over at the 52nd minute. With the Knights getting the crowd and momentum behind them, they questioned the Panther's defence, with Jackson Hastings seeing an opportunity and placing a great kick for Bradman Best to go over, giving the home side a good sniff on the 60-minute mark with the scores 20-16 for the Panthers. But with the front row duo of Moses Leota and James Fisher-Harris coming back into the fray, the Panthers started to wrestle back into the game. It was an inspiring run by Moses Leota in the 64-minute of the game, where he dissected the Knights' line and found Dylan Edwards backing him up. Edwards had been a little quiet in the game, but true to his form, he was there when the team needed him. With some more scrambled attack from Penrith and scrambled defence from the Knights, the game shut down, and the Knights had no more chances in what may have been one that got away. A kick out on the full from a kickoff in the 20-minute mark and the failure to be aware of the Gagai offload in their 38th minute hurt them. It was a valiant fight back, but they made it hard for themselves. The Panthers were a bit wobbly, but the polish of their star players like Luai, Leota and Fisher-Harris helped them stir the game in the direction they wanted, with a little flare at the end of their sets setting them up each time. **ANDY**

ROUND 15 SCOREBOARD

Dolphins 30 (J. Averillo, J. Bostock, H. Farnworth, M. Plath, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) defeated **Cronulla 28** (R. Hunt, S. Katoa, W. Kennedy, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; N. Hynes 4 goals) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Thu, 13th June. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 22-12. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 8,035.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Talakai, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Hazelton, Hamlin-Uele, Hunt.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima (C), Katoa; Bromwich, Marshall-King, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Aitken, Plath. Int: Kerr, Nicholls, Stone, Donoghoe.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Nikorima
2 - H Tabuai-Fidow
1 - R Hunt

North Qld 34 (K. Feldt 2, V. Holmes, H. Luki, J. Nanai, R. Robson tries; V. Holmes 5 goals) defeated **Canberra 16** (J. Rapana, X. Savage, E. Whitehead tries; J. Rapana 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Fri, 14th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: North Qld 22-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Chris Sutton. Crowd: 9,671.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Guler, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Mariota, Mooney.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; Edwards, Robson, Cotter, Luki, Nanai, Taumalolo. Int: McIntyre, Mikaele, Finefeuiaki, Neame.

Player of the Year: 3 - C Townsend
2 - R Cotter
1 - R Robson

South Sydney 22 (D. Cook, A. Johnston, K. Koloamatangi, L. Mitchell tries; L. Mitchell 3 goals) defeated **Brisbane 12** (D. Mariner 2 tries; K. Staggs 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 14th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 18-0. Penalties: South Sydney 6-2. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 12,207.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Chee-Kam, Arrow, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Murray, Burgess.

Brisbane: Sailor, Karapani, Staggs, Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan (C). Int: Smoothy, Willison, Hetherington, Gosiewski.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Koloamatangi
2 - L Mitchell
1 - D Cook

Wests Tigers 18 (J. Olam 2, F. Pole tries; A. Koroisau 3 goals) defeated **Gold Coast 10** (J. Campbell, S. Fifita tries; J. Campbell goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 10-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 4-2. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 8,147.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Naden, Faataape, Olam, Staines; Sezer; Koroisau (C); Utoikamanu, Da Silva, Porter, Pole, Fainu, Matamua. Int: Seyfarth, Fainu, Mason, Miller.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Randall, Pahulu, Haas, Fermor, Clark. Int: Verrills, Liu, Palasia, Alick.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Kini
2 - S Fainu
1 - S Utoikamanu

Melbourne 38 (S. Fa'alogo 2, G. Anderson, X. Coates, D. Ieremia, E. Katoa, N. Meaney tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) defeated **Warriors 24** (M. Montoya 2, M. Barnett, A. Pompey tries; A. Pompey 3, C. Harris-Tavita goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 20-14. Penalties: Melbourne 8-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 24,495.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Berry, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Ford, Niukore, Barnett, Walker. Int: Harris (C), Harris-Tavita, Tevaga, Capewell.

Melbourne: Fa'alogo, Anderson, Ieremia, Meaney, Coates; Wishart, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Welch, Asofa-Solomona, Chan, Howarth.

Player of the Year: 3 - E Katoa
2 - J Hughes
1 - M Barnett

Sydney 28 (D. Tupou 2, A. Crichton, M. Jennings, J. Pauga tries; S. Walker 4 goals) defeated **Parramatta 18** (D. Brown, M. Moses, B. Talagi tries; M. Moses 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Sydney 16-6. Penalties: Parramatta 9-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 20,072.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Russell, Penisini, Asi, Talagi; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Makatoa, Tuilagi, Lane, Ofahengau. Int: Paulo, Cartwright, Lussick, Matterson.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Jennings, Manu, Pauga; Keary, Walker; Leniu, Watson, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Whyte. Int: Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Butcher, May.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Crichton
2 - L Collins
1 - M Moses

Manly 30 (L. Brooks, L. Hopoate, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab, B. Trbojevic, J. Trbojevic tries; D. Cherry-Evans 3 goals) defeated **St George Illawarra 14** (K. Flanagan, J. Liddle, Z. Lomax tries; Z. Lomax goal) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 10-8. Penalties: St George Illawarra 9-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 17,187.

Manly: Hopoate, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Simpkin, Siple, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Lawton, Brown, Waddell, Bullemor.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Tuipulotu, Feagai, Feagai; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Lawrie, Faitala-Mariner, Murdoch-Masila, Couchman.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Cherry-Evans
2 - L Hopoate
1 - L Brooks

Penrith 26 (D. Edwards, J. Lui, L. Smith, S. Sorensen, B. To'o tries; P. Alamoti 3 goals) defeated **Newcastle 18** (B. Best, D. Lucas, F. Sharpe tries; J. Hastings 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-6. Penalties: Penrith 4-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 27,966.

Newcastle: Sharpe, Tuala, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Cogger, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell (C), Lucas, Elliott. Int: Brailey, Saifiti, Jones, Hetherington, Croker; Pryce, Mapapalangi, Armstrong.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Schneider; Lui; Leota, Sommerton, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Smith, Henry, Toelau, Eisenhuth, Geyer, McLean.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Lucas
2 - S Sorensen
1 - J Hastings

ROUND 15 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	13	10	0	3	2	97	24
2	PENRITH	14	10	0	4	1	118	22
3	CRONULLA	14	10	0	4	1	78	22
4	DOLPHINS	13	8	0	5	2	66	20
5	SYDNEY	14	8	0	6	1	143	18
6	CANTERBURY	13	7	0	6	2	81	18
7	CANBERRA	13	7	0	6	2	-55	18
8	MANLY	14	7	1	6	1	42	17
9	Brisbane	14	7	0	7	1	37	16
10	North Qld	15	8	0	7	0	-8	16
11	St Geo Illa	14	7	0	7	1	-50	16
12	Warriors	14	6	1	7	1	13	15
13	Newcastle	14	6	0	8	1	-55	14
14	South Sydney	13	4	0	9	2	-126	12
15	Parramatta	14	4	0	10	1	-121	10
16	Wests Tigers	13	3	0	10	2	-129	10
17	Gold Coast	13	3	0	10	2	-131	10

ROUND 15 JUDICIARY

Jack Bostock (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Chad Townsend (NQL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Seb Kris (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Richie Kennar (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jordan Riki (BRI)	G2 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Latrell Mitchell (SOU)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$3000
Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (WAR)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Kelma Tuilagi (PAR)	G3 Dangerous Throw	5 matches.
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Naufahu Whyte (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Christian Tuipulotu (SGI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 14 POTY LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 22, Maroons 3)

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

12 POINTS

Zac Lomax (Dragons), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins 10, Maroons 2)

11 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), AJ Brimson (Titans)

10 POINTS

Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins), Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

BYE

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs

MELBOURNE 30 DOLPHINS 24

Melbourne Storm has just done enough to get past the Dolphins by 30-24 in a high-octane match at Suncorp Stadium tonight.

Storm halfback Jahrome Hughes was the difference for the visitors, scoring a try and having a hand in two more to give his side the edge in a superb performance from the Kiwi number 7. Melbourne trailed and fought back in a see-sawing first half but Hughes' two try assists early in the second half put his side in front for the first time and from there gave them the ascendancy over a determined Dolphins. Redcliffe certainly will be disappointed with the narrow loss but had their chances. The Dolphins suffered a tough hand at the commencement of the game with winger Jack Bostock coming from the field with a Category 1 concussion, leaving the four forward bench in a difficult position for the rest of the match. The lead up to the game was billed as the battle of the supercoaches with Craig Bellamy having a dominant 30-10 record against his former mentor Wayne Bennett. However, it was the home side that looked to set the record straight when Kenny Bromwich hit a hole close to the line to score the first try of the night. Melbourne hit back almost immediately, when makeshift centre Jack Howarth made a break down the left-hand touchline. Howarth then found Ryan Papenhuyzen in support and the champion fullback scored a try upon his return from a long injury lay off to even it up at 6 all. Redcliffe continued to take their chances and had success when off a bomb on the last tackle, the ball was collected by Herbie Farnworth. The Dolphins forwards then provided support to put the ball through the hands to Euan Aitken who dived over in the corner to regain the lead for the home side. The razzle dazzle rugby league continued with Storm winger Will Warbrick making a break down the right-hand side. The former All Blacks Sevens star then found Tyrn Wishart in support to score under the posts and scores were again level. Redcliffe then regained the lead with a set play off a scrum and the Storm defence were guilty of giving livewire fullback Trai Fuller too much room and he sliced through to score. With halftime in sight Jahrome Hughes kicked for Will Warbrick who then raced down the touchline to find Hughes back in support and the halfback then stepped past three Dolphins cover defenders to score and even the scoreline to 18 all at the break.

Following halftime, Melbourne hit the lead for the first time in the match through Will Warbrick, who flew high over Herbie Farnworth to score and give the visitors the lead by 22-18. Back-to-back penalties then cost the Dolphins, the first from a ferocious shot from Tevita Pangai in which he was inside the ten metres and then another for a late shot from Kenny Bromwich and Nick Meaney took the points on offer to extend the lead back to six points. Melbourne then took the biggest lead in the match when prop Josh King crashed over to score and all of the sudden the Dolphins were down by 30-18. Jamayne Isaako then put the Dolphins back in the match when he latched onto a cross-field kick on his own try line. Last season's top tryscorer then raced 95 metres to outpace a fast finishing Papenhuyzen in cover to score and narrow the Storm's lead to eight points. Redcliffe needed to narrow the gap and they were given a chance late when they were awarded a penalty in front with minutes remaining. Isaako landed the penalty to set up a grandstand finish. The Dolphins came home with a wet sail as Trai Fuller sliced through and delivered a superb pass for Isaako who was brought down by the desperate Storm cover defence to allow them to leave Suncorp Stadium with what could prove a crucial win at the end of the regular season. Melbourne will return home to AAMI Park post Origin where they will host Canberra next Saturday. Redcliffe will now travel to Kogarah in Round 17 for a Sunday afternoon clash with St George-Illawarra. **SAM**

GOLD COAST 66 WARRIORS 6

Gold Coast Titans thumped New Zealand Warriors 66-6 at Robina Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

It was a game where the die was cast early but the Titans ran rampant with wonderful performances from Kieran Foran, Jayden Campbell and Keano Kini in the spine while Alofiana Khan-Pereira starred with four tries against a woeful Warriors outfit. The Titans struck first in the sun on the coast. It was a wonderful cut-out pass which found Alofiana Khan-Pereira right on the chest and strolled over to make it 6-0. The hosts continued to surge forward and look for points. Another well timed pass, this time from Kieran Foran, found a rampaging Beau Fermor who went over untouched. It was all one-way traffic in the first half. Issac Liu rumbled downfield to set up the Titans then hooker Chad Randall shook off a feeble tackle attempt to get the four-pointer. Gold Coast had no mercy in this dojo on a warm afternoon where there was a sold out crowd. Jayden Campbell stepped past a few defenders then offloaded for Keenan Palasia to plunge over. Sam Verrills put the icing on a dominant first half from the titans late on. Keano Kini sliced through again and positioned the utility to stroll away and make it 30-0 at the break.

The Warriors started the second half with a flurry of possession but one loose pass from Shaun Johnson saw Khan-Pereira take the intercept and just jog the distance to get his second. Things went from bad to worse for the Warriors when Roger Tuivasa-Sheck was binned for a dangerous tackle then Titans fullback Kini just sliced through to put the hosts past 40. Foran was turning back the clock in this game. He produced a gorgeous kick which had a room service bounce for Campbell who picked up a four-pointer himself in the rout. Warriors finally got on the board on the hour mark of the game. Shaun Johnson combined with Tohu Harris who offloaded for Te Maire Martin who scored then Adam Pompey converted for 48-6. That was only a quick respite for the woeful Warriors. Campbell turned provider this time, he punched a kick low and Khan-Pereira who picked up his first hat-trick in the NRL. Titans who have been on the other end of these thrashings often, were ruthless in attack. Foran with an superb inside ball sent Kini away and the fullback for his second four-pointer. Khan-Pereira made it a four-try haul to finish off an afternoon the Titans fans won't forget at home. Quick hands put Brian Kelly away then he finds the speedster who finishes it off. **JUSTIN**

SYDNEY 26 CANTERBURY 8

The Sydney Roosters claimed fourth place with a comfortable 26-8 win over Canterbury in front of nearly 17,000 fans at a soaked Industree Group Stadium in Gosford tonight.

In a match where the rain barely relented all night, continuing the coastal NSW rain event that feels like it's gone all season, the Roosters went ahead early courtesy of a Sam Walker penalty goal. Down 2-0, Canterbury withstood a weight of possession and field position against them in the first 20 minutes to somehow score the first try of the contest through Jaeman Salmon. The long-range effort wasn't converted by Matt Burton, and when the Tricolours hit back after 22 minutes through winger Dom Young, the converted effort from Sam Walker meant the nominal home side held an 8-4 lead. Things got a bit quirky around ten minutes from the halftime siren when a pitch invader made himself known, and while play continued after the intruder was ushered off-field, play did need to stop a few minutes later when it was confirmed he'd lost his phone during his adventure - the lost iPhone stopping play once more. The Roosters weren't phased and Nat Butcher pounced on a Walker kick for the Roosters' second try of the match, and converted that had the hosts ten points clear, and they took that 14-4 lead to the sheds.

After an error-prone and ill-disciplined first half the Bulldogs would've been looking to start well in the second - but it wasn't to be. Jeral Skelton spilled in on the second tackle after the resumption of play and the Roosters were in just a short time later with Terrell May pouncing on another expertly-placed Walker kick. Down 20-4, the Dogs needed

a response and it came in the form of a Skelton long-range effort, the winger running 90 metres off a Sexton offload. Canterbury kept themselves competitive for another 15 minutes but eventually the dam wall broke, and through it came both more rain and Tricolours rookie Blake Steep to score his maiden top-grade four-pointer. At 26-8 down the Bulldogs were well beaten, and couldn't pierce the Roosters solid defence, even when Junior Pauga was marched for a high-shot on Connor Tracey after 73 minutes, and again later when Walker was binned for repeated infringements in the dying minutes. Sydney held on for a 26-8 win catapulting them into the top four - they head back to Allianz to host the Tigers next round, while Canterbury will aim to keep themselves in the top eight next Friday when they host Cronulla at Accor Stadium.

SOUTH SYDNEY 14 MANLY 0

In what could be the worst match of the season, the South Sydney Rabbitohs have beaten an awful Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles 14-0 in wet conditions at Stadium Australia.

Manly's fortunes for the night were made clear pretty early when they lost their captains challenge within two minutes after unsuccessfully challenging a handover call from Referee Chris Butler. The Rabbitohs were able to open the scoring within ten minutes after Damien Cook drew in the defence and sent Richie Kennar over. The conversion from the casual kicker Cody Walker was waved away. Souths added a second try through Jye Gray when he sliced through the defence way too easily after Cody Walker put him through with a beautiful ball. Cody Walker again couldn't convert from wide out though his attempt was a lot closer than his first. The remainder of the first half seemed to be referee watch as injury suspicions fell over Chris Butler but he was able to finish the half and ultimately the game overcoming whatever niggles was treated early on. It's hard to say that any action happened in the second half because it just felt like both teams were going through their set of six then putting up a defensive bomb or when they did spread the ball it was either put down or an attacker ended up in touch. The Sea Eagles did have one effort knocked back by the bunker when Tommy Talau got his way to the line but an obstruction from Ben Condon ruined things. Souths sealed the win inside the final two minutes when Damien Cook put a grubber through the middle of the open defensive line and Keaon Koloamatangi got to the line to score and seal the win. Cody Walker converted from in front to seal the 14-0 win. Though it wasn't the last chance Manly had to rub salt into their own wounds as they managed to kick the ball out on the full from the kick-off. Next week, both sides have the Bye whilst in a fortnight Souths take on Parramatta and Manly head to Townsville to take on the Cowboys. **JOSH**

WESTS TIGERS 48 CANBERRA 24

The Wests Tigers have overcome a massive scare to put away the Canberra Raiders 48-24 in a seesawing affair at Campbelltown Sports Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Tigers looked to be cruising to one of their most comfortable and impressive wins in recent memory, leading the Raiders 42-8, before a sin bin flipped the game on its head as Canberra scored three tries in six minutes. But Adam Doueih, playing his first game in the NRL in 441 days, iced the win with an intercept try in the 73rd minute to snuff out Canberra's comeback and celebrate his return in style. Sunday's game opened in bizarre fashion as the Raiders were gifted the first try-scoring opportunity off a Jahream Bula error; quickly finding an overlap on the left edge only for Brent Naden to intercept an Ethan Strange pass and turn defence into attack. The Tigers then did what the Raiders couldn't and converted the field position into points, doing so almost immediately as Apisai Koroisau quickly went left to Lachlan Galvin, who beat a few defenders on the way to the line. A lazy error from Sebastian Kris a few minutes later then had the Tigers suddenly on the attack once more and they almost made it two quick tries, only for Jahream Bula to bounce the ball over the line. It didn't take long for the home side to extend its lead though and once again it was off the back of a Raiders error, with Jordan Rapana spilling a Galvin

bomb as Luke Laulliii barged over on the next tackle in his NRL debut. It was 12-0 at that point with the Tigers challenging the clock and Benji Marshall's side almost pushed it out to 18 as Rapana coughed up another kick, with Samuela Fainu on the spot to pick up the scraps and flick it to Koroisau in support. But replays later showed Aidan Sezer making contact with the ball as he contested the kick, seeing the try overturned as the Raiders hung on - just. The same was true in the 20th minute as Douiehi looked to have scored in his first game back from injury after brilliant lead-up work from Galvin and Fainu, only to be held up after a sensational one-on-one tackle from Rapana. The close calls kept coming as a Hudson Young toed the ball dead to deny Galvin a try in the 23rd minute before the hand of Zac Woolford stopped Sione Fainu from charging over soon after. Fainu couldn't be denied in the 35th minute though as he reached out to extend the Tigers' lead out to 18-0, although even that was after another missed opportunity for the home side in the 30th minute. In other words, as much as the scoreboard reflected the Tigers' dominance, it didn't tell the full story as Canberra could have easily been trailing 30-0 at that point. But the Raiders couldn't find the final pass on two occasions to end the half as they failed to convert on two potential try-scoring opportunities. A try definitely went begging in the 39th minute as a surging run from Nick Cotric was backed up by a similarly powerful Hudson Young charge had the Raiders second rower closing in on the try line. But instead of trying to get there himself Young attempted to link up with his support on the outside, only for Bula to get his hands to the ball to save what would have otherwise been a try. Still, the Tigers regathered the ball in an offside position which saw Canberra get on the board with a penalty goal to close out the half. If anything, the shaky finish to the first half was a good thing for the Tigers because it served as a wake-up call of sorts, proving they couldn't come out into the second complacent and simply expecting to go on with the job.

They certainly didn't do that, scoring two tries in the space of five minutes to open the second half and blow away the Raiders. First, a confident shift inside their own half ended with Galvin scoring his second before another Rapana error saw Koroisau put Bula over under the posts as the Tigers went up 30-2. Danny Levi was able to burrow over for a cheap try soon after but had no hope when a clever Koroisau shaped to go left before sending it right to Stefano Utoikamanu, isolating the Raiders hooker in the defensive line as the Tigers quickly re-established their ascendancy in the 53rd minute. Galvin then showed maturity beyond his years on a chaotic last-tackle play as he took his time to put in a perfectly-placed kick that ended sitting up for Koroisau to put the Tigers ahead 42-8. The home side faced some adversity late in the piece as Alex Seyfarth was sent to the sin bin in the 62nd minute for interfering with a Levi quick tap and the Raiders quickly capitalised on the one-man overlap as Cotric scored. Even still, Canberra needed a miracle at that point, trailing by 30 points with only 16 minutes left. The Raiders quickly made it two tries in just as many minutes as Kao Weekes sold Douiehi on a dummy and then outpaced Bula to score, reducing the deficit to 24 with 14 on the clock. Suddenly, the Tigers were in freefall as Strange went over and Rapana once again added the extras, leaving the Raiders needing three converted tries in 11 minutes. The Raiders pulled the Tigers apart on the right edge once more on their next set but a desperate tackle from Fainu saved the day, although an error immediately after put the home side under pressure once again. But some more committed defence saw the Tigers hold firm before Douiehi pounced on a Rapana pass to race away for the intercept try that sealed the win for Marshall's team. The Tigers face a stern test against the Roosters next week as they look to make it three on the trot while the Raiders have an even bigger challenge with a trip to Melbourne on the cards.

JACKO

ROUND 16 SCOREBOARD

Melbourne 30 (J. Hughes, J. King, R. Papenhuyzen, W. Warbrick, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 5 goals) defeated **Dolphins 24** (E. Aitken, K. Bromwich, T. Fuller, J. Isaako tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) at **Suncorp Stadium**.

Date: Fri, 21st June. **Kickoff:** 8:00 PM. **Halftime:** 18-all. **Penalties:** Dolphins 5-4. **Referee:** Liam Kennedy. **Crowd:** 25,167.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Bromwich, Lemuelu, Aitken, Plath. **Int:** Kerr, Nicholls, Stone, Pangai Junior.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Anderson, Meaney, Howarth; Wishart, Hughes (C); Kamikamica, Garlick, King, Blore, Katoa, Asofa-Solomona. **Int:** Fa'alofo, Loiero, Welch, Chan.

Player of the Year:
3 - J Hughes
2 - W Warbrick
1 - I Katoa

Gold Coast 66 (A. Khan-Pereira 4, K. Kini 2, J. Campbell, B. Fermor, K. Palasia, C. Randall, S. Verrills tries; J. Campbell 11 goals) defeated **Warriors 6** (T. Martin try; A. Pompey goal) at **Cbus Super Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. **Kickoff:** 3:00 PM. **Halftime:** Gold Coast 30-0. **Penalties:** Gold Coast 6-5. **Referee:** Adam Gee. **Crowd:** 22,702.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fermor, Sami; Campbell, Foran (C); Clark, Verrills, Pahulu, Fifita, Alick, Randall. **Int:** Palasia, Liu, Fa'asuaaleai, Stimson.

Warriors: Nicol-Klokstad, Kosi, Tuivasa-Sheck, Pompey, Montoya; Martin, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Ford, Niukore, Walker, Harris (C). **Int:** Harris-Tavita, Laban, Tevaga, Ale.

Player of the Year:
3 - K Foran
2 - J Campbell
1 - A Khan-Pereira

Sydney 26 (N. Butcher, T. May, B. Steep, D. Young tries; S. Walker 5 goals) defeated **Canterbury 8** (J. Salmon, J. Skelton tries) at **Industree Group Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. **Kickoff:** 5:30 PM. **Halftime:** Sydney 14-4. **Penalties:** Canterbury 10-4. **Referee:** Grant Atkins. **Crowd:** 16,868.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Pauga, Manu, Young, Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, May, Butcher, Radley, Whyte. **Int:** Smith, Steep, Tupouniua, Wong.

Canterbury: Tracey, Skelton, Hutchison, Kiraz, Wilson; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney (C), Hughes, Kikau, Salmon, Turpin. **Int:** Curran, Hayward, Morrin, Hopoi.

Player of the Year:
3 - S Walker
2 - T May
1 - J Tedesco

South Sydney 14 (J. Gray, R. Kennar, K. Koloamatangi tries; C. Walker goal) defeated **Manly 0** at **Accor Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. **Kickoff:** 7:35 PM. **Halftime:** South Sydney 8-0. **Penalties:** South Sydney 10-3. **Referee:** Chris Butler. **Crowd:** 10,576.

South Sydney: Gray, Johnston, Milne, Kennar; Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Chee-Kam, Arrow, Koloamatangi. **Int:** Mamouzelos, Duncan, Burgess, Le Blanc.

Manly: Hopoate, Saab, Koula, Paulo, Talau; Brooks (C), Lawton; Waddell, Simpkin, Siple, Schoupp, Trbojevic, Brown. **Int:** Bullemor, Condon, Navale, James.

Player of the Year:
3 - K Koloamatangi
2 - D Cook
1 - J Gray

Wests Tigers 48 (L. Galvin 2, J. Bula, A. Douiehi, S. Fainu, A. Koroisau, L. Laulliii, S. Utoikamanu tries; A. Koroisau 8 goals) defeated **Canberra 24** (N. Cotric, D. Levi, E. Strange, K. Weekes tries; J. Rapana 4 goals) at **Campbelltown Sports Stadium**.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. **Kickoff:** 4:05 PM. **Halftime:** Wests Tigers 18-2. **Penalties:** Canberra 7-2. **Referee:** Todd Smith. **Crowd:** 10,106.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Faataape, Naden, Douiehi, Laulliii; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Pole, Porter, Fainu, Matamua. **Int:** Fainu, Seyfarth, Laulliii, Mason.

Canberra: Rapana, Cotric, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Papalii, Woolford, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. **Int:** Levi, Mariota, Mooney, Guler.

Player of the Year:
3 - A Koroisau
2 - L Galvin
1 - A Douiehi

BYES
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks
Brisbane Broncos
North Queensland Cowboys
St George Illawarra Dragons
Parramatta Eels
Newcastle Knights
Penrith Panthers

ROUND 16 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	14	11	0	3	2	103	26
2	PENRITH	14	10	0	4	2	118	24
3	CRONULLA	14	10	0	4	2	78	24
4	SYDNEY	15	9	0	6	1	161	20
5	DOLPHINS	14	8	0	6	2	60	20
6	CANTERBURY	14	7	0	7	2	63	18
7	BRISBANE	14	7	0	7	2	37	18
8	NORTH QLD	15	8	0	7	1	-8	18
9	St Geo Illa	14	7	0	7	2	-50	18
10	Canberra	14	7	0	7	2	-79	18
11	Manly	15	7	1	7	1	28	17
12	Newcastle	14	6	0	8	2	-55	16
13	Warriors	15	6	1	8	1	-47	15
14	South Sydney	14	5	0	9	2	-112	14
15	Gold Coast	14	4	0	10	2	-71	12
16	Wests Tigers	14	4	0	10	2	-105	12
17	Parramatta	14	4	0	10	2	-121	12

ROUND 16 JUDICIARY

Tevita Pangai Junior (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$3000
Marata Niukore (WAR)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Te Maire Martin (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Jayden Campbell (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$1000
Sam Walker (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Fetalaiga Pauga (SYD)	G2 Reckless High Tackle	4 matches
Karl Lawton (MAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Jack Wighton (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Hudson Young (CAN)	G1 Contrary Contact	\$1000

ROUND 16 POTY LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 22, Maroons 3)

18 POINTS Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

14 POINTS Reece Walsh (Broncos), Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

12 POINTS Zac Lomax (Dragons), Sam Walker (Roosters), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins 10, Maroons 2)

CANTERBURY 15 CRONULLA 14

Matt Burton's third attempt at field goal was the one that mattered most in the first period of Golden Point, as the Bulldogs scored a critical victory over the Cronulla Sharks, who have now dropped four of their last five matches.

Cronulla started poorly, failing to get through their first set and were left defending their own try line for the best part of the opening five minutes. Despite a sloppy pass from Reed Mahoney out of dummy half, Canterbury capitalised on all the early field position from the visitors' mistakes as Viliame Kikau recovered the pass and grubber kicked ahead. Two Sharks players bumped into each-other and allowed Kikau to score the opening try of the evening. Cronulla kept making errors and conceding penalties leading Canterbury on another excursion in their red-zone. Ten minutes after Kikau's effort, they were under their own sticks again. Reed Mahoney fooled the defence, as they slid on Kikau, Mahoney dummied and snuck over for the Dogs' second try. Matt Burton added the extras for a 12-0 lead. Canterbury soon joined the party of poor discipline which cruelled them last weekend, conceding two quick penalties allowing the Sharks down the field. After making a mistake in the opening set, Cam McInnes made amends with a lovely short pass to Briton Nikora who crashed across to continue his recent purple patch of good form. Nicho Hynes converted to cut the Bulldogs lead in half. Cronulla's attacking execution from that point on left a lot to be desired. Kayal Iro and Jesse Ramien seemed to be catching a cold when the ball was in the Sharks attacking red zone as each attacking possession was seemingly passing them by. Canterbury were answering every Cronulla question, holding the Sharks to the lone Nikora try at the break. Things were getting heated at the break as the game's serial pest Mahoney tried to ruffle up Hynes leading to a stern warning from referee Gerard Sutton at the break.

It was a frantic start to the second half, as both sides broke the defensive line. However, in the greasy conditions, the movements were coming up just short with errors and forward passes cruelled point-scoring chances on both sides. After the miscues. The Sharks went scheming down the blind-slide, finally utilising Ramien who got it out to Sione Katoa who sprinted down the sideline. Katoa was able to be the dragging cover defence to go over for the first try of the second stanza. After a lull where the Bulldogs dominated possession but once again came up empty. Cronulla were starting to become more expansive and were breaking through the Dogs middle. Following a Hynes half-break, Braydon Trindall went to the air. Mulitalo took the ball un-contested and was somehow able to get boot to ball. Trindall was there to pick it up and cross to give the Sharks the lead for the first time in the contest. Cronulla's poor discipline was giving the Dogs chance after chance in the red-zone but it appeared the winning moment wasn't going to come. A late Bailey Hayward grubber kick saw Toby Rudolf give away his third penalty of the evening. This allowed Burton to take a gift two

points and level the scores at 14-14. Burton tried two, two-point field goals but missed by agonising margins sending the game to Golden Point. Both sides had their chances in Golden Point. Cronulla had their first chance after a Sam Hughes error in the Dogs' first set. Hynes' miss from directly in front gave the Dogs a fresh set. Some offloads gave the home side field position, and Burton made sure it was third time lucky when he slotted it off the upright to give the Bulldogs the win to stay in pace for a top 4 spot. **AJ**

WARRIORS 32 BRISBANE 16

New Zealand Warriors picked up a vital win in their 32-16 result against Brisbane Broncos at a heaving Mt Smart Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Warriors bounced back well and get a win that helps to revive their stuttering form after the thrashing against the Titans. Chanel Harris-Tavita picked up a brace while halves partner Te Maire Martin controlled the play well all afternoon. Warriors wanted a fast start after last weekend and got what they needed. They built the pressure with their kicking game then Chanel Harris-Tavita sliced through to make it 6-0. They kept their foot on the gas in front of another huge crowd. Adam Pompey was cut down by a brilliant tackle but Te Maire Martin scooped it up, threw a dummy and slammed it down. The hosts added their third score of the half from another kick. It was punched through low, deflected off a Bronco and Harris-Tavita won the race to touch down and make it 16-0. Broncos did pull one back late in the half through Deine Mariner. The kick was put up high and it was dropped by the Warriors and Deine Mariner was there to get the four-pointer. The visitors looked much more themselves in the second half. Ezra Mam led from the front with a 40/20 and they went within inches of scoring from a fantastic Selwyn Cobbo run which was judged a knock on. Brisbane did bring it back to 16-10 after a late six again call. They spread the ball to the right, Tristian Sailor with a well-timed pass which allowed Mariner to pick up his second try.

Warriors absorbed the Broncos best punch in the second half and struck themselves. Te Maire Martin stabbed through a kick which Roger Tuivasa-Sheck swanned onto and made it 22-10. The Broncos wouldn't go quietly into the night in this important game. Xavier Willison just said give me the ball, the big prop just kept pumping his legs until he scored the four-pointer. The Warriors just kept them at arm's length though in the final stanza. Te Maire Martin unfurled another high kick which Dallin Watene-Zelezniak plucked out of the air with ease to touch down. Freddy Lussick put the icing on the victory for the Warriors. It was a wraparound play started by Mitch Barnett who found the interchange man to go over untouched for 30-16. **JUSTIN**

NEWCASTLE 34 PARRAMATTA 26

The Newcastle Knights have kept the Parramatta Eels at the bottom of the NRL ladder with a 34-26 win in a game filled with bunker interventions and missed opportunities in front of over 27,000 fans.

Despite having mountains of possession early on, the Knights had to stand and watch the Eels open the scoring through Blaize Talagi as a repeat set for the Blue and Gold paid off and they were able to spread the ball right and score. Mitch Moses converted for a 6-0 lead. Maika Sivo was the first to be denied by Wyatt Raymond in the bunker when he was ruled to have been brought down short off the line by referee Peter Gough and with no evidence to overturn the bunker upheld the live call. The Knights though were able to hit the scoreboard with debutant Will Pryce who charged through off a Daniel Saifiti offload. The Eels hit back soon after as Mitch Moses went left from the scrum and showed that he has speed as he left the Knights defence clutching at the air to score wide out. The conversion was successful and the Eels had a 12-6 lead. The bunker denied Maika Sivo a second try as he tried to claim a try that looked nothing close to being one before the Knights went up the other end as the hosts spread the ball and Greg Marzhew went over for his first of the night. Jackson Hastings missed the conversion and the score went to 12-10 which is stayed at for the Half time break.

Not long after half time, the Knights went over again as the blue and gold defence were caught napping as Marzhew went through out wide for his second. The Knights winger thought he had his third try of the night minutes later but not for the first time Wyatt Raymond had to intervene and overturn the try after the Knights kick chasers were offside and became involved when Talagi lost the ball. Just a few minutes later, the home side again were given the four points by referee Peter Gough when Bradman Best got his way to the line BUT yet again Wyatt Raymond had to overturn the live decision when Bradman Best was never close to getting the ball down. The two denials for the Knights were to hurt even more as the Eels went bang bang in quick succession when Blaize Talagi picked up his second of the game when the Knights couldn't clean up a kick and then Mitch Moses again stood up to score. Both conversions were pushed away. The Novocastrians put themselves back in front when Enari Tuala was in the right spot to pounce on a loose ball after Dane Gagai's kick was fumbled by the Eels and Tuala was on the spot to score. Jackson Hastings conversion put the Knights up 22-20. Tuala thought he had a second a few minutes later when the Knights kept the ball alive off a last tackle kick but yet again despite it being awarded live, the try had to be disallowed by Wyatt Raymond in the bunker with Fletcher Sharpe only keeping possession by pinning it against the leg of a teammate standing in front of him. The Knights did score next which came when the Eels turned the ball over and Bradman Best had to race 80m away to score untouched. The conversion from close range was good for Jackson Hastings and the Knights restored an 8-point lead. Things weren't over as the Eels had an unlikely last tackle combinations which saw Junior Paulo

combine with Bryce Cartwright and back again as Paulo burst over to score close to the posts. The Eels closed the gap to two when Mitch Moses converted. The Knights sealed things in the dying minutes when Bradman Best again swooped on an Eels error came after spreading the ball right and Best got though struggling got to the line to score two tries late to seal the 34-26 win. Next week, the Eels only have a five-day turn-around before a battle against Souths on Thursday night whilst Newcastle have a trip to Canberra to take on the Raiders. **JOSH**

MELBOURNE 16 CANBERRA 6

Cold and greasy conditions greeted both sides at AAMI Park on Saturday night, where it was the Storm who adapted vastly better, winning 16-6.

The first half saw Melbourne dominate field position and were also more disciplined, however it took 37 minutes before the first points were scored, when Bronson Garlick fired a stellar flat ball to his lead runner Josh King, who juggled the ball that he wasn't expecting to receive, then noticed there was no one near him, so he fell over the line to score untouched near the posts. Tyrn Wishart converted. The Storm almost had 2 other tries in the first half, with the bunker denying both. In the 12th minute Grant Anderson put in a chip and chase and dived to plant the ball for a try but he didn't get a hand on it. In the 25th minute Sualauvi Faalogo dived to score in the comment but lost the ball mid-air due to a great cover tackle from Albert Hopoate. At halftime, Melbourne held a tight 6-0 lead.

Kao Weekes, who had a horror first half, made up for it inside the opening 90 seconds of the second half, when he fielded a Storm kick near his own line, busted through two defenders, then used his speed and step to race 95 metres to score a scintillating try. Jordan Rapana converted to level the scores. Melbourne hit back just 4 minutes later when Garlick at dummy half and close to the Raiders line, dummied left and then passed right to Shawn Blore who crashed over to score. Wishart added the extras. Melbourne ran a similar play on the other side 4 minutes later when Jack Howarth on a ruck run, steam rolled over the defender to score a strong try. Wishart failed to convert. A Jordan Rapana fumble in his own in-goal very nearly produced a try for William Warbrick, but the Bunker found a Storm knock-on in the lead-up. Melbourne received a penalty deep in the Raiders half in the 64th minute and Tyrn Wishart had a shot at the penalty goal, but missed from the relatively easy angle. In the 72nd minute, a Wishart grubber into the Raiders in-goal very nearly produced a try for Xavier Coates, but it was also denied by the Bunker. Coates came out of the play with an injured leg and limped off the field. A number of players, mostly Raiders, copped head knocks and head cuts from a rather well behaved contest. Eventually the Storm held on to win 16-6. **FERGO**

ST GEO ILLA 26 DOLPHINS 6

The St George Illawarra Dragons posted five unanswered tries to turn a halftime deficit into a 26-6 victory over the Dolphins on Sunday afternoon.

In a match where points were at a premium for the first 40 minutes, the Dragons grew in confidence with and without the ball after halftime to move back into the top eight for the first time since the opening round. With neither side able to make a dent on the scoreboard during the opening quarter, the Dragons looked to break the deadlock midway through proceedings only for Mathew Feagai to put a foot on the sideline after strong defensive pressure by Trai Fuller and Herbie Farnworth. With the scores still locked at 0-all heading into the final moments of the first half, the Dragons elected to add a penalty through Kyle Flanagan after knocking back the chance to do so earlier in the half. The Dolphins capitalised on an error with seconds remaining in the half with Tesi Niu (39th minute) finishing off a right-side shift to send the visitors to the sheds leading 6-2 after Jamayne Isaako's successful conversion.

A try to Raymond Faitala-Mariner (46th minute) following the resumption of play levelled the scores at 6-all, while at the other end of the field the Dolphins were left to rue a missed opportunity when Connelly Lemuelu failed to adequately ground the ball over the try line. The Dragons pushed further ahead with Christian Tuipulotu (53rd minute) scoring his first try in the Red V off a scrum and Tyrell Sloan (58th minute) supporting an offload to give the hosts a 16-6 buffer heading into the final quarter. Proving just as effective without the ball by withstanding goal-line pressure following a well-executed 40/20 by Isaiya Katoa, a barge over effort by Jack de Belin (65th minute) sealed the result before Jacob Liddle (68th minute) swooped on a loose ball to the delight of 8,052 supporters braving the cold at Kogarah. Next week, the Dragons will face the Roosters at Allianz Stadium on Sunday afternoon, while the Dolphins will have their final bye of the season. **ROB**

NORTH QLD 16 PENRITH 6

The Cowboys have claimed a 16-6 win over the Panthers at a soaked BlueBet Stadium in a match decimated by a lack of Origin stars.

The Panthers started with a poor mistake as they kicked the ball out on the full, but didn't go punished as a Kyle Feldt try was rubbed out due to an obstruction. But it wouldn't be long before North Queensland did get the first points, as Scott Drinkwater fired a lovely looping cut out to put Feldt over in the corner. Drinkwater was soon sent to the bin for a professional foul, but almost immediately Feldt took an intercept and put the Cowboys back in attacking position. That same set the Panthers were stripped for numbers despite having the man advantage and Braidon Burns made it 12-0. But possession would slowly swing to the Panthers, and after Sunia Turuva was denied a try by some great scramble defence Penrith set up shop inside the Cowboys 10. They received 5 penalties in as many sets, which included Jaxon Purdue being sin binned for a trip, and eventually North Queensland cracked with Brad Schneider getting a try to bring the game back to 12-6. Chad Townsend missed a field goal in the dying stages and the score remained at the break.

The second half turned into a slog fest, with both sides coming to grips with increasingly wet conditions. Eventually the bounce of the ball went the way of the Cowboys, with a deflected grubber being taken 70 metres by Drinkwater before Purdue crossed on the next play to take the lead to 16-6. From there they controlled the game, with the Panthers making mistakes at the back end of the match gruelling any chance of a comeback. The win lifts the Cowboys to 7th on the table while the Panthers remain second, but now four points adrift of Melbourne. **RHYS**

SYDNEY 40 WESTS TIGERS 6

In a dominant performance from siren-to-siren, the Sydney Roosters have comfortably accounted for the Wests Tigers 40-6 at Allianz Stadium on Sunday night to close off the NRL's seventeenth round.

Coming off a bye with back-to-back victories under their belt, there was some promise that we would have a cracker of a game to finish round 17, but it became apparent early on that this was not to be the case. With some emotion around Teddy playing his 150th for the club and Trent Robinson notching up 300 games as coach, the Roosters came out firing early. They looked to be aiming attacks down their right side, seizing on the Tigers' left side, which was seeming to jam up and display an uneven line of defence. The Tigers were staying in the game to a degree, even getting down to the Roosters line, but it would be the story of their night, as they continued to give the ball back from errors right when they were looking dangerous. It proved costly, as the Rooster would quickly take advantage of the weak defensive line and march back down to the Tigers quarter. What would be the first of many tries came at the 14-minute mark after some slick movement through the hands on the Rooster's right gave Dominic Young the space he needed to go over the line. Rattled, the Tigers would allow the big Brit another chance after Conor Watson found some space in the middle. It ended with Young taking his second try at the 16-minute mark. A penalty for a high shot from Brent Naden on Angus Crichton gave the Roosters the ball at halfway, and a quick bust down their right saw them swing it back in for Terrell May in the middle, coming in too big and too quick, pushing the score out to 16-0 after Sam Walker's conversion. Even though the score looked ominous, the Tigers were still in the game, but their defensive line was opening up canyons for the Roosters to jog through. Still unable to pull it together, a kick on the Roosters line after a sustained attack reaped the reward for an ever-present Luke Keary, and the score looked painful for Tigers fans at 20-0, thirty-three minutes in. The first half had both teams relatively even across the stats, but with 4 line breaks to zip for the Roosters and 25 missed tackles by the Tigers against only 11 from the Roosters, it was clearly their defence that was the issue. They did have several chances, which they butchered every time they got to the line, and they were thankful the halftime hooter rang.

The Tigers' second half opened with a different tact of swinging the ball quickly, which may have shown some hope was on the horizon for the young Tigers. But it was to go nowhere again, with Jahream Bula getting to the Rooster's red zone only to pass after being tackled, and the wind went out of the Tiger's sails again. It was clear the Tigers were not going to get roaring, and after some goal-line attacks, the gaps opened up in the 51st minute with Daniel Tupou going over. It only went from bad to worse for the Tigers after some tension was started up in the middle by Api Koroisau against Lindsay Collins, which resulted in Api lifting Collins beyond what the officials were happy with, and he had a 10-minute rest for his troubles. The 12-man team soon turned to 11, with Adam Doueihhi sent to the sin bin after a hip drop on Dominic Young in the 63rd minute, which saw James Tedesco go over only a minute later. The attrition rate of players meant a tired team was giving even more yawning gaps for the relentless Roosters, and Victor Radley came to the try party in the 66th minute, followed by Daniel Tupou again in the 69th. The 40-0 score line sent the Roosters off to sleep early, and some lazy errors allowed the Tigers to finally take advantage down their end of the field, with Founa Pole scoring with Api converting, stopping a clean sheet, but still not hiding the shellacking they had just been dished out. No communication or commitment to a defensive line was the Tigers' Achilles heel, and the failure to nip it in the bud meant they would be chasing their tales for the rest of the game. The Roosters would likely be celebrating a little more if it wasn't for Joesph Manu getting a fractured hand around the 37th minute, and Coach Robinson won't be happy with the lads allowing a late try when they were clearly in the ascendancy. The Tigers go into the next round looking to find their stripes again, while the Roosters make it three wins in a row and a top-four spot on the ladder. **ANDY**

ROUND 17 SCOREBOARD

Canterbury 15 (V. Kikau, R. Mahoney tries; M. Burton 3 goals; M. Burton field goal) defeated Cronulla 14 (S. Katoa, B. Nikora, B. Trindall tries; N. Hynes goal) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 28th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-6. Penalties: Canterbury 8-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 15,765.

Canterbury: Kiraz, Wilson, Xerri, Crichton (C), Skelton; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Salmon, Hayward. Int: Taaffe, Curran, Morrin, Hopoi.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Talakai, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Hunt, Hazelton, Wilton.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Mahoney
2 - M Burton
1 - C McInnes

Warriors 32 (C. Harris-Tavita 2, F. Lussick, T. Martin, R. Tuivasa-Sheck, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; A. Pompey 3, C. Harris-Tavita goals) defeated Brisbane 16 (D. Mariner 2, X. Willison tries; K. Staggs 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-6. Penalties: Brisbane 7-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 22,711.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Tuivasa-Sheck, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett, Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Ford, Harris (C), Lussick, Tevaga.

Brisbane: Sailor, Arthars, Staggs (C), Cobbo, Mariner; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Smoothy, Willison, Piakura, Gosiewski, Hetherington. Int: Walters, Baker; Karapani, Taupau.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Maritn
2 - C Harris-Tavita
1 - S Cobbo

Newcastle 34 (B. Best 2, G. Marzhew 2, W. Pryce, E. Tuala tries; J. Hastings 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 26 (M. Moses 2, B. Talagi 2, J. Paulo tries; M. Moses 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 12-10. Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 27,424.

Newcastle: Sharpe, Tuala, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Pryce, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Saifiti, Frizell (C), Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Brailey, Jones, Croker, Hetherington.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Russell, Talagi; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Makatoa, Lane, Cartwright, Ofahengau. Int: Paulo, Arthur; Doorey, Matterson.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Moses
2 - B Best
1 - G Marzhew

Melbourne 16 (S. Blore, J. Howarth, J. King tries; T. Wishart 2 goals) defeated Canberra 6 (K. Weekes try; J. Rapana goal) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 6-0. Penalties: Melbourne 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 14,127.

Melbourne: Fa'alogo, Warbrick, Anderson, Howarth, Coates; Wishart, Hughes (C); Kamikamica, Garlick, King, Blore, Katoa, Asofa-Solomona. Int: Loiero, Welch, Chan, Bradley.

Canberra: Rapana, Hopoate, Timoko, Cook, Savage; Strange, Weekes; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Levi, Mariota, Mooney, Martin.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes
2 - T Wishart
1 - B Garlick

St George Illawarra 26 (J. De Belin, R. Faitala-Mariner, J. Liddle, T. Sloan, C. Tuipulotu tries; K. Flanagan 3 goals) defeated Dolphins 6 (T. Niu try; J. Isaako goal) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 6-2. Penalties: St George Illawarra 9-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 8,052.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Tuipulotu, Suli, Feagai, Feagai; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Faitala-Mariner, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Couchman, Leilua.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Niu; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Marshall-King, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Aitken, Plath. Int: Bromwich, Nicholls, Pngai Junior, Donoghoe.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Su'A
2 - B Hunt
1 - J Liddle

North Qld 16 (B. Burns, K. Feldt, J. Purdue tries; J. Clifford, S. Drinkwater goals) defeated Penrith 6 (B. Schneider try; P. Alamoti goal) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: North Qld 12-6. Penalties: Penrith 9-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 15,777.

Penrith: Laurie, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, McLean, Cole, Schneider; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Henry, Eisenhuth. Int: Yeo (C), Smith, Patea, Toelau.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Purdue, Vailea, Burns; Clifford, Townsend (C); McLean, Edwards, Taumalolo, Luki, Finefeuiaki, McIntyre. Int: Chester, Granville, Mikaele, Neame.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Drinkwater
2 - J Clifford
1 - D Edwards

Sydney 40 (D. Tupou 2, D. Young 2, L. Keary, T. May, V. Radley, J. Tedesco tries; S. Walker 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 6 (F. Pole try; A. Koroisau goal) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Sydney 20-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-7. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 14,711.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Tupouniua, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, May, Crichton, Radley, Watson. Int: Leniu, Whyte, Butcher, Collins.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Faataape, Naden, Doueihi, Laulilii; Galvin, Sezer; Utaikamanu, Koroisau (C), Pole, Porter, Fainu, Matamua. Int: Fainu, Seyfarth, Klemmer, Bateman.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Crichton
2 - J Tedesco
1 - C Watson

BYES South Sydney Rabbitohs
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles
Gold Coast Titans

ROUND 17 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	15	12	0	3	2	113	28
2	PENRITH	15	10	0	5	2	108	24
3	CRONULLA	15	10	0	5	2	77	24
4	SYDNEY	16	10	0	6	1	195	22
5	CANTERBURY	15	8	0	7	2	64	20
6	DOLPHINS	15	8	0	7	2	40	20
7	NORTH QLD	16	9	0	7	1	2	20
8	ST GEO ILLA	15	8	0	7	2	-30	20
9	Manly	15	7	1	7	2	28	19
10	Brisbane	15	7	0	8	2	21	18
11	Newcastle	15	7	0	8	2	-47	18
12	Canberra	15	7	0	8	2	-89	18
13	Warriors	16	7	1	8	1	-31	17
14	South Sydney	14	5	0	9	3	-112	16
15	Gold Coast	14	4	0	10	3	-71	14
16	Parramatta	15	4	0	11	2	-129	12
17	Wests Tigers	15	4	0	11	2	-139	12

ROUND 17 JUDICIARY

Viliame Kikau (CBY)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Toby Sexton (CBY)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1000
Oregon Kaufusi (CRO)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1000
Kotoni Staggs (BRI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Elliott Whitehead (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Tackle	\$1000
Albert Hopoate (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Kurt Donoghoe (DOL)	G2 Careless High Tackle	3 matches
Jaxon Purdue (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Nat Butcher (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Adam Doueihi (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
John Bateman (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 17 POTY LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 22, Maroons 3)

18 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

17 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

SOUTH SYDNEY 32 PARRAMATTA 16

Five-star performances from Latrell Mitchell and Cody Walker have inspired South Sydney to five straight victories with a 32-16 victory over a determined Parramatta Eels at a rain-soaked CommBank Stadium.

The early exchanges saw both sides spoil good attacking chances, letting themselves off the hook for respective disciplinary relapses. South Sydney capitalised first after nine minutes off a Parramatta mistake. Cody Walker saw an overlap and took full advantage, combining with Latrell Mitchell to send Jacob Gagai away untouched in the corner. Mitchell's conversion came off the posts and remained 4-0. Both sides continued to make good yardage but left plenty of scoring chances off the board. Souths bombing the worst of the best chances when Walker lost the ball seemingly with the line wide open after 20 minutes. Parramatta had chances down the left, but Sean Russell was mistiming his passes to debutant Jake Tago. Something had to give as we approached the half-hour mark. A strong carry from Taane Milne saw him get an offload to Damien Cook to quickly linked up with Keaton Koloamatangi who engaged the line to find Michael Chee-Kam who got it a magical pass to Jacob Gagai putting him in space. Gagai was able to link up with Wighton to cross for Souths' second. Mitchell converted for a 10-0 lead. Parramatta were getting up field well but failing to execute throughout the opening 40. A strong carry from Blaize Talagi enabled him to get the arm free to put Dylan Brown into space. From the ensuing tackles, Mitch Moses and Brown combine with Clint Gutherson to find Talagi to finish what he started to cross in his 7th straight match. Moses' conversion came off the post and the gap was six. Right on the

break, Parramatta were hanging on for dear life, however conceded the cardinal sin on half-time. Walker drew the defence left on the unders route to Chee Kam who was able to get another magical pass away to Walker who crossed to break the Eels' spirit on half-time.

As the heavens opened in the second half, the Eels seemed to get in their element. However, when push came to shove, Ben Hornby's renewed defensive spirit stopped the Eels right in their track with a desperate try-saver on Will Pensini in the 45th minute a big highlight. Souths' poor discipline was giving Parramatta repeated chances on the Rabbitohs line. As much as Hornby's side has improved defensively in the second half of 2024, they can only hold on for so long. A brilliant pass from Brendan Hands to find a charging Reagan Campbell-Gillard to cross for the first of the second stanza after 51 minutes. Moses converted to reduce it to a converted try. Parramatta gave away an extra set, and with the superstars on show for South Sydney, it wasn't long before the advantage was back to double digits. Great lead-up work from Davvy Moale who found Walker, and drew the defence wide to find Mitchell who slid early but got the ball down brilliantly. The conversion did struggle to hook across and it remained a ten point game. The Eels were building as Souths were getting comfortable and thought they had a third with debutant Jake Tago crossing with 18 to go. However, the Bunker correctly spotted a foot on the sideline and denied the try. South Sydney worked their way to go and seal the game and were rewarded with 11 minutes to play. A shift to the right saw Walker and Mitchell combine to send Gagai away to get his second of the contest. Mitchell's conversion off the posts seemed to put the game out of Parramatta's reach. However, off a penalty for a professional foul, the Eels saw a chance. Parramatta scurried a late try as

Gutherson directed play back to the middle and grubber kicked it to a chasing Bryce Cartwright who was able to win the race to the ball. Wighton sealed the game late for the Rabbitohs with a great individual try capitalising on the man advantage with Moses binned for a cynical slow down of play. **AJ**

GOLD COAST 20 CRONULLA 16

The 15th-placed Titans hold off a fast-finishing Sharks to secure another win against a top 8 side.

The Cronulla Sharks took their home game to C. ex Coffs International Stadium, facing off against the Gold Coast Titans. Both teams made some pre-kickoff changes, with Royce Hunt starting for the Sharks and Tanah Boyd returning from injury in the halves for the Titans, replacing AJ Brimson. Beau Fermour shifted to the centres, Jacob Alick-Wiencke moved from the extended bench to the second row to partner David Fifita, and Jaylan De Groot made his NRL debut from the bench. The Titans dominated the opening minutes, with veteran half Kieran Foran scoring in the 7th minute and Tanah Boyd converting. The Sharks faced an early setback when Royce Hunt lost the ball just short of the try line in the 11th minute. Two minutes later, Siosifa Talakai was sent to the sin bin for a high shot on Sam Verrills. With the Sharks down to 12 men, the Titans capitalised on their advantage. A short ball from Foran to Chris Randall resulted in a try directly under the posts, with Boyd adding the extras to push the score to 12-0 after 15 minutes. The Titans continued their relentless attack, forcing multiple drop-outs from the Sharks. A brief respite came when Keano Kini picked up a fast-moving grubber from Braydon Trindall, but the Sharks were penalised for the Titans being offside. However, their luck stayed the same as Nicho Hynes turned the ball inside to Jesse Ramien, only for the

pass to be called forward. The Sharks were denied again in the 28th minute when Will Kennedy's try was sent upstairs as no try. The Titans earned another forced drop-out before halftime, but the Sharks managed to regain possession by kicking deeper. Despite their efforts, the Sharks went into the sheds down 12-0. At halftime, the Titans had 64% possession with 22 sets to the Sharks' 10, completing 85% of them compared to the Sharks' 59%. This possession disparity led to the Sharks making nearly 100 more tackles.

The Titans opened the second half scoring with a successful penalty goal from Tanah Boyd. Less than five minutes later, Braydon Trindall finally scored the first points for the Sharks, but Hynes failed to convert, leaving the score at 14-4. The Sharks' momentum was short-lived as they failed to make the 10 meters on yet another forced dropout, handing possession to the Titans. A quick play-the-ball from Beau Fermour and a strong run by Keenan Palasia saw the Titans extend their lead, with Boyd successfully converting again. The Sharks tested the Titans' defence repeatedly, finally breaking through when winger Daniel Atkinson crossed the line after a beautiful rainbow pass from Trindall. Hynes added the extras, narrowing the gap. With four minutes to go, the Sharks scored back-to-back tries, spreading it to the left for Hynes to find the try line and convert, reducing the deficit to 4 points. In the closing minutes, both sides attacked and defended well. The decider came when young Sharks winger Daniel Atkinson attempted to tap back a Hynes cross-field kick, but it went over the sideline. The Titans ran down the last 41 seconds, with David Fifita going to ground with the ball as the siren sounded, securing the win. The result sees the third-placed Sharks lose their third game in a row, falling to the 15th-placed Gold Coast Titans in front of a sold-out crowd in Coffs Harbour. **KELLY**

PENRITH 14 BRISBANE 6

The Penrith Panthers of old came to the fore on Friday night as the defending premiers put on a defensive masterclass to hold out the Brisbane Broncos 14-6 in a Suncorp Stadium thriller.

Both teams come out of the game with injury concerns, with Jock Madden and Daine Laurie failing to finish after picking up hamstring issues. Speaking of hamstrings, Penrith superstar Nathan Cleary is now scheduled to return after the bye in Round 20 as the Panthers look to make a push towards locking up a top four spot. As for Brisbane, while a much-improved effort in defence on Friday, the loss means the Broncos will still be at least two points adrift of the top eight by the end of the week. Ivan Cleary dropped a selection bombshell before Friday's game, promoting Laurie to the wing in place of Sunia Turuva, although it took just a few minutes for that plan to quickly unravel. Laurie came from the field with a hamstring injury and did not return, seeing Jack Cole injected into the game while Paul Alamoti shifted to the wing. Cole made an immediate impact as he scored with his first touch, in the right place at the right time after a sublime pass from prop James Fisher-Harris opened up space on the left edge. The Panthers had several chances to extend their lead throughout the first half but struggled to break through Brisbane's brick wall defence, finishing with 28 tackles in the opposition 20 but managing just the one try. It

meant the Broncos went into halftime leading 6-4 after the speed of Reece Walsh proved too much for Penrith's right edge defence in the 26th minute.

It took something unconventional for the Panthers to go over for their second of the night, with an awkward Jarome Luai bomb taken on the full by Liam Martin, who spun it to Lindsay Smith as the front rower put boot to ball and set up Brian To'o out wide. Dylan Edwards was once again unable to convert the try, leaving the score at 8-6. It came after Brisbane was dealt an injury blow of its own as Madden limped off after chasing down an Ezra Mam kick, pulling up lame with what was later reported as a suspected torn hamstring. While the attack wasn't always slick, Penrith quickly got the upper hand in the second half on the back of its relentless line speed as Brisbane continually struggled for meterage in its own end. The persistence and patience from the Panthers eventually paid dividends as Mitch Kenny slid over out of dummy-half to put the away side up 14-6 with 10 minutes left. Brisbane threatened to set up a grandstand finish on a few occasions but Penrith continued to turn up and held the Broncos scoreless in the second half. Kevin Walters' side now have to prepare for the Dragons next week while the Panthers will be able to rest up on the bye after a gruelling win. **JACKO**

CANTERBURY 13 WARRIORS 12

A field goal to Matt Burton in golden point has delivered the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs a 13-12 victory over the New Zealand Warriors in one of the games of the season.

Nailing a match winner for the second time in as many weeks to extend the Bulldogs unbeaten record to seven wins at home this season, Burton fell short with three attempts before landing his fourth to the delight of 27,223 supporters in attendance at Accor Stadium. In a tight opening which saw Roger Tuivasa-Sheck denied an early four-pointer for a knock-on in the lead up, the Bulldogs struck first midway through the half when Burton swooped onto a Te Maire Martin pass and found Bronson Xerri (20th minute) in support for first points. The home side's joy was short lived when Sam Hughes knocked on from the kick-off and a scrum play allowed the visitors to shift the ball right, allowing Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (22nd minute) to perform an acrobatic put-down for his ninth try of the season. The Warriors continued to build pressure which translated on the scoreboard with former Bulldogs outside back Marcelo Montoya (28ths minute) powering his way over in the opposite corner. The Bulldogs were unable to make the most of attacking opportunity late in the half as a penalty goal to Adam Pompey after the halftime siren sent the Warriors to the sheds leading 12-6.

The Warriors lead on the scoreboard came at a cost with Charnez Nicoll-Klokstad (calf) and Watene-Zelezniak (HIA) ruled out of the game, and Montoya (groin) remaining on the field, despite being inconvenienced, before being replaced in the final quarter. Taking advantage of a penalty from inside their own half, the Bulldogs made the most of good field position with Toby Sexton executing a well-placed bomb for Viliame Kikau (56th minute) to level the scores up at 12-all. With both teams unable to land a knockout blow close to the goal line, including Warriors debutant Leka Halasima busting down the sideline only to be held up over the tryline, Te Maire Martin attempted to break the deadlock only for his field goal to be charged down. In response, Burton looked certain to seal the result only for his shot to ricochet off the posts, resulting in the match going to golden point. As both teams played for field position in an attempt to ice the result, Chanel Harris-Tavita missed with two attempts in the first half of golden point, while Burton did likewise with his sole shot. With the clock running down and a draw looking likely, a charge down on Burton's third attempt gave the Bulldogs the field position needed for the five-eighth to land the decisive score in the 87th minute. Next week, the Bulldogs will have their third - and final - bye, while the Warriors will have their second bye of the season. **ROB**

MELBOURNE 40 WESTS TIGERS 28

Points were flowing at Leichhardt Oval as the Melbourne Storm kept their buffer at the top of the NRL ladder with a 40-28 win over the Wests Tigers in front of 10,000 fans.

Despite coming under early pressure from the Storm, the Tigers were able to open the scoring when the Melbourne left edge defence missed their roles and Jahream Bula was able to put Charlie Staines over in the corner. The conversion from Api Koroisau gave the hosts a 6-0 lead. The lead didn't last long for the Wests Tigers as their defensive woes continued as Eli Katoa was able to go through easily close to the posts and Wishart converted to level the scores. Not finding touch is one of the biggest sins in the NRL and Melbourne paid the price when the Tigers took advantage of the field position and Fonua Pole went through a very close range through a massive gap in the defence to score. The Tigers took a 12-10 lead as the conversion was successful. Slicing through the defence, Ryan Papenhuyzen got the Storm back within two in what was a frustrating first half when he split the defence and got the ball down. The Storm added a third try in the first half when Jahrome Hughes put Will Warbrick through. The Storm were denied a second try to Will Warbrick when he wasn't even given a chance

to contest a Jahrome Hughes kick being tackled by Solomona Faataape and despite being reviewed for a possible penalty try, the officials elected to rule a professional foul and the Tigers winger was sent to the sin bin.

Melbourne took advantage of the extra man when Grant Anderson went over out wide and then Sua Fa'alogo went over again taking advantage of the extra man in attack. Both tries were converted, and the Storm took a 28-12 lead. The Tigers weren't done yet as even though their attack looked very sideways, they were able to show they weren't out of the contest yet when Lachie Galvin went through after some good work from Api Koroisau. The conversion was good, and the margin fell back to 10. Melbourne had an effort overturned by the bunker, but it didn't hurt too much as a couple of minutes later, Tyrann Wishart went from dummy half and converted his own try to restore the margin back to 16. The last few minutes was a points scoring spree as the Tigers added two more tries with Charlie Staines and Jahream Bula going over for tries which were sandwiched by a second try for Sua Fa'alogo. The 40-28 win for Melbourne helps keep their 4-point buffer at the top of the ladder ahead of the bye next week meanwhile are back to the bottom of the NRL ladder as they have a clash against the Sharks next week. **JOSH**

SYDNEY 42 ST GEO ILLA 12

In what was always going to be an emotionally charged game, the Roosters stubbed out any thought of the Dragons making a comeback with a ferocious second-half performance to trounce the visitors 42-12.

The Dragons came out firing early and looked like they were going to put on the first points, but an early penalty gave the Roosters a chance to march back down the field. After smashing the set through the middle, James Tedesco sets up Victor Radley to go over for first points. Jayden Su'A showed he was up for a big game, taking the role of enforcer early, but got too keen and gave away a penalty around the 9 mins mark, which the Roosters took the 2 points from. Jared Waerea-Hargraves ran out as the most capped Rooster in the history of the club, and the 307-game veteran celebrated his record game with a high shot and sin bin in the 17th minute. But the Dragons failed to put any wind under their wings the whole time JWH was off. Even after successive penalties in their favour and set restarts, they failed to turn their advantage into points, but it was also a credit to the defensive mindset of the Roosters. As JWH returned onto the field, the Roosters' attack again clicked with a movement to their right, finding Dominic Young too quick and big as usual, and they scored at the 26-minute mark. A break from the kick-off by Max Feagai set the Dragons up well on the field, and the Dragons set up camp in the opposition quarter. Successive penalties and set restarts were too much, and Jacob Liddle seized a chance at the line to keep them in the game at the 36th-minute mark. It ended the half, which saw some energetic displays from the Roosters, particularly Tedesco, Connor Martin, and Terrell May.

While the Dragons' attack lacked some venom, it was Jacob Liddle and Blake Lawrie trying to keep them in the game. The second half started

well for the Dragons, swinging the first blow of the half as coach Shane Flanagan had requested. Looking far more organised on the line this half, it proved dividends after an excellent movement left had Christian Tuipulotu over, and we were set for a thriller, or so we thought. Victor Radley paid the price for putting his body on the line trying to stop Christian Tuipulotu, getting a Category 1 HIA and sitting out the rest of the game. The Roosters forwards continued to cause trouble, and just after an Angus Crichton break down the left, Lindsay Collins came running onto a ball with irresistible force and got the points. Angus Crichton was then rewarded for his continuous effort and a try after the Dragons failed to keep the Roosters out of their quarter from the kickoff. The game was slipping from the Dragons fast. It was at the 62 minute that the death knell was sounded for the Dragons, as a lovely falcon ball off the head of Jack De Belin fell into the hands of Lindsay Collins, who had James Tedesco in support, and the flying fullback ran about 60 metres for another try to the Roosters. The Dragons were looking tired, and any attack they tried to mount was falling apart due to fatigue, while the Roosters seemed to have plenty more in the tank for such a big day for the club. The tries started to look all too easy for the tricolours as a fairly simple movement through the hands gave Daniel Tupou 4 points in the 64th minute. Ben Hunt tried to look for something special, but his efforts could not find any Dragons in ready support when he took them on the line. It was moments like these that Tyrell Sloan needed to be on. With the roosters red hot, it was Sitali Tupouniua, filling in at the centre, who showed some handy footwork to get the game's final try in the 79-minute. Shane Flanagan said he was proud the team was in the game for 55 minutes, but it's tough when back-to-back six agains go against you. It was also the lack of execution early in the game when they had chances and failed to make an impact, while the Roosters had 12 men that let them down, Flanagan also mentioned the Roosters' energy with the 1974

MANLY 21 NORTH QLD 20

The Manly Sea-Eagles ventured to Townsville and were forced into golden point in a tight battle with the North Queensland Cowboys, with Daly Cherry-Evans kicking the match-winner.

Manly were looking ominous from the outset, scoring a try in the fourth minute with Cherry-Evans ran on the short side, dummied and then threaded the needle with a pass between Viliani Vailea and Murray Taulagi, finding Jason Saab unmarked who scored in the right corner. Reuben Garrick converted from the sideline. The Cowboys should've levelled the scores in the 10th minute when Chad Townsend was in the clear and just had to fall over the line to score, but he dropped the ball cold. Three minutes later though he redeemed himself when he sent a lovely cut-out pass to Kyle Feldt, who ran down the sideline before grubbering infield where Townsend regathered and scored. Valentine Holmes converted. The Cowboys very nearly took the lead in the 18th minute when Jordan McLean made a break and then sent a ball to Jermeiah Nanai who was in the clear and was about to score but the referee ruled the pass forward. In the 32nd minute Scott Drinkwater made a break and sent a pass outside to Taulagi but Garrick intercepted, saving another possible Cowboys try. In the 36th minute Manly reclaimed

old boys coming in on JWH's big day; it was clearly too much for the Dragons outfit to respond to. Trent Robinson was unhappy with the lack of possession in the first half, but they did impress him with the defensive line. Robbo pointed out the Collins/Tedesco try was the moment he knew they had broken the Dragons, and he was pleased to see how the next generation of forwards in Spencer Leniu and Terrell May have taken a leaf out of JWH book and taking intensity and ownership into the game. The Dragons continue to have a lopsided season and will head north to Suncorp to take on the Broncos, another team desperate for a win. The Roosters will take this win and have a bye, heading to AAMI Park for a blockbuster with the Melbourne Storm. **ANDY**

NEWCASTLE 16 CANBERRA 12

A Dane Gagai double has helped stake his claims for a QLD recall and guided the Newcastle Knights to a gritty 16-12 win over the Canberra Raiders in the nation's capital.

After dominating early possession, Canberra capitalised on the territory and crossed for the opening points. A simple crash ball from Tom Starling saw big Josh Papali'i crash over three Newcastle defenders to score for the Raiders after five minutes. Despite Gerard Sutton initially saying he didn't ground the ball; it took Kasey Badger one replay to award Canberra's first try in a first half at home since Round 12. Newcastle weren't going to be kept out of it for long. After a cynical high tackle on Kalyn Ponga by Joe Tapine. The Knights shifted the ball right as Will Pryce linked up with Dane Gagai who was able to beat three defenders to hit back. Jackson Hastings hooked it back like fellow countrymen David Beckham to level the scores after 12 minutes of play. The Knights were building possession and soon found gaps in Canberra's defence. A great carry from Mat Croker through the middle saw him taken metres from the line.

the lead when Saab twisted to get across the Cowboys line for a try. Garrick converted from out wide again, to give Manly a 12-6 lead at the break.

Manly scored first just 3 minutes after the break when Griffin Neame spilled the ball near the Manly line. Jake Trbojevic cleaned it up and then passed to Tolutau Koula who broke through the line and raced 70 metres before linking with Saab, who stepped inside the cover defender and waltzed over to score a brilliant try. Garrick converted. The Cowboys got themselves back into the game in the 53rd minute when Reuben Cotter received a flat ball in the line, busted through a tackle and scores. Holmes converted. The Cowboys levelled the scores just 3 minutes later when Feldt tip-toed down the sideline before diving to score in the corner. Holmes converted from out wide. In the 74th minute Manly received a penalty and Garrick kicked a penalty goal to give Manly a 20-18 lead. A minute later Scott Drinkwater kicked a brilliant two point field goal from 43 metres out to level the scores. The final three minutes saw Cherry-Evans miss one shot at field goal and Townsend miss 3 times, sending the game into golden point. Holmes had two shots at field goal, both of which missed before Cherry-Evans sealed the game with the match-winning field goal in the 83rd minute. **FERGO**

From the ensuing tackle, it was PTSD from 2023 with Newcastle's left edge running rampant to send Greg Marzew flying down the sideline to cross out wide and take the lead after 18 minutes. Hastings' conversion dinked off the uprights to keep the Knights in front by four.

The rest of the opening half was a back and forth affair as both sides jostled for momentum. During this period, it seemed the Knights had the better of play as the Raiders were forced to repeatedly work it from off their own goal-line. Canberra had their best chance since crossing when Ethan Strange blitzed the defence, desperation from Brodie Jones saw the young pivot denied. This saw us head to the sheds with the score at 10-6 and the game very much in the balance. Newcastle capitalised on a Morgan Smithies forward pass to open second half proceedings. It was Hastings again turning provider for the visitors. As the defence on Ponga, their attention seemed to be focusing all on the returning custodian, but they forgot about the flying Gagai on the inside to cross for his second of the evening. Will Pryce took over the goal-kicking and atoned for some disappointing first half touches to put the gap to 10 points. Newcastle were making breaks through the middle off two consecutive kick returns. Marzew's strong return set the Knights up in attacking field position, but unfortunately couldn't execute. Ponga's pass was intercepted by Elliott Whitehead who found Kaeo Weekes who blew the Knights away to bring the Raiders back to life. Jordan Rapana converted to cut the gap to four points. The rest of the second forty saw the Knights do their very best to give Canberra chances to level the scores. Ponga lost the ball in a kick contest with six minutes to go, a flying Simi Sasagi was ruled to be short of the line. But the bunker found a knock on in the kick contest to deny Sasagi. In the dying moments, Ethan Strange put the boot in behind and Xavier Savage claimed a try. But Kasey Badger correctly denied him which allowed the Knights to hang on for a tenacious victory. **AJ**

ROUND 18 SCOREBOARD

South Sydney 32 (J. Gagai 2, J. Wighton 2, L. Mitchell, C. Walker tries; L. Mitchell 4 goals) defeated **Parramatta 16** (R. Campbell-Gillard, B. Cartwright, B. Talagi tries; M. Moses 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.
Date: Thu, 4th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 16-4. Penalties: Parramatta 8-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 13,941.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Tago, Penisini, Russell, Talagi; Brown, Moses; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Ofahengaue, Matterson, Cartwright, Lane. Int: Paulo, Arthur, Doorey, Guymer.

South Sydney: Mitchell, Johnston, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Wighton, Walker; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Murray (C), Arrow, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Burgess, Chee-Kam.

Player of the Year: 3 - L Mitchell

2 - C Walker

1 - C Guymer

Gold Coast 20 (K. Foran, K. Palasia, C. Randall tries; T. Boyd 4 goals) defeated **Cronulla 16** (D. Atkinson, N. Hynes, B. Trindall tries; N. Hynes 2 goals) at C.ex Coffs International Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 12-0. Penalties: Cronulla 7-5. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 8,673.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Atkinson, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Hunt, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Talakai, McInnes (C). Int: Hazelton, Williams, Wilton, Hau Tapuha.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Fermor, Fifita; Boyd, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Verrills, Clark, Fifita, Alick, Randall. Int: Liu, Pahulu, Palasia, Stimson.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Foran

2 - T Boyd

1 - B Trindall

Penrith 14 (J. Cole, M. Kenny, B. To'o tries; D. Edwards goal) defeated **Brisbane 6** (R. Walsh try; R. Walsh goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 6-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 42,433.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Mariner; Cobbo, Arthars; Mam, Madden; Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Willison, Carrigan (C). Int: Hetherington, Smoothy, Karapani, Taipau.

Penrith: Edwards, Laurie, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Schneider; Luai; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Cole, Smith, Henry, Eisenhuth.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Fisher Harris

2 - D Edwards

1 - j Luai

Canterbury 13 (V. Kikau, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 2 goals; M. Burton field goal) defeated **Warriors 12** (M. Montoya, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; A. Pompey 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 12-6. Penalties: Warriors 6-5. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 27,223.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Wilson; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Salmon, Mann. Int: Hayward, Curran, Morrin.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Tuivasa-Sheck, Pompey, Montoya; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett (C), Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Lussick, Tevaga, Ford, Halasima.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Burton

2 - M Barnett

1 - M King

Melbourne 40 (S. Fa'alogo 2, G. Anderson, E. Katoa, R. Papenhuyzen, W. Warbrick, T. Wishart tries; T. Wishart 6 goals) defeated **Wests Tigers 28** (C. Staines 2, J. Bula, L. Galvin, F. Pole tries; A. Koroisau 4 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-12. Penalties: Wests Tigers 7-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 10,311.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Faataape, Olam, Doueihii, Staines; Galvin, Sezer; Utaikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer; Bateman, Fainu, Pole. Int: Matamua, Mason, Fainu, Seyfarth.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Anderson, Howarth, Bradley; Wishart, Hughes (C); Asofa-Solomona, Garlick, King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Kamikamica, Fa'alogo, Welch, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes

2 - T Wishart

1 - R Papenhuyzen

Manly 21 (J. Saab 3 tries; R. Garrick 4 goals; D. Cherry-Evans field goal) defeated **North Qld 20** (R. Cotter, K. Feldt, C. Townsend tries; V. Holmes 3 goals; S. Drinkwater field goal (2pt)) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-6. Penalties: North Qld 4-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 18,787.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: McIntyre, Edwards, Finefeuiaki, Neame.

Manly: Koula, Saab, Trbojevic, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Simpkin, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Hopoate, Lawton, Bullemor, Brown.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Saab

2 - T Koula

1 - S Drinkwater

Sydney 42 (L. Collins, A. Crichton, V. Radley, J. Tedesco, D. Tupou, S. Tupouniua, D. Young tries; S. Walker 7 goals) defeated **St George Illawarra 12** (J. Liddle, C. Tuipulotu tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 23,388.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Jennings, Tupouniua, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Watson. Int: Leniu, Butcher, May, King.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Feagai, Tuipulotu; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Lawrie, Murdoch-Masila, Couchman, Brown.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tedesco

2 - L Collins

1 - A Crichton

Newcastle 16 (D. Gagai 2, G. Marzhev tries; J. Hastings, W. Pryce goals) defeated **Canberra 12** (J. Papalii, K. Weekes tries; J. Rapana 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-6. Penalties: Canberra 4-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 12,553.

Canberra: Weekes, Rapana, Timoko, Hopoate, Savage; Strange, Cook; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Mariota, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Levi, Mooney, Sasagi, Guler; Kris.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Tuala, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Pryce, Hastings; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Croker. Int: Sharpe, Saifiti, Jones, Lucas, Hetherington.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Gagai

2 - J Tapine

1 - J Hastings

ROUND 18 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	16	13	0	3	2	125	30
2	PENRITH	16	11	0	5	2	116	26
3	SYDNEY	17	11	0	6	1	225	24
4	CRONULLA	16	10	0	6	2	73	24
5	CANTERBURY	16	9	0	7	2	65	22
6	DOLPHINS	15	8	0	7	3	40	22
7	MANLY	16	8	1	7	2	29	21
8	NORTH QLD	17	9	0	8	1	1	20
9	Newcastle	16	8	0	8	2	-43	20
10	St Geo Illa	16	8	0	8	2	-60	20
11	Brisbane	16	7	0	9	2	13	18
12	Canberra	16	7	0	9	2	-93	18
13	South Sydney	15	6	0	9	3	-96	18
14	Warriors	17	7	1	9	1	-32	17
15	Gold Coast	15	5	0	10	3	-67	16
16	Parramatta	16	4	0	12	2	-145	12
17	Wests Tigers	16	4	0	12	2	-151	12

ROUND 18 JUDICIARY

Richard Kennar (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Siosifa Talakai (CRO)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Alofiana Khan-Pereira (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1000
Jesse Arthars (BRI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Marcelo Montoya (WAR)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$1500
Viliame Kikau (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1800
Jackson Ford (WAR)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$3000
Jaeman Salmon (CBY)	G2 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Dave Klemmer (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Api Koroisau (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Luke Brooks (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (SYD)	G2 Careless High Tackle	4 matches
Michael Jennings (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jaydn Su'A (SGI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 18 POTY LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 22, Maroons 3)

20 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

15 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

13 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Mitchell Moses (Eels 10, Blues 3)

DOLPHINS 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 28

The Dolphins were able to strike early, with Isaiya Katoa and Trai Fuller combining to send Jack Bostock over after 6 minutes. But Souths didn't take long to reply, and Jye Gray was awarded a penalty try when he dropped the ball over the line but was impeded on his chase by Fuller.

The Dolphins soon hit the front through a Tevita Pangai Junior barge over, but Connolly Lemuelu dropped the ball from the kickoff and Souths hit back through Jacob Gagai to make it 12-10. The Phins were able to extend their lead not too long later through a great individual try by Herbie Farnworth. They had chances to add onto it even further as the first half ticked down, however great defence by Souths and some poor attacking execution kept the score 18-10 at the break.

It was a set piece that got the Dolphins across to start the second half, when Katoa grubbered in behind and Kodi Nikorima was the only man on the peninsula who saw it coming. But Souths began to win back momentum, and a couple of quick tries from Gagai and Alex Johnston brought the game back to 24-18. But just as the tide was turning, a penalty kick by Jack Wighton failed to find touch, and the Phins capitalised on the ensuing set when a Pangai Junior offload created a linebreak that concluded in Jake Averillo putting Sean O'Sullivan over the line. Then they aced the set after points when Katoa put Bostock through the line, who duly found Fuller on the inside to put the Dolphins up 36-18. Late tries by Johnston and Gagai threatened to bring the game close, but the Dolphins held on for a good win. They didn't escape unscathed unfortunately, with Euan Aitken suffering a suspected ruptured pec while Kodi Nikorima succumbed to a shoulder injury. For Souths Davvy Moale had a late HIA and it's unclear whether or not he passed. **RHYS**

CRONULLA 58 WESTS TIGERS 6

The Cronulla Sharks have inflicted their most ruthless performance of 2024 with a 58-6 thrashing of the Wests Tigers as the struggling club lost their captain Api Koroisau to a calf injury in the second half.

Cronulla had early ascendancy following an early line-break from Daniel Atkinson, splitting some shocking middle defence. From the ensuing tackle, the Sharks moved the ball left as Braydon Trindall delivered early, quality ball to Kayal Iro as he got past some would-be tacklers for the first try. Trindall added the extras to cement a quality start for the home side inside the opening 5 minutes. Despite a poor start, the Tigers stuck to their basics and got rewarded with a silky try following a yardage penalty. Samuela Fainu hit a strong line and was able to get an offload away to Jahreem Bula. Bula was then able to offload to Solomon Faataape to restore order for the visitors. Api Koroisau added the extras to level the scores after 11 minutes. After a strong kick return from Ronaldo Mulitalo who combined with try-scorer Iro, the Sharks turned momentum back in their favour almost immediately. The home side stripped the Tigers for numbers and Mulitalo fended away from Alex Lobb to score for the Sharks. It looked like the Sharks were going to add a third after another break from Mulitalo, he linked up with Trindall and was brought down. The Sharks winger forced a professional foul by Koroisau and despite the Tigers hooker pleading his best case, he was sin-binned by Adam Gee. The Tigers have struggled when being down to 12 men this year. That continued here, as after successive sets on the line the Tigers wall cracked. A brilliant, lofted pass from Briton Nikora delivered a saloon passage to the line for Sione Katoa who crossed for the home side in the dying stages of Koroisau's sin bin period. This was nearly extended further but just as the sin-bin period came to a close, the Sharks butchered an easy scoring opportunity. Wests seemed to dominate field position after a prolonged period with the football. However, Aidan Sezer's pass was picked off by Jesse Ramien who sprinted 80 metres before getting caught by Bula and Staines. There was a lack of outside players in defence which allowed Katoa to run from dummy half

and cross for the fourth try of the night and make it a 24-6 half-time lead for the Sharks.

After the break, Cronulla continued on their scoring ways. A well worked set play saw Atkinson draw in some horrific edge defence to send Mulitalo away in the corner after 48 minutes. Six minutes later, the suffering continued when Blayke Brailey delivered a brilliant pass to Braden Hamlin-Uele to cross. The returning prop delivered one of the best celebrations of #TryJuly so far to extend the gap to 28. Four minutes later, Mulitalo grabbed his hat-trick after a brilliant kick return from deep inside his own end. He got on the outside of Bateman and got up to halfway before finding Trindall. The half juggled it but did well to haul it in before offloading back to Mulitalo to cross for his hat-trick. Three minutes later, Trindall again delivered with a brilliant pass to Nikora to make the deficit 40 points for the home side. The Tigers did show some fight with a brilliant cover tackle from Fonua Pole saving a certain four pointer for Trindall with 15 to go. Despite showing some fight, the Tigers defensive inefficiencies again reared themselves to the forefront. Ramien brought up the 50 as he manhandled Heath Mason on his way to the line. In the dying moments, Trindall crossed through two middle forwards to cross to bring up 22 points for the evening and secure a 52-point win. The only sour note for the Sharks was a potentially serious knee injury to returning prop Jesse Colquhoun. The front rower was returning from injury for his first NRL game of the year when his knee gave way with 20 to go. While for the Tigers, Koroisau was assisted with a calf injury and left the match with 15 to play. **AJ**

GOLD COAST 24 PARRAMATTA 16

Jayden Campbell starred in game 50 setting up three Titans tries as the Gold Coast secured three straight wins for the first time since 2021.

Gold Coast capitalised early after a suspect tackle in the air penalty. Jojo Fifita broke through for the opening line-break before sustained field position eventually took its toll on the Parramatta defence. A lovely cut-out ball from Jayden Campbell found Alofiana Khan-Pereira who crossed untouched to go top of the try-scorers tally for 2024 and his 17th try in 17 games at CBUS Super Stadium. Campbell capped his return from injury with a great sideline conversion for 6-0. The Eels refused to do little favours for themselves after conceding a penalty which allowed the Titans to march down field. David Fifita linked up with Campbell who found Khan-Pereria to cross for his second in three minutes to continue his impressive streak with his 11th career double. Within a blink of an eye, it was 12-0 after 14 minutes. Matt Doorey thought he capitalised on a rare mistake from the Titans, but with the line open he spilled it. After some back and forth moments, Jake Tago was crunched in a great shot from Campbell which forced the ball loose. The Titans capitalised on the error by shifting the ball to Phil Sami. Sami was able to beat the covering defensive efforts to cross for the Titans' third and it was 18-0 after 20 minutes. Parramatta were guilty of over-trying, but eventually some chances were going to stick and it did in bizarre circumstances. AJ Brimson went for a dart out of dummy half and offloaded it straight to Blaize Talagi who got it onto Luca Moretti. The Clovelly Crocodile crossed with his first touch to bring Parramatta back into the contest with ten to play in the first half. Both sides did squander good field position and scoring chances, so at the end of the first half, the Titans were in front by 18-6.

Parramatta started with fire and were nearly rewarded when debutant Lorenzo Mulitalo got within metres from the line in the opening set of the second stanza. AJ Brimson had a successful return from injury and was replaced un-injured with 25 minutes to play by Keano Kini. The Titans had the first of the second half after a clever grubber from Campbell caught Clint Gutherson out of position. Brian Kelly won the race to the ball for the first of the second half to extend the gap to 18. Parramatta weren't going away. After Klese Haas was slow to clear the ruck, the Eels responded as Will Penisini muscled his way to the line. Penisini beat three disappointing defensive efforts from the Titans on his way to the line with 20 to go. Gold Coast suffered

a blow with 20 to go, with David Fifita having to depart following a category two concussive incident following a tackle on Penisini, but would return in the dying moments. Gold Coast were starting to fall off tackles and Parramatta were marching up field. With 15 to go, Gutherson got into dummy half and managed to beat three defenders on his way to the line. Referee Todd Smith was in the best position to see if the ball hit the line and awarded the try which was confirmed. Asi quickly converted from in front and Parramatta had gotten the margin back to a two-possession game. The Parra half would come from the field with 10 to go, making that task even harder. Gold Coast thought they had the game secured with 5 to go after Khan-Pereria thought he had a hat-trick but he was denied in a brilliant try-saver from Brown. Despite last ditch efforts, Parramatta were unable to muster up the score to set-up a grandstand finish. **AJ**

ST GEO ILLA 30 BRISBANE 26

The Dragons got out to an unassailable lead in the first half, before the bits-and-pieces Broncos assailed, but were unable to reel in enough of their deficit, going down by 4 points in a spirited performance.

The Dragons opened the scoring in the seventh minute when Christian Tuipulotu got outside the defence, stepped back inside and then barged through the cover defenders before twisting over to score in the corner. Kyle Flanagan failed to convert from out wide. The Broncos hit back in the 13th minute when Billy Walters barged over from dummy half, scoring a trademark rake try. Kotoni Staggs added the extras to give the Broncos a 2 point lead. A Jesse Marschke break came to an end when Staggs pulled off a great tackle from behind, but then when at marker, Staggs illegally knocked the ball out of the hands of dummy half Tyrell Sloan. The referee had no hesitations in sending Staggs to the sin bin. Kyle Flanagan landed the penalty goal to level the scores. Mikaele Ravalawa was denied a try in the corner in the 20th minute, however the Dragons weren't to be denied five minutes later when Moses Suli got between two defenders, shrugged off a feeble tackle effort by Jordan Riki and scored a soft try. Flanagan failed to convert. The Dragons then went up a gear. In the 31st minute Tuipulotu barged over despite the best efforts of three defenders. Flanagan converted from the sideline. In the 34th minute, Tristan Sailor dropped a bomb and Jaydn Su'A cleaned up the loose ball and barged over to score. Flanagan converted and at halftime the Dragons had skipped away to a 22-6 lead.

Just three minutes into the second half, the Dragons crossed again, this time some quick passing to the left gave Tuipulotu a waltz to the line and he scored his third try of the night. Flanagan converted from out wide. The Broncos crossed next in the 54th minute when Ezra Mam powered out of a tackle close to the Dragons line and dives over to score. Staggs converted. The Broncos scored again 8 minutes later when Staggs received a brilliant flick pass from Sailor. Staggs then stepped the last line of defence and then outran Marschke to score in the corner. Staggs failed to convert. In the 70th minute Flanagan kicked a penalty goal. In the 73rd minute, Blake Mozer barged over from dummy half. Staggs quickly slotted the conversion. With just 2 minutes remaining Staggs received a long Hail Mary pass. He accelerated past his defender, gets flung over in the tackle however he rolls over and into the Dragons line to score a good try. Staggs though fails to convert. **FERGO**

MANLY 44 NEWCASTLE 6

Golden Day for the Manly Sea Eagles lived up to its name as a new breed of Sea Eagles stepped up to deliver Manly a 44-6 win over an insipid Newcastle Knights side who didn't look as if they wanted to be there.

The opening try for Manly was a golden moment for debutant Jamie Humphreys who was able to score after just six minutes but it didn't come without controversy as the officials gave the all clear to a pass inside from Jason Saab to Humphreys despite replays showing it looked forward. To rub salt into the wounds of the Knights, minutes later they had a try to Adam Elliott denied on the basis of a forward

pass call that looked flatter than what was let go. The Sea Eagles quickly added another try when Tom Trbojevic was able to get his first try after returning from injury when he was able to outleap Fletcher Sharpe to score. The Sea Eagles added a third try when Garrick and Saab combined with the latter having to tip toe the sideline to stay in the field to score. Manly's fourth try of the half was probably one of the best they've produced this season when Luke Brooks kicked across field putting the ball beautifully on the chest of Lehi Hopoate who quickly got the ball back inside for Tommy Talau. Despite the last two conversion attempts being waved away, the Sea Eagles still had a comfortable 20-0 lead at the break.

The second half started the same way that the first half finished at the Sea Eagles opened the scoring when the right side defence of the Knights was yet again torn apart easily as Saab got into open space before Reuben Garrick scored under the posts. The conversion was successful from in front for 26-0. Things just continued in the procession as Lehi Hopoate channelled Peter Jorgensen when he pulled out the aeroplane celebration after his first try when it was down the left that the Sea Eagles found success. An 80m run from Luke Brooks after swooping on a Knights error before Manly swept to the right and Haumole Olakau'atu was able to stroll over. Jamie Humphreys added his second conversion to his tally to put Manly up 38-0. The Knights hit the scoreboard inside the final ten minutes when repeat sets paid off as Tyson Frizell went over and Will Pryce converted. Manly finished things off with Lehi Hopoate going over for his second try before half time. Next week, Manly will be back at home on the Northern Beaches again when they host the Titans meanwhile the Knights will take on fellow out-of-form side the Broncos in Newcastle. **FERGO**

ROUND 19 SCOREBOARD

Dolphins 36 (J. Bostock, H. Farnworth, T. Fuller; K. Nikorima, S. O'Sullivan, T. Pangai Junior tries; J. Isaako 6 goals) defeated **South Sydney 28** (J. Gagai 3, A. Johnston 2 tries; T. Milne, C. Walker goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Thu, 11th July. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 18-10. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 10,023.

Dolphins: Fuller; Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Pangai Junior; Lemuelu, Aitken, Bromwich. Int: Kerr; Nicholls, Stone, O'Sullivan.

South Sydney: Gray, Johnston, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Chee-Kam, Arrow, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Burgess, Le Blanc.

Player of the Year: 3 - H Farnworth
2 - T Pangai Junior
1 - T Fuller

Cronulla 58 (R. Mulitalo 3, S. Katoa 2, B. Hamlin-Uele, K. Iro, B. Nikora, J. Ramien, B. Trindall tries; B. Trindall 9 goals) defeated **Wests Tigers 6** (S. Faataape try; A. Koroisau goal) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 12th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 24-6. Penalties: Cronulla 7-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 10,912.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Trindall; Hunt, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Colquhoun, Hazelton, Rudolf, Hamlin-Uele.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Lobb, Doueihy, Faataape, Staines; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer; Bateman, Fainu, Pole. Int: Mason, Fainu, Porter, Seyfarth.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Trindall
2 - R Mulitalo
1 - B Nikora

Gold Coast 24 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, B. Kelly, P. Sami tries; J. Campbell 4 goals) defeated **Parramatta 16** (C. Gutherson, L. Moretti, W. Penisini tries; D. Asi 2 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 18-6. Penalties: Gold Coast 5-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 16,670.

Gold Coast: Brimson, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Pahulu, Verrills, Clark, Fifita, Fermor; Randall. Int: Kini, Haas, Liu, Palasia.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Tago, Penisini, Talagi, Mulitalo; Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Ofahengaue, Matterson, Doorey, Guymer. Int: Arthur, Lane, Moretti, Cartwright.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Campbell
2 - P Sami
1 - R Campbell-Gillard

St George Illawarra 30 (C. Tuipulotu 3, J. Su'A, M. Suli tries; K. Flanagan 5 goals) defeated **Brisbane 26** (K. Staggs 2, E. Mam, B. Mozer; B. Walters tries; K. Staggs 3 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 22-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-4. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 34,224.

Brisbane: Sailor, Oates, Staggs (C), Mariner, Arthurs; Mam, Rogers; Jensen, Walters, Willison, Piakura, Riki, Hetherington. Int: Smoothy, Mozer; Karapani, Taupau.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Tuipulotu, Suli, Feagai, Ravalawa; Flanagan, Marschke; Molo, Liddle, De Belin (C), Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Sele, Couchman, Murdoch-Masila, Bird.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Liddle
2 - K Staggs
1 - C Tuipulotu

Manly 44 (L. Hopoate 2, R. Garrick, J. Humphreys, H. Olakau'atu, J. Saab, T. Talau, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 3, J. Humphreys 3 goals) defeated **Newcastle 6** (T. Frizell try; W. Pryce goal) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 20-0. Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,298.

Manly: Trbojevic (C), Saab, Talau, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Humphreys; Siple, Simpkin, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Lawton, Brown. Int: Faulalo, Chan Kum Tong, Bullemor; Navale.

Newcastle: Sharpe, Mapapalangi, Lucas, Cant, Marzhev; Pryce, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell (C), Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Brailey, Saifiti, Jones, Croker.

Player of the Year: 3 - L Hopoate
2 - T Siple
1 - J Humphreys

BYES Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs
North Queensland Cowboys
Penrith Panthers
Canberra Raiders
Sydney Roosters
Melbourne Storm
Warriors

ROUND 19 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	16	13	0	3	3	125	32
2	PENRITH	16	11	0	5	3	116	28
3	SYDNEY	17	11	0	6	2	225	26
4	CRONULLA	17	11	0	6	2	125	26
5	CANTERBURY	16	9	0	7	3	65	24
6	DOLPHINS	16	9	0	7	3	48	24
7	MANLY	17	9	1	7	2	67	23
8	NORTH QLD	17	9	0	8	2	1	22
9	St Geo Illa	17	9	0	8	2	-56	22
10	Newcastle	17	8	0	9	2	-81	20
11	Canberra	16	7	0	9	3	-93	20
12	Warriors	17	7	1	9	2	-32	19
13	Brisbane	17	7	0	10	2	9	18
14	Gold Coast	16	6	0	10	3	-59	18
15	South Sydney	16	6	0	10	3	-104	18
16	Parramatta	17	4	0	13	2	-153	12
17	Wests Tigers	17	4	0	13	2	-203	12

ROUND 19 JUDICIARY

Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Will Kennedy (CRO)	G2 Contrary Conduct	1 match
Tom Hazelton (CRO)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1500
Chris Randall (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Conduct	\$1800
AJ Brimson (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Brendan Piakura (BRI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Francis Molo (SGI)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1800
Haumole Olakau'atu (MAN)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$3000
Jackson Hastings (NEW)	G1 Dangerous Conduct	\$1800

ROUND 19 POTY LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 22, Maroons 3)

20 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Dylan Edwards (Panthers)

15 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

14 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

13 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Mitchell Moses (Eels 10, Blues 3)

CANBERRA 20 WARRIORS 18

The Raiders staved off a spirited comeback from the Warriors to claim their first victory in five games, sneaking by 20-18.

In what was an error-ridden game, it was the Raiders who came out of the gates firing first. Jamal Fogarty made sure everyone watching knew he was back with only his second bomb of the game, causing Taine Tuupiki to knock on, giving them prime position early in the Warriors quarter, and in no time, Hudson Young took his frame to the line and got results in the 6th minute. The Warriors looked to hit back after the try but lost their way, giving the Raiders back-to-back penalties. Fogarty took advantage of the space up the middle again, finding Hudson Young present and fast going over for his second at 10 minutes in. At the 13-minute mark, the Warriors were dealt a blow, with Taine Tuupiki having to leave the game with a Category 1 concussion, causing a re-shuffle. The Warriors tried to get an attack going but were not coming up with anything troubling. Fogarty's boot again was causing trouble for the Warrior's back three as Dallin Watene-Zelezniak knocked on, giving the Raiders top-field position. A penalty for stripping was too close to the goalposts for the Raiders to pass on and Jamal Fogarty made it 14-0 after slotting a penalty goal over at the 18 minute. The following 20 minutes was a see-sawing of errors between the two teams as the count mounted. The Warriors did keep getting chances, but white line fever was troubling them, and their last ball decisions were not the best. But the Warriors turned some defence into an attack after a mistake by Tom Starling gave them the ball back from an ill-fated offload, and a six again added to the momentum. The pressure on the line finally paid off as Roger Tuivasa-Sheck got the chocolates in the 37th minute.

The Warriors came out on fire in the second half, with Dyaln Edwards making a huge break down the middle off kickoff; it got the Warriors in a good position and seemed to unhinge the Raiders over the following few sets. A high ball from the Warriors gave Jamal Fogarty a taste of his own medicine as he dropped the ball close to the line. The Warriors took advantage, and Kurt Capewell, fresh from Origin Three, went over getting the Warriors right back in the game. The Raiders went down to the Warriors quarter but fumbled their chance; with a scrum feed and then a six again, the Warriors momentum was too much, and Mich Barnett, still warm from an Origin series win, showed no signs of fatigue, barnstorming over the line to put the game at a deadlock of 14 all at the 60-minute mark. But, with the loss of Adam Pompey to a leg injury and Taine Tuupiki to an HIA, the fatigue was starting to set in. The Raiders pushed another attack and in the 70th minute, Xavier Savage went over to break the deadlock. It was short-lived, as the Warriors rolled the dice on a short kick-off, coming up trumps. The Raiders were caught off guard, and a rampaging Addin Fonua-Blake stormed over to give his side belief. After already missing two shots at goal, Chanel Harris-Tavita lined up for what would give the Warriors a chance to take the game to golden point. But he was just out of form and missed, which saw the game run out to full-time at 20-18 for the green machine. The Warriors seemed to lack cohesion at the end of sets, which was a shame because they were finding the meters in the middle. They started too slow, and they had to play catch up. 38 missed tackles to 21 also wouldn't have helped. Addin Fonua-Blake made 200 meters, while his fellow prop Mitch Barnett made 160. There was some considerable effort in the middle by the Warriors, with Wayde Egan making easy yards on several runs. Roger Tuivasa-Sheck made an impact from the back, and if he had gotten more ball, it might have been a different story for the Kiwi team. Hudson Young was back to some of his best form, scoring two tries, running nearly 100 meters, and making 47 tackles; he was in beast mode. Joesph Tapine and Tom Starling also put in stellar performances in the middle. Zach Hosking made another impression off the bench, and it's good to see him bouncing back from injury. And if anyone bounced back, it was Jamal Fogarty. His kicking game made a massive difference in tonight's games and gave the Raiders the advantage with the opportunities he

was getting from highball. Even Ricky Stuart said his boys were lucky to win. The Warriors ended up scoring more tries, 4 to 3. But it was the lack of conversion kicking that gave the Raiders the game and the two points. Stuart was all praise for Warriors coach Webster; though, with only 15 men and two Origin players returning, it was a big call for him to get the team as competitive as they were tonight. **ANDY**

SOUTH SYDNEY 42 WESTS TIGERS 28

Tries took precedence over tackles as the South Sydney Rabbitohs outscored the Wests Tigers 42-28 in a high-scoring affair in Gosford.

Continuing a dominant record over the joint venture with their eighth win from nine clashes this decade, the Rabbitohs fought back from a deficit midway through the second half to run out convincing winners before a crowd of 16,284 in Damien Cook's 200th NRL appearance for the club. The win was the Rabbitohs sixth from their past seven matches and keeps the foundation club in contention for an unlikely top eight finish. The Rabbitohs made their attacking intentions known early with Davvy Moale (6th minute) powering over and Cody Walker (10th minute) swooping on a fortuitous grubber to put the hosts up 10-0 in even time. Having conceded ten tries in their most recent outing and having their defence exposed early on, the Tigers flipped the script with two tries in as many minutes after Tallyn Da Silva split the Rabbitohs through the middle to link with Lachlan Galvin (16th minute) and Da Silva (18th minute) scurried over from close range to take a 12-10 lead. Richie Kennar was ruled out of the match after a bullocking kick-off return by Stefano Utoikamanu, however the reshuffled backline - which saw Cook shift to centre - did little to dissuade the Rabbitohs as Alex Johnston (26th and 35th minute) crossed for a double. A spectacular passage of play as the halftime siren sounded saw Jahream Bula (40th minute) score after Luke Laulilii burst down the sideline and find support to narrow the score to 22-18.

A penalty goal by Cook early in the second half gave the Rabbitohs a converted try buffer that was short-lived when Charlie Staines (47th minute) produced a spectacular put down just inside the corner post. The lead changed once again when a grubber by Latu Fainu ricocheted into the arms of his brother, Sione Fainu (55th minute), who barged underneath the black dot for his second career try. Having produced a diamond to set up a try on halftime, Laulilii came up with a rock by dropping a pass on his goal line which saw Walker (60th minute) collect his second of the day. The Tigers hopes of a comeback were dashed when Peter Mamouzelos (64th minute) barged over and were extinguished fully when Aidan Sezer was sent to the sin bin for a hip drop on Jye Gray. Gray (72nd minute) showed no ill effects to collect the final try of the afternoon as the Rabbitohs finished as 42-28 victors. Next week, the Rabbitohs will face the Raiders in Canberra on Sunday evening, while the Tigers will travel to Auckland to take on the Warriors on Friday night. **ROB**

NEWCASTLE 30 BRISBANE 14

Both Brisbane and Newcastle practically needed a win to fight to keep their finals hopes alive and with Origin stars backing up for both teams and the return of Adam Reynolds for Brisbane, we were running headfirst into a matchup bound to have some fireworks.

The first 20 minutes ebbed and flowed, with golden attacking chances squandered as both sides pierced through the heart but never killed. Billy Walters looked busy in the middle for the Broncos, and eventually came up with a nice pass to his halfback who combined with Ezra Mam to put Deine Mariner over in the corner. Walsh back proved the critics wrong by running the ball with purpose and allusion and was eventually able to take advantage of weak Newcastle scrum defence to score, with his dominant half continuing through a short ball to Deine Mariner close to the line, scoring his second try of the match.

Up 18-0 at halftime, Brisbane looked to put a big score on the hosts as Reece Walsh continued to play like he had a ball on a string, with yet another slick short pass to the barnstorming Brendan Piakura who

crashed over. Only 51 minutes in, the Broncos led by 24 and showed no signs of slowing down. It was a few handy penalties to the Knights which got them back in the contest, as momentum finally began to swing back their way after a few sets attacking the Broncos line slowly wore the visitors down, until it was Jack Hetherington's turn to charge onto a short ball and shrug off the defence to score. They continued to apply pressure, set after set but Brisbane held strong. Eventually, the ever-present Deine Mariner found some space coming out of his own end and linked up with Ezra Mam who finished a length of the field try that looked so much like what we saw from the high flying 2023 Broncos. It was 30-4 and Brisbane were all over Newcastle. With an apparent leg complaint to halfback Jackson Hastings, returning five-eighth, Tyson Gamble attempted to take control of the Knights attack, and it was through his boot that they were granted their second try - with Matthew Croker sprinting onto a chip kick that went deep into Brisbane's in goal, grounding the ball just before it crossed the dead ball line. Although victory remained out of reach, the hosts were defiant and determined to put up a fight in front of their home crowd. An inspired Dylan Lucas run set up Greg Marzheuw with plenty of space on the next play, which he took with glee, scoring in the corner. Despite the Broncos dominance throughout the majority of the contest, Newcastle clawed their way back, only going down 30-14 with a much more respectable scoreline which leaves them with a fighting chance to still chase top eight footy. **AIDAN**

MELBOURNE 24 SYDNEY 8

In what was labelled as a blockbuster prior to kick-off, the Storm reminded the rugby league world that the Roosters aren't in their league. It marks another loss suffered by the Roosters at the hands of the Storm, and since the beginning of the 2020 season, it's their 19th loss from 20 matches against either the Storm or Penrith.

It was a tight contest early, but the Storm quickly asserted themselves with tries to Jack Howarth and Grant Anderson in the 13th and 16th minutes, respectively. The second of those tries was created by an excellent piece of dummy-half work from Harry Grant, who burst through a staggered Roosters defensive line before finding Anderson through an offload who stepped inside oncoming defenders and burst through the line with sheer pace to double Melbourne's lead. The Roosters, through Daniel Tupou, were able to get on the board in the 26th minute, only for Victory Radley to be sent to the bin 10 minutes later for tackling Anderson without the ball. The Storm took advantage of the overlap immediately with Anderson scoring his second try courtesy of a brilliant chip kick from Ryan Papenhuyzen.

With a 10-point lead, the Storm were in a commanding position, which was more than deserved as they thoroughly outplayed the Roosters in the first half and the hosts continued to do so for the majority of the second half despite interchange forward, Joe Chan, being sent to the sin bin in the 46th minute. Whilst the Storm were dominating the Roosters on the park, they couldn't initially convert it into points. However, they were awarded penalties in the 55th and 63rd minute within range of the posts, and duly took the two points from each, extending their lead to 10-points. When Connor Watson was sent to the bin in the 54th minute, you wouldn't be mistaken from thinking the Storm were going to grab this opportunity with both hands and run away with the game. However, the Roosters managed to stay in the match, and when Dominic Young scored his side's second try in the 66th minute, the travelling side finally had some spark about them. Despite this, the Storm became extra resilient in defence, determined to come home with the two points, and did so successfully. The hosts put the cherry on top through Sualauvi Faalogo who blocked a Sam Walker kick from his own half with his boot, picked the ball up and sprinted the remaining 10 metres to the try line to score with his typical swan dive to secure a 16-point victory. A victory that keeps the Storm six points clear at the top of the ladder, whilst the Roosters remain in fourth, missing a grand opportunity to climb into second place. Next week, the Storm face the Parramatta Eels whilst the Roosters will face a challenge against the in-form Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles. **LACHY**

PENRITH 28 DOLPHINS 26

A two point field goal by Nathan Cleary just minutes into Golden Point has capped off a 14 point comeback for the Panthers as they downed the Dolphins 28-26 at BlueBet Stadium.

The Panthers hit the ground running, with Nathan Cleary picking up a try assist in almost his first touch of the footy for Sunia Turuva to open the scoring. But the Dolphins struck back hard and fast with tries to Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow and Isaiya Katoa giving them a 12-6 lead after 16 minutes. A brilliant put down by Paul Alamoti brought the game level once again, but a remarkable solo effort by Tabuai-Fidow doubled his tally and gave the Dolphins an 18-12 lead which they carried through to half time.

The second half started much the same way the first ended, with both sides struggling to gain the ascendancy until a penalty gave the Dolphins field position, which they converted when Jack Bostock went over in the corner. Not long after Mitch Kenny conceded a contentious penalty for contact on the kicker, and Jamayne Isaako potted over the penalty goal to give the Dolphins a 26-14 lead. But no lead is safe around the Panthers, and the lead was trimmed to 8 at the 60 minute mark when Moses Leota scored a certified Big Boy Classic. It was then cut even further to just two points when Daine Laurie burnt the Dolphins defence to make the game 26-24 with 15 minutes still on the clock. The Dolphins continued to be their own worst enemy when they gave up a seven tackle set, and off the back of that gave away a penalty for an off the ball shove. Penrith opted against a chance to tie, but some steely defence denied them and ultimately led to a Laurie error that got the Dolphins out of trouble. But any sighs of relieve from Wayne Bennett and the coaching staff were short lived after Trent Toelau snagged an intercept and dashed towards the line, ultimately run down but drawing a penalty when Josh Kerr tried to slow down the play the ball. Kerr was sent to the sin bin and this time Penrith did not pass up the chance to tie the game at 26 all with around 4 minutes left. Penrith had a chance to win the game in regulation with a Cleary field goal from near the sideline, but it fell short, and the game went to Golden Point. But it didn't take the star halfback long to right his wrong, and just two minutes into the extra innings he hit a 40+ metre drop goal right in the sweet spot for the walk off win - the second time he's reversed a major deficit against a Brisbane side in less than 12 months. **RHYS**

MANLY 38 GOLD COAST 8

Tom Trbojevic seemed to be the only Turbo cleared for take-off around the world after guiding Manly to 38 unanswered points and a win over the Gold Coast Titans, making Des Hasler's return to Brookvale Oval one to forget.

The match started at a frantic pace with the Titans creating havoc in Manly's defensive line, but their opportunities fell short at the critical moment. After eight minutes, Gold Coast capitalise on some high risk play. They earned the ball back from a short drop-out and quickly marched their way down-field. The left edge combined once more as David Fifita did well to send Alofiana Khan-Pereira flying down the sideline to score. Manly's edge was on tenterhooks as Gold Coast went flying down the right edge with JoJo Fifita. After the Eagles conceded another six again on their own defensive line, Beau Fermor used his strength to get past several Manly defenders to get their second in as many minutes. Manly were down 8-0 inside the opening 15 minutes and were subjected to a heavy defensive load early. With the limited attacking field position they did have, Manly were squandering the limited chances they had while their defence again were struggling to contain the lightning Titans backs and conceded 6 line-breaks in the opening quarter of the contest. Manly hit back with 8 minutes remaining in the first half. Jason Saab leapt highest to reclaim a short kick-off and Manly were on the attack. Following a series of ruck infringements and penalties, Luke Brooks caught the Titans left edge asleep and crossed for a great individual try. Off the ensuing set post

NORTH QLD 20 CANTERBURY 18

The North Queensland Cowboys put themselves back into the NRL top 8 and pushed their points difference into positive territory with a 20-18 win over the Canterbury Bulldogs.

Despite facing an early defensive test, the Cowboys were able to keep their cool and go down the other end to open the scoring as Heilum Luki cleaned up a loose ball to score close to the posts. The Bulldogs were able to hit back not long after when Josh Curran chased through a Toby Sexton kick and Curran got to the ball just inside the dead-ball line despite some mild interference on the run through. Both sides added a penalty goal in close to proximity to each other to push the score to 8-8. Just after the half hour mark, Bronson Xerri chased through a Toby Sexton grubber to score. Matt Burton couldn't convert which meant the Bulldogs could only hold a 4 point lead into the break.

The second half couldn't have started worse for the Bulldogs as it was consistent defence for the first five minutes as the team came to the field but their discipline didn't as they piggybacked the Cowboys downfield and eventually a professional foul from Blake Wilson saw them drop to 12. The Cowboys though could only manage one try during the 10-minute period when Heilum Luki picked up his second try for the night going through a tired defensive line. Val Holmes converted and put the home side in front by two. A third try off a kick came for the Bulldogs when Jacob Kiraz flew through the air outjumping Valentine Holmes and Kiraz got the Dogs back in front. A second missed conversion from Matt Burton meant the Bulldogs only lead by two. Despite being denied a four-pointer after Bailey Hayward knocked on in trying to get the ball down, Canterbury were given a penalty after the bunker ruled dangerous contact from a sliding Cowboys player was foul play and the Bulldogs took a strange decision to take the two and lead by four. Some Tom Dearden magic with ten minutes to go sealed the deal for the Cowboys as he broke through some soft defence from the Bulldogs before linking with Jaxon Purdue who scored next to the posts. Valentine Holmes converted from close range for a 20-18 lead. Both sides tried to add to their scores but the Bulldogs couldn't regain the lead and the Cowboys were able to hold on. Next week, the Cowboys play at home again with a clash against the Sharks whilst the Bulldogs stay in Queensland with a clash against the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.

JOSH

points, Manly marched 100 metres up field. Choosing to run it on the last, Brooks combined with Tommy Talau. Talau hit his mark after an earlier mis-cue and Lehi Hopoate runs it round to a respectable position to score and put Manly in front. Hopoate would leave the field after suffering an awful-looking injury to his left eye-socket and failed to return. However with momentum in hand, Manly went to the sheds up by four points.

After a frantic start to the second 40 as both sides went back and forth. Manly capitalised on a cheap error from the Titans out of yardage to set up shop in the Gold Coast 20. A wonderful, lofted pass from Tom Trbojevic caught AKP asleep at the wheel and Jason Saab had a saloon passage to the line for the first of the second 40. The Sea Eagles shifted wide following the kick-off set and found the Titans left edge wanting once more. Turbo found Reuben Garrick who broke through Brian Kelly's tackle. Garrick got it away to Turbo who crossed and got into the Olympic fever with a Beach Volleyball serve to celebrate Try July. The Titans weren't without their chances, having multiple sets on Manly's line. However, their execution wasn't as crisp at the opening moments. Kieran Foran's pass was intercepted by Talau who set-sailed for the line before being brought down by Fermor. On the ensuing play, Tommy Turbo split the Titans to score and put the match beyond doubt for the home side on the hour mark. Manly added further salt to Des Hasler's wound when Brooks and Turbo combined to find Burbo and Manly were having a party at Brookvale. Talau eventually added his name to the scorers sheet in the dying moments after Turbo delivered a wonderful pass to the flying winger to cross in the left corner. **AJ**

ROUND 20 SCOREBOARD

Canberra 20 (H. Young 2, X. Savage tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) defeated Warriors 18 (M. Barnett, K. Capewell, A. Fonua-Blake, R. Tuivasa-Sheck tries; A. Pompey goal) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 14-6. Penalties: Canberra 5-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 8,509.

Canberra: Weekes, Rapana, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Levi, Mooney, Mariota, Hosking.

Warriors: Tuaupiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Leiataua, Pompey, Tuivasa-Sheck; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett (C), Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Lussick, Ford, Tevaga, Halasima.

Player of the Year:
3 - J Fogarty
2 - H Young
1 - M Barnett

South Sydney 42 (A. Johnston 2, C. Walker 2, J. Gray, P. Mamouzelos, D. Moale tries; D. Cook 7 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 28 (J. Bula, T. Da Silva, S. Fainu, L. Galvin, C. Staines tries; A. Sezer 4 goals) at Industree Group Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 22-18. Penalties: South Sydney 7-2. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 16,284.

South Sydney: Gray, Johnston, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Duncan, Chee-Kam, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Burgess, Havili, Le Blanc.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Laulilii, Doueih, Faataape, Staines; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Da Silva, Klemmer, Bateman (C), Fainu, Pole. Int: Fainu, Twal, Fainu, Miller.

Player of the Year:
3 - D Cook
2 - T Milne
1 - T Da Silva

Brisbane 30 (D. Mariner 2, E. Mam, B. Piakura, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (M. Croker, J. Hetherington, G. Marzhew tries; K. Ponga goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 18-0. Penalties: Newcastle 7-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 26,952.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Mapapalangi, Gagai, Best, Marzhew; Gamble, Hastings; Saifiti, Crossland, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Lucas. Int: Brailey, Saifiti, Hetherington, Croker.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Mariner, Arthars; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Willison, Hetherington, Smoothy, Taipau.

Player of the Year:
3 - R Walsh
2 - A Reynolds
1 - P Haas

Melbourne 24 (G. Anderson 2, S. Fa'alogo, J. Howarth tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) defeated Sydney 8 (D. Tupou, D. Young tries) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 14-4. Penalties: Melbourne 6-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,055.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Anderson; Wishart, Hughes (C); Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Fa'alogo, MacDonald, Chan, Vaalepu.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Tupouniua, Young; Keary, Walker; May, Smith, Whyte, Crichton, Radley, Watson. Int: Collins, Smith, Leniu, Butcher.

Player of the Year:
3 - S Blore
2 - G Anderson
1 - H Grant

Penrith 28 (P. Alamoti, D. Laurie, M. Leota, S. Turuva tries; N. Cleary 5 goals; N. Cleary field goal (2pt)) defeated Dolphins 26 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, J. Bostock, I. Katoa tries; J. Isaako 5 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 18-12. Penalties: Penrith 8-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 20,955.

Penrith: Laurie, Turuva, Tago, Mclean, Alamoti; Schneider, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Henry, Eisenhuth. Int: Toelau, Smith, Patea, Geyer.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Pangai Junior; Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Kerr, Nicholls, Stone, Fuller.

Player of the Year:
3 - N Cleary
2 - H Tabuai-Fidow
1 - D Laurie

Manly 38 (T. Trbojevic 2, L. Brooks, L. Hopoate, J. Saab, T. Talau, B. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) defeated Gold Coast 8 (B. Fermor, A. Khan-Pereira tries) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Manly 12-8. Penalties: Manly 5-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 16,050.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Talau, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Siple, Simpkin, Aloiai, Trbojevic, Lawton, Trbojevic. Int: Brown, Chan Kum Tong, Bullemor, Paseka.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuika, Verrills, Clark, Fifita, Fermor, Randall. Int: Liu, Haas, Palasia, Pahulu.

Player of the Year:
3 - T Trbojevic
2 - L Brooks
1 - B Trbojevic

North Qld 20 (H. Luki 2, J. Purdue tries; V. Holmes 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 18 (J. Curran, J. Kiraz, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 3 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-8. Penalties: North Qld 9-6. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 16,376.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Purdue; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Finefeuiaki, McIntyre, Edwards, Neame.

Player of the Year:
3 - J Curran
2 - J Luki
1 - T Dearden

BYES
St George Illawarra Dragons
Parramatta Eels
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks

ROUND 20 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	17	14	0	3	3	141	34
2	PENRITH	17	12	0	5	3	118	30
3	CRONULLA	17	11	0	6	3	125	28
4	SYDNEY	18	11	0	7	2	209	26
5	MANLY	18	10	1	7	2	97	25
6	CANTERBURY	17	9	0	8	3	63	24
7	DOLPHINS	17	9	0	8	3	46	24
8	NORTH QLD	18	10	0	8	2	3	24
9	St Geo Illa	17	9	0	8	3	-56	24
10	Canberra	17	8	0	9	3	-91	22
11	Brisbane	18	8	0	10	2	25	20
12	South Sydney	17	7	0	10	3	-90	20
13	Newcastle	18	8	0	10	2	-97	20
14	Warriors	18	7	1	10	2	-34	19
15	Gold Coast	17	6	0	11	3	-89	18
16	Parramatta	17	4	0	13	3	-153	14
17	Wests Tigers	18	4	0	14	2	-217	12

ROUND 20 JUDICIARY

Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Aidan Sezer (WST)	G2 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Joseph-Aukuso Sua'ali'i (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Joe Chan (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Joe Chan (MEL)	G2 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Max Plath (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1800
Reuben Garrick (MAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000

ROUND 20 POTY LEADERBOARD

25 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 22, Maroons 3)

23 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

20 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

17 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

15 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

14 POINTS

Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins 12, Maroons 2), Angus Crichton (Roosters 10, Blues 4)

WARRIORS 28 WESTS TIGERS 16

The Warriors triumphantly returned to Go Media Stadium after a challenging month on the road. Despite enduring two consecutive losses and a bye, the Warriors demonstrated resilience and tactical prowess, securing a crucial 28-16 victory over the Wests Tigers. This win was essential for the Warriors to keep their finals hopes alive.

The Wests Tigers, reeling from a heavy second-half defeat to the Rabbitohs last weekend, arrived in New Zealand with a point to prove. Coach Benji Marshall made significant changes to the lineup just an hour before kick-off, moving Api Koroisau to the halves and moving Tallyn Da Silva into the hooker position from the bench. Additionally, Latu Fainu was dropped from the starting side, and Isaiah Papali'i was shifted from lock to the bench, with Alex Twal taking his spot. Starting as listed on paper, the Warriors wasted no time asserting their dominance. In just the 10th minute, Kurt Capewell went over the line untouched on the edge, putting the Warriors on the scoreboard first. However, Chanel Harris-Tevita could not convert, continuing his streak of poor luck with the boot. The Warriors controlled the game throughout the first half, maintaining over 60% of possession. Despite their dominance, they struggled to capitalise on their opportunities. It wasn't until the 32nd minute that they scored again, this time through centre Edward Kosi. Unfortunately, Harris-Tevita missed the conversion again, leaving the score at 8-0. The Tigers' woes continued as a critical error by Charlie Staines, who pushed a pass to Jahream Bula less than 15 metres out on the first tackle, gifted the Warriors excellent field position. Ali Leiatoua seized

the opportunity, crossing the try line and extending the Warriors' lead. This time, Harris-Tevita made no mistake with the conversion, pushing the score to 14-0. By halftime, the Warriors had kept their opponents scoreless, heading into the sheds with a 14-0 lead. Key statistics highlighted the Warriors' first-half dominance, including 61% possession and significant metre gains from players like Roger Tuivasa-Sheck and Addin Fonua-Blake. On the other hand, the Tigers struggled with poor defence, missing 25 tackles compared to the Warriors' eight.

The second half began with the Tigers awarded the first penalty, but an immediate error from Luke Laullii saw them turn the ball over. A strong run by Wayde Egan resulted in a head clash with Laullii, leading to the young winger being sent for a head injury assessment. Laullii was deemed a category 1 and did not return to the field. Despite their setbacks, the Tigers attacked with more flair in the second half. Isaiah Papali'i scored their first points of the game, with Koroisau converting to bring the score to 14-6. Moments later, Charlie Staines crossed the line, narrowing the gap further to 14-10. However, Koroisau missed the crucial conversion. The Warriors responded decisively when Alex Seyfarth's late hit on a Warriors player led to a penalty. Opting for the two points, Harris-Tevita extended their lead to 16-10. Addin Fonua-Blake then powered through multiple Tigers defenders to score under the posts, with Harris-Tevita's successful conversion pushing the score to 22-10. The Tigers continued to fight, with multiple opportunities to score in perfect field position. However, they failed to capitalise, and a Warriors' counterattack saw Roger Tuivasa-Sheck run 50 metres before Dallin Watene-Zelezniak finished off the play, scoring under the posts. Harris-Tevita's conversion took the score to 26-10. With only three

CANTERBURY 41 BRISBANE 16

Canterbury have inflicted a Suncorp Stadium ambush on the Brisbane Broncos with a ruthless 41-16 win over last year's grand finalists, as their finals hopes remain on life support as we approach the business end of the season.

The match was played at an entertaining and frantic pace throughout the opening half as both sides were playing with so much on the line. After dominating the early exchanges and forcing the Broncos to work it deep out of their own end. The Bulldogs crossed for the opening try, a brilliant kick return from Jeral Skelton and Jacob Kiraz after 11 minutes set the Dogs up in terrific attacking field position. The next play saw a terrific shift which saw Connor Tracey and Bronson Xerri and the flying former Shark crossed for opening points. Brisbane's backs were in the wars with Jesse Arthurs and Selwyn Cobbo down with injuries, but they battled on. Canterbury's early domination continued as Cam Ciraldo's men were fully intent on completing a Brisbane ambush five minutes later. A clever grubber from Toby Sexton caught Reece Walsh out of position in the line and Connor Tracey got a room-service bounce to extend Canterbury's buffer. Matt Burton converted both for a 12-0 lead. Ten minutes later, the Canterbury side were going back to the 80's with some enthralling attacking play. Burton's bomb was allowed to bounce, Blake Wilson batted it back to Villiame Kikau, he got it to Reed Mahoney who kicked cross-field, he finds Jacob Kiraz who reels it in ONE HANDED, finding Jeral Skelton to score a classic try that'll make the 1980 Dogs proud and the Broncos were rattled. Brisbane had to score next and they went to their

star man Reece Walsh to make it a reality. After a strong Kotoni Staggs turn-over tackle, Walsh took matters into his own hands on the half-hour mark. Walsh injected himself into the contest with an individual try, he beat Burton and got past three other tacklers to put Brisbane on the board. Right on the half, Brisbane continued their brilliant attack and scored one of the great long range tries. Billy Walters went for an excursion, he offloaded to Reynolds who found Mam. Mam grubber kicked in behind, Kotoni Staggs picked it up and turned on the gets. Staggs beat the cover to score a sensational rugby league try to make it a 6-point game at oranges.

Straight after the break, Canterbury were back playing their entertaining brand of footy. Jacob Preston broke through some poor defence and got right up to the goal-line. The Dogs quickly shifted to the left and Tracey got a terrific offload to Kikau to score and make it a 12-point game. Brisbane were intent on reducing the margin, but their efforts early were met with a stern resistance by the resurgent Bulldogs defence. Canterbury again took their chances down the right as Xerri and Wilson combined to send the flying Wilson down the sideline. Wilson then linked up with Tracey who beat the cover to score, the referee and Mam had a slight collision with the referee and Tracey then crossed for his second try. Grant Atkins ruled that his contact with Mam was incidental and had no impact on the try being scored, Burton added a conversion to put the game out to three converted tries. Four minutes later, Kiraz added a try after breaking through three tackles to put the game beyond Brisbane's reach. The Dogs added further salt into the wound. Sexton delivered a magical

minutes left on the clock, the Tigers made a final push. A successful Captain's Challenge gave them one last set, and Koroisau crossed the line for his own try, converting it to close the gap to 26-16. This win puts the Warriors within three points of the top eight, rekindling their finals aspirations as they prepare to face the Parramatta Eels in Auckland next round. After enduring their fifth consecutive loss, the Tigers remain anchored at the bottom of the table and will take on the Cowboys at Leichhardt Oval next Thursday. **KELLY**

MELBOURNE 32 PARRAMATTA 14

Melbourne has defeated the Parramatta Eels by 32-14 in at times lethargic performance at CommBank Stadium tonight.

The win gives the Storm's chances of securing yet another Minor Premiership a huge boost as Craig Bellamy's men look to finish the NRL season in pole position. While the coaching staff will be pleased to secure an important win away from home, they will not be thrilled with the performance which saw the renowned regimented side make multiple errors, with the visitors fortunate that Parramatta were unable to capitalise on the host of chances they had to take control of the game. For Parramatta it was another game that got away, with the Eels gifting Melbourne two easy tries in the first half, despite being on top for the majority of time. Parramatta just looked like they have forgotten how to win, as they continued to shoot themselves in the foot time after time with crucial errors costing them any chance they had to assert any sort of dominance on the scoreboard. The motivation for Parramatta was high pre-match with skipper Clint Gutherson celebrating NRL game 200 in front of their home fans. The Eels lifted early when lanky backrower Shaun Lane produced a terrific offload close to the

short ball to Preston who broke further into space, he found Reed Mahoney then delivered it onto Tracey who crossed for his maiden NRL hat-trick. Burton converted for a 30-point deficit. Brisbane finished with a consolation try for their home faithful that remained at the ground. A great short ball from Reynolds found a charging Martin Taupau to cross in game 250 to add some respectability on the scoreboard. Burton added a disrespectful field-goal to make it a 25-point win. Brisbane's season remains on life support, and they have further injury concerns with Deine Mariner assisted from the field, as their defence continues to leak points at will. Meanwhile, Canterbury were ruthless and entertaining away from home, the NRL should be careful of these Bulldogs as we approach September. **AJ**

NORTH QLD 30 CRONULLA 20

Despite the first official day of the Olympics getting underway, NRL eyes were in Townsville as the Cowboys picked up a 30-20 win over the Cronulla Sharks.

The Sharks looked slightly off the pace to start with Chad Townsend almost nailing a 40/20 which could have been one in the eyes of many but the Cowboys were able to score first inside 7 minutes, when Murray Taulagi scored out wide. Valentine Holmes couldn't convert and the hosts lead 4-0. Some kick mismanagement from Murray Taulagi gave the Sharks a surprise attacking opportunity when debutant Liam Ison was able to connect with Ronaldo Mulitalo to score. The conversion was waved away and the scores remained locked up. The hosts then regained the lead just after the

line for Jake Tago to crash over for his first NRL try and an early 4-0 lead. Melbourne then scored their first try of the night, turning defence into attack following a break from Ryan Papenhuyzen. The Storm then shifted the ball to the left-hand side, which saw Jack Howarth put Grant Anderson away for a try under the posts to take a slender 6-4 lead. Parramatta scored their second try following a superb cut out pass from gun half Dylan Brown, which hit his winger Sean Russell on the chest to see him touch down in the corner and wrestle back an 8-6 advantage. Melbourne hit back through Harry Grant before halftime, who was gifted a try when the ball was lost by Shaun Lane and the crafty number nine raced away to score under the posts untouched. Despite being on top for large parts of the half, Parramatta then let their frustration get to them, when rookie winger Jake Tago was sin binned just seconds from halftime. Nick Meaney then kicked a penalty as the siren sounded to take an undeserved 14-8 lead at halftime.

Melbourne got on the scoreboard first in the second half following a break from William Warbrick. Jahrome Hughes then snuck down the short side and produced a clever bounce pass for Warbrick to score in the corner and jump out to a 20-8 lead. The visitors continued to power away from the Eels, with Storm backrower Eliesa Katoa instrumental in tries for Tyran Wishart and then for his fullback Ryan Papenhuyzen who exploded onto an offload from Katoa to score next to the posts and extend the lead to 32-8. Parramatta picked up a late consolation try late when winger Sean Russell raced over for his second try to narrow the scoreline to 32-14 at fulltime. Melbourne will return to AAMI Park next Saturday, where they host the Dragons. Parramatta meanwhile will travel across the Tasman to face the Warriors. **SAM**

fifteen-minute mark when Jeremiah Nanai ran a beautiful line off a beautiful pass from Drinkwater who faded across field. The kick from Val Holmes was good and the Cowboys lead 10-4. Another two points was added to the Cowboys total when they elected to go for penalty goal after Blayke Brailey was sent to the sin bin for a professional foul after taking out Scott Drinkwater after he kicked the ball in a tryscoring opportunity. Despite being down to 12, the Sharks were able to score first as the play wasn't pretty but still effective as Kayal Iro was able to score. Braydon Trindall converted from wide out to close the gap to two points.

The gap was only temporarily closed for the Sharks as the Cowboys took advantage when Kyle Feldt was able to score in the corner and after the successful conversion the hosts took the lead back to 18-10. Cronulla were able to close the gap again fifteen minutes into the second half when Braydon Trindall was able to chase through his own soccered kick through to score under the posts. Trindall converted his own try to close the gap back to 2. The Cowboys again were able to thwart the Sharks defence when they scored with 15 minutes remaining when yet again Kyle Feldt was able to get on the outside of his man to score in the corner. The conversion was good and the scores drifted back to 24-16. Inside the final minutes, Feldt sealed the win with a third try in the corner and the conversion pushed it out to 30-16 and the Sharks scored a consolation try through Daniel Atkinson who pounced on a loose ball. The 30-22 win gives the Cowboys big confidence ahead of a trip to Leichhardt against the Tigers whilst the Sharks will need to buck up their ideas as they return to the Shire against the Rabbitohs. **JOSH**

SYDNEY 34 MANLY 30

The Sydney Roosters have moved to third place and consolidated their top four spot in the process, holding out a Manly side who launched a determined late comeback despite looking well beaten most of the night. The Tricolours finished 34-30 winners at Allianz Stadium.

25,155 packed into Allianz for the all-important clash, which has ultimately dented Manly's run at a top four berth after their inspired surge of momentum in the last ten minutes fell agonisingly short. Trailing 34-18 just six minutes from the end of the contest, a pair of intercept tries to Daly Cherry-Evans and Clayton Faulalo made it a close run thing but haphazard attack in the last minute of the match allowed the home team to wrap up the two competition points. The first half was a case of points vs clock - the Roosters had raced out to a 22-0 lead in 22 minutes with tries to Joseph Suaalii, James Tedesco, Luke Keary and Dom Young before the Sea Eagles finally strengthened their resolve a bit and restored some respectability with Luke Brooks getting over at the 25th minute. Things simmered down for ten minutes after that but each side traded scores before the change of ends, Victor Radley getting the hosts' fifth try before Toff Siplely hit back for the visitors, and the Roosters went in 28-12 leaders at the break. Manly did well to control the tempo of the contest after the break, scoring early on to narrow the margin to ten points with Tommy Talau claiming an intercept try at 48 minutes.

The scoreboard remained untroubled largely thanks to strong defence from both sides, but the

Roosters eventually breached the 'Warringah Wall' at the 68th minute after a Dom Young line break led to a sequence of play that saw Michael Jennings score on the other wing one play later. The home side looked home and hosed with a 16-point lead but Manly had other ideas, with Faulalo and then DCE both plucking out lazy Roosters passes to place that pressure on for the final couple of minutes. The Roosters will now hop a plane to Perth to face the Dolphins next Friday night, while the Sea Eagles will welcome a much-needed bye next round before a trip to Canberra in Round 23. **TIM**

PENRITH 46 ST GEO ILLA 10

A masterclass from Nathan Cleary has led the Penrith Panthers to a 46-10 win against the St George Illawarra Dragons on Sunday afternoon at WIN Stadium.

It was 2nd v 9th coming into the weekend as the Dragons looked to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the joint venture in style, as the Panthers made their first visit to Wollongong since 2016. In that previous visit, Jamie Soward, current Dragons NRLW coach was the halfback for the Panthers. The sold out WIN Stadium was in full voice as both teams ran out, but Casey McLean brought a hush to the stadium in just 3 minutes. Nathan Cleary would offer McLean an opportunity to come underneath, and McLean took that to open the account for the Panthers. Cleary would convert his first attempt of the day to make it 6-0 in as many minutes. Off the very next set, Daine Laurie would part the Red Sea on the right edge and pass back to Cleary on the inside, with only some brilliant cover defense from Moses Suli stopping the half from opening his

account. Casey McLean would capitalize on some poor offense from the Dragons and give Penrith yet another opportunity on 8 minutes, with the Panthers forcing consecutive line drop outs to further add pressure to an already weary Dragons defense. 12 minutes in, the Dragons cracked and Liam Martin strolled over untouched off a Nathan Cleary short ball to extend the Panthers lead. Things would go from bad to worse for the Dragons, with some poor kicking from Ben Hunt allowing the Panthers more possession that would result in Cleary's first try. Daine Laurie broke the line once again on the right edge, this time on the last tackle, passing inside to set up Nathan Cleary first try and getting taken out of the game for his trouble. Laurie and the culprit for this early shower, Mat Feagai, both failed their HIA while James Fisher Harris lasted all of three minutes with a groin complaint from a drop tackle. Nathan Cleary would double his account with a run by himself close to the line, carrying defenders with him as he slammed the ball down on the left side to make it 22-0 after just as many minutes. That try, however, seemed to light a fire in the bellies of the Dragons, with Zac Lomax causing havoc and flicking a ball out to Christian Tuipulotu for what would be the final scoring act of the half. A 22-4 scoreline at half time reflected how bad it was for the Dragons, but there was hope - Shane Flanagan asking his men to fight, to show why the joint venture was 25 years strong and going.

While the Dragons tried to come out firing, they ended up blowing smoke as Jarome Luai sent Scott Sorensen through some flimsy St George defense 6 minutes after the break. The attack from Penrith continued to trouble the Dragons,

albeit without a last tackle option that caused any grief for the middle part of the second half. On the other hand, the Dragons were playing hot potato and to good effect - Toby Couchman being denied as the ball slipped out of his outstretched hand just before planting down to breathe life back into the Dragons hopes. That is where it ended though, for the luckless Dragons as a plethora of errors invited the Panthers back on the attack and they did not need further invitations. Having lacked a good kick on the last play for a solid chunk of the second half, Nathan Cleary slid a grubber through the Dragons legs and workhorse Lindsay Smith planted down for his third try of the season on 70 minutes. The floodgates would continue the very next set as the Panthers worked down the field off the kick off, giving Jarome Luai enough space to break through the Dragons and set Cleary up for his first hat-trick since Magic Round, 2021. Trent Toelau would put the icing on the cake with his first NRL try from dummy half with four minutes to go. Cleary converted all three opportunities in the space of six minutes to make it 46-4. A very late Jaydn Su'a try would give Dragons fans a little something to smile about, but it was all Penrith as they ran out 46-10 winners over a Dragons side who won't want to watch this game back. The win keeps Penrith four points clear of the Sydney Roosters in third position, as they can now start to look towards a home quarter final in just over a months time. The Dragons, however, fell further away from finals football with their points differential taking a major hit. Now at -92 and a must-win clash against the Raiders next week, the Dragons need to make the most of their next few weeks to have any shot of running out in September. **LUKE**

GOLD COAST 21 DOLPHINS 14

Gold Coast have put on a superb second half showing to down local rivals the Dolphins 21-14 in front of nearly 20,000 fans at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday.

The forwards had a field day early for the Phins, with Tevita Pangai Junior and Jesse Bromwich crossing inside the first fifteen minutes ahead of a further penalty goal and by the 21st minute the home side led 14-0. Little did they know - they wouldn't score another point. A frantic end to the first half saw Josh Kerr binned for the hosts, and the Titans capitalised almost immediately with Brian Kelly strolling over short of the break.

Trailing 14-6, the Gold Coast narrowed the margin to four points just eleven minutes after the break when Alofiana Khan-Pereira scored the first of two tries for the afternoon to maintain his advantage at the top of the NRL top tryscorer list. By the hour mark he had completed his double and scores were level at 14-all. A tense ten-minute period gave way at the 70th minute when Klese Haas snapped the

deadlock, and at 20-14 the visitors looked home and hosed, something five-eighth Kieran Foran managed to ensure with a confirmatory field goal at 75 minutes. The win was the Gold Coast's first against their new near-neighbours after four contests, and dents the Phins' top four aspirations - and puts them now into a tight tussle to ensure they make their first finals series. For the Titans it gives them brief hope of finals footy with six rounds remaining. Looking ahead to next week, the Dolphins inexplicably are headed to Perth to host the Roosters on a five-day turnaround, while the Titans host Brisbane at home on Saturday afternoon, where 'little brother' could effectively end the Broncos' finals hopes. **DAN**

CANBERRA 32 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

The Canberra Raiders sit on the cusp of the top eight after a dominant 32-12 victory over the South Sydney Rabbitohs to close out the round.

Moving to ninth on the ladder after extending their record against the Rabbitohs to 10 wins from 14 matches during Ricky Stuart's tenure, the victory was a fitting result for Canberra captain Elliott Whitehead who became only the 15th player to play 200 first grade matches for the club. The Raiders made their intentions known from the opening moments with a blockbusting run by Hudson Young setting up Jordan Rapana (5th minute) and Xavier Savage (9th minute) juggling a towering bomb to give the hosts a 12-0 lead in as many minutes. Things continued to go from bad to worse for the Rabbitohs as Alex Johnston was assisted from the field with a suspected season-ending Achilles injury followed by an error inside their own half that allowed Sebastian Kris (19th minute) to extend the lead. With their slim top eight hopes fading by the minute, the Rabbitohs managed to stem the one-way flow of points with a kick bouncing fortuitously

for Taane Milne (31st minute) to get the visitors on the board. A spectacular passage of play featuring two kicks from Jamal Fogarty saw Rapana (36th minute) collect his second four-pointer, while a contentious try to Cody Walker (40th minute) as the halftime siren sounded saw the margin narrowed to 24-8.

The Raiders began the second half as they started the first with an early try to Ata Mariota (44th minute), who ran through some feeble defence to touch down underneath the black dot. Tallis Duncan (60th minute) barged over from close range after sustained pressure on the Raiders line, however Damien Cook's inability to convert from close range put the result out of reach for the visitors. A penalty goal to Fogarty secured the Raiders ninth win of the season as the match ended with the Canberra faithful making their displeasure known when Whitehead was sent to the sin bin on fulltime for a flop. Next week, the Raiders will face the Bulldogs at Belmore on Sunday afternoon, while the Rabbitohs will travel to Cronulla to take on the Sharks on Saturday evening. **ROB**

ROUND 21 SCOREBOARD

Warriors 28 (K. Capewell, A. Fonua-Blake, E. Kosi, A. Leiataua, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; C. Harris-Tavita 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 16 (A. Koroisau, I. Papali'i, C. Staines tries; A. Koroisau 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 23,976.

Warriors: Tuivasa-Sheck, Watene-Zelezniak, Leiataua, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett (C), Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Lussick, Ford, Tevaga, Halasima.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Laulilii, Faataape, To'a, Staines; Galvin, Koroisau (C); Utoikamanu, Da Silva, Pole, Porter; Fainu, Twaal. Int: Fainu, Papali'i, Seyfarth, Fainu.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Fonua Blake
2 - R Tuivasa-Sheck
1 - A Koroisau

Melbourne 32 (G. Anderson, H. Grant, R. Papenhuyzen, W. Warbrick, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 14 (S. Russell 2, J. Tago tries; C. Gutherson goal) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 14-8. Penalties: Parramatta 5-3. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 11,082.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Tago, Talagi, Penisini, Russell, Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Greig, Lane, Cartwright, Matterson. Int: Lussick, Ofahengaue, Moretti, Keir.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Anderson; Wishart, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Fa'alogo, Asofa-Solomona, Vaalepu, Munster.

Player of the Year: 3 - E Katoa
2 - D Brown
1 - W Warbrick

Canterbury 41 (C. Tracey 3, V. Kikau, J. Kiraz, J. Skelton, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 6 goals; M. Burton field goal) defeated Brisbane 16 (K. Staggs, M. Taupau, R. Walsh tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-10. Penalties: Brisbane 5-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 42,213.

Brisbane: Walsh, Cobbo, Staggs, Mariner, Arthurs; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Hetherington, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Mozer, Willison, Taupau, Oates.

Canterbury: Tracey, Skelton, Xerri, Kiraz, Wilson; Burton, Sexton; Curran, Mahoney (C), Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Mann. Int: Hayward, Hopoi, Morrin, Hayes.

Player of the Year: 3 - C Tracey
2 - T Sexton
1 - J Preston

North Qld 30 (K. Feldt 3, J. Nanai, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 5 goals) defeated Cronulla 22 (D. Atkinson, K. Iro, R. Mulitalo, B. Trindall tries; B. Trindall 3 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Qld 18-10. Penalties: North Qld 5-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 17,907.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Taumalolo, Finefeuiaki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Purdue, McIntyre, Edwards, Neame, Granville.

Cronulla: Ison, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Trindall; Hazelton, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Talakai, Rudolf, Hamlin-Uele, Berrell.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Feldt
2 - J Nanai
1 - B Trindall

Sydney 34 (M. Jennings, L. Keary, V. Radley, J. Sua'ali'i, J. Tedesco, D. Young tries; S. Walker 5 goals) defeated Manly 30 (L. Brooks, D. Cherry-Evans, C. Faulalo, T. Siple, T. Talau tries; D. Cherry-Evans 4, R. Garrick goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Sydney 28-12. Penalties: Manly 7-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 25,155.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Jennings, Young; Keary, Walker; Leniu, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Watson. Int: Tupouniua, Whyte, Butcher, May.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Trbojevic, Garrick, Talau; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Simpkin, Aloiai, Waddell, Lawton, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Bullemor; Siple, Brown, Faulalo.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tedesco
2 - D Cherry-Evans
1 - S Walker

Penrith 46 (N. Cleary 3, C. Mclean, L. Martin, L. Smith, S. Sorensen, T. Toelau tries; N. Cleary 7 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 10 (J. Su'A, C. Tuipulotu tries; Z. Lomax goal) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-4. Penalties: St George Illawarra 8-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 18,988.

St George Illawarra: Feagai, Lomax, Suli, Feagai, Tuipulotu; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Faitala-Mariner, Su'A, Sele. Int: Eisenhuth, Leilua, Couchman, Murdoch-Masila.

Penrith: Laurie, Turuva, Tago, Mclean, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Toelau, Smith, Henry, Geyer.

Player of the Year: 3 - N Cleary
2 - I Yeo
1 - L Smith

Gold Coast 21 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, K. Haas, B. Kelly tries; J. Campbell 2 goals; K. Foran field goal) defeated Dolphins 14 (J. Bromwich, T. Pangai Junior tries; J. Isaako 3 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 14-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 19,533.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Pangai Junior; Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Kerr, Nicholls, Stone, O'Sullivan.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Verrills, Palasia, Fifita, Fermor; Randall. Int: Clark, Liu, Haas, Pahulu.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Fotuauka
2 - K Kini
1 - D Fifita

Canberra 32 (J. Rapana 2, S. Kris, A. Mariota, X. Savage tries; J. Fogarty 6 goals) defeated South Sydney 12 (T. Duncan, T. Milne, C. Walker tries) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 24-8. Penalties: Canberra 7-6. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 12,114.

Canberra: Weekes, Rapana, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Levi, Mooney, Mariota, Hosking.

South Sydney: Gray, Johnston, Milne, Chee-Kam, Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Host, Duncan, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Havili, Burgess, Le Blanc.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Fogarty
2 - H Young
1 - J Rapana

ROUND 21 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	18	15	0	3	3	159	36
2	PENRITH	18	13	0	5	3	154	32
3	SYDNEY	19	12	0	7	2	213	28
4	CRONULLA	18	11	0	7	3	117	28
5	CANTERBURY	18	10	0	8	3	88	26
6	NORTH QLD	19	11	0	8	2	11	26
7	MANLY	19	10	1	8	2	93	25
8	DOLPHINS	18	9	0	9	3	39	24
9	Canberra	18	9	0	9	3	-71	24
10	St Geo Illa	18	9	0	9	3	-92	24
11	Newcastle	18	8	0	10	3	-97	22
12	Warriors	19	8	1	10	2	-22	21
13	Brisbane	19	8	0	11	2	0	20
14	Gold Coast	18	7	0	11	3	-82	20
15	South Sydney	18	7	0	11	3	-110	20
16	Parramatta	18	4	0	14	3	-171	14
17	Wests Tigers	19	4	0	15	2	-229	12

ROUND 21 JUDICIARY

Alex Seyfarth (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$2500
Kobe Hetherington (BRI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Blake Mozer (BRI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Kurtis Morrin (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$3000
Michael Jennings (SYD)	G2 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Corey Waddell (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Siltili Tupouniua (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Jaydn Su'A (SGI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Izack Tago (PEN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Toby Couchman (SGI)	G2 Crusher Tackle	2 matches
Erin Clark (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Matt Timoko (CAN)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$1500
Taane Milne (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800

ROUND 21 POTY LEADERBOARD

27 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 24, Maroons 3)

23 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

20 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

18 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

17 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

15 POINTS

Jamal Fogarty (Raiders)

BYE Newcastle Knights

NORTH QLD 48 WESTS TIGERS 30

The North Queensland Cowboys defeated Wests Tigers at Leichhardt Oval in a match that saw a total of 78 points scored. The last 720 minutes of game-time between these sides (9 games) has now produced a total of 567 points.

The Tigers opened the scoring after just 3 minutes when Lachlan Galvin held up a lovely short ball for Samuela Fainu, who stepped out of a tackle and scored on the right edge. Apisai Koroisau failed to convert from out wide. The Cowboys finally responded in the 19th minute when Reece Robson linked with Tom Dearden, who strolled through some feeble goal-line defence to score. Valentine Holmes converted. In the 23rd minute, the Cowboys crossed again when Scott Drinkwater produce a perfect gentle grubber that popped up for Murray Taulagi, who scored in the left corner. Holmes converted. Seven minutes later, Holmes produced a lovely draw and pass to put Taulagi over for the easiest of tries. Holmes slotted the extras from out wide. Just shy of halftime, the Tigers narrowed the deficit when Jahream Bula held a pass up as he drifted out on the left edge and then just sliced through to score. Koroisau converted from out wide. At halftime the Cowboys were leading 18-10. Just as they did in the first half, they Tigers scored 3 minutes into the half, this time it came after Charlie Staines took an intercept to save a try. Two tackles later, Reuben Porter got a stunning offload away to Bula, who exploded through the line and raced 70 metres to score. Koroisau failed to convert.

The Cowboys took the lead out to 6 in the 50th minute when Holmes kicked a penalty goal. A minute later Justin O'lam was sent off for a high tackle on Heilum Luki. The next 29 minutes saw 44 points scored. A minute after Olam's dismissal, the Cowboys were on the Tigers line. Holmes ran from dummy half on the left edge and then passes back out to Taulagi, who had just played the ball, and the winger crossed for his third try. Holmes converted. At the end of the next set, Kulikefu Finefeuiaki flicked an offload inside to Drinkwater who strolled over to score under the sticks. Holmes converted again. The Cowboys scored again just 2 minutes later when Holmes sliced through the left edge and scored an easy try, which he also converted. In 7 minutes, the Cowboys had turned their narrow 4 point lead into 24. The Tigers wouldn't quit though, despite being down to 12 men. In the 59th minute Porter made a great bust up the middle and then produced another brilliant offload that lead to some brilliant passing, eventually resulting in a try in the corner to Solomon Alaimalo. Koroisau converted from the sideline. In the 63rd minute, the Tigers crossed again when Solomona Faataape brushed off Holmes to score. Koroisau slipped as he struck his sideline conversion attempt and very nearly landed the goal. The Tigers went agonisingly close just 2 minutes later after a great break by Bula. The following play saw Isiah Papali'i drop the ball an inch from the Cowboys line. The Cowboys had a try denied in the 70th minute when Griffin Neame was found to have performed a double movement. From the penalty, the Tigers failed to find touch and the Cowboys went on the attack, leading to Drinkwater snaring his second try of the game. Holmes failed to convert. In the 72nd minute, Robson got over the Tigers line but he was held up before losing the ball. In the 75th minute, Samuela Fainu scored a brilliant solo try when he charged forward and leapt high to take a short Cowboys drop out, busted through the limited defensive efforts and stormed over to score. Koroisau converted. The Cowboys crossed one last time in the final minute when a stray pass from Galvin bounced into the waiting arms of Kyle Feldt, who then raced 55 metres to score. Holmes

converted from the sideline to seal the Cowboys 48-30 victory. **FERGO**

PARRAMATTA 30 WARRIORS 20

The Parramatta Eels have upset the NZ Warriors 30-20 at Go Media Stadium, with the Warriors finals hopes hanging by a thread.

It was a must-win game for the NZ Warriors, who welcomed back Shaun Johnson as the cellar dwelling Parramatta Eels came to Auckland looking for their first win over two months. The Warriors were three points outside of the finals prior to this weekend, with Manly scampering up the ladder as a result of their final bye this season. The Eels, who have had fans cancelling premierships and star youngsters looking to leave the club in the last seven day, had to win to get a little space between themselves and the wooden spoon. With the Warriors backed by a boisterous home crowd, they exploded out of the blocks with their attack pestering both sides of the Parramatta attack. It was the best part of ten minutes with their best opportunity falling the way of Marata Niukore, running off a Shaun Johnson short ball to be crunched by Blaize Talagi, forcing the error. Parramatta would have the next couple of opportunities, with the Eels constantly attacking the right edge of the Warriors to eventual success. A sweeping play left for the Parramatta spine saw the ball in the hands of Blaize Talagi, who the ball in his hands long enough to attract Dallin Watene-Zelezniak and send Jake Tago over to open the scoring for the second time in two weeks. Clint Gutherson would convert what was his toughest kick of the night to make it 6-0 after 19 minutes. Parramatta would then get a repeat set after the Warriors knocked the ball on trying to stop the Eels from going down the left edge again - enter Joey Lussick. Having come on for Brendan Hands mere minutes earlier, Lussick took advantage of a lazy Addin Fonua-Blake at marker to scoot over from dummy half on the right edge, with Gutherson converting to make it 12-0 after 24 minutes. It would leave Go Media Stadium with a bigger hush than a library at lunchtime, but that would change on 31 minutes. The Warriors, having not seen the red-zone for nearly 20 minutes, managed to stretch the Eels defence after winning a couple of penalties. A stretched Eels defence were able to shut down the Warriors once, but they could not do it again at the Warriors went left to send Roger Tuivasa-Sheck over. Shaun Johnson would push his conversion attempt right to leave it at 12-4 with nine minutes left in the half. Parramatta did not quit there, with their kicking game impeccable all night. Daejarn Asi and Clint Gutherson were both forcing drop outs all night, with the duo then teaming up to score right on half time. Having earned another line drop out, Gutherson would take possession 20m out on the right edge. Cutting across the field ever so casually, he put Asi through the Warriors line to score right next to the posts. Gutherson converted his easiest attempt of the night to make it 18-4 at half time.

The Warriors would come out in the second half firing, forcing errors and going close to the line as they dominated the first ten minutes. The Warriors would go over through Ali Leiatava, with the try being called back for a knock on but the momentum continued for the best part of 20 minutes without reward. Much like the first half, Parramatta would capitalize on the poor finishing of the Warriors when they had their own chance to score. 19 minutes from full time, having been carried up the field by a penalty, the Eels basically put the game to bed. Dylan Brown drifted left, attracting the Warriors defence and sent Blaize Talagi screaming through a gaping hole to score under the posts in the end. Gutherson would make it 24-4

with another conversion from in front. Brown would turn supplier to Gutherson five minutes later, beating yet more sloppy defence from the Warriors to go through on the right wing and set up Gutherson inside for the game-sealing try 11 minutes from try. Gutherson finished his tally of 14 points with his fifth conversion of the night to make it 30-4 on 69 minutes. Two tries from the Warriors to Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad and Marata Niukore had the fans thinking there was a chance, especially with the sin binning of Jake Tago with five minutes to go; Shaun Johnson's goal-kicking being a crucial reason why they weren't quite in it (1/4). The Warriors had another chance three minutes from time, with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak stepping inside of Clint Gutherson basically on the try-line, only for Clint Gutherson to strip the ball and secure the win for Parramatta. Watene-Zelezniak would score one off a Johnson cross-field kick right on full time but it would be only a consolation try as Parramatta won 30-20. It leaves the Warriors at least three points outside of the eight, with results needed to go their way to keep them within touching distance. A very tough run home won't help either, facing four sides in finals positions before having a bye in round 27. The Eels move two games clear of the Tigers, albeit still in wooden spoon contention, but with plenty to take out of a great win across the ditch. **LUKE**

SYDNEY 40 DOLPHINS 34

The Roosters have held off a fast-finishing Dolphins in a 74-point thriller, to run out 40-34 winners in front of a pack house at HBF Park in Perth tonight.

Roosters number seven Sam Walker was superb for the Tricolours scoring two tries and having a hand in two more, as well as kicking 8 goals in a breathtaking performance. Redcliffe were brave but will rue a number of simple errors and missed opportunities, particularly when Joey Manu was sent to the Sin Bin late in the match. The loss sees the Dolphins cling to the Top 8, after being firmly entrenched for the majority of the season. Redcliffe brought the game to a packed house in Perth and were struggling to name 17 players after Tevita Pangai was ruled out with injury pre-match and named 18th man. It was the Roosters who got the jump though through Joseph Suaalii who opened the scoring following some neat work by his halves in Luke Keary and Walker and the Blues centre powered over three defenders to score. The Tricolours meant business with another try minutes later when Sam Walker caught Dolphins custodian Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow out of position, producing a chip over the top to regather and extend the lead to 12-0 after as many minutes. The Dolphins needed to strike back quickly before the game got out of hand and they did so through Max Plath who burrowed over from dummy half close to the line to get his side on the scoreboard at 12-6. A poor penalty from the Dolphins piggy backed the Roosters downfield, when Sam Walker scored a double with another chip and chase into the in goal to win the race and take the ascendancy for the Roosters. Despite the fast start from the Tricolours, Redcliffe managed to hang tough with Felise Kaufusi crashing over close to the line following a neat pass by Max Plath. Redcliffe then amazingly made it back-to-back tries through Jamayne Isaako who finished off some slick hands from Jake Averillo to get his side back in contention. The Roosters were then awarded a penalty in front and with halftime nearing, Sam Walker regained the lead for the Roosters with a simple penalty goal. Then just before the siren sounded, James Tedesco was penalised for running behind his own man and Jamayne Isaako levelled the scores to make it 20 all at halftime.

In a role reversal of the first half, it was the Dolphins who flew out of the blocks when Jake Averillo burst

through to link with Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, who then raced away to give the Dolphins the lead for the first time in the match. The tennis continued, as the Roosters returned serve through Daniel Tupou who scored down the left-hand side following a superb offload from Angus Crichton to make it 26 all with over half an hour remaining. Redcliffe then gave away an obstruction penalty which gifted the Roosters field position and it proved crucial, as makeshift Roosters centre Sitali Tupouniua dived over to score in the corner. Tupouniua had a second try minutes later following a break from Daniel Tupou and the Roosters went from six points down to lead by twelve. The Roosters were then gifted a penalty against Jamayne Isaako for taking out Sam Walker after kicking, which was a poor call from referee Sutton but regardless the Roosters took the two points on offer to extend their lead to 14 points. Joseph Manu was then sent to the Sin Bin for making contact with the head of Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow to give the Dolphins a major advantage with 10 minutes remaining. The Phins made it count when Jack Bostock collected a superb pass from Herbie Farnworth to give his side hope with minutes left on the clock. The Roosters were scrambling to hold on, when they gave away a penalty close to the line. Isaiaya Katoa took the shot at a penalty and was successful setting up a finish with a converted try the difference. It wasn't to be though for the Phins who fell just short in staging an unlikely come back to give the Roosters a crucial two points as they head into a bye round. Redcliffe has now lost three in a row and are clinging onto a Top 8 position as they now return to Suncorp Stadium where they face the Warriors. **SAM**

GOLD COAST 46 BRISBANE 18

A ruthless 36-point second half by the Gold Coast Titans has seen them all but eliminate the Brisbane Broncos from finals contention, thanks to amazing performances from Keano Kini and Jojo Fifita.

After a tense opening in which both sides had their share of attacking chances, Pat Carrigan created a second phase which sent Reece Walsh into space. Walsh then kicked ahead, got past Keano Kini and put the ball down for the opening try. It was a try that wasn't without it's fair share of controversy. Wyatt Raymond ruled that as Carrigan offloaded, he and Sam Verrills were allegedly "tangled" as replays suggested Carrigan pulled Verrills down illegally. The Titans were aggrieved and down early on the scoreboard. Their worries got worse on the ensuing set post points as the game's poster child pulled off his second bit of brilliance in as many minutes. Walsh was on fire and the Titans were on the back foot. On the last tackle with nothing doing, Walsh chased his own kick and flies above Keano Kini to slam it down and cross for number two in as many minutes. Brisbane were dealt a big blow in the aftermath of Walsh's second try. Payne Haas limped off with what Broncos officials fear to be a "Lisfranc" injury. After the Broncos started with fear. The Titans needed something fast, and it was a shift to the right edge that sent Jojo Fifita away. He beat the Superman tackle technique of Walsh as well as Ezra Mam to unload to Kini to cross for the Titans first of the afternoon after 19 minutes. Gold Coast had the momentum and started to win the middle after Haas' injury. Kieran Foran and Kini combined to go down the right-hand edge. Kini broke through a poor tackle by Deine Mariner to find Jojo Fifita to score and hit back. The tide of momentum swings continued to swing backwards and forwards. This time, before the break. Brisbane capitalised and after a clever Adam Reynolds kick, Kobe Hetherington got to the ball first and scored a vital try for the Broncos. The lead remained six and the news got worse for the visitors when Mam hurt his ankle in an awkward collision with Kini. The Titans full-back was sin-

binned for a professional foul as he grabbed Mam prior to him getting the ball. Reynolds added a penalty goal for an 18-10 lead at the half.

With Brisbane battling low on troops and failing to execute during the extra man advantage. The Titans capitalised, a great kick from Foran was batted back by JoJo Fifita and toed ahead by Kini. He picked it up brilliantly and grounded it by mere millimetres to give the Titans the first of the second half and reduce the gap to four. The Titans were becoming the Harlem Globetrotters and set on terrorising the Broncos with their ball movement. It went through several sets of hands, and it ended up in the arms of Brian Kelly who races away to level the scores. Brisbane's season was evaporating faster than the Titan Submarine as injuries and ill-discipline began to take their toll. Foran once again set his kick towards Corey Oates, JoJo Fifita again outleapt the experienced winger and Campbell was jolly on the spot to collect his second. However, Sam Verrills was pinned for an alleged obstruction on Oates and the try was denied. The home side didn't need to wait long to extend their lead. Kini continued to have the Brisbane defence on tenterhooks with brilliant movement to beat Oates. He then fired a brilliant pass to Fifita who brushes past some horrific cover defence and crosses for the Broncos and extend the gap to eight. The Broncos were fighting hard to stay in the finals race. However, the more they tried, the more mistakes they made. From a scrum win, the Titans finally shift it left as Kelly isolates the defender and sent Alofiana Khan-Pereira away. He dodged several defenders like he was a dodgem at Movie World and puts the game beyond doubt. JoJo Fifita put the match beyond doubt with his maiden hat-trick in the NRL to extend the margin out to eighteen points. On the next set, Phil Sami scored as Fifita continued his day terrorising Oates as the Titans cracked 40 in a ruthless display of attacking footy. **AJ**

ST GEO ILLA 18 MELBOURNE 16

The Sydney Olympics were still 18 months away when the Dragons last won in Melbourne but the 25 year wait is over as the St George Illawarra Dragons pick up a famous 18-16 upset win at AAMI Park

The Storm welcomed back Cameron Munster and in the very first set of six, he had an impact as the hosts were able to make easy metres but despite looking dominant early it actually took them nearly 15 minutes to add first points when the headgear combination of Hughes and Harry Grant linked up for the Melbourne captain to score. Despite being under pressure for the majority of the opening 25 minutes, the Dragons were able level the scores when Ben Hunt put the ball through the Storm defence with Jaydn Su'A successfully chasing the ball. Just five minutes later, the Dragons took a shock lead when Tyrell Sloan burnt Ryan Papenhuyzen through the middle to score under the post after convincing the Melbourne fullback he was going to kick but ultimately ran the ball to score. The Storm closed the gap to two points just shy of the half-time break when Cam Munster put a delicate kick through for Grant Anderson to score in the corner. Nick Meaney could not kick the conversion and the Dragons had a 12-10 lead at the break.

The start of the second half wasn't a good one for the Storm as errors put themselves under pressure and the Ben Hunt clinic that was on show for early part of the second half put Jaydn Su'A through for a second try when on last tackle, Hunt showed and go'd before linking with the QLD representative who scored under the posts. Just ten minutes later, the Storm closed the gap to two points when the Dragons were caught napping

when they sat back waiting for the kick from the Storm on last so Harry Grant spotted that and raced out of dummy half and scored. Nick Meaney converted the try to close the gap to two. Despite having 20 minutes and a two point lead with a notoriously leaky defence which was on show last week against Penrith, the Red 'V' held off every attacking raid from the Storm and held on for the win. The loss for Melbourne could see their gap at the top of the ladder close depending on Penrith's result as they prepare for a Thursday night battle against Souths. The Dragons confidence will be boosted as they prepare for a game against the Bulldogs at Kogarah next Saturday night. **JOSH**

CRONULLA 20 SOUTH SYDNEY 6

The Sharks kept their top 4 hopes intact, despite a woeful first half against South Sydney, to run away with the match in the second half, recording a 14 point victory at home.

Souths opened the scoring in the 7th minute, off the back of the scrum. They sent the ball out to Jye Gray, who outpaced Kayal Iro and then sliced through a small gap to score a smart try. Fletcher Myers on debut failed to convert from out wide. Cronulla hit back in the 15th minute when Jesse Ramien went on a great run after reeling in a pass that went behind him. He then drew the two defenders before sending a good ball to Sione Katoa who scored in the corner. Braydon Trindall's sideline conversion hit the upright and was waved away. The remaining 25 minutes of the half saw both sides struggle with handling and discipline in defence, neither capitalising on the set restarts they received. In the 28th minute, Myers landed a penalty goal. Sam Stonestreet was denied a try in the 33rd minute when he dived for the corner and attempted to plant the ball one-handed, but was ruled to have dropped it at the last moment. Just before the halftime siren sounded, Stonestreet crossed again, but was again denied a try due to an obstruction in the lead-up play. At halftime, Souths held a 6-4 lead.

7 minutes into the second half, Stonestreet finally gets a try when some nice catch and passing on the left edge creates the extra man and the winger dived over to score. Trindall failed to convert from out wide. In the 58th minute, Iro found himself put in open space down the left sideline after Siosifa Talakai bumped out of one tackle, then drew two defenders. Iro then linked with Trindall inside and the halfback scored under the sticks. He then converted his own try. The Sharks extended their lead further in the 65th minute when Trindall put in a gorgeous grubber to the left corner which bounces up perfectly for Iro, who regathered and scored. Daniel Atkinson took over the kicking duties due to Trindall succumbing to a tweak in his hamstring. Atkinson nailed the sideline conversion. The final 15 minutes resembled the first half, with messy play and neither side taking the upper hand or building momentum. However, the Rabbitohs execution in attack, especially when close to Cronulla's line, was dire, which helped the Sharks hold their lead and run out winners 20-6. **FERGO**

PENRITH 22 NEWCASTLE 14

A Sunday afternoon arm wrestle at BlueBet Stadium saw the Penrith Panthers out last a spirited Newcastle Knights 22-14, with Penrith stars, young and old, standing out for the mountain men.

Nathan Cleary was able to take the game by the horns and show he is a clutch player, injecting himself at the right moment to put a halt to the Knights Crusade, which saw them come close and keep the Panthers fans on the edge of their seat

for the majority of the game. It was the Knights who showed resolve on their line early, thwarting the pressure from the Panthers' attack. And it was the Knights who struck first after a high ball from Tyson Gamble was fumbled by debutant fullback Isaiah Iongi. Taking advantage of field position, Daniel Saifiti stormed over, and it was 6-0 after Kalyn Ponga's conversion in the 7th minute. But the Panthers pounced right back off the kick-off after the Knights made an error early in their set of six from the kick-off. Matt Eisenhuth hit the line, drawing the Knights defence in only to offload, and the Panthers went left, sending Casey McLean over in the 11th minute for his second NRL try, levelling the game 6-6 after Nathan Cleary's conversion. The next 25 minutes of the game was an arm wrestle as both teams gained good territory, but both were conceding penalties, giving their opposition reprieves from line attacks. The deadlock finally broke when Izack Tago made a break down the Panthers right around Greg Marzchew and opened up space for Brian To'o, who gained ground and then came back in to find Tago in support to go over for his first try in eight games for the Panthers. Cleary's conversion in the 27th minute put the score at 12-6. Panthers coach Ivan Cleary's interchanges around the 22-minute mark may have paid off, as in the last 10 minutes of the half, the Knights just seemed to be hanging on. A 'No Try' to Tago in the 33rd minute saw no letup from the Panthers, and their pressure saw Jack Hetherington go high, gifting two points to round out a big half 14-6 for the Panthers. The half ended with Ponga only going for 23 meters at the back while his opposite, Isaiah Iongi, had run over 100 metres. The Knights were being vanilla in their end-of-set kicks, while the Panthers were not letting up in intensity.

The second half started as a slogfest, with each side probing for space or an error. Liam Martin went full beast mode with a scamper down their right edge only coming to a stop as Ponga put his body on the line. Tyson Gamble came up with a big play just after this to put some wind behind the Knight's sails with a cheeky 40/20. But the Panthers were showing up in defence, and the Knights asked no hard questions at the end of their sets. We were at another stalemate, and each team was waiting for the other to break. And as a credit to the quality of footy that was being played, the error in play didn't come till the 55th minute when Sunia Turuva failed to handle a fumbled ball from a Knights attack. The resulting scrum Gamble saw a sprinting Tyson Frizell hitting a gap, and he went over to put the Knights within two points after Pongas' successful conversion made the score 14-12. There was a definite spring in the step of the Knights after this try and the game was having all the hallmarks for a blockbuster ending. Another 'No Try' came after the Panthers turned defence into attack, with Tago slamming Ponga in a no-look pass and To'o running off to the try line. But it was ruled high and the Knights got a chance with good field position to come back. But it was a second high shot, this time on Phoenix Crossland, that gifted the Knights a two-point penalty conversion in front, bringing the game level at 14-14 in minute 66. Crossland had to go off for an HIA and was replaced by a competent Jack Cogger. But the sniff of a victory against the NRL heavyweights took a blow after Daniel Saifiti went high in a tackle, giving the Panthers a ticket to do down the field. This was finished off when Nathan Cleary showed how much of a clutch player he is, tacking on the Knight's defence with a big right step and plenty of intestinal fortitude to go over in the 70th minute. He gets the conversion and it's a six-point game. The last ten minutes saw the Knights get another chance at the Panthers' line, only for Gamble not to put any polish on a grubber behind the line, giving the Panthers the ball back and an easy set out of their half. A final Panthers raid on the Knights line saw another head-high tackle penalty awarded and Nathan Cleary out

over the two points on the buzzer to take the game and bring up 1500 points in his career in the NRL. Both coaches were pleased with their respective team effort, with a good show put on for the Sunday afternoon fans. Newcastle coach Adam O'Brien felt that ill-discipline let them down and not being able to make anything out of the last tackle. He did praise his teams' efforts, as he said with the loss of Jacob Saifiti before the whistle already put their backs against the wall, but they rose to the occasion. Panthers coach Ivan Cleary felt it was a hard-fought victory and was impressed that Isaiah Iongi finally got a chance to play in the NRL, where he sees the kid having a bright future. Coach Cleary was also proud of the big play moment from son Nathan to score the final and winning try. The Panthers will look to secure a top two spot in a game against Parramatta next round and possibly the Minor Premiership since the Strom dropped the ball against the Dragons in the Saturday round of games. While Newcastle still has a few fingers gripping onto their run to the finals, which sees them take on the Wests Tigers at home next round. **ANDY**

CANTERBURY 22 CANBERRA 18

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs have moved a step closer to securing a return to the finals after defeating the Canberra Raiders 22-18 in front of a sold-out Belmore crowd.

Breaking a run of nine straight losses against the Raiders to move into fifth position on the ladder, the Bulldogs stood tall in one of the games of the season while the Raiders only gained admirers with a gritty performance in Josh Papalii's 300th game for the club. In a fierce opening which saw the Bulldogs rebel the Raiders multiple times inside their 20 metre zone, a spectacular display of power and footwork saw Stephen Crichton (17th minute) fend off Sebastian Kris and Jordan Rapana to open the scoring. Taking advantage of a powerful run by Joseph Tapine that resulted in a repeat set, interchange forward Trey Mooney (21st minute) responded by crashing underneath the black dot for his first try of the season. As both teams traded sets as the half wore on, a Matt Burton penalty goal levelled proceedings before a wayward two-point field goal attempt from Jamal Fogarty with seconds remaining saw the teams switch ends locked at 6-all.

Having produced a solo effort to open the scoring in the first half, Crichton (45th minute) did likewise after halftime by executing a grubber and grounding before the dead ball line to give the home side a 10-6 lead. Josh Addo-Carr (52nd minute) marked his return following a two-month stint on the sidelines with an untouched run down the sideline after Bronson Xerri exposed the Raiders defence from a scrum. The Raiders refused to let the result slip away and struck back with Jamal Fogarty threading a kick in-goal that allowed Matt Timoko (59th minute) to narrow the margin to four points. An inspiring act of courage from Kaeo Weekes dislodged the ball from Villame Kikau's grasp - preventing a certain try - however the Bulldogs weren't to be denied as Crichton caught a bomb from Burton and found Addo-Carr (68th minute) in support to the delight of 18,110 supporters in attendance. A towering bomb from Adam Cook forced an error which saw the Raiders strike immediately from a scrum through Jordan Rapana (72nd minute), whose 106th try saw him surpass Brett Mullins as the club's third highest try-scorer. A hail mary bomb from Cook on the final play of the game failed to produce a miracle as the Bulldogs held on to record a deserved 22-18 win at their spiritual home. Next week, the Raiders will return home on Saturday afternoon to take on the Sea Eagles, while the Bulldogs will travel to Kogarah on Saturday night to face the Dragons. **ROB**

ROUND 22 SCOREBOARD

North Qld 48 (M. Taulagi 3, S. Drinkwater 2, T. Dearden, K. Feldt, V. Holmes tries; V. Holmes 7, S. Drinkwater goals) defeated Wests Tigers 30 (J. Bula 2, S. Fainu 2, S. Alaimalo, S. Faataape tries; A. Korosau 3 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Thu, 1st August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: North Qld 18-10. Penalties: North Qld 7-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 7,231.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Alaimalo, Faataape, Olam, Staines; Galvin, Fainu; Utoikamanu, Korosau (C), Klemmer, Porter, Fainu, Papali'i. Int: Da Silva, Seyfarth, Twal, Johannssen, Mason.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, Neame, Luki, Nanai, Edwards. Int: McIntyre, Mikaele, Granville, Finefeuiaki, Purdue.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Bula
2 - M Taulagi
1 - V Holmes

Sydney 40 (S. Tupouniua 2, S. Walker 2, J. Sua'ali'i, D. Tupou tries; S. Walker 8 goals) defeated Dolphins 34 (J. Bostock, J. Isaako, F. Kaufusi, M. Plath, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; J. Isaako 6, I. Katoa goals) at HBF Park.

Date: Fri, 2nd August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 20-all. Penalties: Dolphins 8-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 20,027.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; O'Sullivan, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Keeley, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Kerr, Nicholls, Stone, Niu.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Leniu, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Watson. Int: Tupouniua, Whyte, Butcher, May.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Walker
2 - C Watson
1 - M Plath

Parramatta 30 (D. Asi, C. Gutherson, J. Lussick, J. Tago, B. Talagi tries; C. Gutherson 5 goals) defeated Warriors 20 (C. Nicoll-Klokstad, M. Niukore, R. Tuivasa-Sheck, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; C. Harris-Tavita, S. Johnson goals) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Fri, 2nd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 18-4. Penalties: Warriors 8-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 23,812.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Leiataua, Graham-Taufa, Tuivasa-Sheck; Harris-Tavita, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Barnett (C), Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Egan, Ale, Tevaga, Halasima.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Tago, Penisini, Talagi, Russell, Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Graig, Lane, Cartwright, Matterson. Int: Lussick, Ofahengaue, Moretti, Keir.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Asi
2 - C Gutherson
1 - D Brown

Gold Coast 46 (S. Fifta 3, K. Kini 2, B. Fermor, B. Kelly, A. Khan-Pereira, P. Sami tries; J. Campbell 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 18 (R. Walsh 2, K. Hetherington tries; A. Reynolds 3 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 18-10. Penalties: Gold Coast 6-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 25,278.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifta; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Verrills, Jolliffe, Fifta, Fermor, Randall. Int: Clark, Liu, Haas, Pahu.

Brisbane: Walsh, Oates, Staggs, Mariner, Arthurs; Mam, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Mozer, Hetherington, Willison, Taupau, Karapani.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Kini
2 - J Fifta
1 - B Fermor

St George Illawarra 18 (J. Su'A 2, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) defeated Melbourne 16 (H. Grant 2, G. Anderson tries; N. Meaney 2 goals) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 12-10. Penalties: St George Illawarra 7-6. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 18,103.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Anderson; Munster, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Vaalepu, MacDonald, Moeroa.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Feagai, Tuipulotu; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Sele, Liddle, Lawrie, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Molo, De Belin, Faitala-Mariner, Couchman.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Hunt
2 - H Grant
1 - J Su'A

Cronulla 20 (K. Iro, S. Katoa, S. Stonestreet, B. Trindall tries; D. Atkinson, B. Trindall goals) defeated South Sydney 6 (J. Gray try; F. Myers goal) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: South Sydney 6-4. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 12,763.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Trindall; Hunt, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Talakai, Williams, Rudolf, Hamlin-Uele.

South Sydney: Gray, Myers, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Wighton, Teupa; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Murray (C), Host, Koloamatangi. Int: Chee-Kam, Havili, Burgess, Duncan.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Trindall
2 - K Iro
1 - J Gray

Penrith 22 (N. Cleary, C. Mclean, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (T. Frizell, D. Saifiti tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 14-6. Penalties: Penrith 10-6. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 20,261.

Penrith: Longi, Turuva, Tago, Mclean, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Smith, Toelau, Henry, Geyer.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Sharpe, Gagai, Lucas, Marzhev; Gamble, Crossland; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Cogger, Hetherington, Croker, Cant.

Player of the Year: 3 - N Cleary
2 - L Martin
1 - T Frizell

Canterbury 22 (J. Addo-Carr 2, S. Crichton 2 tries; M. Burton 3 goals) defeated Canberra 18 (T. Mooney, J. Rapana, M. Timoko tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 18,110.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Sexton; Curran, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Mann. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Hayes.

Canberra: Weekes, Rapana, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Cook, Fogarty; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Levi, Mooney, Mariota, Hosking.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Crichton
2 - T Sexton
1 - K Weekes

BYE Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles

ROUND 22 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	19	15	0	4	3	157	36
2	PENRITH	19	14	0	5	3	162	34
3	SYDNEY	20	13	0	7	2	219	30
4	CRONULLA	19	12	0	7	3	131	30
5	CANTERBURY	19	11	0	8	3	92	28
6	NORTH QLD	20	12	0	8	2	29	28
7	MANLY	19	10	1	8	3	93	27
8	ST GEO ILLA	19	10	0	9	3	-90	26
9	Dolphins	19	9	0	10	3	33	24
10	Canberra	19	9	0	10	3	-75	24
11	Gold Coast	19	8	0	11	3	-54	22
12	Newcastle	19	8	0	11	3	-105	22
13	Warriors	20	8	1	11	2	-32	21
14	Brisbane	20	8	0	12	2	-28	20
15	South Sydney	19	7	0	12	3	-124	20
16	Parramatta	19	5	0	14	3	-161	16
17	Wests Tigers	20	4	0	16	2	-247	12

ROUND 22 JUDICIARY

Justin Olam (WST)	G3 Careless High Tackle	4 matches.
Chanel Harris-Tavita (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1000
Oryn Keeley (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Joseph Manu (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Eli Katoa (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Nelson Asofa-Solomona (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Moses Suli (SGI)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$750
Tom Eisenhuth (SGI)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1000
Cam McInnes (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Keaon Kolomatangi (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Izack Tago (PEN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Isaah Yeo (PEN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jordan Rapana (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1800
Danny Levi (CAN)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 22 POTY LEADERBOARD

27 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 24, Maroons 3)

23 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

20 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

18 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

17 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

MELBOURNE 28 SOUTH SYDNEY 16

The Melbourne Storm find just enough in the tank to hold out against Souths 28-16 at Accor Stadium.

In a game that is sure not to have Melbourne coach Craig Bellamy singing high praises, the Storm looked flat. And all though they had their moments of Storm magic, it wasn't backed up with support in play, which left them looking ordinary in the run for the Minor Premiership and finals. The first half saw Souths make the most of an early error, with Tui Kamikamica fumbling the ball early in the attack. Melbourne seemed rusty, and Souths looked like they would make them pay. But whether the players could feel their ears burning from the coaches' box or not, they showed great resolve to hold the line against the early trouble. With the first chance down the end of Souths field, they found a try early as they moved through the hand quickly down the right side, and Warbrick went over, and it was 6-0 in the 8th minute as Nick Meany slotted it over the crossbar. But Melbourne kept inviting the Rabbits down their end of the field with easy errors, being inside the 10m and giving away set restarts. Melbourne, to their credit, kept getting the ball down to Souths line, but in the 19th minute, a wayward pass by Ryan Papenhuyzen gave Fletcher Myers a 70m corridor to get his first NRL try up in front of the home crowd and the boy showed he had pace not letting Paps get close. Myers missed the conversion, and it was a two-point game. It was this try that seemed to switch the Storm up a gear, and they charged back down to the Souths quarter. The writing was on the wall as Grant Anderson went over with three Souths players on the left edge for no try. In the next set, Nelson Asofa-Solomona proved to be irresistible to the try line and stormed over with Meaney's conversion, putting the game at 12-4 in the 24th minute. It was only minutes later when the Storm put on another attacking raid, but Souths were showing some frustration and fatigue with Murray catching Harry Grant high. Down in the Souths quarter again and, Jahrome Hughes caught the Souths backs lacking, putting a chip over to be snatched up by Will Warbrick for his second of the game. With Meaney missing the conversion, the Storm were up 16-4. That lead continued to grow as the fresh legs of Tyrann Wishart scampered out of dummy half, eating up 25 metres to find Papenhuyzen in support for his first try of the night. The Meaney conversion put the game at 22-4 in the 35th minute, and it looked like an easy night for the Storm. It was a first half all for the Storm, with big names from Hughes, Munster, and Asofa-Solomona. While Souths were trying to find rhythm it was Murray and Koloamatangi who were doing the hard yards for the team.

The second half started as we expected, with Papenhuyzen returning an early end-of-set kick to run from his 30m with Grant Anderson in support to notch up the first points of the half, and it was 26-4 at the 44-minute mark. From here, it seemed the Storm ran out of enthusiasm, and Souths got a whiff of it. An arm wrestle ensued for the next 10 minutes, with a smart kick by Jye Gray pinning the Storm on their line. A quick movement left for the Rabbits and a great though-the-legs pass by Taane Mile to Fletcher Myers gave the young winger his second try. And the game was at 26-10. Souths continued to apply pressure while the Storm went through the motions and lacked any intensity you would expect from a team on top of the ladder: An error by Melbourne's Chris Lewis gave the Bunnies a scrum on the Storm 40m line; the next set of six and Souths were at the Storms line. The scrambling

defence wasn't good enough, and Cameron Murray hit a ball from Cody Walker at speed to barge over. Myers' conversion made it a 10-point game, and Souths began to get belief. But fatigue was setting in for both sides, and belief couldn't keep the ball in Keon Koloamatangi's hands. Harry Grant swooped up the fumble, and Melbourne started to try to build some momentum to hold onto the game. With the Storm's attack in the last minutes on the Rabbits' line becoming too much, a late high shot on Munster by Murray gave the visitors a chance for easy points and a chance to eat up time on the clock. Meaney put penalty conversion over the black dot, and the siren rang for the Storm 28-16. Although some vintage performances from the Storm's best players, they all seemed to lack intensity in the middle of the second half. This is where Souths seemed to find their second wind, and if they had more polish, they may have pushed for extra time. Even though the season is over for them, Souths showed some good fight to get back in the game, and they head to Campbelltown to take on Wests next round. The Storm will no doubt be asking what they must do to be battle-ready as they face off against a Penrith Panthers outfit that is hitting their straps. The Storm tonight looking as hot as they can, and will have to put in a good week ahead of their clash with the defending premiers next Thursday at Bluebet Stadium. **ANDY**

CRONULLA 44 GOLD COAST 0

The Gold Coast Titans were clear favourites as they hosted the Cronulla Sharks off the back of a convincing win against cross town rivals Brisbane Broncos only a week prior. The Sharks had a makeshift spine and were significantly down on trophies, and few gave them much hope of finding a win.

Still, it was Blakey Brailey, named at halfback but playing as dummy half who helped the visitors break through the cracks in only the fifth minute, with a precise short ball to Royce Hunt who crashed over the line with ease. 6-0 down early, the Titans held strong and went set for set and looked to play an expansive brand of football. Ultimately, they took it a step too far with a Kieran Foran pass going to ground, with Sharks winger Sam Stonestreet scooping it up with glee and running 60m to score. 15 minutes in. 12-0 to Cronulla. After that, a notable shift in attitudes was apparent, with Gold Coast dejected and Cronulla up and firing. The visitors scored three more tries in the space of 10 minutes, partially thanks to a pivotal sin binning of Titans forward Mo Foutuaika for a dangerous high tackle. It was Brailey and Nikora who dominated this phase of play, with crafty short passes and threatening runs which the 12-manned Titans had no answers for. Finally, at 30-0 after conceding a point for every minute played thus far, the Titans found some attacking groove to close out their first half. Jayden Campbell and Keano Kini were nifty and tried all their flashy footwork to get past the Sharks defence. Gold Coast threw everything and the kitchen sink at Cronulla, but it still wasn't enough. They went into the break scoreless, heads down with nothing to show for a plethora of repeat sets.

Undoubtedly Des Hasler would have had words for his squad at half time, and admittedly Gold Coast did show some fighting spirit... for about 7 minutes. Dangerous centre, Kayal Iro made a break and put Stonestreet through in the corner to score his second for the night, and the scoresheet looked like getting even uglier. The Titans kick defence let them down once again, and it feels like I'm just repeating myself because it was yet another try to the Sharks, this time to Briton Nikora after he set

one up earlier in the night. At 40-0, the match was well and truly done but with a few lucky penalties, the Titans had some good possession and chances to put some points on the board. They forced dropouts and were gifted set restarts right on the line, running plays and threading kicks through in the hope they'd amount to something. The attack wasn't bad persay, just uninspiring and Cronulla were on their A game - holding on with remarkable defensive grit. Ultimately, the visitors scored once again before full time to make it 44-0 - the score at which the game ended. Jesse Ramien spent the last 10 minutes in the sin bin, but in an accurate representation of their night, the Titans couldn't convert. **AIDAN**

PENRITH 36 PARRAMATTA 34

With 7 minutes remaining in the Panthers game against the Eels, Penrith trailed 34-20. Just 4 minutes later, they had a 2 point lead and went on to win the match.

Penrith and the Eels went tit-for-tat for much of the first half, but the Panthers were well below their best for the opening 20 minutes of the second half, before they seemingly decided to start playing elite footy to secure an unbelievable victory. Parramatta forced a turn-over on the Panther's very first run with the ball and two plays later, they went left to Blaize Talagi who juggles a pass before scoring in the corner. Clint Gutherson converted and after 3 minutes, the Eels had a 6-0 lead. Penrith hit back in the 6th minute with some crisp drawing and passing which creates an overlap leading to Brian To'o crossing in the right corner. Nathan Cleary landed the sideline conversion. In the 10th minute, Parramatta went back to Panthers left edge, leading to Jake Tago scoring in the left corner. Gutherson's sideline conversion was again good. Two minutes later, Cleary put in a deft grubber which bounced up perfectly for Izack Tago, who regathered and dived over to score a clever try. Cleary's sideline conversion levelled the scores again. Cleary kicked a penalty goal in the 26th minute to give Penrith a 2 point lead. Then with 5 minutes remaining til halftime, the Eels created an overlap on the right side, allowing Sean Russell to slide over to score in the corner. Gutherson failed to convert and at halftime, Parramatta held a narrow 16-14 lead.

The Panthers opened the second half playing a combination of sloppy, panicked and ill-disciplined football. This allowed the Eels to pull away on the scoreboard. In the 47th minute, Jarome Luai fielded a kick in his own in-goal, got back into the field of play, grounding the ball in the field of play in a 2 man tackle, but the ball bounced out of his hand and rolled back into the Panthers in-goal where Viliami Penisini put his hand on the loose ball to score. Gutherson converted. After a silly Panthers penalty just 4 minutes later, Parramatta crossed again when Russell was sent down the right short-side, but was met in a great tackle, however he got a brilliant ball back inside to Gutherson who simply caught it and then placed the ball down over the tryline that was just in front of him. He failed to convert his own try. In the 60th minute, Liam Martin clipped the leg of Daejarn Asi after the Eels half had kicked the ball. Martin was sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes. Gutherson kicked a penalty goal. It seemed this was going to be the nail in the coffin for the Panthers, who were not only playing poorly, but were now down a man and 14 points behind on the scoreboard. But this is a champion team. 4 minutes after Martin was binned, Cleary and Luai combined to create an overlap and Sunya Turuva slid over to score in the left corner. Cleary converted. Parramatta hit back 3 minutes later

when Asi put Shaun Lane into space. He then drew Laurie before passing to Gutherson in support who raced away to score. He then converted his own try. Martin returned to the field with 9 minutes remaining and the Panthers trailing 34-20. In the 73rd minute, Brian To'o shrugged off a weak tackle and then stepped through two even worse tackle efforts before running 10 metres to score a great solo try. Cleary converted. 90 seconds later, a Panthers attacking kick fell back into Penrith's hands just 10 metres from the Eels line. It was sent out to Cleary who fired a beautiful long ball to Turuva who dived low to score in the corner. Cleary failed to convert from the sideline. From the restart, Penrith made it clear they were going to throw the ball around. On the second tackle and deep inside their own half, Laurie made a break then linked with Tago, who got tackled, but the defender fell off. Tago got back up and planted the ball down for a spectacular 70 metre try. Cleary converted from the sideline to give Penrith a 36-34 victory. **FERGO**

MANLY 46 CANBERRA 24

A second half onslaught has seen the Manly Sea Eagles move a step closer to securing a place in the finals with a 46-24 win over the Canberra Raiders at GIO Stadium.

Posting six tries in a 20 minutes rampage either side of halftime, the Sea Eagles extended their record in Canberra to nine wins from their past 12 visits with an emphatic display which saw Tom Trbojevic score his 100th try in first grade. The Raiders looked to strike inside the opening 90 second with Ethan Strange pouncing on a loose ball, only for the bunker to deny the recalled playmaker due to a knock on by Jordan Rapana in the lead up. A run of penalties against the visitors eventually tolled with Josh Papalii (9th minute) marking his first home appearance since bringing up 300 games for the club with a barge-over effort underneath the black dot. The Sea Eagles took advantage of Jamal Fogarty failing to find touch from a penalty with Luke Brooks combining with Karl Lawton to send Trbojevic (12th minute) over for a four-pointer. Having been let go by the Sea Eagles at the end of last season, Kaeo Weekes (19th minute) produced an incisive run to put his new club back in front midway through the half. Fogarty nailed the conversion - equalling Jarrod Croker's club record of 22 consecutive conversions - and had the chance to claim the record only to shank an attempted penalty goal. An attacking bomb from Brooks was collected by Lehi Hopoate, who produced an inspired offload to send Tommy Talau (25th minute) over for an equalising score. The tide began to turn against the Raiders with a mutual infringement denying Adam Cook a try and a moment of individual brilliance from Trbojevic allowing Ethan Bullemor (40th minute) to put the Sea Eagles in front for the first time as the halftime siren sounded.

Further tries to Daly Cherry-Evans (43rd minute) and Hopoate (49th minute) gave the visitors the ascendancy, while frustrations boiled over for the Raiders with Joseph Tapine sent to the sin bin for dissent. Taking advantage of the one-man advantage, the Sea Eagles piled on three tries in five minutes to Taniela Paseka (57th minute), Trbojevic (59th minute) and Brooks (62nd minute) to blow the score out to 46-12. A pair of tries to Sebastian Kris (70th minute) and Xavier Savage (73rd minute) late in the match acted a little consolation for the Raiders as the Sea Eagles ran out 46-24 winners. Next week, the Raiders face the Cowboys in Townsville on Saturday evening, while the Sea Eagles host the Warriors on Friday night. **ROB**

BRISBANE 42 NORTH QLD 18

The Brisbane Broncos have overturned a 12-point deficit to take an important 42-18 win over the North Queensland Cowboys to take the Carl Webb Cup.

The Broncos wanted to start fast and that's what they did when Corey Jensen scored his first try in over 2,600 days to open the scoring for the visitors after an ill-disciplined start from the Cowboys. The lead only lasted five minutes for Brisbane as Tom Dearden got his way close to the line and in the eyes of Ashley Klein the ball got to the line despite replays not being totally conclusive as to where the ball got to. The conversion from Val Holmes levelled things at 6-6. North Queensland were denied a four pointer by the bunker when Jeremiah Nanai knocked on after Reece Walsh spilt a bomb. It didn't matter for the Cowboys as Kyle Fedt scored in the corner just a matter of plays later. The Cowboys showed luck was on their side as even the mishaps in the contest fell their way as Nanai missed his catch of the attacking kick with it sailing over the catchers from both sides and sat up perfectly for Viliami Vailea who scored. Val Holmes converted to give the hosts an 18-6 lead. Nothing was going right for the Broncos but they did manage to strike the scoreboard inside the final few minutes of the first half when Deine Mariner scored under the posts. The conversion was good and the Broncos were somehow only trailing by six points.

The second half started with the Cowboys dominating territory and crossed the line twice but both times saw NO TRY go up on the big screen with the first being an effort that was initially ruled as no try for a knock-on against Griffin Neame in the air. Not long after, the Cowboys were awarded a Scott Drinkwater try but had it overturned by Matt Noyen in the bunker after replays showed the ball came free of the Cowboys fullback's grip. Still not at their very best, the Broncos had their attacking raid right on the Cowboys line after they threw a forward pass from the scrum to turn possession back over. Though it wasn't all doom and gloom for the Broncos, as Josh Rogers got his first NRL try when Reece Walsh tapped back a kick and Brendan Piakura kept the ball alive for Rogers to score. Reynolds converted to level the scores. It was then the Broncos who went on a burst as they looked a lot like the danger team people expected as Kotoni Staggs scored the first of his two tries not long before Jordan Riki scored one of his own chasing a Reece Walsh kick. The final five minutes, saw the Broncos ice the cake with Kotoni Staggs scoring his second after a play before Reece Walsh swooped on a loose ball before next play Staggs got over. Then inside the final few minutes Xavier Willison scored. Adam Reynolds kept his perfect kicking record going for the night and the Broncos sealed a 42-18 win. Next week, The Cowboys are at home again as they host the Canberra Raiders whilst the Broncos get a well-earned bye. **JOSH**

CANTERBURY 28 ST GEO 10

Canterbury have celebrated Viliame Kikau's 150th game in style with a 28-10 victory over the Dragons before a sold out Netstrata Jubilee Stadium to solidify their finals chances.

The Dragons had all of the early running, but an early attack was brought unstuck. A Ben Hunt pass was intercepted by Matt Burton who ran the best part of 90 metres to score. Burton converted his own try for a 6-0 advantage. That intercept swung momentum as Christian Tuipulotu put down a Toby Sexton bomb. That was quickly compounded with a penalty as Burton added a gift two points to extend the margin to eight. St George Illawarra did well to respond to this and got the margin back to two points after a great tactical kick from Ben Hunt. Hunt threaded the needle for a kick line-break and Zac Lomax has enough pace to beat Addo-Carr to get the bounce and get the Dragons on the board. It wasn't all flying the Saints way with Hame Sele coming off after suffering an irregular heartbeat. A quick-fire double to Bronson Xerri inside the final 15 minutes of the first half seemed to give the Dogs ascendancy. The first came after 25 minutes after a well-timed grubber from Toby Sexton. Four minutes later, the half and centre combination struck again after a brilliant pass sent Xerri flying to make it 20-6. However, the Dragons had the final say as Kyle Flanagan and Luciano Leilua combined with Tyrell Sloan for the old outside/inside play to send the fullback flying down the left to reduce the gap to eight at the break.

The second stanza was a dour affair as both sides jostled for ascendancy. Canterbury capitalised on some sustained field position down the attacking end of the field and crossed with just over twenty to play. Kurt Mann bumps off some really poor defensive efforts there for the Dragons and the little lock forward barged over to score. Burton's conversion made it a 16-point game. The Dragons had limited second half possession but when they did, they did very little with the football and the Dogs were able to hold them scoreless in the second stanza. Jacob Kiraz looked certain to score with 13 and a half to go, but a courageous tackle by Moses Suli and the Lebanese winger was denied to the boos of the Canterbury faithful. Burton added a gift two points with just over 5 to play after Hunt was pinned for offside. Canterbury were great and gritty putting together a great 80-minute performance against a team fighting to make the finals. For the Dragons, they just didn't execute in the big moments, that's where they lost the match tonight. The night ended on one sour note, a post-match complaint from Crichton that he was bitten by Kyle Flanagan on the nose. Crichton had a bloody nose from the incident and video replays don't favour Flanagan's case. The matter will definitely be referred to the Judiciary for a hearing mid-week.

AJ

DOLPHINS 34 WARRIORS 32

In what will go down as 2024's craziest NRL match, the Dolphins have won a golden point thriller over Warriors in a classic game of football at Suncorp Stadium.

As the forward battle was starting to wane, due in large part to the stagnant Warriors goal-line attack. The Dolphins capitalised on field position and scored the first try. It took a beautiful grubber kick from Kodi Nikorima to leave Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad on ice-skates, and it was Felise Kaufusi grounded the ball first. Jamayne Isaako continued his streak of 23 straight conversions for a 6-0 lead inside the opening 10. With their finals hopes on life support, the Warriors were trying every trick possible, and they were frustrating the Dolphins until it came unstuck after 17 minutes. A cross-field kick from Chanel Harris-Tavita was batted back by Nicoll-Klokstad, unfortunately, it was scooped up by Max Plath who offloaded to Herbie Farnworth and raced the best part of 85 metres to score the Dolphins second. The visitors were rewarded for their relentless attacking kicks just minutes later, it was a good high bomb from Te Maire Martin and Edward Kosi flew over Isaako to take the football. Kosi still had work to do and ran over the top of Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow to get the Warriors back in it. The game developed into a stalemate until some contentious decisions gave the Dolphins momentum. A over the shoulders tackle by Roger Tuivasa-Sheck was judged to be high, replays showed zero high contact from RTS. Isaako knocked over a penalty goal to extend the margin to two scores. From the next set, Jake Averillo put on a move and got his way through some pedestrian defence breaking away over half-way. He found Nikorima in support for a vital try to make it 20-6. Mark Nicholls left the game in awful discomfort late in the half, but the bunker found shoulder contact to the head by Dylan Walker and dispatched him to the sinbin to leave the Wahs down to 12. The score remained 20-6 at the change of ends. New Zealand started the second half well with sustained field position. Three minutes after the break, a brilliant kick from Martin was well chased by Kurt Capewell and he has grounded the ball inside the field of play. Harris-Tavita converted to make it an 8-point game. The Phins thought they established their HT lead back, but it was denied after TPJ stopped in the defensive line. A Mitch Barnett error gave the Dolphins much needed field position. The home side capitalised in the resulting set as Nikorima delivered a magical pass for Farnworth's second try of the contest. Isaako's conversion attempt made it 27 straight for the winger and the gap was back to a comfortable 14 points. It was soon the Warriors turn to capitalise on an opposition error after Plath couldn't handle the hospital pass from Averillo. On the attack, the Warriors passed it out the back which caused all sorts of defensive chaos for Nikorima and the right edge of the Dolphins, fortunately for the visitors, Ali Leiatava was on the spot to pick the ball up and score.

The Dolphins second half demons continued to appear. This time, an Isaiya Katoa kick sailed over the touchline on the full, giving the Warriors plenty of attacking chances. A clever Martin kick failed to be recovered by Oryn Keeley in the contest

with CNK, Te Maire Martin was there to scoop it and it is back to a one possession game. Leiatava broke through into space and was brought down 10 away from the Warriors line, Nicoll-Klokstad went down the short-side and got it back to the young centre and he lost control with the line wide-open. Fortunately, the Phins were offside. From the tap kick, Harris-Tavita caused chaos, stepping past several defenders. He got a miracle offload to Wayne Egan who found Sifakula to cross. Both sides had great difficulty completing a set in the last ten minutes. However, with five to go the Warriors went for glory. A clever grubber saw Mitch Barnett chase the ball, he just missed grounding the ball. However, the bunker and Wyatt Raymond correctly ruled a penalty try after Nikorima jagged back the front-rower. It was 32-32 at full-time. Golden point continued the tradition of hit up set into field goal. Both sides had shots, but it was Sean O'Sullivan who delivered the SOS off the bench to nail it from beyond the 40m line to secure victory for the Dolphins in a classic game of football. **AJ**

NEWCASTLE 34 WESTS TIGERS 18

The Newcastle Knights kept their finals hopes alive with a 34-18 victory over the Wests Tigers in the final match of Round 23 at McDonald Jones Stadium.

In front of a home crowd of 22,138, the Knights secured an important win, moving them just two points outside the top eight, while the Tigers' struggles continued. The match was highlighted by an exceptional performance from winger Fletcher Sharpe, who scored four tries, including a hat-trick in the first half. The opening exchanges saw both teams trading blows, with the Tigers responding to an early try from Tyson Frizell through Adam Doueih. The back-and-forth battle left the Knights leading 22-12 at halftime, thanks to Sharpe's heroics. Krystian Mapapalangi, who was called into the starting lineup due to Dylan Lucas's injury, extended the Knights' lead early in the second half with his first NRL try. The Tigers fought back with a try from Jahream Bula, narrowing the gap to 28-18, but Sharpe's fourth try, set up by a brilliant break from Dane Gagai, put the game out of reach. Kalya Ponga's fifth successful conversion sealed the win for Newcastle.

Phoenix Crossland, playing at halfback for just the second time this season, was instrumental in the Knights' success, contributing to the attack and racking up 110 running metres. The Knights' forward pack also dominated, with four players surpassing 100 running metres, providing the platform for their backline to capitalise. The Wests Tigers, despite showing glimpses of their potential, were unable to maintain the intensity needed to challenge the Knights in the second half. Their cause was further hampered by the loss of halfback Aidan Sezer to a knee injury midway through the game, which stifled their attacking options. Next week, the Knights will look to continue their push for a finals spot when they travel to PointsBet Stadium to face the Sharks. Meanwhile, the Tigers will host the Rabbitohs at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, seeking to restore some pride in what has been a challenging season. **KELLY**

ROUND 23 SCOREBOARD

Melbourne 28 (W. Warbrick 2, G. Anderson, N. Asofa-Solomona, R. Papenhuyzen tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) defeated South Sydney 16 (F. Myers 2, C. Murray tries; F. Myers 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Thu, 8th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 22-4.

Penalties: Melbourne 6-5. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 8,973.

South Sydney: Gray, Myers, Milne, Kennar, Gagai, Wighton, Walker; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Murray (C), Chee-Kam, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Duncan, Burgess, Mitchell.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Anderson; Munster, Hughes; Kamikamica, Grant (C), King, Blore, Loiero, Asofa-Solomona. Int: Wishart, Vaalepu, Lewis, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes

2 - R Papenhuyzen

1 - C Murray

Cronulla 44 (S. Stonestreet 2, T. Hazelton, B. Nikora, J. Ramien, T. Rudolf, S. Talakai, J. Williams tries; D. Atkinson 6 goals) defeated Gold Coast 0 at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 30-0.

Penalties: Gold Coast 12-5. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 13,287.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Perreira, Brimson, Sami, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuaika, Verrills, Jolliffe, Fifita, Haas, Randall. Int: Clark, Liu, Pahulu, Francis.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Brailey; Rudolf, McInnes (C), Kaufusi, Nikora, Talakai, Williams. Int: Hunt, Berrell, Hazelton, Burns.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Williams

2 - B Brailey

1 - S Stonestreet

Penrith 36 (I. Tago 2, B. To'o 2, S. Turuva 2 tries; N. Cleary 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 34 (C. Gutherson 2, W. Penisini, S. Russell, J. Tago, B. Talagi tries; C. Gutherson 5 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-14.

Penalties: Parramatta 9-3. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 18,852.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Tago, Penisini, Talagi, Russell; Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Greig, Lane, Cartwright, Matterson. Int: Lussick, Ofahengaue, Doorey, Keir.

Penrith: Laurie, Turuva, Tago, Mclean, To'o; Luai, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Eisenhuth, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo. Int: Smith, Toelau, Geyer, Patea.

Player of the Year: 3 - B To'o

2 - N Cleary

1 - C Gutherson

Manly 46 (T. Trbojevic 2, L. Brooks, E. Bullemor, D. Cherry-Evans, L. Hopoate, T. Paseka, T. Talau tries; R. Garrick 7 goals) defeated Canberra 24 (S. Kris, J. Papalii, X. Savage, K. Weekes tries; J. Fogarty 4 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 18-12.

Penalties: Canberra 7-3. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 16,690.

Canberra: Weekes, Rapana, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Papalii, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Cook, Mooney, Mariota, Sasagi.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Talau, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Brown, Olakau'atu, Lawton, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Trbojevic, Bullemor, Sipleay.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Trbojevic

2 - L Brooks

1 - N Brown

Brisbane 42 (K. Staggs 2, C. Jensen, D. Mariner, J. Riki, J. Rogers, X. Willison tries; A. Reynolds 7 goals) defeated North Qld 18 (T. Dearden, K. Feldt, V. Vailea tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Qld 18-12.

Penalties: North Qld 6-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 24,230.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Townsend; McLean, Robson, McIntyre, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Edwards, Finefeuiaki, Neame, Purdue.

Brisbane: Walsh, Karapani, Staggs, Mariner, Arthars; Rogers, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Willison, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Mozer, Hetherington, Sailor, Taupau.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Staggs

2 - P Carrigan

1 - T Dearden

Canterbury 28 (B. Xerri 2, M. Burton, K. Mann tries; M. Burton 6 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 10 (Z. Lomax, T. Sloan tries; Z. Lomax goal) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 20-10.

Penalties: Canterbury 4-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 18,416.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Feagai, Tuipulotu; Flanagan, Hunt (C); Sele, Liddle, Lawrie, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Molo, De Belin, Faitala-Mariner; Couchman.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Sexton; Curran, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Mann. Int: Hayward, Hopoi, Morrin, Hayes.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Sexton

2 - V Kikau

1 - H Hayes

Dolphins 34 (H. Farnworth 2, J. Averillo, F. Kaufusi, K. Nikorima tries; J. Isaako 6 goals; S. O'Sullivan field goal (2pt)) defeated Warriors 32 (K. Capewell, E. Kosi, A. Leiataua, T. Martin, D. Sifakula tries; C. Harris-Tavita 4 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 20-6.

Penalties: Dolphins 4-3. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 28,056.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Pangai Junior; Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Keeley, Nicholls, Stone, O'Sullivan.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Leiataua, Tuivasa-Sheck, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Fonua-Blake, Egan, Barnett (C), Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Lussick, Ale, Tevaga, Sifakula.

Player of the Year: 3 - H Farnworth

2 - M Plath

1 - M Barnett

Newcastle 34 (F. Sharpe 4, T. Frizell, K. Mapapalangi tries; K. Ponga 5 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 18 (J. Bula, A. Doueihy, S. Faataape tries; A. Sezer 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-12.

Penalties: Newcastle 8-7. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 22,183.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Sharpe, Gagai, Mapapalangi, Marzhew; Gamble, Crossland; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Cogger, Croker, Hetherington, Jones.

Wests Tigers: Bula, Alaimalo, Faataape, Doueihy, Staines; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Korosau (C), Klemmer; Porter, Fainu, Papali'i. Int: Da Silva, Seyfarth, Pole, Twal.

Player of the Year: 3 - F Sharpe

2 - T Frizell

1 - L Galvin

ROUND 23 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	20	16	0	4	3	169	38
2	PENRITH	20	15	0	5	3	164	36
3	SYDNEY	20	13	0	7	3	219	32
4	CRONULLA	20	13	0	7	3	175	32
5	CANTERBURY	20	12	0	8	3	110	30
6	MANLY	20	11	1	8	3	115	29
7	NORTH QLD	21	12	0	9	2	5	28
8	DOLPHINS	20	10	0	10	3	35	26
9	St Geo Illa	20	10	0	10	3	-108	26
10	Newcastle	20	9	0	11	3	-89	24
11	Canberra	20	9	0	11	3	-97	24
12	Brisbane	21	9	0	12	2	-4	22
13	Gold Coast	20	8	0	12	3	-98	22
14	Warriors	21	8	1	12	2	-34	21
15	South Sydney	20	7	0	13	3	-136	20
16	Parramatta	20	5	0	15	3	-163	16
17	Wests Tigers	21	4	0	17	2	-263	12

ROUND 23 JUDICIARY

Trent Loiero (MEL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Taane Milne (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$3000
David Fifita (GLD)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$1500
Moeaki Fotuaika (GLD)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Billy Burns (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Liam Martin (PEN)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Reece Robson (NQL)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1000
Reece Walsh (BRI)	G1 Shoulder Charge	\$1000
Kyle Flanagan (SGI)	Contrary Conduct (Referred)	4 matches
Dylan Walker (WAR)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000

ROUND 23 POTY LEADERBOARD

27 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 24, Maroons 3)

23 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

18 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

17 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos)

16 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons), Sam Walker (Roosters)

15 POINTS

Jamal Fogarty (Raiders)

BYE Sydney Roosters

MELBOURNE 24 PENRITH 22

It was a Thursday night thriller between a top-of-the-table clash which saw the Melbourne Storm hold out against the Penrith Panthers, 24-22 at BlueBet Stadium.

In a game that gave us plenty of headlines, from brain explosions in play, players on reports, a sin bin, HIA's and what will be the talk of the town, Nathan Cleary left the field injured, clutching his left shoulder. The Panthers were showing uncharacteristic nerves early on in the game, as Daine Laurie made an error in the play of the ball in their quarter. The play for the scrum was an easy set move left, and Grant Anderson went over to start his team's scoring account for the night in the 6th minute. Melbourne kept the heat on the Panthers, marched back u the field, and set themselves up again in the Panthers red zone with a shoulder charge from Nathan Cleary on Nelson Asofa-Solomona. In the next play, a bomb by Jahrome Hughes sees Will Warbrick leap high and tap the ball back to the ever-ready Eliesa Katoa for a try. Meaney's kick put the game at 10-0 in the 15th minute. But a turning point was Daine Laurie making a 40-meter break to breathe life into the Panthers attack after the kickoff. With an error in their subsequent attack, it looked like it wouldn't be the Panthers night, but Will Warbrick fumbled trying to get out, which gave Penrith another chance. And it was all they needed as a combination of Issah Yeo and Lindsay Smith took on the broken Strom defensive line for Smith to score a timely try. A rare miss at goal by Cleary and the game was 10-4 at 24 minutes. Panthers showed class and ruthlessness by hitting back straight away; Casey McLean made a break, and a broken lazy Strom defensive line failed to kill a loose kick behind their line, which Izack Tago took full advantage of, and Cleary savoured a chance to put the conversion over; and we were deadlocked at the 25 minutes. The back end of the first half is a dangerous time for teams locked up. And the Strom applied enough pressure to unhinge the Panthers defence with another Warbrick tap to Katoa combo. Off the back of a Cameron Munster kick, Warbrick was too good, and Melbourne was looking good to go to the sheds 16-10. But the end of the half is a dangerous place; with the ball going dead in goal off the Panthers, Ryan Papenhuyzen thought he would kick instead of a tap from the 20-meter line. In a move sure to make coach Craig Bellamy's heart stop, Grant Anderson was offside. Referee Ashley Klien gave Penrith a penalty and two easy points for halftime to be 16-12 for the Storm.

Penrith had their tails up early in the half and set the pace early after a break by Issah Yeo, who got the ball down their left edge. Casey McLean put in a cheeky grubber behind the line, and Dylan Edwards snagged a good try. And the Panthers were in front 18-16 at the 49th minute. There were scenes at BlueBet as Nelson Asofa-Solomona managed to get two high shots off in one tackle, one on Daine Laurie and one on Munster. With both those players going off for HIAs Ref Ashley Klien gave NAS 10 in the bin. The Panthers took quick advantage of their overlap, and in no time, Casey McLean went over, and the game was 22-16 after 57 minutes. It was quality footy on display as Tyrann Wishart entered the fray and immediately gave the Storm the lift they needed. Wishart took on the Penrith line, and it seemed to rattle them. In a simple play in the

62nd minute, Wishart threw a big dummy, and the Penrith middle fell for it as he waltzed over. The game was 22 points all and setting up for a finish. The 66th minute and a hush came over the stadium as Nathan Cleary came up with a tackle clutching his left shoulder, and there were some long faces as the gun halfback came off the field, ending his night. A succession of penalties on both sides eventually came to a head as James Fisher-Harris hit Jahrome Hughes after he passed the ball. It was a gift of two points, and Meaney slotted it to edge the game out just a little for the Strom, 24-22. In the last 10 minutes, the teams threw everything they had left at each other, but the clock ran out, and the Strom came away with a win despite much adversity. There was a lack of polish in the Panthers tonight, with Cleary even showing nerves. They had some big performances from Issah Yeo, Lindsay Smith, Jarome Luai and Casey McLean. Cleary was still prominent in keeping his team in the game, and we can only hope he'll be there come finals. Harry Grant was great up front, and Trent Loiero and Eliesa Katoa chimed in well. Jahrome Hughes and Munster were great in attack, and Will Warbrick showed his athleticism all game. The game pretty much handed Melbourne Storm the Minor Premiership, and the team seemed to have come out of the game without any injuries as they prepare to host the Dolphins at AAMI Park next week. The Panthers will have a nervous wait to see the issue with Nathan Cleary's shoulder, and it's a damn shame as the kid was playing some good footy up until his injury. **ANDY**

MANLY 24 WARRIORS 10

Manly have solidified their position as a finals dark horse after a strong 24-10 victory over a disappointing Warriors side before a big crowd at 4 Pines Park.

After the Warriors dominated the early field position, a 40/20 by Daly Cherry-Evans changed momentum for the Eagles. Following successive ruck infringements, the visitors had to crack, and it was the ball playing of Tom Trbojevic who created the extra man and found Jason Saab to cross for the opener. Despite throwing a lot of further attack at the Warriors, Manly was unable to muster up anymore attacking chances. The Warriors then marched up-field off a penalty and thought they hit back. It took strong attacking play down the left isolated Manly's right edge and Adam Pompey was able to outmuscle the defence to score. However, Kasey Badger ruled DCE was obstructed, and the try was overturned. Fortunately, the visitors forced an error from Tommy Turbo and went back down that right edge of Manly's. Addin Fonua-Blake isolated the Manly edge one on one and got a great offload to Shaun Johnson who crossed in his last game at Brookvale to level the scores. Manly hit back like the class outfit they are. A brilliant ball from Brooks cutting Tommy Talau underneath saw him into a yawning gap created by Johnson and Niukore. Talau found Turbo and Manly are back in front by a converted try. After a scrappy period of football which saw both sides concede a plethora of ruck infringements. The Warriors capitalised with a trick shot down the right-hand side which saw Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad combine with Dallin Watene-Zelezniak who dived in the corner to reduce the gap for the Warriors. Luke Metcalf put aside a poor first attempt to add the extras and level the scores. Both sides couldn't be split at the change of ends in an enterprising game of football.

After a stop, start opening to the second half. Manly capitalised best on the rain that was tumbling down. A great kick from DCE was well taken by Reuben Garrick and Manly regained the lead by a converted try midway through the second half. Both sides had their fair share of chances, but it was a Pompey error which gave Manly the chance to seal the game. A brilliant cut-out ball from Tom Trbojevic found it's mark and it was Lehi Hopoate who put the game out of the Warriors reach. Garrick added a penalty goal on full-time to make it a 14-point win. Eight players earned the wrath of the referee and bunker resulting in them being put on report. Meanwhile the Warriors' season is done and dusted, with plenty of stars leaving there will be a substantial change of the guard in Auckland next year. **AJ**

SYDNEY 38 PARRAMATTA 14

Sydney Roosters have cemented their Top 4 position on the NRL ladder after they thrashed Parramatta by 38-14 at Allianz Stadium tonight.

Skipper James Tedesco was the star for the home side scoring a try and having a hand in several others in a top shelf performance from the incumbent Australian fullback. The home side were relentless, with an ill-disciplined Eels side losing two players to the Sin Bin early in both halves, with the Roosters making them pay running in multiple tries on both occasions. England winger Dominic Young scored a hat-trick following his return from injury, with halfback Sam Walker and backrower Angus Crichton also having strong games for the Tricolours. Despite a strong performance last week against Penrith, the Eels simply looked tired and were simply out enthused by a relentless Roosters outfit in a disappointing performance from Trent Barrett's men. The game commenced in wet conditions following a downpour of rain pre-match. The Roosters failed to adjust early, making several handling errors including from Roosters prop Spencer Leniu from the kick-off. Leniu managed to redeem himself, when he dived over for the first try of the night following a flat pass from Brandon Smith at dummy half which gave the Chooks an early lead. Things got rocky for Parramatta moments later, when prop Wiremu Greig was sent to the Sin Bin for a clumsy high shot on Connor Watson. Down an extra man, the Chooks took advantage almost immediately as Tedesco and Manu combined to put Dominic Young over in the corner. This passage of play was followed up with two more tries in quick succession, firstly from Daniel Tupou who trampled over three Eels defenders to score a superb try. James Tedesco then sliced through some passive defence to run sixty metres to score under the posts to make it try number four for the Roosters and an ominous 24-0 lead. Parramatta then managed to crash over for their first try of the night through interchange backrower Kelma Tuilagi to give the visitors some hope heading into halftime.

Following the break, it was deja vu for the Eels as Brendan Hands found himself in the Sin Bin for laying all hands over the player in the tackle. Again, it was Dominic Young who crashed over for his second try following some quick hands from James Tedesco and this was followed up by a classy try to Sitali Tupouniua in his 100th game for the Roosters, following a neat chip kick from Sam Walker. Young then completed his hat trick, as again Tedesco and Manu provided beautiful service for the rangy winger out wide. Parramatta then had an

opportunity against 12 men late in the match, when Roosters interchange player Naufahu Whyte was sent to the Sin Bin. The Eels took full advantage moments later when Sean Russell slid over for a try in the corner following a deft pass from Viliami Penisini. Eels hooker Joey Lussick then darted out of dummy half for a late consolation try for Parramatta to narrow the scoreline to 38-14 at fulltime. The Roosters now head to the Gold Coast next Sunday, where they will face the Titans as they look to lock up their spot in the Top 4. Parramatta also head to Queensland, where they will face a desperate Broncos at Suncorp Stadium on Friday night. **SAM**

CANTERBURY 30 DOLPHINS 10

A Matt Burton masterclass and Jacob Kiraz double sealing a 30-10 win over the Dolphins at Salter Oval, Bundaberg on Saturday afternoon.

The first game of Super Saturday saw the Canterbury Bulldogs annihilate the Dolphins at Salter Oval, with a Matt Burton masterclass and Jacob Kiraz double sealing a 30-10 win over the Dolphins at Salter Oval, Bundaberg on Saturday afternoon. The win all but confirms that the Bulldogs play finals football, while the Dolphins nervously wait to see if they remain in the top eight at the end of the week. The first ten minutes of the game saw the field territory battle remain even, but a crucial Matt Burton tackle on Jamayne Isaako as he started to streak down the right wing got the Dogs on the attack. The very next set, the Bulldogs went right and Stephen Crichton sent Jacob Kiraz over into the right corner - which is where Kiraz would see his lunch for the second time in a few hours. Matt Burton would leave that conversion attempt to the right for a 4-0 lead. Some ill-discipline from Felise Kaufusi allowed the Dogs to make it a 6-0 lead with a Burton penalty goal after 15 minutes... but the highlight of the year would happen after 23 minutes. Tevita Pangai Jr, looking to offload the ball on tackle one with the try-line in sight, turned the ball over and the Dogs sent Josh-Addo Carr flying along the left sideline with no one in sight. That was, until Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, who was on the kick off-spot as Addo-Carr crossed halfway, put to bed the debate of the fastest man in the league with a potentially finals saving tackle five metres out from the line. The very next set, the Dolphins would ride off that game-turning play, swinging to the right and with some beautiful quick passing, sent Jamayne Isaako over in the right corner. Isaako, who looked a little worse for wear post-try, would miss his conversion to leave it at 6-4. Another Felise Kaufusi high shot had the Bulldogs on the attack, and they made no mistake as Jacob Kiraz would yet again sail into the right corner. Matt Burton went right very late in the set, with Connor Tracey setting up Kiraz for his second of the day. Burton sent his second conversion attempt to the left, with the score staying at 10-4. Ten minutes later, with the Dolphins building over halfway, Kodi Nikorima sent a ball out the back of the attack and Josh Addo-Carr swooped on it to run 50 metres and score to the left of the posts. Matt Burton would make no mistake this time for a 16-4 lead - only for Jake Averillo to intercept a pass from Toby Sexton and run 70 metres untouched on halftime to send the Dolphins into shed sheds down 16-10.

The Bulldogs had the bulk of the territory in the first ten minutes after half-time, with Addo-Carr nearly scoring if not for a foot landing out of bounds. The

Bulldogs would get a penalty however, and Matt Burton extended the lead to 18-10 after 50 minutes. A Burton torpedo forced an error out Jamayne Isaako, with the Dogs playing some hot potato in the red zone. Matt Burton ended up on his back from Max Plath, flaring up the emotions for both sides as the final quarter of the game loomed large. A Josh Curran charge down put the Dolphins on the back foot, with a Bulldog onslaught over the next five minutes coming to nothing. The Dolphins would look to rally with some strong defense, but Matt Burton would break through some flimsy defense to send Bronson Xerri over - Burton converting to make it 22-10 with 12 minutes left. The very next set, Vilame Kikau would break away from his own half to send Matt Burton running towards open field, with Connor Tracey the benefactor of a Burton freight train to bury the Dolphins and confirm that the Bulldogs would play in September barring a massive collapse. A 30-10 win, in front of their fans at Salter Oval all but sealed that Bulldogs finals chances, putting the Dogs 6 points ahead of the 8th placed Dolphins. Should the Raiders, Dragons and Knights all lose this weekend, it would ensure that the Dogs qualify for September for the first time since 2016. It, at least temporarily, puts the Bulldogs into fifth and tied with the Sharks (4th, 32 points, +175 PD), with the 20 point win crucially sneaking the Dogs closer to the Sharks points differential. The Dolphins will need to wait for other results to see if they maintain their spot in the top eight come Sunday night. It also sets up for a huge final three rounds, especially for the Bulldogs, who come up against the Sea Eagles and Cowboys - all three teams technically still in the hunt for an elusive top four berth. **LUKE**

NORTH QLD 42 CANBERRA 4

Valentine's day has seemed to move to August 17 as a 26 point haul from Valentine Holmes helped the Cowboys to a 42-4 demolition over the Raiders.

Both sides were looking to bounce back from embarrassing losses and it was the Raiders who opened the scoring first inside five minutes when Jake Clifford made an immediate impact on his return to the Cowboys side. The Raiders had two attacking opportunities but turned the ball over and ill-discipline hurt as Scott Drinkwater threw a beautiful cut out pass to Valentine Holmes who scored. The Dragons bound centre converted his own try for a 12-0 lead inside 20 minutes. Repeat sets on the Cowboys line gave the Raiders another big attacking chance having already blown at least three but this time some twinkle toes footwork from Seb Kris to keep himself inside the field of play and get the ball down in the corner. Jamal Fogarty missed the conversion to keep the score at 12-4. The Cowboys then put on a points scoring fest on either side of the halftime break with Kyle Feldt scoring after Jake Clifford found space, then Tom Dearden scored after again the Cowboys split the soft Raiders defence

Leading 24-4 at the break, the Cowboys added another two tries on the other side of the break as Valentine Holmes sealed his hat-trick inside 50 minutes with two more tries one off a Raiders error and then beating the static Raiders defence in the air. It was all going the home-side's way as an error at the back from the Raiders gave the Cowboys an attacking scrum and it was a stroll in the park for Kyle Feldt to score out wide. A seventh conversion for Valentine Holmes put the score out to 42-4. Nothing went right for the Canberrans as

they blew another three attacking opportunities with two errors and then Danny Levi being offside chasing through a Jamal Fogarty kick denying Canberra anymore points. Neither side tested the scoreboard in the last twenty minutes and the Cowboys held on for a 42-4 win. Next week, the Cowboys have the bye before a clash with the Melbourne Storm; Canberra return home but it doesn't get easier with the defending three time premiers, the Penrith Panthers coming to the ACT for a Saturday afternoon battle. **JOSH**

WESTS TIGERS 18 SOUTH SYDNEY 16

After being inducted into the NRL Hall of Fame earlier this week, Wests Tigers coach Benji Marshall saw his side score its fifth win of the season, making 2024 their most successful season of the last 3 years.

The Tigers got the scoreboard attendant to work first, via some panicked play in the 10th minute, which saw Aidan Sezer get a hurried chip away just as he was being tackled, that Charlie Staines caught on the full in the Souths in-goal to score a good try. Sezer converted from the sideline. Four minutes later, South Sydney replied when Taane Milne ran to the line, got his arm free and offloaded a sweet ball for Jye Gray who strolled between two goal-line defenders to score a good try. Fletcher Myers failed to convert from the sideline. The Tigers extended their lead in the 20th minute when Lachlan Galvin sent an absolute peach of a long ball out to Luke Laullili, who dived over to score in the left corner. Sezer narrowly missed the sideline conversion. The Tigers tried the exact same play again in the 30th minute, this time with Sezer producing the pass. The Rabbitohs defence came across in numbers, however Richie Kennar hit Laullili high forcing the Tigers winger off for an HIA. Kennar was then sent to the sin bin. The Tigers wasted no time to take advantage of the extra man. A minute later, Galvin produced another brilliant long pass on the left side, this time sending Adam Doueihi over to score in the corner. Sezer converted and at halftime, the Tigers had a 16-4 lead.

A Cameron Murray high shot 9 minutes into the second half allowed Sezer to kick a penalty goal. The next 25 minutes saw Cody Walker step to the fore and get the Bunnies back into the contest. In the 56th minute he made a break and got his side into the Tigers half and on the front foot. A few plays after, Keaon Koloamatangi shrugged off a poor tackle attempt and scored a soft try. Myers added the extras. Walker made another break before being brought down, however his side couldn't capitalize on the momentum. In the 75th minute, Walker cleaned up a loose ball close to the Tigers line, but got squished between two defenders which knocked him out. He was helped off the field. Damien Cook walked out of tackle that saw no less than 5 defenders trying to get him to ground, to score under the posts. Myers converted to reduce the deficit to just 2 points. Then with 30 seconds left on the clock, Davy Moale ran onto a crash ball close to the Tigers line and barged over to score, however the referee ruled rightly that the last pass was forward and the Rabbitohs snatched defeat from the jaws of victory. **FERGO**

ST GEO ILLA 32 GOLD COAST 16

The St George Illawarra Dragons have charged into the top eight with a commanding 32-16 victory over the Gold Coast Titans, spoiling Kieran Foran's 300th match at WIN Stadium.

The Dragons started very poorly with a poor kick chase allowing one of the game's most damaging kick returners to find open space. Keano Kini got through a poor tackle from Jacob Liddle, and he found Jojo Fifita to score under the posts for the opening try. St George was able to capitalise relatively quickly on a Titans error. The Dragons went 90 metres from the counterattack and got their first try. A well-worked set move down the left edge saw a magnificent tip-on pass from Tyrell Sloan and Christian Tuipulotu had just enough pace to beat Phillip Sami to cross. The home side went back-to-back after the Titans kick-off caught the wind and Luciano Leilua capitalised on the over-chase and got to within 20 metres of the Titans line. The visitors couldn't hold and Ben Hunt threw a dummy, fooled Jayden Campbell and put the home side in front by four points. The game continued to develop as both sides failed to grab the ascendancy required to dominate proceedings. However, just shy of the half-hour mark, the Titans committed a cardinal sin. Brian Kelly was pinned for shoving Jaydn Su'A whilst in possession. From that set, Hunt got try-assist number 30 with a brilliant pass to Lomax. The Titans defence were on different islands and the NSW winger flies across in the right corner to make it a two-possession game. Before the break, the Dragons again capitalised on some poor Titans defence. Liddle went down the hay diddle diddle, he got the pass away to Toby Couchman and despite Jayden Campbell's efforts, he got it down to make it 20-6. The late stages of the opening half became the Couchman show after a brilliant offload from Ryan Couchman to Leilua enabled him to score as the Dragons inflicted a hammer blow on the Titans on the half-time break.

Gold Coast started better in the second half and crossed for the opening try of the second half. A Foran pass in game 300 was initially lost by Campbell but it was negated by a kick before the ball hit the ground, Campbell chased through and score. The conversion reduced the gap to 14. Momentum appeared to be turning as Jack De Belin earned himself a trip to the sin-bin for a late shot to the head of Kieran Foran. However, the Titans attack which has been great at times this season sputtered and failed to capitalise on the extra man advantage. Gold Coast capitalised on their dominance of field position with the breeze at their back to keep the game competitive in the dying moments of the second half. A wonderful rainbow ball from Foran found Fifita on the fly and the winger crossed for his double to keep the Titans in it. At the end of the match, the Dragons finally got some field position and capitalised to secure victory. A brilliant run from Liddle out of dummy half saw Francis Molo try a similar strategy. The referee had to squat and manoeuvre himself to see it on the line but the try was confirmed to give the Dragons a victory that gets them back in the eight. **AJ**

CRONULLA 19 NEWCASTLE 18

A golden point field goal to Daniel Atkinson proved the difference as the Cronulla Sharks secured a 19-18 win over the Newcastle Knights to move a step closer to a top four finish.

In a match which saw the Sharks start fast, the Knights recover to control proceedings and a field goal shootout to close out regulation time, Atkinson landed the decisive score in the 85th minute to the delight of 11,503 supporters at PointsBet Stadium. The Sharks wasted little time in asserting their attacking intentions with Daniel Atkinson (3rd minute) producing a solo run before threading through a grubber for Briton Nikora (7th minute) to establish a 10-0 lead. Newcastle debutant Kyle McCarthy made amends for a rough start by contesting a bomb which fortuitously ended up in the hands of Kai Pearce-Paul (21st minute), who broke through to score his first try in the NRL. Momentum began to shift in favour of the visitors with Kalyn Ponga capitalising on Cronulla errors with a superb cut-out pass to send Greg Marzhew (30th minute) over for a lead-changing four-pointer. Phoenix Crossland was sent to the sin bin for slowing down the play the ball close to the try line as the halftime siren sounded; Atkinson attempted to level the scores with a penalty goal only for his kick to hit the posts, leaving the Knights ahead 12-10 at the change of ends.

The Knights refused to wilt despite playing a man down with Ponga showing great desperation to deny Siosifa Talakai a try and adding a penalty goal to establish a four-point margin. The one-way flow of points continued with Dane Gagai (49th minute) demonstrating his experience and footwork to put the visitors beyond a converted try. A penalty goal to Atkinson on the hour mark proved fortuitous as Ronaldo Mulitalo (73rd minute) managed to ground the ball just before the dead ball line, allowing Atkinson to nail a sideline conversion to level the scores at 18-all. Both Ponga and Atkinson were unable to land field goals as the clock approached 80 minutes, resulting in the third golden point meeting between the two clubs. The Knights looked to secure victory in golden point with an intercept by Will Kennedy denying Ponga a try and Crossland attempting to land a one-pointer from close range only to fall wide of the mark. The Sharks weren't to be denied as the first half of extra time drew to a close with Atkinson stepping up to land his second field goal of the season, sealing the 19-18 result to keep their top four hopes alive and all but end the Knights chances of playing finals football. Next week, the Sharks will travel to Wollongong on Sunday afternoon for a local derby against the Dragons, while the Knights will face the Rabbitohs on Saturday night in Sydney. **ROB**

ROUND 24 SCOREBOARD

Melbourne 24 (E. Katoa 2, G. Anderson, T. Wishart tries; N. Meaney 4 goals) defeated Penrith 22 (D. Edwards, C. McLean, L. Smith, I. Tago tries; N. Cleary 3 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Thu, 15th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 16-12. Penalties: Penrith 8-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 20,516.

Penrith: Edwards, Laurie, Tago, McLean, To'o; Lui, Cleary (C); Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Geyer, Smith, Yeo. Int: Henry, Toelau, Eisenhuth, Cole.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Anderson; Munster, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Vaalepu, Kamikamica, MacDonald.

Player of the Year: 3 - E Katoa
2 - H Grant
1 - C McLean

Manly 24 (R. Garrick, L. Hopoate, J. Saab, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 4 goals) defeated Warriors 10 (S. Johnson, D. Watene-Zelezniak tries; L. Metcalf goal) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Fri, 16th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 17,333.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Talau, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloia'i, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Bullemor, Brown, Koula.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Pompey, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya, Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Barnett (C), Niukore, Capewell, Walker. Int: Harris-Tavita, Ale, Tevaga, Sifakula.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Trbojevic
2 - D Cherry-Evans
1 - A Fonua-Blake

Sydney 38 (D. Young 3, S. Leniu, J. Tedesco, D. Tupou, S. Tupouniua tries; S. Walker 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 14 (J. Lussick, S. Russell, K. Tuilagi tries; C. Gutherson goal) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 24-4. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,724.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Leniu, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Watson. Int: Tupouniua, Whyte, May, Wong, Smith.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Tago, Penisini, Talagi, Russell; Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Greig, Lane, Cartwright, Ofahengaue. Int: Lussick, Tuilagi, Keir, Sivo.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tedesco
2 - A Crichton
1 - S Walker

Canterbury 30 (J. Kiraz 2, J. Addo-Carr; C. Tracey, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 5 goals) defeated Dolphins 10 (J. Averillo, J. Isaako tries; J. Isaako goal) at Salter Oval.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-10. Penalties: Canterbury 7-4. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 6,148.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Sexton; Curran, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Mann. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Hayes, Salmon.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Stone, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Pangai Junior, Keeley, Hubner, O'Sullivan.

Player of the Year: 3 - M Burton
2 - C Tracey
1 - J Kiraz

North Qld 42 (V. Holmes 3, K. Feldt 2, J. Clifford, T. Dearden tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) defeated Canberra 4 (S. Kris try) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Qld 24-4. Penalties: North Qld 5-3. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 17,920.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Clifford; McLean, Robson, McIntyre, Luki, Finefeuiaki, Cotter. Int: Edwards, Mikaele, Purdue, Neame.

Canberra: Weekes, Kris, Timoko, Strange, Savage; Cook, Fogarty; Mariota, Starling, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Levi, Guler, Sasagi.

Player of the Year: 3 - V Holmes
2 - J Clifford
1 - H Young

Wests Tigers 18 (A. Doueihi, L. Laulili, C. Staines tries; A. Sezer 3 goals) defeated South Sydney 16 (D. Cook, J. Gray, K. Koloamatangi tries; F. Myers 2 goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers 16-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers 9-7. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 11,420.

Wests Tigers: Mason, Laulili, Faataape, Doueihi, Staines; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer, Seyfarth, Fainu, Papalii. Int: Da Silva, Fainu, Pole, Twal.

South Sydney: Gray, Myers, Milne, Kennar; Gagai; Wighton, Walker; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Koloamatangi, Duncan, Murray (C). Int: Mamouzelos, Host, Burgess, Mitchell.

Player of the Year: 3 - L Galvin
2 - C Walker
1 - H Mason

St George Illawarra 32 (T. Couchman, B. Hunt, L. Leilua, Z. Lomax, F. Molo, C. Tuipulotu tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) defeated Gold Coast 16 (S. Fifita 2, J. Campbell tries; J. Campbell 2 goals) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 26-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 9,240.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Feagai, Feagai, Tuipulotu; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: De Belin, Couchman, Couchman, King-Togia.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Sami, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Jolliffe, Verrills, Clark, Fifita, Haas, Randall. Int: Brimson, Liu, Pahulu, Palasia.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Hunt
2 - K Kini
1 - Z Lomax

Cronulla 19 (D. Atkinson, R. Mulitalo, B. Nikora tries; D. Atkinson 3 goals; D. Atkinson field goal) defeated Newcastle 18 (D. Gagai, G. Marzhev, K. Pearce-Paul tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-10. Penalties: Cronulla 9-7. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 11,503.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Talakai, Mulitalo; Atkinson, Brailey; Rudolf, McInnes (C), Kaufusi, Nikora, Hunt, Williams. Int: Berrell, Burns, Hamlin-Uele, Hau Tapuha.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Sharpe, Gagai, McCarthy, Marzhev; Gamble, Crossland; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Cogger, Croker; Hetherington, Jones.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Atkinson
2 - K Ponga
1 - D Gagai

ROUND 24 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	21	17	0	4	3	171	40
2	PENRITH	21	15	0	6	3	162	36
3	SYDNEY	21	14	0	7	3	243	34
4	CRONULLA	21	14	0	7	3	176	34
5	CANTERBURY	21	13	0	8	3	130	32
6	MANLY	21	12	1	8	3	129	31
7	NORTH QLD	22	13	0	9	2	43	30
8	ST GEO ILLA	21	11	0	10	3	-92	28
9	Dolphins	21	10	0	11	3	15	26
10	Brisbane	21	9	0	12	3	-4	24
11	Newcastle	21	9	0	12	3	-90	24
12	Canberra	21	9	0	12	3	-135	24
13	Gold Coast	21	8	0	13	3	-114	22
14	Warriors	22	8	1	13	2	-48	21
15	South Sydney	21	7	0	14	3	-138	20
16	Parramatta	21	5	0	16	3	-187	16
17	Wests Tigers	22	5	0	17	2	-261	14

ROUND 24 JUDICIARY

Nelson Asofa-Solomona (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Mitch Kenny (PEN)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Reuben Garrick (MAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (WAR)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$3000
Victor Radley (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Clint Gutherson (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Wiremu Greig (PAR)	G3 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Felise Kaufusi (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Josh Papalii (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Emre Guler (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Throw	\$1000
Richie Kennar (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Cam Murray (SOU)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Jack de Belin (SGI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000

ROUND 24 POTY LEADERBOARD

29 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 26, Maroons 3)

23 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

21 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

19 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

17 POINTS

Sam Walker (Roosters), Reece Walsh (Broncos)

16 POINTS

Angus Crichton (Roosters 12, Blues 4)

BYE Brisbane Broncos

WESTS TIGERS 34 MANLY 26

It's a boil over at Leichhardt as Wests Tigers return from being 16-0 to win 34-26 against a Manly Sea Eagles.

The game started with early pressure from the Tigers, but the momentum soon swung around to Manly. Off the back of two set restarts to catch the Tigers too far in on their left as Jason Saab goes over in the corner, and Rubeen Garrick kicks the conversion to have it 6-0 in the 9th minute. The Sea Eagles again made the Tigers pay for an offside penalty as Manly charged down the left side, and Lehi Hopoate went over for another try in his rookie year, and it was 10-0 in the 11th minute. The Tigers put some pressure on the Manly line, and it was showing some promise. A Manly scrum from a Tigers error going at their line gave Ethan Bullemor space in the middle. His bust opened up the Tigers' middle, and Tom Trbojevic came steaming in support to score Manly's third try and lead 16-0 in the 24th minute. But an early six again gave the Tigers the room they needed to charge down the field. With too much pressure from set restarts, Manly folded as Api Korosiau made a run from dummy half about 20 meters out from the goal line to pounce and give the Tigers a sniff at 16-6 in the 25th minute. And only four minutes later, after another penalty for a dangerous tackle, the Tigers line formed up nicely, and a nuggety Heath Mason crashed and slid over the line to give the Tigers back-to-back tries and right back in the game at 16-12. With mounting pressure on their try line, the Manly Sea Eagles kept fouling in the ruck, and referee Peter Gough had warned captain Daly Cherry-Evans to get the boys to pull their heads in. Gough had seen enough as in the 36th minute; he sent Ethan Bullemor off for 10 minutes, much to the disgust of the Cherry-Evans. And the half ended on this dramatic note.

Only six minutes into the second half and, more drama ensued as Haumole Olakau'atu was found to come in high against Heath Mason as he returned the ball from a kick. The Bunker conferred with the ref and was sent to the sin bin as Bullemor ran back on. Wests, at this time, also had to take Aiden Sezer off with a shoulder complaint, putting Latu Fainu into the game. And in no time, Fainu injected himself into the game with a sneaky no-look pass to a rampaging Alex Seyfarth, who ran 20 meters to score. With Api Korosiau kicking for injured Sezer, the Tigers went in front 18-16 in the 49th minute. An early knock-on from the restart by Jason Saab in his quarter of the field gave the

Tigers another chance to pressure for a try. After some back-and-forth errors, the Tigers' last kick in the set pinballed into the Manly defence, and Ethan Bullemor could get his mitts on the ball as Latu Fainu scooped it up and made a charge for the goal line and scored. Tigers up 24-16 after the successful conversion. With the momentum all in the Tigers' favour, an awkward kick from Lachlan Galvin on the last ball had an even more awkward bounce for Tolutau Koula, as it bounced over his head and into the hands of Solomona Faataape, and Tigers were roaring 30-16. Down on their luck in the 61st minute, Turbo took it upon himself to get the Sea Eagles back in the game by going over the line after some quick big yards. Rubeen Garrick's kick put the Sea Eagles back in the game, trailing 30-22. But as Manly looked to be getting back into the game, the Bunker found a swinging arm from Correy Waddell, and Manly were down to 12 men for the third time in the game with 13 minutes to go. But the Sea Eagles showed resolve in the face of adversity. They made the most in the yards from an offside penalty to shift the ball right and from Olakau'atu into the hands of Tommy Turbo, who went over for his third, but Garrick's miss meant they were a try behind at 30-26 with 10 minutes to go. It was back and forth as both teams were making breaks up the middle, but Manly broke twice when it seemed imminent, they would score, with Saab unable to handle the balls that came his way and knocking on in the play the ball. The Tigers finally clawed their way over in the 79th minute to seal the deal and win 34-26 in a great game at the 8th Wonder of the World. Tom Trbojevic tried his hardest, but he found it hard to find too many partners in the second half as the game kept slipping through their fingers. For some reason, the Manly middle ruck went to jelly, and the Sea Eagles let themselves get behind the eight ball and being off their feet after playing with 12 men for 30 minutes. The Tigers had too much tenacity; Galvin and the Fainu brothers were excellent, and their energy was contagious to the team. At the same time, the cool head of Korosiau guided them toward victory. Before the game, West's coach Benji Marshall said if they follow the process, they will be rewarded; their completion rate was higher than Manly', and the Sea Eagles left 39 missed tackles out on the field. This gives the Wests fans and club the hope they will not get a third wooden spoon this year and, to top it off, a remarkable comeback win at the 8th Wonder of the World. Wests gets the bye in the next round. Manly had a chance to secure a middle spot in the ladder but must be content with 7th. The Sea Eagles travel to Accor Stadium next round to take on the Canterbury Bulldogs. **ANDY**

CANTERBURY 34 WARRIORS 18

The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs spoiled the party in Shaun Johnson's farewell with a 34-18 victory over the New Zealand Warriors in front of a sold-out crowd.

On a night which saw Johnson honoured with Go Media Stadium renamed to commemorate the New Zealand legend's final home appearance, the Bulldogs overshadowed the occasion by fighting back from multiple deficits to secure their first finals appearance in eight years. In an error-riddled start that saw Johnson drop the ball with his first touch, the Warriors opened the scoring with Luke Metcalf creating space for Marcelo Montoya (9th minute) to cross against his former club. Metcalf had a hand in another four-pointer minutes later with the Warriors five-eighth sending Kurt Capewell (14th minute) on a 20-metre untouched run to establish a 12-0 lead. The Bulldogs managed to halt the one-way flow of points midway through the half with Bronson Xerri (26th minute) sliding over and Stephen Crichton (29th minute) capitalising on a bomb after the Warriors sent the kick-off out on the full. An explosive run by Viliame Kikau put the Bulldogs in front with Kurtis Morrin (34th minute) providing strong support to score his first try of the season, however a burrowing effort by Wayne Egan (40th minute) with seconds to spare saw the Warriors take an 18-16 lead to the change of ends.

In a controversial moment which saw Roger Tuivasa-Sheck ruled out of the match early in the second half, referee Wyatt Raymond elected not to send Crichton to the sin bin despite the Canterbury-Bankstown captain making shoulder contact to the head. The Bulldogs regained the lead with Harry Hayes (54th minute) pouncing on a Toby Sexton grubber kick for his maiden NRL try, while Matt Burton did likewise for Josh Addo-Carr (62nd minute) - his 139th try - to extend the visitors beyond a converted try. Capping their first win at the Warriors home ground since 2012, the Bulldogs finished in style with Crichton making a break off a scrum which saw Jacob Kiraz (78th minute) round out the 34-18 victory. Next week, the Warriors will play their final game of the season away to the Sharks on Saturday night, while the Bulldogs will host the Sea Eagles on Friday evening. **ROB**

BRISBANE 30 PARRAMATTA 24

The Brisbane Broncos found themselves down 16-0 after just 11 minutes, but steadily clawed their way back into the contest before holding on for a 6-point victory over the second-last Eels.

Parramatta got off to a stunning start, clearly keen to get a victory and avoid the risk of finishing last, on their very first set of the game, went the length of the field and forced a Broncos error near their own line. In the second minute of the match, the Eels shifted the ball right with some quick passing which ended up putting Viliame Penisini into space and he barged over between two defenders to score. Clint Gutherson converted. In the eighth minute, Gutherson dropped a deft grubber into the Broncos in-goal where Joe Ofahengaue won the race to plant the ball for a try. Gutherson converted from the easy angle. The Eels crossed again in the eleventh minute when Maika Sivo walked in for a soft try in the corner. Gutherson failed to convert. After 11 minutes the Eels had amassed a 16-0 lead. The Broncos steadily worked their way back into the game. In the 27th minute Tristan Sailor grubbered for himself, regathered and very nearly scored, however Sivo denied him. Two minutes later the Broncos almost scored again off a grubber, this time Sivo denied Kotoni Staggs from scoring. It was a case of third time lucky for the Broncos. In the 31st minute, Sailor fended off the defender who rushed up, burst through the gap created and then burnt Gutherson with sheer pace to score a brilliant solo try. Adam Reynolds converted. 5 minutes later, the Broncos crossed again when Josh Rogers on the left side, dummied and then strolled through a huge gap before diving over to score. Reynolds converted.

Just before halftime, the Broncos very nearly scored again but Mariner was held up across the tryline. The Eels went into the sheds on the back foot, but still leading 16-12. 5 minutes after play resumed, Gutherson landed a penalty goal. In the 54th minute Sailor fired a lovely long ball to the unmarked Cobbo who dived over to score in the right corner. Reynolds converted to level the scores. In the 64th minute, Reynolds came up with an effort play in defence, rushing up out of the line to shut down some second phase play by the Eels. He forced the ball to be fumbled, which he then intercepted before racing 30 metres to score under the posts. He then converted his own try. Just two minutes later, Reynolds put in a gentle grubber for the unmarked Staggs, who regathered cleanly and dived over to score. Reynolds converted again. With 8 minutes remaining in the game, Daejarn Asi ran to the Broncos defensive line and then grubbered for Shaun Lane, who regathered and then barged over to score for the Eels. Gutherson converted. Parramatta played very expansive football but struggled to maintain possession or build pressure, allowing the Broncos to hold on and win 30-24. **FERGO**

CANBERRA 22 PENRITH 18

An intercept by Matthew Timoko which led to a runaway try for Xavier Savage gave the Raiders the lead late in their match against the Penrith Panthers, and ultimately the win.

The Raiders scored first after just 5 minutes when Savage caught a bomb by Jamal Fogarty near the right sideline, spun out of a tackle and then sprinted 20 metres down the sideline and reached out to score a brilliant try. Fogarty failed to convert in the blustery conditions from out wide. Penrith responded 5 minutes later when Luke Sommerton barged over from dummy half to score. Dylan Edwards converted. The next 10 minutes saw both sides concede a barrage of penalties. In the 20th minute Daine Laurie got put into space and he dived for the corner, but his foot just touched the sideline in the tackle from Sebastian Kris just before he grounded the ball. Raiders then travelled to the other end of the field courtesy of a set restart. Kaeo Weekes then scored when he backed up on the inside and strolled in to score. Fogarty converted. Penrith hit back in the 25th minute when a Brad Schneider floated long ball finds Laurie and this time he scored the four pointer in the corner. Edwards failed to convert from out wide. Five minutes later and James Fisher-Harris followed a Jerome Luai grubber into the Raiders in-goal and very nearly scored. The bunker was called to adjudicate, and they found that Fisher-Harris was hit high by Jordan Rapana in the contest for the ball, earning the Panthers a penalty. Edwards kicked a penalty goal to give the Panthers a 2-point lead at half time.

Five minutes after play resumed, Penrith extended their lead when Issah Yeo made a good run followed by a stellar pass inside to Fisher-Harris in support, who did well to catch the low pass before racing 25 metres to score under the posts. Edwards converted. As play reached the hour mark, Canberra got themselves back into the contest when Kris made a break down the left sideline before turning it inside to Albert Hopoate, who raced 30 metres to score. Fogarty converted from in front. 11 minutes later with Penrith camped right on the Raiders line, Matthew Timoko made a clean intercept, ran 45 metres upfield before linking with Savage who sailed home over the final 45 metres to score a stunning try against the run of play. Fogarty converted to give the Raiders the lead and they held on valiantly to score the much-needed victory.

ANDREW

CRONULLA 38 ST GEO ILLA 10

The Cronulla Sharks are up to third on the premiership ladder after recording a 38-10 victory in the traditional derby against the St George Illawarra Dragons.

Showing their class to turn a 14-10 lead midway through the second half into a runaway victory, the result extends the Sharks dominant record over the joint venture to 11 wins from 12 clashes since 2019. The Sharks wasted little time in capitalising on their first chance to attack with Jesse Ramien

MELBOURNE 48 DOLPHINS 6

The Melbourne Storm have locked up another minor premiership and they've done it in style with a 48-6 win over the Dolphins at AAMI Park in Melbourne.

Despite the dominant scoreline, it took the Storm 20 minutes to open the scoring when Sua Faalogo scored in the corner after the Dolphins defence was caught in all sorts and Jamayne Isaako rushing up left space open on the outside. Harry Grant extended the Melbourne lead just after the half hour mark when Harry Grant sniffed an opportunity close to the line and went from dummy half. Nick Meaney converted for a 10-0 lead. The Storm added two more tries in the last five minutes when Alec McDonald fought his way to the line and got the ball to the line with the bunker taking a long look to see whether he held the ball and then Jack Howarth scored just shy of half time. Nick Meaney converted both from close range and Melbourne lead 22-0.

Controversy rained for the first Melbourne try inside the second half when Sua Faalogo took a big dive and got the ball down barely inside the dead ball line (which personally to me it did) though many were questioning the decision to uphold the live call. Melbourne quickly added another try when Jahrome Hughes had a nice clear passage to the loose ball when Harry Grant put a grubber kick through for his halfback to score. The conversion was kicked from close range. Eli Katoa added a try a few minutes later as the Storm juggernaut continued, and the score ballooned out to 36-0. A rare Melbourne error when Sua Faalogo put a kick down gave the Dolphins the opportunity and Jake Averillo was on the spot to ground the ball. It was a true party on Swan Street because the Storm were able to cross again, and it was the main man Nelson Asofa-Solomona who scored and let the crowd know about it. The Storm then added a final nail in the Dolphins coffin when Josh King went over in the final five minutes to seal the 48-6 win after Nick Meaney converted. The win for Melbourne seals the Minor Premiership with two games to spare with clashes in Townsville and Brisbane. The Dolphins drop to tenth with clashes against the Broncos and Knights to decide their season. **JOSH**

(7th minute) beating Mat Feagai with footwork from a scrum for first points. With Ramien given a spell in the sin bin for high contact on Mat Feagai, the Dragons took advantage of their extra man after Jack Bird (23rd minute) chased a chip kick by Max Feagai to temporarily give the hosts the lead. A terrific pass from returning halfback Braydon Trindall allowed Kayal Iro (27th minute) to demonstrate even better footwork to put the visitors back in front, while a great show of strength from Sam Stonestreet (34th minute) saw the Sharks take a 14-6 lead to the sheds.

NEWCASTLE 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 16

A starring role for Kalyn Ponga has been the catalyst for the Newcastle Knights' slim finals chances staying alive courtesy of a 36-16 win over South Sydney Rabbitohs at Accor Stadium.

Newcastle looked the better of the two sides in attacking field position through the opening exchanges, that saw the visitors cross for the first try. An offload from Daniel Saifiti put Jayden Brailey within metres of the line. From the ensuing set, Kalyn Ponga and Dane Gagai combined to send Fletcher Sharpe away down the right sideline to touch down for the visitors' opening try. Ponga was able to bend the sideline conversion like a certain David Beckham and the Knights led 6-0. Souths hit back almost immediately after Newcastle conceded a cheap yardage penalty. Jye Gray was able to get Taane Milne on the outside of Dane Gagai who Milne trucked along with Sharpe to get to the line. Fletcher Myers added the extras to put the game back at level terms. Moments later, Jack Wighton was able to charge across some would-be middle Newcastle defence to put the Rabbitohs in the lead. Myers converted and it was a converted try lead. That would be the last time Souths scored in the first 40. The rest of the first half left a lot to be desired as both sides traded errors in good attacking chances. Ponga lacked the ball in this period, when he got it, he had a half break and put the Knights on the front foot. On the ensuing play, Dylan Lucas got some early ball, beat some poor first contact and scored for the Knights.

Souths continued their comedy horror show of errors as Myers found the sideline off the kickoff on two consecutive occasions which led to points on both occasions. Dane Gagai stepped his way past the defenders and the Knights regained the lead. Off the second occasion, Cam Murray was sent to the bin for shoulder contact to the head of Tyson Frizell which saw Frizell fail to return. Ponga added a penalty goal which made it 20-12 at the change of ends. Despite managing the sin-bin period efficiently and keeping the Knights to a penalty goal, South Sydney eventually cracked after half-time. Ponga split them after Murray returned to give the Knights quality field position. On the ensuing plays, Ponga again got his hands on the football and went straight through, he found Jack Cogger in support and the Knights cross for the first of the second half. Cogger crossed for a second just shy of the hour mark after fooling the Souths defence with a show and go to score an individual try and the

Zac Lomax looked to score a fortuitous four-pointer early in the second half only for the bunker to deem Tyrell Sloan impeded Iro in the contest for the ball. The Dragons managed to reduce the deficit with Luciano Leilua sending Christian Tuipulotu (54th minute) over in the corner, however that would be as close as the contest would come as Will Kennedy (57th minute) soared through the air to collect a Trindall bomb and touch down underneath the posts. The Sharks finished strongly with tries to Briton Nikora (62nd minute) and Stonestreet (67th minute) securing three consecutive wins in Wollongong for the first time in the club's history.

game was soon out of Souths' grasp. Souths ended with a consolation try with a brilliant grubber kick from Wighton. The ball sat up perfectly for Tallis Duncan and the young backrower dived on the ball to get the gap back to 16. The Bunker found a high shot from Seb Su'A on debut as the 18th man and he was dispatched to the sinbin in the aftermath of the Duncan try. Cogger put the icing on the Newcastle cake with a brilliant short ball to Gagai who found his second try of the night to keep the Knights' finals chances alive. **AJ**

SYDNEY 48 GOLD COAST 22

Six tries in the final 50 minutes took the Roosters to a dominant 48-22 win against the Titans at Cbus Super Stadium.

The Roosters took the lead early, when Angus Crichton capitalised on broken play to score. They almost scored again through Dominic Young but that was ruled out by the Bunker. And the Titans took advantage of that reprieve to score a try of their own through Alofiana Khan-Pereira and make it a 6-4 game. The Titans were also denied a Jayden Campbell try due to obstruction, which came while Jared Waerea-Hargreaves was in the sin bin for a high tackle. But before the Roosters prop could return, the Chooks extended their lead with a try to Young. But Khan-Pereira soon had a brilliant solo effort to score his second and tie the game at 10 after half an hour. But after that it was all Roosters, with two tries to Daniel Tupou and a try to Sam Walker helping them to a 26-10 lead at the break. That momentum continued soon after when James Tedesco scored.

The Titans tried to bring the game back under control when Keano Kini scored, but the Roosters broke out with another scoring barrage when Crichton added a second and third try, and Sitali Tupouniua also scored a try. Khan-Pereira completed his hat trick to bring the final score to 48-22. The win moves the Roosters into second, with a qualifying final at the Allianz Stadium now within reach. The loss officially ends the Titans narrow hopes of playing finals. **RHYS**

A final try to replacement winger Mawene Hiroti (78th minute) rounded out the 38-10 result, lifting the Sharks into third position and guaranteeing a worst possible finish of a home elimination final. The Dragons, in contrast, remain in eighth position but face a nervous final fortnight with the Broncos, Dolphins, Knights and Raiders trailing the joint venture by only one win. Next week, the Dragons will take to the Eels at CommBank Stadium on Saturday afternoon, while the Sharks host the Warriors at PointsBet Stadium later that night. **ROB**

ROUND 25 SCOREBOARD

Wests Tigers 34 (S. Faataape, L. Fainu, S. Fainu, A. Koroisau, H. Mason, A. Seyfarth tries; A. Koroisau 3, A. Sezer 2 goals) defeated Manly 26 (T. Trbojevic 3, L. Hopoate, J. Saab tries; R. Garrick 3 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Thu, 22nd August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Manly 16-12. Penalties: Wests Tigers 8-5. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 11,520.

Wests Tigers: Mason, Alaimalo, Faataape, Tupou, Staines; Galvin, Sezer; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer; Seyfarth, Fainu, Papali'i. Int: Fainu, Fainu, Pole, Twal.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Koula, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Aloiai, Olakau'atu, Trbojevic, Trbojevic. Int: Chan Kum Tong, Bullemor, Brown, Waddell.

Player of the Year: 3 - A Koroisau
2 - T Trbojevic
1 - L Galvin

Brisbane 30 (S. Cobbo, A. Reynolds, J. Rogers, T. Sailor; K. Staggs tries; A. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 24 (S. Lane, J. Ofahengaue, W. Penisini, M. Sivo tries; C. Gutherson 4 goals) at SunCorp Stadium.

Date: Fri, 23rd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 16-12. Penalties: Parramatta 5-4. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 36,289.

Brisbane: Sailor, Cobbo, Staggs, Mariner; Arthars; Rogers, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Willison, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Mozer; Hetherington, Karapani, Taipau.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Talagi, Russell; Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Lane, Tuilagi, Cartwright, Ofahengaue. Int: Lussick, Makatoa, Keir, Tago.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Sailor
2 - A Reynolds
1 - M Sivo

Canterbury 34 (J. Addo-Carr, S. Crichton, H. Hayes, J. Kiraz, K. Morrin, B. Xerri tries; M. Burton 5 goals) defeated Warriors 18 (K. Capewell, W. Egan, M. Montoya tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) at Shaun Johnson Stadium.

Date: Fri, 23rd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-16. Penalties: Warriors 6-5. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 24,295.

Warriors: Nicoll-Klokstad, Watene-Zelezniak, Pompey, Tuivasa-Sheck, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson (C); Fonusa-Blake, Egan, Tevaga, Barnett (C), Capewell, Walker. Int: Niukore, Lussick, Sifakula, Harris-Tavita.

Canterbury: Tracey, Kiraz, Xerri, Crichton (C), Addo-Carr; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Mann. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Hayes, Salmon.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Sexton
2 - H Hayes
1 - L Metcalf

Canberra 22 (X. Savage 2, A. Hopoate, K. Weekes tries; J. Fogarty 3 goals) defeated Penrith 18 (J. Fisher-Harris, D. Laurie, L. Sommerton tries; D. Edwards 3 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-10. Penalties: Penrith 9-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 17,523.

Canberra: Rapana, Hopoate, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Weekes, Fogarty; Horsburgh, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Mariota, Sasagi.

Penrith: Edwards, Laurie, Tago, Mclean, To'o; Schneider, Luai; Leota, Sommerton, Fisher-Harris, Garner; Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Geyer, Toelau, Smith, Henry.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tapine
2 - I Yeo
1 - M Smithies

Melbourne 48 (S. Fa'alogo 2, N. Asofa-Solomona, H. Grant, J. Howarth, J. Hughes, E. Katoa, J. King, A. MacDonald tries; N. Meaney 6 goals) defeated Dolphins 6 (J. Averillo try; J. Isaako goal) at AAMI Park.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 22-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 26,106.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Fa'alogo; Munster, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Kamikamica, MacDonald, Welch.

Dolphins: Tabuai-Fidow, Isaako, Averillo, Farnworth, Bostock; Nikorima, Katoa; Bromwich (C), Plath, Stone, Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Bromwich. Int: Keeley, Nicholls, O'Sullivan, Kerr; Teague.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes
2 - E Katoa
1 - H Grant

Newcastle 36 (J. Cogger 2, D. Gagai 2, D. Lucas, F. Sharpe tries; K. Ponga 6 goals) defeated South Sydney 16 (T. Duncan, T. Milne, J. Wighton tries; F. Myers 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 20-12. Penalties: Newcastle 8-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 9,659.

South Sydney: Gray, Munro, Milne, Myers, Gagai; Wighton, Hawkins; Moale, Cook, Keppie, Koloamatangi, Duncan, Murray (C). Int: Mamouzelos, Host, Burgess, Mitchell.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Sharpe, Gagai, Lucas, Marzheuw; Cogger; Crossland; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Pearce-Paul, Elliott. Int: Pryce, Croker, Hetherington, Jones, Su'a.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Ponga
2 - J Cogger
1 - J Wighton

Sydney 48 (A. Crichton 3, D. Tupou 2, J. Tedesco, S. Tupouniua, S. Walker, D. Young tries; S. Walker 6 goals) defeated Gold Coast 22 (A. Khan-Pereira 3, K. Kini tries; J. Campbell 3 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 26-10. Penalties: Gold Coast 9-7. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 19,286.

Gold Coast: Kini, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Brimson, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Verrills, Jolliffe, Fifita, Fermor; Randall. Int: Liu, Clark, Haas, Palasia.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Waerea-Hargreaves, Dockar-Clay, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Tupouniua. Int: Butcher, Smith, Leniu, May.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tedesco
2 - S Tupouniua
1 - A Crichton

Cronulla 38 (S. Stonestreet 2, M. Hiroti, K. Iro, W. Kennedy, B. Nikora, J. Ramien tries; B. Trindall 5 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 10 (J. Bird, C. Tuipulotu tries; Z. Lomax goal) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 9-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,754.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Feagai, Feagai, Tuipulotu; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, Lawrie, Couchman, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: De Belin, Leilua, Couchman, King-Togia.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Stonestreet, Ramien, Iro, Hiroti; Atkinson, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Hunt, Hamlin-Uele, Hazelton.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Ramien
2 - B Nikora
1 - B Trindall

ROUND 25 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	22	18	0	4	3	213	42
2	SYDNEY	22	15	0	7	3	269	36
3	CRONULLA	22	15	0	7	3	204	36
4	PENRITH	22	15	0	7	3	158	36
5	CANTERBURY	22	14	0	8	3	146	34
6	NORTH QLD	22	13	0	9	3	43	32
7	MANLY	22	12	1	9	3	121	31
8	ST GEO ILLA	22	11	0	11	3	-120	28
9	Brisbane	22	10	0	12	3	2	26
10	Dolphins	22	10	0	12	3	-27	26
11	Newcastle	22	10	0	12	3	-70	26
12	Canberra	22	10	0	12	3	-131	26
13	Gold Coast	22	8	0	14	3	-140	22
14	Warriors	23	8	1	14	2	-64	21
15	South Sydney	22	7	0	15	3	-158	20
16	Parramatta	22	5	0	17	3	-193	16
17	Wests Tigers	23	6	0	17	2	-253	16

ROUND 25 JUDICIARY

Haumole Olakau'atu (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Corey Waddell (MAN)	G2 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Taniela Paseka (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Stephen Crichton (CBY)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Addin Fonusa-Blake (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Jazz Tevaga (WAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Brendan Piakura (BRI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Reagan Campbell-Gillard (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Trent Toelau (PEN)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1000
Mavrik Geyer (PEN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Cameron Murray (SOU)	G2 Careless High Tackle	3 matches
Sebastian Su'a (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (SYD)	G2 Careless High Tackle	3 matches
Victor Radley (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$3000
Daniel Tupou (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jesse Ramien (CRO)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match

ROUND 25 POTY LEADERBOARD

29 POINTS

Daly Cherry Evans (Sea Eagles 26, Maroons 3)

26 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

24 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

23 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

19 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

17 POINTS

Reece Walsh (Broncos), Sam Walker (Roosters), Angus Crichton (Roosters 13, Blues 4)

BYE North Queensland Cowboys

NORTH QLD 38 MELBOURNE 30

It was a taste of what the best can do in attack as the Cowboys against the Storm won a thriller in Townsville, 38-30.

With the lead changing four times during the match, the error-ridden game saw the next men up from the Storm put it to a determined Cowboys outfit, farewelling Valentine Holmes, Kyle Feldt and Jake Granville in the team's last regular season home game. Only five minutes in, and the nerves for the Cowboys showed as they knocked the ball on twice from consecutive hit-ups. It was more than the Storm could bear; with a set restart, Lazarus Vaalepu caught the Cowboys' defence napping. Tyran Wishart's boot made it 0-6 for the visitors. The quality of both teams was that any mistakes would be dealt with harshly. Marion Seve caught Heilum Lukis's head in a crusher, giving the Cowboys prime position. Veteran Kyle Feldt went over, with Valentine Holmes locking the game up 6-6. In a strange turn of events, Ryan Papenhuyzen got not only dacked in a tackle but also corked his leg, sending him from the game for good. Seve also left the field with an injury. Scott Drinkwater did the maths and attacked the reshuffled backline down the Cowboys' left, with Murray Taulagi finishing off the move and Holmes pushing the lead out to 12-6 in the 18th minute. With the Storm getting another chance in the 27th minute via a high shot on Cameron Munster on the Cowboys 10-meter line, Alec MacDonald put his hand up and rammed himself over just off to the goal posts right. But it was a moment Wishart would hope for again, missing and leaving the Cowboys ahead 12-10. With five minutes to go in the half, the Storm drew on their fuel tanks and made the most of consecutive scrum feeds as Wishart threw a dummy worthy of an Oscar, fooling Jeremiah Nanai and racking himself up a try and conversion to get the Storm ahead 12-16. But the Cowboys took up the challenge. Sualauvi Faalogo couldn't contain a bomb from Drinkwater. The numbers opened up for the Cowboys as they drove right, and Feldt got his second for the night. Holmes put the conversion to bed, and the teams went to the shed with the Cowboys ahead 18-16.

The second half opened up just as the Cowboys would have wanted it. A no-look-pass that found a home on the sideline gave the Cowboys easy ball in Melbourne's half. A fatigued-looking Storm could only watch as Val Holmes steamed into their line, getting the try and the conversion to push the home side out 22-16. The Storm countered, and during a raid in front of the Cowboys' goal, Tepai Moeroa slipped, copping a high hit from Reuben Cotter. Wishart took the two points, and we were 24-18 for the Cowboys with 30 minutes to go. The Storm seemed to get a second wind from this, and after some attacks and goal-line dropouts, they finally got the candy. Tyran Wishart was in the right sport, grabbing the footy as it pinballed Cowboys defenders' legs. He went over in the 55th for his second try, and a conversion to boot locked us up at 24 apiece. Only moments later, the momentum was sucked out of the Storms attack as Munster

put a kick out on the full. The ensuing counter from the Cowboys saw Reece Robson scurry to a loose ball in goal and get in front 30-34 after Holmes slotted another. It was end-to-end footy for at least another ten minutes until a set restart complimented the Cowboys' push to the Storms line; Jake Clifford showed finesse as he put a kick out to the Cowboys' right. The Storm backs could not get control, and Jeremiah Nanai cut through the confusion to grab the ball and try. Holmes's laser-like boot pushed the home side out to 36-24. It seemed all Cowboys as they forced the Storm to work it off their line with some heavy defence. The Storm responded with a high shot by Alec MacDonald on Kyle Feldt. The Cowboys took the easy two points, were looking home and hosed at 38-24 with seven minutes to go. But we knew the Storm would give up, and once again, an error up the Cowboys allowed the Storm to set up Ativalu Lisati to break the Cowboys and sprint 40 meters for a try. Wishart brought it back 38-30 with a minute to go. But in the end, it was a bridge too far for the visitors, with Grant Atkins blowing full time. The Cowboys had missed 27 tackles to the Storms' 4 at halftime. But they seemed to have a little more fitness and composure to keep the young Storm team at bay. The error count helped to blow out the lead, but as both parties were guilty, we were rewarded as fans with a high-scoring game. The Storm showed they have plenty of depth, skill, and fire. Although two players came off the field, there are hopes it's not too serious. They will take their rested stars to Suncorp for the next round with the Broncos. The Cowboys will take the momentum of this win and clash with the Bulldogs at Accor. A win could earn them a home final. **ANDY**

MANLY 34 CANTERBURY 22

An AC joint injury to star full-back Tom Trbojevic has overshadowed Manly's 34-22 ambush victory of the Canterbury Bulldogs, played before the biggest Friday 6pm crowd in NRL history at Accor Stadium.

Canterbury got off to a flying start in front of their provokable home crowd. A switch out to the left-hand side saw Josh Addo-Carr into space. The Fox made Jason Saab look like a novice down the sideline and he busted through. He found Reed Mahoney, and the massive crowd was up and about early in the contest. Matt Burton converted to lead 6-0. Despite the early ambush, Manly rebounded with some sustained pressure on Canterbury's line. After a clunky start, the Sea Eagles looked to hit back. A great cross-field kick looked to be hauled in by Haumole Olakau'atu. But Gerard Sutton found a double knock-on and the try was denied by the Bunker. Notwithstanding that set-back, from the ensuing scrum, Manly ran an efficient scrum play reminiscent of one other team have scored off against the Dogs. The overlap created allowed Jason Saab to cross out wide to level the scores (he would later leave the match with a lower leg injury). Manly took the lead after 12 minutes when Olakau'atu took on the Dogs down their left edge, a loose offload was kicked ahead by Luke Brooks. Brooks found milestone man Trbojevic and in game 150, Turbo put Manly ahead. The ruthless run of possession put endless pressure on Canterbury's defence. Despite boasting one of the best defences in the league, they were running

on fumes. As a result, Manly took advantage on the flanks. Magnificent hands from Brooks and Turbo created the overlap. Tommy Talau drew in Skelton and over in the corner went Lehi Hopoate. Reuben Garrick added the conversion from touch and the Dogs were down 18-6. After a rare lull in the match, Canterbury got some good ball and capitalised almost immediately. Some smart hands from Burton found Addo-Carr into open space to score for the Dogs. Addo-Carr appeared to be hurt as he scored the try and was immediately assessed by the doctor and deemed fit to continue. The theme of the first half was capitalising on errors, Manly did so when Xerri lost the ball out of yardage. A brilliant deceptive pass from Brooks to Karl Lawton saw him run the perfect line to score for Manly to lead 24-12 at the break.

Canterbury were dominant to start the second half and were keen to expose Manly's passive start. They went left and it appeared Viliame Kikau got some revenge on Olakau'atu. But the Bunker determined Xerri made contact on the backrower and obstructed. Manly then capitalised with a brilliant 40/20 from DCE. Although they didn't score from that set, Manly frustrated the Dogs with brutal defence and forced an error. It was just a mismatch for numbers on the right and Lehi Hopoate steps past Tracey and Manly have try number five and it was 30-12. The home side lost Matt Burton who failed his HIA and will need to pass through concussion protocol to play next weekend, in that passage, Garrick split the defence easily to score and the game was slipping from Canterbury's grasp. Despite the score, the Dogs weren't going quietly. Canterbury had to be next to score and it was delightful ball from Toby Sexton which found Jacob Preston and the home side had some hope for the last 11 minutes. The Dogs finished the way they started, in style but it was all in consolation for the home side. Nice move saw the Dogs have a lot of hands involved in a mid-football game of hot potato. The Fox broke away, he chipped over the top and Mahoney scored his second as consolation for the home side. **AJ**

PENRITH 34 SOUTH SYDNEY 12

Penrith have consolidated their position in the Top 4, cruising to a 34-12 victory over South Sydney at BlueBet Stadium tonight.

After suffering back-to-back losses to Melbourne and Canberra in recent weeks, it was vital Ivan Cleary's men bounced back to solidify their position in the top half of the ladder and they did exactly that, with lock Isaaq Yeo and makeshift halfback Jerome Luai leading the way for the home side, in what was a morale boosting win heading into the final round of the NRL season. South Sydney played with a carefree attitude and while they had glimpses of brilliance, they never looked like troubling the defending premiers and the Bunnies will look forward to ending what has been a hugely disappointing year. There was a bright spot for the visitors however, with winger Tyrone Munro crossing for two tries following what was a devastating week for the youngster following the death of his mother. The winger bravely chose to play in her honour and produced a two try performance in emotional scenes for his family

watching in the stands. Penrith came into the match with the pressure on their Top 4 spot eased following the Bulldogs loss in the earlier game at Accor Stadium. Despite this Penrith started fast with Isaaq Yeo producing a classy pass to James Fisher-Harris close to the line to score the first try of the match. This was followed up almost immediately by a try to backrower Luke Garner, who crashed over in his 100th first grade game thanks to a neat pass from Jarome Luai to give the defending premiers at 12-0 lead. Luai was at it again for the Panthers third try, when the Blues half dribbled through a beautiful kick close to the line for Brad Schneider to score to make it 18-0. South Sydney were playing care free football and managed to hit back just before halftime, following an early kick in the set from Cody Walker. The ball then bounced beautifully for Tyrone Munro to score and narrow the scoreline to 18-6 at halftime.

Penrith picked up where they left off after the break through winger Sunia Turuva who dived over in the corner and then minutes later the Tigers bound winger had a double following a break from Jerome Luai and things were starting to get ugly for the Rabbitohs. Just as the Panthers looked like putting on a cricket score, Tyrone Munro had a second try when the rangy winger pinched an intercept to run the length of the field to narrow the score to 28-12. Souths then lost backrower Keaton Koloamatangi to the Sin Bin for tackling James Fisher-Harris chasing a kick close to the line. Penrith made them pay immediately through Isaaq Yeo, who muscled his way over for a try close to the line to put an exclamation point on a scrappy but important win. Penrith will now close the season at home in Round 27, where they will host Gold Coast Titans. South Sydney will have a final chance to end their season on a high against their bitter rivals the Sydney Roosters at Accor Stadium next Friday night. **SAM**

PARRAMATTA 44 ST GEO ILLA 40

Parramatta Eels won 44-40 against St George Illawarra Dragons in a game which featured 84 points in the Sydney sun.

The Eels almost extinguished the Dragons finals hopes in a game which defence was optional. Maika Sivo and Mat Feagai scored hat-tricks while Tyrell Sloan and Clint Gutherson had doubles in a game where we had the first losing side to score 40 points. It was an inauspicious start for the Dragons in a must win game. They lost it on the second tackle and were camped on their line in defense. Eels capitalised quickly and Will Penisini steamed onto the ball to score. The Eels added another quickly after that. It was a milestone for Maika Sivo, who shrugged off some sluggish defence and slammed it down for his century of NRL four-pointers. Dragons showed a brief bit of heart when Jaydn Su'A just kept his legs pumping to move forward. He kept the ball carrying arm free and found Connor Muhleisen to go over for 10-6. The Dragons did get across the stripe again twice in the first half, once through Mathew Feagai who knocked on then Tyrell Sloan's effort was chalked off due to a Zac Lomax obstruction. There was no sentiment from the Eels in the sunshine. Sivo brushed off the winger then positioned Clint Gutherson to stroll over for an

easy four-pointer as the Eels were having fun in the sun. Parramatta finished the half with a flurry by 26-6 at the break. Dylan Brown floated one for Jake Tago to touch down then Shaun Lane just walked through the Dragons defence for a score.

The Dragons needed a big response in the second half and that never happened. Two sets and two tries from the Eels which blew the game wide open and extinguished the Dragons hopes. Eels ran it on last, Blaise Tulagi found the ball on last and measured the pass for Brown to score then the five-eighth sliced through and found Gutherson for his second of the afternoon. There was some consolation for the Dragons in the second half. Zac Lomax was on the end of some quick hands to get over to make it 36-12 and maybe give them some faint hope. Nope, the Dragons gave up another soft four-pointer. Off a restart, the Eels quickly shifted it left an Sivo strolled over for his second of the afternoon. Next, the Sivo chant went up around Western Sydney Stadium as Sivo brought up his hat-trick. The Eels kept it alive again on last, found Sivo who bumped off Toby Couchman for the score. The Dragons finished off with a frenzy of tries to give them one gasp. Mat Feagai scored from a putback then Tyrell Sloan finished off two good moves for a double. Two kicks from Hunt and Raymond Faitala-Mariner gifted Matt Feagai a hat-trick in a game which saw 84 points scored. The

Dragons had one final chance off the kick-off, but it was smothered for an Eels win. **JUSTIN**

DOLPHINS 40 BRISBANE 6

The F-35 and C17's weren't the only high powered action in Brisbane tonight as the Dolphins picked up their first Brisbane Derby win with a 40-6 win over the Broncos at Suncorp Stadium.

Starting the game fast the Dolphins dominated field position and possession but took them nearly 15 minutes to score as an initial shift left brought them back to the right and Jamayne Isaako scored in the corner. The Dolphins were then controversially reduced to 12 men when on the advice of Ashley Klein in the bunker, Adam Gee sent Felise Kaufusi to the sin bin for a high shot on Adam Reynolds who had stayed down though replays seemed to show contact was maybe not high. The reduction in men didn't hurt the Redcliffe side as Jake Averillo went through for the first of his 2 tries in the opening half. Pat Carrigan put his side back with in a try when he was able to get over from close range and Kotoni Staggs closed the gap back to six. Just after the half-hour mark, the Hammer showed why he is probably the fastest man in the game when the ball was spilt by the Broncos and Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow scooped it up with open space ahead of him. Extending their lead to 18 just shy of the half-time break, Jake Averillo picked up his second after

linking with Herbie Farnworth who went through some flimsy Broncos defensive efforts.

It wasn't an ideal start to the second half either for Brisbane as they conceded within the first ten minutes of the second half when it was telegraphed that Herbie Farnworth was going to come back inside to score but the Broncos just failed to read the message and let Farnworth in almost untouched. The Hammer added his second try of the game when the Broncos defence was just stuck in quicksand as the Hammer went at the line and ducked under some awful defence to score. The Dolphins then extended their lead again as Herbie picked up his second of the night again after the Broncos turned the ball over and their defence just capitulated again. The win leaves the Dolphins in a perfect position for the final spot in the top 8 as they take on the Knights in what is the last game of the season. The Broncos task is tough as they need every mathematical result go their way as well as picking up a win against the Storm. **JOSH**

WARRIORS 30 CRONULLA 28

Shaun Johnson's final touch on an NRL field was a try assist to complete a comeback 30-28 Warriors win against the Sharks.

The match started off in an arm wrestle with both teams struggling for advantage until the

Warriors opened the scoring with a vintage effort by Johnson to put Luke Metcalf over. But after that it was a Braydon Trindall take over, the Sharks half picking up try assists to Teig Wilton and Kayal Iro to put the black, white and blue in the lead. The Sharks wrapped up the half in style, with Samuel Stonestreet and Tom Hazelton also picking up tries to take a 16 point advantage into the break. The Sharks started how they left off with two quick tries, however both were overturned by the bunker. And in the end it was the Warriors who struck first through in the second stanza through Dallin Watene-Zelesniak, and when DWZ scored a second not long later it was suddenly game on. Not long after a string of penalties saw Kayal Iro sent to the sin bin, and Charnze Nicoll-Klokstadt scored soon after before a Marcelo Montoya try put the Warriors ahead.

The Sharks didn't die wondering however, and a converted Stonestreet try put them back ahead. Then when the Metcalf put a two point field goal wide, it seemed they would hold on for the win. But a Jack Williams error gave the Warriors one more chance, and that's when 'SJ' stepped up. In the final touch of his NRL career, he fired a marvellous pass to DWZ to give the winger his hat trick and a marvellous farewell to the game for one of the games biggest stars. **RHYS**

NEWCASTLE 36 GOLD COAST 14

The Newcastle Knights have confirmed an exhilarating showdown for the last spot in the finals after downing the Gold Coast Titans 36-14 on Sunday afternoon.

Setting up a winner-takes-all clash to determine eighth place with the Dolphins on Old Boys Day next Sunday, the Knights stood tall in front of 24,712 home supporters with Kalyn Ponga coming away with a personal haul of 16 points. The Knights started full of intensity and looked to open the scoring through Greg Marzhev only for a long-range break in the following set finished off by Jojo Fifita (6th minute), who backed his pace to touch down out wide. A try to Ponga (21st minute) midway through the half gave the home side the lead after the Newcastle captain accelerated from a standing start to beat David Fifita and carried Jayden Campbell over the line. Both sides were unable to capitalise on opportunities as halftime approached - Fletcher Sharpe dropping the ball for Newcastle and Gold Coast debutant Jaylan De Groot grounding short of the line - however a left-side attacking raid allowed Ponga (37th minute) to back up in support for a 12-4 lead at the change of ends.

The Titans were made to pay for errors and penalties following the resumption with Sharpe collecting a hat-trick with speed (43rd minute), catching a Gidley-esque flick from Brodie Jones (46th minute) and pouncing on a Dane Gagai grubber kick (51st minute). Phoenix Crossland (55th minute) collected his first try of the season to secure the Knights 11th win from 15 matches against the Titans in Newcastle, while a flying catch by Fifita (60th minute) stemmed the one-way flow of points with the winger collecting his second try of the day. A great show of footwork from Jayden Campbell gave De Groot (70th minute) a consolation try before Leo Thompson (79th minute) steamrolled the debutant on fulltime to the delight of the Newcastle faithful. The Knights played in their hi-vis strip as part of the Club's annual Voice for Mining partnership and recorded their ninth win from 19 matches when wearing the orange jersey over the last decade. Next week, the Knights will face the Dolphins at home on Sunday afternoon, while the Titans will travel to Penrith on Saturday night to take on the Panthers. **ROB**

CANBERRA 14 SYDNEY 12

The bad news started early for the Roosters, when Sam Walker went down with what would later become a suspected torn ACL when he went to try and ground a bouncing ball. They got a penalty in the incident and took a 2-0 lead, but certainly the attention of many Roosters fans was taken away from the game.

Just minutes later, the Raiders took the lead when Elliot Whitehead powered over from close range. Not long after Whitehead contributed to a try again, this time making an offload for Simi Sasagi to cross. Even when Whitehead went to the sin bin for a hip drop that forced Brandon Smith off the field with a knee issue, the Raiders did not crack and took a 10-2 lead to half time. After weathering the rest of the storm while Whitehead was in the bin, the Raiders pushed their lead to 12 when a poor Luke Keary pass eventually found its way into Xavier Savage, who simply was not going to be caught. That made it 14-2, and it should have been game over.

But when Whitehead used his foot to try and strike the ball out of the hands of Angus Crichton, all hell broke loose. Whitehead went to the sin bin again, and this time the Roosters capitalised with a Daniel Tupou try. But despite dominating possession over the net 10 minutes, the Roosters could not cross the line and again you'd be forgiven for thinking the Raiders were home and hosed. But a penalty with 100 seconds remaining trimmed the lead to 6 and gave the Roosters a final set to take the game to golden point. They marched downfield before a final play where practically every Rooster touched the ball before Keary kicked to Tupou for his second try of the night. It gave Keary a sideline conversion to win the game, but the kick was unfortunately wide left, giving Canberra the win. The Raiders have almost no chance of making the finals, but it does exist. They would need the Knights and Dolphins to draw their match, and to beat the Dragons. For the Roosters meanwhile they will almost certainly finish 3rd unless they beat the Rabbitohs and the Panthers are upset by the Titans. **RHYS**

ROUND 26 SCOREBOARD

North Qld 38 (K. Feldt 2, V. Holmes, J. Nanai, R. Robson, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) defeated Melbourne 30 (T. Wishart 2, A. Lisati, A. MacDonald, L. Vaalepu tries; T. Wishart 5 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Thu, 29th August. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: North Qld 18-16. Penalties: North Qld 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 20,787.

North Qld: Drinkwater, Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Clifford; McLean, Robson, McIntyre, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Taumalolo, Edwards, Neame, Purdue.

Melbourne: Papenhuyzen (C), Jeremia, Seve, Tonumaip'e'a, Fa'alogo; Munster; Anderson; Vaalepu, Wishart, Welch, Bradley, Chan, MacDonald. Int: Russell-Smith, Moeroa, Lisati, Powell.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Wishart
2 - V Holmes
1 - T Dearden

Manly 34 (L. Hopoate 2, R. Garrick, K. Lawton, J. Saab, T. Trbojevic tries; R. Garrick 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 22 (R. Mahoney 2, J. Addo-Carr, J. Preston tries; M. Burton 2, T. Sexton goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 30th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Manly 24-12. Penalties: Canterbury 7-4. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 35,502.

Canterbury: Tracey, Skelton, Xerri, Kiraz, Addo-Carr; Burton, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Salmon. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Hayes, Curran.

Manly: Trbojevic, Saab, Talau, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker; Lodge, Olakau'atu, Lawton, Trbojevic. Int: Brown, Koula, Aloiai, Bullemor.

Player of the Year: 3 - L Brooks
2 - T Paseka
1 - D Cherry-Evans

Penrith 34 (S. Turuva 2, J. Fisher-Harris, L. Garner, B. Schneider, I. Yeo tries; P. Alamoti 5 goals) defeated South Sydney 12 (T. Munro 2 tries; F. Myers 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 30th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-6. Penalties: Penrith 11-10. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 20,176.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Schneider, Lui; Henry, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Garner, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Leota, Toelau, Smith, Eisenhuth.

South Sydney: Gray, Munro, Milne, Myers, Gagai; Wighton, Walker (C); Moale, Cook, Keppie, Host, Duncan, Koloamatangi. Int: Mamouzelos, Burgess, Havili, Le Blanc.

Player of the Year: 3 - I Yeo
2 - J Lui
1 - J Fisher-Harris

Parramatta 44 (M. Sivo 3, C. Gutherson 2, D. Brown, S. Lane, W. Penisini, J. Tago tries; D. Asi 4 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 40 (M. Feagai 3, T. Sloan 2, Z. Lomax, C. Muhleisen tries; Z. Lomax 6 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 26-6. Penalties: St George Illawarra 8-5. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 21,623.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Talagi, Tago; Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Ogden, Lane, Cartwright, Ofahengaue. Int: Lussick, Makatoa, Moretti, Keir.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Feagai, Feagai, Ravalawa; Bird, Hunt (C); Molo, Muhleisen, De Belin, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Couchman, Couchman, Faitala-Mariner, King-Togia.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Brown
2 - M Sivo
1 - T Sloan

Dolphins 40 (J. Averillo 2, H. Farnworth 2, H. Tabuai-Fidow 2, J. Isaako tries; J. Isaako 6 goals) defeated Brisbane 6 (P. Carrigan try; K. Staggs goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Dolphins 24-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 50,049.

Dolphins: Fuller; Isaako, Tabuai-Fidow, Farnworth, Bostock; Averillo, O'Sullivan; Pangai Junior, Plath, Nicholls (C), Kaufusi, Lemuelu, Hubner. Int: Katoa, Bromwich, Stone, Marshall-King.

Brisbane: Sailor, Cobbo, Staggs, Karapani, Arthars; Rogers, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Haas, Piakura, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Willison, Mozer, Te Kura, Taupau.

Player of the Year: 3 - H Farnworth
2 - H Tabuai-Fidow
1 - T Fuller

Warriors 30 (D. Watene-Zelezniak 3, L. Metcalf, M. Montoya, C. Nicoll-Klokstad tries; S. Johnson 3 goals) defeated Cronulla 28 (S. Stonestreet 2, T. Hazelton, K. Iro, T. Wilton tries; B. Trindall 4 goals) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 22-4. Penalties: Warriors 8-6. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 12,637.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Atkinson, Iro, Stonestreet; Hynes, Trindall; Rudolf, Brailey, Kaufusi, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Williams, Hunt, Hamlin-Uele, Hazelton.

Warriors: Tuaupiki, Watene-Zelezniak, Nicoll-Klokstad, Leiataua, Montoya; Metcalf, Johnson; Fonua-Blake, Lussick, Tevaga, Barnett (C), Capewell, Walker. Int: Egan, Niukore, Ale, Sifakula.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Johnson
2 - D Watene-Zelezniak
1 - B Brailey

Newcastle 36 (F. Sharpe 3, K. Ponga 2, P. Crossland, L. Thompson tries; K. Ponga 4 goals) defeated Gold Coast 14 (S. Fifita 2, J. De Groot tries; J. Campbell goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-4. Penalties: Newcastle 5-2. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 24,712.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Sharpe, Gagai, Best, Marzhev; Cogger, Crossland; Saifti, Brailey, Thompson, Lucas, Jones, Elliott. Int: Pryce, Croker, Hetherington, Cant.

Gold Coast: De Groot, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Farmor, Fifita; Campbell, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Verrills, Jolliffe, Fifita, Randall, Liu. Int: Pahulu, Clark, Haas, Palasia.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Ponga
2 - B Jones
1 - D Gagai

Canberra 14 (S. Sasagi, X. Savage, E. Whitehead tries; A. Cook goal) defeated Sydney 12 (D. Tupou 2 tries; L. Keary 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canberra 10-2. Penalties: Sydney 12-5. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 27,239.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Tupou, Jennings, Manu, Young; Keary, Walker; Leniu, Smith, Collins, Crichton, Radley, Butcher. Int: Watson, Whyte, Tupouniua, May, Dockar-Clay.

Canberra: Rapana, Hopoate, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Weekes, Cook; Horsburgh, Levi, Tapine, Young, Whitehead (C), Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Mariota, Sasagi.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Tapine
2 - J Manu
1 - E Whitehead

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ROUND 26 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MELBOURNE	23	18	0	5	3	205	42
2	PENRITH	23	16	0	7	3	180	38
3	SYDNEY	23	15	0	8	3	267	36
4	CRONULLA	23	15	0	8	3	202	36
5	CANTERBURY	23	14	0	9	3	134	34
6	NORTH QLD	23	14	0	9	3	51	34
7	MANLY	23	13	1	9	3	133	33
8	DOLPHINS	23	11	0	12	3	7	28
9	Newcastle	23	11	0	12	3	-48	28
10	St Geo Illa	23	11	0	12	3	-124	28
11	Canberra	23	11	0	12	3	-129	28
12	Brisbane	23	10	0	13	3	-32	26
13	Warriors	24	9	1	14	2	-62	23
14	Gold Coast	23	8	0	15	3	-162	22
15	South Sydney	23	7	0	16	3	-180	20
16	Parramatta	23	6	0	17	3	-189	18
17	Wests Tigers	23	6	0	17	3	-253	18

ROUND 26 JUDICIARY

Tepai Moeroa (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Bronson Xerri (CBY)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Nathan Brown (MAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Tallis Duncan (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Lindsay Smith (PEN)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$1000
Cody Walker (SOU)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Connelly Lemuelu (DOL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Felise Kaufusi (DOL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800.
Xavier Willison (BRI)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Tristan Sailor (BRI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Ali Leiataua (WAR)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jack Williams (CRO)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$750
Kayal Iro (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Angus Crichton (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Elliott Whitehead (CAN)	G3 Dangerous Contact	3 matches
Elliott Whitehead (CAN)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$1800
Elliott Whitehead (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact (trip)	\$1800

ROUND 26 POTY LEADERBOARD

30 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 27, Maroons 3)

26 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

24 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters)

23 POINTS

Dylan Edwards (Panthers 20, Blues 3)

19 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

MELBOURNE 50 BRISBANE 12

It was a systematic deconstruction of the Brisbane Broncos at the hands of a merciless Melbourne Storm with a thumping 12-50 scoreline at Suncorp Stadium.

Jahrome Hughes stared for the Storm, snagging three tries, three-line breaks and putting 120 run meters beside his name. But Hughes wasn't the only one to get a hat trick, with Will Warbrick making it personal against the Broncos with 5-line breaks and 300 meters eaten up. Brisbane coach Kevvie Walters had hoped that the boys would play for the jersey in front of the home crowd, but that wish started to fade quickly as Will Warbrick started his demolition job 10 minutes in after being given too much space. Only to find the Broncos lacking 5 minutes later for his second try, and the home team looked bamboozled. The Storm seemed unstoppable even when pinned in their half, with Hughes sending a rocket of a pass to Warbrick in their quarter only to finally finish off the charge up the field for himself for his first try of the night. The steamrolling didn't stop as Eliesa Katoa finished another easy raid into Broncos territory for the Storm to be up 0-22 in the first 20 minutes. With some changes, the Broncos seemed to find rhythm in the chaos, and Blake Mozer set up Walters in the 30 minute to give the home crowd something to cheer about. But it was short-lived as Harry Grant exposed the Bronco's defence to be lazy and already on holiday at the end of the half. And we went to the sheds with the Storm leading 6-28.

The second half saw the Storm pouring on more points as Hughes got his second. So on fire where the Storm that even though Hughes thought he had not scored the try, the Bunker said, take the points, boys, this is your night. Storm favourite Xavier Coates got a try not long after, with the big winger throwing himself into the game eager from such a long time off with injury. Hughes got his hat trick shortly after, as Warbrick contested a high ball, and the Storm showed too much tenacity with multiple players in support, feeding it to their gun halfback to get the points. In the 62nd minute, a late call from the Bunker found Eliesa Katoa had caught Tristan Sailor high, and the second rower got 10 minutes for his trouble. It was some easy maths for the Broncos as they quickly went on the attack down the side Katoa had been on, and Jesse Arthurs went over. But there would never be any comeback, and the deal was sealed. Even with one man down, the Storm managed to outstrip the Bronco's defence, and Warbrick slid over for

his third shortly after the Broncos had scored. The last 10 minutes of the game were merely a back-and-forth because of dropped balls by both teams. The game played out til the end to 12-50, and on all accounts, Storm coach Craig Bellamy would probably say they left at least another 12 points out there! The Broncos were tired and disjointed, with bad decisions the rule of the night for them. With no inspiration, they were lucky they had some resolve to hold out the Storm to only 50. The Storm were electric, with Hughes and Warbrick commanding respect. Sualauvi Faalogo showed fantastic skill and flare with multiple line breaks, which was generally a headache for the Broncos. Unfortunately, he came off the field around the 68th minute with what seemed to be a hamstring problem, and we will have to wait for the outcome. The Broncos pack it in for a year with what was a forgetful last few weeks; one of the powerhouses of NRL will have to do some soul-searching for 2025. The Storm pushes on to bigger and better things, ready to take on whoever ends up in position four on the ladder at AAMI Park, likely to be the Cronulla Sharks. **ANDY**

PARRAMATTA 60 WESTS TIGERS 26

The Parramatta Eels have emphatically won the Spoon Bowl, avoiding last position with a ruthless 60-26 victory over the Wests Tigers who have won their third successive wooden spoon.

Spoon Bowl brought the rugby league community much joy. But we soon remembered why these teams were playing for this valuable prize as the first half consisted of some disappointing mistakes. It was a poor start to the game, especially from the Tigers with several careless errors. As a result, Parramatta didn't waste their third successive set inside the Tigers 20m zone. Some nice work from the departing Blaize Talagi got Maika Sivo one on one with Charlie Staines who Sivo trucked over on his way to the line after eight minutes. Three minutes later, after earning a penalty and building some sustained possession, the Tigers were able to hit back. Great light-footed runs from Latu Fainu and Heath Mason got the Tigers on the front foot. It was then the green light for the Lachlan Galvin show, clever grubber by Galvin found Josh Feledy on the bounce and the Tigers hit back. Parramatta continued giving the Tigers quality field position after the kick-off went out on the full. Galvin continued his terrorising attacking raid with a second try-assist in as many sets as he fired a bullet ball to Junior Tupou who crossed to give the Tigers a 10-6 lead after 15 minutes. Parramatta didn't let the two successive tries get in their way. After building pressure of their own,

Daejarn Asi took advantage of some disappointing edge defence to cross out wide for the Eels and we were evenly poised midway through the first half of Spoon Bowl 24'. Parramatta regained the lead just before the half-hour mark. Dylan Brown caused all sorts of issues for some fatigued defenders before getting the ball away to Brendan Hands who gets off the nudie run for 2024. Right before half-time, a terrifying Asi bomb caused all sorts of problems for the Tigers at the back. Heath Mason let it bounce, Reagan Campbell-Gillard recovered it and was in dire straits with what to do. He found Will Penisini who breaks his way through some tackles to score and Parramatta led 22-10 at the break.

The Tigers started the second half poorly as they looked to throw the footy around. An inside ball from Latu Fainu was intercepted by Bryce Cartwright, he thought better than to run the length and found Penisini to cross for his double. Following a speculator bomb from Mason, he got revenge as Sivo lost the ball and the Tigers built some pressure. A bounce pass from Koroisau landed in the lap of Latu Fainu and the Tigers got back into this ball game. The comeback was put on ice after Api Koroisau was pinned and sin-binned for a spear tackle on Clint Gutherson. On the ensuing set, Asi's cross-field kick is a contest initially between Penisini and Feledy. Feledy looked to be taken off the ball in the aftermath of the contest, however it was cleared by the Bunker after a lengthy review. Cartwright was jolly on the spot to score, and the Eels immediately capitalised on being down to 12 men. On the next set, Parramatta charged through the Tigers reduced middle and the home side had their hands on a third straight spoon. A late offload from Kelma Tuilagi allowed Sivo to redeem his earlier sin and he charged across for his second try. Parramatta sealed the game just after the hour mark, a poor pass from dummy half allowed Gutherson into space. The brave Parra fullback went straight through to put the exclamation point on this fixture. Parramatta were running out of players with Asi, Brown and Penisini all coming off the field injured in the second half. The Tigers were also down Latu Fainu who went for a HIA. The home side got the first of many tries needed for an unlikely miracle when Isaiah Papali'i charged across from short-range after a good carry from debutant Tony Sukkar. However, the next set put any end to that as the Eels capitalised on a cheap durny-over and it was Reagan Campbell-Gillard who scored in what could be his last match. Joey Lussick added some late score-board inflation after a brilliant grubber from Cartwright. Wests finished 2024 in style with a late try to Charlie Staines but it was in vein as the Tigers were thrashed emphatically in this fixture. **AJ**

SYDNEY 36 SOUTH SYDNEY 28

The Sydney Roosters have retained the Ron Coote Cup with an unconvincing 36-28 victory over the South Sydney Rabbitohs at Accor Stadium.

It wasn't a crisp start for either side with errors and ill-discipline taking away any momentum but for the Roosters it came after just seven minutes when new cult hero Mark Nawaqanitawase flew through the air to outjump Tyrone Munro to score the first for the Roosters. Souths hit back soon after when Jye Gray sliced through after the Roosters defence failed to number up and Nawaqanitawase slipped letting Gray have a saloon passage. Being within just two points didn't last long for South Sydney as Jacob Gagai rushed off his wing to give Junior Pauga free passage to the corner. Souths though were able to hit back five minutes later when Cody Walker went through the middle of some soft defence. Damien Cook's conversion put Souths level at 10-10. The Roosters though didn't let Souths stay level for too long when Jacob Gagai again rushed up off his wing and left Junior Pauga to score his second of the night and despite the conversion missing the tricolours had a 14-10 lead. Any hopes of Souths making an unlikely upset happen were quickly blown away as the Roosters put two quick tries on the board inside ten minutes when Siliti Tupouniua and Angus Crichton both went through very softly. A third try that was initially given on field by Grant Atkins was overturned so the Roosters could only lead 26-10. That lead was extended twice more in quick succession when James Tedesco went through to score and then Junior Pauga scored his third of the night but injured his knee in the process. The Roosters managed one of two conversions to open up a 36-10 lead.

Souths then had a try disallowed for an obstruction, but it didn't matter much because Tyrone Munro went 95m upfield again after a Roosters kick was tapped backwards but straight into the arms of Munro who despite not being fully fit went the length of the field to score. Tom Burgess then capped off his final Souths game with a four pointer and he even converted it somewhat unconvincingly to close the gap to 14 points before Jye Gray picked up his second to close the gap to 10 and then the final 8-point margin after Dean Hawkins converted. The win for the Roosters made sure they locked up a clash against the Panthers next week in Week 1 of the finals, whilst Souths look forward to their second Bennett eras as their season comes to an end. **JOSH**

CANBERRA 26 ST GEO ILLA 24

The Canberra Raiders have finished their 2024 campaign on a high after defeating the St George Illawarra Dragons 26-24 at Kogarah on Saturday afternoon.

Fighting back from an 18-0 deficit inside the opening 11 minutes to extend their record over the joint venture to eight wins from their past ten matches, an audacious kick by Corey Horsburgh in the dying stages saw the Raiders reap the rewards of a victory built on resolve. Getting off to a dream start with Zac Lomax soaring onto a Ben Hunt bomb and finding Tom Eisenhuth (1st minute) in support, the Dragons continued their attacking assault when Jacob Liddle (9th minute) carried three defenders over the line before making an incisive run in the following set which allowed Hunt to thread through a grubber kick for Jady Su'A (11th minute) to establish an 18-0 lead. The Raiders got in on the point-scoring action with Danny Levi (15th minute) pouncing on a Jamal Fogarty kick only for the Dragons to respond moments later through Lykhan King-Togia (19th minute) who collected his first try in the top grade. A successful challenge gave the Raiders the field position needed for Xavier Savage (24th minute) to round out the first half scoring as the hosts took a 24-10 lead to the sheds.

Both sides showed greater application to defence after halftime however the Raiders were the only ones to prove as effective in attack with Albert Hupoate (47th minute) outpacing Lomax and Hudson Young (61st minute) bursting into space to narrow the margin to four points heading into the final quarter. A moment of individual brilliance from Horsburgh (77th minute), who regathered his own grubber kick, gave Kaeo Weekes the opportunity to put the Raiders ahead for the first time with a successful conversion. Lomax attempted to tie the game up with a two-point field goal on full-time only for his final act as a Dragons player to be charged down, leaving the 11,189 supporters in attendance to lament an improved season undone by a catastrophic choke over the final fortnight. The win sees the Raiders bring their final win-loss record to 50%, in defiance of pre-season expectations, to remain a mathematical chance of clinching 8th position should the Knights and Dolphins play out a draw in the final match of the home-and-away season tomorrow afternoon. **ROB**

NEWCASTLE 14 DOLPHINS 6

A five-star performance by Kaly Ponga has lifted the Knights into the final top 8 spot with a 14-6 win over the Dolphins.

Both teams were locked in an arm wrestle to start the game, before the Dolphins thought they struck first through Trai Fuller. But it was denied due to

NORTH QLD 44 CANTERBURY 6

North Queensland have wrapped up fifth place and secured a home elimination final after destroying the Bulldogs 44-6 at Accor Stadium on Saturday.

With the hosts missing a couple of key players - most notably Matt Burton - leading into the contest, it looked like it would be an uphill battle to retain fifth place. That would prove true within 12 minutes when a penalty goal handed the visitors an early 2-0 lead. The 20-minute mark saw the first try of the day - Kyle Feldt's 149th in the NRL in his final regular season game for the club he helped deliver the 2015 premiership. Heilum Luki extended that lead on the half hour mark for a 14-0 lead before the hearts of the 32,000+ strong at Accor broke further when Scott Drinkwater took advantage once more right on the break. Subsequently, the home team went into halftime 20-0 behind.

The second half began just the way the first ended with some horrific edge defence as Luki continued to tear the Bulldogs apart. Fortunately, the Cowboys gave the NRL a masterclass on how to butcher a try when some poor interchange of passing denied them scoring chances. In the first 15 minutes of the second stanza, some quick hands down the right hand edge and Kyle Feldt capitalises to score out in the right corner. Three minutes later, the mountain to come back immediately got that much higher: Canterbury panicked and put excess pressure on Drinkwater, he passed to Holmes and he chipped over the top. Holmes regathers, takes possession from Tracey and the Cowboys have put 30 on the Dogs for the second successive week. Canterbury crossed for their solitary try when a bomb was dropped by Drinkwater. Sexton eventually collected the ball after a sequence that rivalled Benny Hill, and the Dogs had their only try of the game. The more the Dogs tried, the more they struggled to come back. A Tracey pass was intercepted by Murray Taulagi and the flying Cowboys winger raced away to put the game beyond doubt. The Cowboys immediately targeted the weakened right edge as Kiraz was holding an arm injury, a beautiful pass out wide saw Taulagi finish with a second try and a 44-6 verdict.

AJ & TIM

a controversial obstruction by Connelly Lemuel saw Trai's try taken off the board. Not long after Newcastle scored when Kaly Ponga pounced on a quick play the ball to setup Adam Elliott. The rest of the first half was relatively uneventful, but the second half started perfectly for Newcastle when Ponga pulled off a moment of individual brilliance by skipping across seven Dolphins defenders before hitting Brodie Jones for the Knights' second.

PENRITH 18 GOLD COAST 12

Defending Premiers Penrith Panthers tonight snuck home to an unimpressive 6-point win against the lowly Gold Coast Titans, in the 650th NRL game played at BlueBet Stadium.

Penrith got off to a good and early lead after just 7 minutes when Dylan Edwards received a bad ball, shaped to pass but held it with the defence on him. He then slipped the tackle of Brian Kelly before firing a pass to Brian To'o who scored in the corner. Paul Alamoti failed to convert from the sideline. The Titans replied 10 minutes later when Jayden Campbell picked up a loose ball then produced some great sidesteps to get into the clear before racing away to score a good solo try. He converted his own try to give the Titans the lead. Some ill-disciplined and unimaginative play by both sides saw the scores unchanged at halftime.

Three minutes after play resumed, Edwards ran back on the inside, dodged a bunch of flat-footed defenders to score a soft solo try near the posts. Alamoti converted. Five minutes later, Jarome Luai put in a delicate grubber near the Titans line, which bounced up perfectly for Luke Garner, who regathered and scored. Alamoti again converted and it looked like the Panthers attack had finally woken up. The Bunker denied the Panthers a try in the 59th minute and then they denied the Titans a try less than 2 minutes later. Then they denied Alamoti a try in the 63rd minute. The Titans narrowed the margin in the 70th minute when a stray pass by the Panthers, 5 metres from the Titans line, went behind everyone. Alofiana Khan-Pereira cleaned it up and raced 90 metres to score a much-needed try. Campbell converted. In the 75th minute, Luai copped a high shot and Alamoti kicked a penalty goal. Both sides traded knock-ons and other assorted errors before father time put this one to bed, Penrith winning 18-12. **ANDREW**

Around 10 minutes later Ponga added on a penalty goal to give the Knights an imposing 14-0 lead.

The Dolphins again got close to another try when Jeremy Marshall-King was taken out of a chase, but a knock on by Jack Bostock ruled out any chance of a penalty try. When Jesse Bromwich was sin binned in the 68th minute, any hope of a Dolphins miracle seemed lost, but a Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow try gave

CRONULLA 40 MANLY 20

The chance of hosting a Week 1 final slipped through the fingers of the Manly Sea Eagles after suffering a heavy 40-20 loss to the Cronulla Sharks.

Manly had thought they had initially scored first when Lehi Hupoate got to a grubber kick first and despite it being initially awarded by Adam Gee, it was overturned with Hupoate knocking on. The ball went up the other end quickly and Sione Katoa found his way to the corner to score, Nicho failed to convert. Things then looked up for the hosts as they were able to put two unconverted tries on the board in quick succession when Tommy Talau went over on the left and then Faulalo won a battle in the air to score on the right. The Sharks then took the lead back when the bunker gave the all clear to a Ronaldo Mulitalo try after some questions on whether the ball travelled forward or backwards. Things were unravelling for Manly as a late tackle from Matt Lodge put Cronulla into attacking position. They couldn't score as they were denied by the officials after Sione Katoa wasn't able to get the ball down in the corner, but they did finally get another four pointers on the stroke of half-time when Jack Williams crashed over under the sticks.

Second half didn't get better for the Sea Eagles as they couldn't take an advantage of an attacking set on the Sharks line after a high tackle penalty against Jesse Ramien as well as a Ronaldo Mulitalo knock on. The Shire side then went down the other end of the field and went bang bang with two more tries in a five-minute period when Ronaldo Mulitalo picked up his second and a lack of defensive urgency from Manly let Daniel Atkinson through to ground a grubber kick. Cronulla had opened a 20-point lead before a slight sniff of a comeback appeared for Manly when Haumole Olakau'atu crashed over and Reuben Garrick converted to close the gap down to 14 points. The comeback hopes were dashed when the Sharks pushed the margin out to 20 when Briton Nikora scored the first of his double and then out to 24 after he picked up his second in quick succession. A late consolation try to the Sea Eagles rewarded Tolu Koula for a strong game at fullback today despite the scoreline. Next week, the Sharks will be wanting to use this confidence to take on Melbourne a side they've already beaten this season in their qualifying final whilst Manly will rue losing the home ground opportunity next week as they take on the Bulldogs at Accor Stadium. **JOSH**

them a glimmer. However, their final phases could not deliver, and the Dolphins season fell at the final hurdle. It's the first time Wayne Bennett has missed the finals in back-to-back seasons, and also an end to the career of the senior Bromwich brother after a 15-season career. The Knights meanwhile will head to Townsville to take on the Cowboys in the hopes of extending their campaign. **RHYS**

ROUND 27 SCOREBOARD

Melbourne 50 (J. Hughes 3, W. Warbrick 3, X. Coates, H. Grant, E. Katoa tries; N. Meaney 7 goals) defeated Brisbane 12 (J. Arthars, J. Rogers tries; A. Reynolds 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Thu, 5th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 28-6. Penalties: Melbourne 5-2. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 35,086.

Brisbane: Sailor, Oates, Cobbo, Mariner, Arthars; Rogers, Reynolds (C); Jensen, Walters, Baker, Hunt, Riki, Carrigan. Int: Mozer, Hetherington, Te Kura, Taupau.

Melbourne: Fa'alofo, Warbrick, Howarth, Meaney, Coates; Munster, Hughes; Asofa-Solomona, Grant (C), King, Blore, Katoa, Loiero. Int: Wishart, Kamikamica, MacDonald, Vaalepu.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes
2 - W Warbrick
1 - S Faalogo

Parramatta 60 (C. Gutherson 2, W. Penisini 2, M. Sivo 2, D. Asi, R. Campbell-Gillard, B. Cartwright, B. Hands, J. Lussick tries; D. Asi 6, R. Campbell-Gillard, C. Gutherson goals) defeated Wests Tigers 26 (L. Fainu, J. Feledy, I. Papali'i, C. Staines, J. Tupou tries; A. Koroisau 2, H. Mason goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Fri, 6th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 22-10. Penalties: Wests Tigers 5-4. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 17,311.

Wests Tigers: Mason, Tupou, Faataape, Feledy, Staines; Galvin, Fainu; Utoikamanu, Koroisau (C), Klemmer; Seyfarth, Fainu, Papali'i. Int: Fainu, Pole, Twal, Sukkar.

Parramatta: Gutherson (C), Sivo, Penisini, Talagi, Russell; Brown, Asi; Campbell-Gillard, Hands, Ogdan, Tuilagi, Cartwright, Ofahengaue. Int: Lane, Lussick, Makatoa, Moretti.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Asi
2 - R Campbell-Gillard
1 - L Galvin

Sydney 36 (J. Pauga 3, J. Tedesco 2, M. Nawaqanitawase, S. Tupouniua tries; J. Sua'ali'i 4 goals) defeated South Sydney 28 (J. Gray 2, T. Burgess, T. Munro, C. Walker tries; D. Cook 2, T. Burgess, D. Hawkins goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Fri, 6th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-10. Penalties: Sydney 9-7. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 19,674.

South Sydney: Gray, Munro, Milne, Kennar, Gagai; Walker (C), Hawkins; Moale, Cook, Burgess, Koloamatangi, Host, Duncan. Int: Mamouzelos, Le Blanc, Keppie, Havili.

Sydney: Tedesco (C), Pauga, Sua'ali'i, Manu, Nawaqanitawase; Keary, Smith; Leniu, Watson, May, Crichton, Tupouniua, Whyte. Int: Dockar-Clay, Wong, Va'a, Steep.

Player of the Year: 3 - S Smith
2 - J Tedesco
1 - J Gray

Canberra 26 (A. Hopoate, C. Horsburgh, D. Levi, X. Savage, H. Young tries; K. Weekes 3 goals) defeated St George Illawarra 24 (T. Eisenhuth, L. King-Togia, J. Liddle, J. Su'A tries; Z. Lomax 4 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St George Illawarra 24-10. Penalties: Canberra 5-4. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 11,189.

St George Illawarra: Sloan, Lomax, Suli, Tamale, Feagai; King-Togia, Hunt (C); Molo, Liddle, De Belin, Leilua, Su'A, Eisenhuth. Int: Muhleisen, Couchman, Lawrie, Faitala-Mariner.

Canberra: Weekes, Hopoate, Timoko, Kris, Savage; Strange, Fogarty; Horsburgh, Levi, Tapine (C), Young, Sasagi, Smithies. Int: Papalii, Starling, Mariota, Mooney.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Liddle
2 - J Fogarty
1 - H Young

North Qld 44 (K. Feldt 2, M. Taulagi 2, S. Drinkwater, V. Holmes, H. Luki tries; V. Holmes 8 goals) defeated Canterbury 6 (T. Sexton try; S. Crichton goal) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: North Qld 20-0. Penalties: North Qld 5-4. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 32,437.

Canterbury: Tracey, Clark, Kiraz, Crichton (C), Sua; Hutchison, Sexton; King, Mahoney, Hughes, Kikau, Preston, Salmon. Int: Hayward, Morrin, Hayes, Curran.

North Qld: Drinkwater; Feldt, Holmes, Vailea, Taulagi; Dearden (C), Clifford; McIntyre, Robson, Taumalolo, Luki, Nanai, Cotter. Int: Mikaele, Edwards, Neame, Finefeuiaki.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Dearden
2 - H Luki
1 - R Cotter

Penrith 18 (D. Edwards, L. Garner, B. To'o tries; P. Alamoti 3 goals) defeated Gold Coast 12 (J. Campbell, A. Khan-Pereira tries; J. Campbell 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 7:35 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 6-4. Penalties: Penrith 7-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 21,525.

Penrith: Edwards, Turuva, Tago, Alamoti, To'o; Schneider, Luai; Leota, Kenny, Fisher-Harris, Sorensen, Martin, Yeo (C). Int: Toelau, Smith, Henry, Garner.

Gold Coast: Campbell, Khan-Pereira, Kelly, Farmor; Fifita; Boyd, Foran (C); Fotuauka, Verrills, Jolliffe, Randall, Hau, Liu. Int: Haas, Alick, Clark, Palasia.

Player of the Year: 3 - D Edwards
2 - J Campbell
1 - I Yeo

Cronulla 40 (R. Mulitalo 2, B. Nikora 2, D. Atkinson, S. Katoa, J. Williams tries; N. Hynes 6 goals) defeated Manly 20 (C. Faulalo, T. Koula, H. Olakau'atu, T. Talau tries; R. Garrick 2 goals) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 16-8. Penalties: Manly 8-3. Referee: Adam Gee. Crowd: 17,384.

Manly: Koula, Faulalo, Talau, Garrick, Hopoate; Brooks, Cherry-Evans (C); Paseka, Croker, Lodge, Olakau'atu, Lawton, Trbojevic. Int: Trbojevic, Aloiai, Bullemor, Brown.

Cronulla: Kennedy, Katoa, Ramien, Iro, Mulitalo; Trindall, Hynes; Rudolf, Brailey, Hunt, Nikora, Wilton, McInnes (C). Int: Atkinson, Williams, Hazelton, Talakai.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Nikora
2 - T Hazelton
1 - T Wilton

Newcastle 14 (A. Elliott, B. Jones tries; K. Ponga 3 goals) defeated Dolphins 6 (H. Tabuai-Fidow try; J. Isaako goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 6-0. Penalties: Newcastle 8-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 29,433.

Newcastle: Ponga (C), Sharpe, Gagai, Best, Marzheuw; Cogger, Crossland; Saifiti, Brailey, Thompson, Frizell, Lucas, Elliott. Int: Gamble, Croker, Hetherington, Jones.

Dolphins: Fuller, Isaako, Tabuai-Fidow, Farnworth, Bostock; Averillo, O'Sullivan, Bromwich (C), Plath, Pangai Junior; Kaufusi, Lemuel, Nicholls. Int: Bromwich, Marshall-King, Stone, Nikorima.

Player of the Year: 3 - K Ponga
2 - A Elliott
1 - T Fuller

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ROUND 27 JUDICIARY

Eliesa Katoa (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Api Koroisau (WST)	G2 Dangerous Throw	3 matches
Angus Crichton (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Siuua Wong (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1000
Jack de Belin (SGI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1800
Hudson Young (CAN)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$1800
Vilame Kikau (CBY)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$3000
Kieran Foran (GLD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Kieran Foran (GLD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Teig Wilton (CRO)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$1000
Jesse Bromwich (DOL)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match

ROUND 27 POTY LEADERBOARD

30 POINTS

Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 27, Maroons 3)

29 POINTS

Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

26 POINTS

James Tedesco (Roosters), Dylan Edwards (Panthers 23, Blues 3)

19 POINTS

Ben Hunt (Dragons)

18 points

Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

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POS	TEAM	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL										
		P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	F	A	PD	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	PD	FPG	APG
1.	MELBOURNE STORM	12	10	2	-	348	199	149	12	9	3	-	344	250	94	24	19	5	-	3	692	449	44	+243	28.83	18.71
2.	PENRITH PANTHERS	12	9	3	-	270	194	76	12	8	4	-	310	200	110	24	17	7	-	3	580	394	40	+186	24.17	16.42
3.	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	12	8	4	-	342	176	166	12	8	4	-	396	287	109	24	16	8	-	3	738	463	38	+275	30.75	19.29
4.	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	12	8	4	-	330	226	104	12	8	4	-	323	205	118	24	16	8	-	3	653	431	38	+222	27.21	17.96
5.	NORTH QUEENSLAND	12	7	5	-	324	303	21	12	8	4	-	333	265	68	24	15	9	-	3	657	568	36	+89	27.38	23.67
6.	CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS	12	10	2	-	294	214	80	12	4	8	-	235	219	16	24	14	10	-	3	529	433	34	+96	22.04	18.04
7.	MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES	12	9	3	-	339	211	128	12	4	7	1	295	310	-15	24	13	10	1	3	634	521	33	+113	26.42	21.71
8.	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	12	7	5	-	242	232	10	12	5	7	-	228	278	-50	24	12	12	-	3	470	510	30	-40	19.58	21.25
9.	CANBERRA RAIDERS	12	7	5	-	260	288	-28	12	5	7	-	214	313	-99	24	12	12	-	3	474	601	30	-127	19.75	25.04
10.	DOLPHINS	12	6	6	-	333	284	49	12	5	7	-	244	294	-50	24	11	13	-	3	577	578	28	-1	24.04	24.08
11.	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	12	6	6	-	288	318	-30	12	5	7	-	220	316	-96	24	11	13	-	3	508	634	28	-126	21.17	26.42
12.	BRISBANE BRONCOS	12	5	7	-	282	311	-29	12	5	7	-	255	296	-41	24	10	14	-	3	537	607	26	-70	22.38	25.29
13.	WARRIORS	12	6	5	1	264	261	3	12	3	9	-	248	313	-65	24	9	14	1	3	512	574	25	-62	21.33	23.92
14.	GOLD COAST TITANS	12	4	8	-	282	338	-56	12	4	8	-	206	318	-112	24	8	16	-	3	488	656	22	-168	20.33	27.33
15.	PARRAMATTA EELS	12	5	7	-	287	333	-46	12	2	10	-	274	383	-109	24	7	17	-	3	561	716	20	-155	23.38	29.83
16.	SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS	12	5	7	-	260	320	-60	12	2	10	-	234	362	-128	24	7	17	-	3	494	682	20	-188	20.58	28.42
17.	WESTS TIGERS	12	5	7	-	282	332	-50	12	1	11	-	181	418	-237	24	6	18	-	3	463	750	18	-287	19.29	31.25

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Alofiana Khan-Pereira	Gold Coast	21	24
2	Kyle Feldt	North Qld	23	22
3	Dominic Young	Sydney	19	19
	Daniel Tupou	Sydney	21	19
5	Maika Sivo	Parramatta	12	17
	Tom Trbojevic	Manly	18	17
	Ronaldo Mulitalo	Cronulla	20	17
	Deine Mariner	Brisbane	21	17
9	Sunia Turuva	Penrith	20	16
	Tommy Talau	Manly	21	16
11	Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow	Dolphins	16	15
	Sione Katoa	Cronulla	21	15
	Dallin Watene-Zelezniak	Warriors	22	15
	Xavier Savage	Canberra	24	15

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Valentine Holmes	North Qld	22	14	95	-	246
2	Jamayne Isaako	Dolphins	24	12	87	1	223
3	Nick Meaney	Melbourne	21	5	93	-	206
4	Sam Walker	Sydney	21	7	88	-	204
5	Reuben Garrick	Manly	22	10	75	-	190
6	Zac Lomax	St Geo Illa	21	14	63	0/2	186
7	Matt Burton	Canterbury	22	9	71	3	181
8	Nicho Hynes	Cronulla	15	2	54	1	117
9	Clinton Gutherson	Parramatta	21	9	38	-	112
10	Apisai Koroisau	Wests Tigers	22	5	43	-	106
11	Dylan Edwards	Penrith	17	10	31	-	102
12	Kalyn Ponga	Newcastle	15	3	44	-	100
13	Nathan Cleary	Penrith	10	4	40	0/1	98
	Latrell Mitchell	South Sydney	11	8	33	-	98
	Braydon Trindall	Cronulla	17	10	29	-	98

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G/A	%
1	Valentine Holmes	North Qld	22	95 / 112	85%
2	Nick Meaney	Melbourne	21	93 / 119	78%
3	Sam Walker	Sydney	21	88 / 107	82%
4	Jamayne Isaako	Dolphins	24	87 / 109	80%
5	Reuben Garrick	Manly	22	75 / 99	76%
6	Matt Burton	Canterbury	22	71 / 96	74%
7	Zac Lomax	St Geo Illa	21	63 / 79	80%
8	Nicho Hynes	Cronulla	15	54 / 62	87%
9	Kalyn Ponga	Newcastle	15	44 / 51	86%
	Jamal Fogarty	Canberra	14	44 / 55	80%
11	Adam Reynolds	Brisbane	13	43 / 50	86%
	Apisai Koroisau	Wests Tigers	22	43 / 56	77%
13	Nathan Cleary	Penrith	10	40 / 47	85%
14	Clinton Gutherson	Parramatta	21	38 / 53	72%
15	Jayden Campbell	Gold Coast	15	34 / 48	71%

HOME CROWD AVERAGES

Averages exclude neutral venue matches

Club	Average
Brisbane Broncos	39,873
Dolphins	23,933
Warriors	23,758
Newcastle Knights	22,635
Sydney Roosters	22,275
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	22,185
Melbourne Storm	19,849
Penrith Panthers	19,497
North Queensland Cowboys	19,281

Club	Average
Parramatta Eels	18,836
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	16,473
Gold Coast Titans	16,241
St George Illawarra Dragons	15,036
South Sydney Rabbitohs	14,511
Canberra Raiders	13,958
Wests Tigers	12,653
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	11,712

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2ND QUALIFYING FINAL (2ND V 3RD) PENRITH 30 SYDNEY 10

The defending premiers have advanced to their fifth consecutive preliminary final, after defeating the Roosters by 30-10 in their final game at BlueBet Stadium tonight.

Skipper Nathan Cleary was magnificent on return from injury, setting up three tries in an absolute masterclass from the two-time Clive Churchill Medalist, with the Panthers sending a message to the rest of the competition that a fourth consecutive premiership is on the cards. Penrith simply flew out of the blocks racing in four first half tries to leave the Roosters floundering and despite the Roosters fighting back early in the second half, the home side were never really threatened. The win sees the men in black advance to one win away from another Grand Final with confidence sky high at the foot of the mountains. Penrith came into the match as the finals specialists and they made the Roosters pay for an early error, when Brian To'o charged over for the first try of the night following a slick backline movement led by Yeo and Cleary. Cleary was at it again minutes later, when his kick on the last took a deflection off the post and into the arms of Izack Tago for his sides second try in just 12 minutes. The Panthers charges were relentless, as they again marched up field and off the back of a repeat set they had their third try as Jarome Luai stepped inside off his left foot to crash over to extend the lead to 16-0. Penrith had the Tricolours at sixes and sevens quite literally as Luai and Cleary continued to pin the Roosters in goal and then they scored again when Mitch Kenny produced a neat pass from dummy half for Luke Garner to muscle over to score. The Tricolours were desperately clinging on and they almost lost Luke Keary to the Sin Bin for a jersey pull on Liam Henry who was chasing a kick. Keary stayed on the field despite the home fans chants and Penrith elected to take the penalty on offer and go to the break with a dominant 24-0 lead.

The Roosters needed to score first in the second half to have any hope of advancing to next week and they did exactly that, as James Tedesco put Joseph Suaalii in some space to score. The visitors then had back-to-back tries, when rookie half Sandon Smith produced a nice ball to Tedesco who barged his way over the line to narrow the scoreline to 24-10 in the opening 10 minutes of the half. The Roosters continued to chance their arm out wide through the likes of Joey Manu and Domic Young but Penrith managed to scramble and turn them away time after time. Penrith then iced the game with eight minutes remaining, when man of the match Cleary produced a deft kick at the line for Luke Garner to score his second try of the night to take a commanding 30-10 lead and earn a week off next week. **SAM**

PENRITH	30	-	10	SYDNEY
Luke GARNER	2	T		Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I
Jarome LUAI				James TEDESCO
Izack TAGO				
Brian TO'O				
Nathan CLEARY	5/6	G	1/2	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I
TEAMSHEETS				
Dylan EDWARDS	1	FB	1	James TEDESCO (c)
Sunia TURUVA	2	W	2	Daniel TUPOU
Izack TAGO	3	C	3	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I
Paul ALAMOTI	4	C	4	Joseph MANU
Brian TO'O	5	W	5	Dominic YOUNG
Jarome LUAI	6	FE	6	Luke KEARY
Nathan CLEARY (c)	7	HB	7	Sandon SMITH
Moses LEOTA	8	FR	13	Nat BUTCHER
Mitch KENNY	9	HK	9	Connor WATSON
James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FR	10	Lindsay COLLINS
Luke GARNER	17	2R	11	Angus CRICHTON
Liam MARTIN	12	2R	12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA
Isaah YEO	13	L	17	Terrell MAY
Lindsay SMITH	15	B	8	Spencer LENIU
Liam HENRY	16	B	14	Zach DOCKAR-CLAY
Matt EISENHUTH	18	B	15	Naufahu WHYTE
Brad SCHNEIDER	19	B	16	Sua WONG
Ivan CLEARY		HC		Trent ROBINSON

Date: Fri, 13th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 24-0. Penalties: Penrith 6-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 21,483. Player of the Year: 3 - N Cleary, 2 - I Yeo, 1 - J Luai
MATCH REVIEW: Daniel Tupou (SYD) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800
 James Tedesco (SYD) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
 Sunia Turuva (PEN) - G1 Dangerous Contact (trip) - \$1000

1ST QUALIFYING FINAL (1ST V 4TH) MELBOURNE 37 CRONULLA 10

A maiden NRL hattrick from Harry Grant has again showcased that the Melbourne Storm are Penrith's biggest challenge to a potential four-peat with a commanding 37-10 win over the Cronulla Sharks at AAMI Park.

The second qualifying final couldn't have started any worse for the visitors as Will Kennedy failed to defuse the opening kick-off. Off the line-dropout, Cam Munster caught the Sharks asleep, and it is a ruthless start from the Storm. He used big Nelson Asofa-Solomona as a decoy which fooled Toby Rudolf and Munster goes through to score the opening try after just over 60 seconds Cronulla were able to wrestle back momentum. A smart offload from Oregon Kaufusi saw the Sharks motor up field and began to push the Storm back towards their own line. From the ensuing set-restart given away by Jack Howarth, Cronulla moved the ball right as Nicho Hynes found Siosifa Talakai who isolated Howarth one on one. Talakai was able to get it away to Sione Katoa and the Sharks get one back and were right in the contest in the opening exchanges. Unfortunately, two critical Sharks mistakes came back to bite which led to scoring plays for the Storm. Hynes and the visitors were punished for their inability to get a kick away on the last. The home side was able to work towards their right edge which allowed Nick Meaney to deliver a magical offload to Will Warbrick and the Storm grabbed a second try despite the visitors cries of a forward pass. Melbourne added a further penalty goal after Munster was hit off the ball by a Sharks player. The Storm were fortunate to secure possession after a horrific kick for touch by Hynes which was easily recovered by the home side. At 14-4, the Sharks were up against it, however a late penalty gave the Sharks the final say of the first 40. Brayden Trindall was skipping across the field, dragging the Storm defence out wide. Trindall turned Nikora underneath with a spectacular flick pass to score right under the posts on the stroke of half-time to make the score 14-10.

The second half started strongly for the boys from Melbourne. The Storm had plenty of try-scoring opportunities but early on the Sharks were keen on keeping the gap at four points. However, a penalty against Katoa saw the Storm finally crack the Sharks side. Josh King dug into the teeth of the Sharks pack, before unloading to Harry Grant who dove over under the posts to make it a two possession game. More possession down the Sharks end of the field tested the Sharks defence further and despite their best efforts, another try was on the way just past the hour mark. A brilliant pin-point kick from Jahrome Hughes landed in the lap of Warbrick to put the match beyond doubt. Melbourne were looking great with ball in hand and looked set to run up the score, but a brilliant try-saving tackle on Tui Kamikamica stopped the score-line going into the 30's (for the moment). Melbourne added further salt to the Cronulla wound with a brilliant Hughes bomb. Eli Katoa made these kicks contests' all night long and got his reward when he defused it and unloaded to Grant to add his second try next to the posts. This became a hattrick when Hughes' bomb again was contested, this time Warbrick batted it back to Grant and "Prince Harry" delivered for the Storm in a commanding performance. Ryan Papenhuyzen added the final bullet with a disrespectful field goal in the dying stages. **AJ**

MELBOURNE	37	-	10	CRONULLA
Harry GRANT	3	T		Sione KATOA
Will WARBRICK	2			Briton NIKORA
Cameron MUNSTER				
Nick MEANEY	6/8	G	1/2	Nicho HYNES
Ryan PAPHUYZEN		FG		
TEAMSHEETS				
Ryan PAPHUYZEN	1	FB	1	William KENNEDY
Will WARBRICK	2	W	2	Sione KATOA
Jack HOWARTH	3	C	17	Siosifa TALAKAI
Nick MEANEY	4	C	4	Kayal IRO
Xavier COATES	5	W	5	Ronaldo MULTALO
Cameron MUNSTER	6	FE	6	Braydon TRINDALL
Jahrome HUGHES	7	HB	7	Nicho HYNES
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	8	FR	8	Toby RUDOLF
Harry GRANT (c)	9	HK	9	Blayke BRAILEY
Josh KING	10	FR	10	Oregon KAUFUSI
Shawn BLORE	11	2R	11	Briton NIKORA
Eliasa KATOA	12	2R	12	Teig WILTON
Trent LOIERO	13	L	13	Cameron McINNES (c)
Tyran WISHART	14	B	14	Daniel ATKINSON
Christian WELCH	15	B	15	Jack WILLIAMS
Tui KAMIKAMICA	16	B	16	Royce HUNT
Alec MacDONALD	17	B	22	Thomas HAZELTON
Craig BELLAMY		HC		Craig FITZGIBBON

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 14-10. Penalties: Melbourne 8-3. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 26,326. Player of the Year: 3 - H Grant, 2 - J King, 1 - J Hughes
MATCH REVIEW: Braydon Trindall (CRO) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
 Sione Katoa (CRO) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800

1ST ELIMINATION FINAL (5TH V 8TH) NORTH QUEENSLAND 28 NEWCASTLE 16

The Cowboys have staged a come-from-behind victory to advance to the second week of the finals, with a last gasp victory over the Knights.

Despite the Knights dominating the match in all aspects early on, it was the Cowboys who scored first, entirely against the run of play, in the 14th minute. Kalyn Ponga bounced out of three tackles on the left side, passed to Dylan Lucas who then attempted to link with his winger, however Kyle Feldt took a clean intercept and raced 85 metres to score. Valentine Holmes failed to convert from touch. 10 minutes later, the Knights replied when that man again Ponga, slipped through the Cowboys defence after a lovely show-and-go, then linked with Jayden Brailey on the inside and the Knights rake ran 20 metres to score. Ponga converted. Fletcher Sharpe crossed in the 33rd minute when a Ponga kick was not cleaned up by anyone in the contest, Sharpe swooped in and cleaned up the loose ball near the Cowboys line and he walked in to score. Ponga converted again to give the Knights a 12-4 lead at the break.

The Cowboys scored just 4 minutes after play resumed when Holmes batted along a long ball to the unmarked Murray Taulagi, who dived to score in the corner. Holmes converted. The Cowboys regained the lead in the 51st minute when Scott Drinkwater lobbed a lovely ball to his lead runner Jordan McLean, allowing the front rower to waltz in for an easy try. Holmes converted. In the 65th minute, Lucas received the ball 10 metres from the Cowboys line, whose defence was scattered. He shaped to pass left, stepped back and straightened then barged over between two defenders to score. Ponga's conversion attempt hit the post and was waved away, leaving the scores tied at 16 apiece. In the 72nd minute, the Cowboys put up a kick to the Knights corner. Feldt knocked it back, the ball bounced off Heilum Luki's leg, then ever so narrowly evaded Daniel Saifiti's hand, bounced off Reuben Cotter's knee, dribbled into the Knights in-goal. Ponga and Cotter raced to get to the ball and almost got to it simultaneously, but it was Cotter who planted his hand on it first for the try. Holmes converted. Leo Thompson was sin binned 150 seconds from full time for a lazy high shot on Feldt, that looked bad. The Cowboys marched downfield from the penalty and on the last, Tom Dearden shrugged out of two weak tackle efforts to score. Holmes converted to give the Cowboys a 28-16 victory. **FERGO**

NORTH QLD	28	-	16	NEWCASTLE
Reuben COTTER		T		Jayden BRAILEY
Tom DEARDEN				Dylan LUCAS
Kyle FELDT				Fletcher SHARPE
Jordan McLEAN				
Murray TAULAGI				
Valentine HOLMES	4/5	G	2/3	Kalyn PONGA
		BIN		Leo THOMPSON
TEAMSHEETS				
Scott DRINKWATER	1	FB	1	Kalyn PONGA (c)
Kyle FELDT	2	W	2	Fletcher SHARPE
Valentine HOLMES	3	C	3	Dane GAGAI
Viliame VAILEA	4	C	12	Dylan LUCAS
Murray TAULAGI	5	W	5	Greg MARZHEW
Tom DEARDEN (c)	6	FE	6	Jack COGGER
Jake CLIFFORD	7	HB	7	Phoenix CROSSLAND
Jordan McLEAN	8	FR	8	Daniel SAIFITI
Reece ROBSON	9	HK	9	Jayden BRAILEY
Jason TAUMALOLO	10	FR	10	Leo THOMPSON
Heilum LUKI	11	2R	11	Tyson FRIZELL
Jeremiah NANAI	12	2R	22	Kai PEARCE-PAUL
Reuben COTTER	13	L	13	Adam ELLIOTT
Sam McINTYRE	14	B	14	Tyson GAMBLE
Harrison EDWARDS	15	B	15	Mat CROKER
Kulikefu FINEFEUIAKI	16	B	16	Jack HETHERINGTON
Griffin NEAME	17	B	17	Brodie JONES
Todd PAYTEN		HC		Adam O'BRIEN

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 12-4. Penalties: Newcastle 4-2. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 24,861. Player of the Year: 3 - K Feldt, 2 - K Ponga, 1 - J Taumalolo

MATCH REVIEW: Jack Cogger (NEW) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1000
Leo Thompson (NEW) - G2 Careless High Tackle - 1 match

2ND ELIMINATION FINAL (6TH V 7TH) MANLY 24 CANTERBURY 22

The Manly Sea Eagles have spoiled the party for the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs with a famous 24-22 victory to progress through to the Semi Finals.

Staging a second half comeback in front of the largest crowd for a Week One finals match in the NRL era, a scintillating try from Tolu Koula saw the Sea Eagles upstage the Bulldogs' first finals appearance since 2016. Getting off to a dream start with points stemming from a Tom Trbojevic error close to the Sea Eagles goal line, a left-side shift allowed Bulldogs winger Jacob Kiraz (6th minute) to plant the ball down to the delight of 50,714 supporters in attendance. Penalties in quick succession saw the Sea Eagles momentarily take the lead with Tommy Talau (14th minute) diving for the corner and Reuben Garrick nailing a conversion from the touchline. The Bulldogs big name stars delivered midway through the half with Viliame Kikau (19th minute) bullocking through feeble defence and Matt Burton exposing Tom Trbojevic defending in the frontline with a chip kick for Stephen Crichton (23rd minute) to pounce. A costly error by Jeral Skelton, who dropped the ball over the try line, was compounded on the cusp of halftime with Lehi Hopoate soaring onto a Daly Cherry-Evans bomb and offloading to Ethan Bullemor (36th minute) in support to narrow the margin to 16-12.

A fortuitous bounce of the ball allowed Skelton (46th minute) to make amends for his first half mishap after a cross-field kick from Toby Sexton was knocked on by Koula and batted on by Crichton into the waiting arms of the replacement winger. The Sea Eagles clawed back the deficit with Luke Brooks and Cherry-Evans (55th minute) pulling off a perfectly executed scrum play to narrow the margin to four points. Posting back-to-back tries for the first time with an audacious decision to run the ball on the last tackle, a series of offloads from inside their own half allowed Tolu Koula (70th minute) to streak away for one of the tries of the season; Garrick's conversion put the Sea Eagles ahead 24-22. Burton was unable to land two two-point field goals in the dying moments, leaving the Sea Eagles to record a famous victory against the odds. Next week, the Sea Eagles will face the Roosters on Saturday night at Allianz Stadium. **ROB**

CANTERBURY	22	-	24	MANLY
Stephen CRICHTON		T		Ethan BULLEMOR
Viliame KIKAU				Daly CHERRY-EVANS
Jacob KIRAZ				Toluta'u KOULA
Jeral SKELTON				Tommy TALAU
Matt BURTON	3/4	G	4/4	Reuben GARRICK
TEAMSHEETS				
Connor TRACEY	1	FB	1	Tom TRBOJEVIC
Jacob KIRAZ	2	W	2	Tommy TALAU
Bronson XERRI	3	C	3	Toluta'u KOULA
Stephen CRICHTON (c)	4	C	4	Reuben GARRICK
Jeral SKELTON	5	W	5	Lehi HOPOATE
Matt BURTON	6	FE	6	Luke BROOKS
Toby SEXTON	7	HB	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS (c)
Max KING	8	FR	8	Taniela PASEKA
Reed MAHONEY	9	HK	9	Lachlan CROKER
Samuel HUGHES	10	FR	10	Matt LODGE
Viliame KIKAU	11	2R	11	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU
Jacob PRESTON	12	2R	12	Karl LAWTON
Jaeman SALMON	13	L	13	Jake TRBOJEVIC
Bailey HAYWARD	14	B	14	Ben TRBOJEVIC
Kurtis MORRIN	15	B	15	Josh ALOIAI
Harry HAYES	16	B	16	Ethan BULLEMOR
Josh CURRAN	17	B	17	Nathan BROWN
Cameron CIRALDO		HC		Anthony SEIBOLD

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-12. Penalties: Manly 5-4. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 50,714. Player of the Year: 3 - DCE, 2 - S Crichton, 1 - T Koula.

MATCH REVIEW: Ethan Bullemor (MAN) - G1 Careless High Tackle - \$750
Reed Mahoney (CBY) - Grade 1 Careless High Tackle - \$1000

FINALS WEEK 1 POTY LEADERBOARD

33 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 30, Maroons 3)

30 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm)

26 POINTS James Tedesco (Roosters), Dylan Edwards (Panthers 23, Blues 3)

1ST SEMI FINAL CRONULLA 26 NORTH QUEENSLAND 18

Cronulla have moved within one match to a historic Grand Final as they managed to hold off a fast-finishing North Queensland by 26-18 at Allianz Stadium tonight.

Cronulla were dominant in the first half, racing in four first half tries to leave a scrambling Cowboys to hold a brief fight back but ultimately it was too much of a start to claw back. The win sees the Sharks just one win away from a Grand Final, but they will have one of the toughest assignments of the modern era, to defeat the three-time premiers Penrith in order to get there. While the media spotlight was on star halfback Nicho Hynes in the build up to this match, it was his halves partner Braydon Trindall who stole the show in a man of the match performance from the unheralded half. It was a controversial start at Allianz Stadium, when the Sharks five-eighth was awarded a penalty try when kicking for himself on the last. Trindall was then tackled without the ball by Reuben Cotter and the Video Referee deemed that Trindall would have scored despite his opposite number Tom Dearden being in the vicinity. The Cowboys didn't have time to dwell on the decision, when Cronulla struck again minutes later as Ronaldo Mulitalo leapt high for a kick on the last and batted the ball back for Cameron McInnes. McInnes picked up the ball to stretch out and plant the ball down to take a sudden 12-0 lead. Trindall was involved again for the third Sharks try, when he kicked high on the last for Jesse Ramien who came up with possession and then flicked the ball back to Trindall who then sensationally tip toed down the sideline to score in the corner. North Queensland were seemingly still on their chartered flight from Townsville as Cronulla again took the momentum when Ronaldo Mulitalo scored in the corner just before halftime to give the Sharks a commanding 24-0 lead at the break.

North Queensland needed a fast start to be any hope of keeping their season alive, and it happened almost immediately as their Queensland centre Valentine Holmes stepped past two defenders to score and give the visitors a pulse at 24-6. Cronulla then looked to put the game to bed but had not one, but two tries disallowed in three minutes by the Video Referee, with knock ons found in the build up from Sione Katoa and then Royce Hunt respectively. North Queensland then roared back into the game, when their skipper Reuben Cotter collected a dropped ball from a kick to race away and score under the posts to reduce the margin to 12 with just over 20 minutes remaining. Cronulla then wrestled back momentum with 15 minutes remaining, when Cowboys fullback Scott Drinkwater kicked the dropout over the sideline on the full, to present Nicho Hynes with a gift two points and take the score to beyond two converted tries. North Queensland refused to go away and off the back of a one-on-one steal from Reuben Cotter, Val Holmes crashed over for his second try and keep the game alive with 10 minutes remaining. From there North Queensland had their chances but could find another gear, as Cronulla held on for a long overdue finals victory. **SAM**

CRONULLA	26	-	18	NORTH QLD
Ronaldo MULITALO		T	2	Valentine HOLMES
Cameron McINNES				Reuben COTTER
Braydon TRINDALL				
Braydon TRINDALL		PT		
Nicho HYNES	5/5	G	2/2	Valentine HOLMES
			1/1	Scott DRINKWATER
TEAMSHEETS				
William KENNEDY	1	FB	1	Scott DRINKWATER
Sione KATOA	2	W	2	Kyle FELDT
Jesse RAMIEN	22	C	3	Valentine HOLMES
Kayal IRO	4	C	4	Viliami VAILEA
Ronaldo MULITALO	5	W	5	Murray TAULAGI
Braydon TRINDALL	6	FE	6	Tom DEARDEN (c)
Nicho HYNES	7	HB	7	Jake CLIFFORD
Toby RUDOLF	8	FR	8	Jordan McLEAN
Blayne BRAILEY	9	HK	9	Reece ROBSON
Oregon KAUFUSI	10	FR	10	Jason TAUMALOLO
Briton NIKORA	11	2R	11	Heilum LUKI
Teig WILTON	12	2R	12	Jeremiah NANAI
Cameron McINNES (c)	13	L	13	Reuben COTTER
Siosifa TALAKAI	3	B	14	Sam McINTYRE
Jack WILLIAMS	15	B	15	Harrison EDWARDS
Royce HUNT	16	B	16	Kulikefu FINEFEUJAKI
Thomas HAZELTON	17	B	17	Griffin NEAME
Craig FITZGIBBON		HC		Todd PAYTEN

Date: Fri, 20th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Cronulla 24-0. Penalties: Cronulla 3-1. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 19,124. Player of the Year: 3 - B Trindall, 2 - C McInnes, 1 - R Cotter.

MATCH REVIEW: No players charged.

2ND SEMI FINAL SYDNEY 40 MANLY 16

The Sydney Roosters have comfortably accounted for the Manly-Warringah Sea-Eagles in a dominant display all across the park, spearheaded by brilliant fullback James Tedesco.

Tedesco, playing his 250th NRL game, proved he's still one of the games elite players, with a magnificent performance. The game though got off to an insane start, with the very first tackle of the match resulted in Tolutau Koula copping a heavy head-knock which saw him ruled out with a concussion after just 12 seconds. Play resumed and on the second tackle of the game, Jake Trbojevic clashed heads with Matt Lodge, which resulted in the Manly forward also coming off for an HIA. He was later cleared to return to play. The Roosters opened the scoring in the 12th minute when Tedesco, 5 metres from the Manly line, ran to the defence, propped and then dished a sweet ball to Victory Radley who ran off the back fence onto the pass and scored under the posts. Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii converted. Suaalii landed a penalty goal in the 25th minute and then 6 minutes later, the Roosters extended their lead further courtesy of a beautiful short-side play. Tedesco wrapped around the back, creating the extra man, then linked with Daniel Tupou who turns it back to Tedesco in support, who barged over to score. Suaalii converted from out wide. The Roosters crossed again just 4 minutes before halftime when Sandon Smith cleaned up a stray pass that went to ground. He then dummied and stood up Daly Cherry-Evans with his step and then explosive speed, breaking the line and racing away to score. Suaalii converts. With just seconds left in the half, Manly got themselves on the board when Cherry-Evans put up a genius chip close to the Roosters line and Haumole Olakau'atu received a perfect bounce and he regathered to score. Reuben Garrick failed to convert. At halftime, the Roosters held a comfortable 20-4 lead.

The Roosters wasted little time to extend their lead once play resumed, crossing within the first 2 minutes of the second half when Tedesco held up a lovely pass for Tupou, who then dived over to score in the corner. Suaalii converted from the sideline. Suaalii kicked another penalty goal in the 54th minute. Three minutes later, Tedesco used his speed and a change of direction to barge over to score near the posts. Suaalii converted. Manly scored in the 59th minute when Cherry-Evans kicked across-field to the unmarked Tommy Talau, who got a poor bounce. Talau got a hand on the ball, but then reached out to reel the ball in before it hit the ground and managed to force it for a try. Garrick converted. Sandon Smith kicked a penalty goal in the 66th minute. Manly responded in the 74th minute when Luke Brooks hit Ben Trbojevic with a short flat ball at the line, and the youngest Trbojevic busted through the line and scored a good try. Garrick converted. With just over 4 minutes remaining, Luke Keary kicked to the right corner where Joey Manu caught it, then got a good offload away to the unmarked Dom Young and the winger scored. Smith failed to convert, the Roosters producing a dominant 40-16 victory. **FERGO**

SYDNEY	40	-	16	MANLY
James TEDESCO	2	T		Haumole OLAKAU'ATU
Victor RADLEY				Tommy TALAU
Sandon SMITH				Ben TRBOJEVIC
Daniel TUPOU				
Dominic YOUNG				
Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I	7/7	G	2/3	Reuben GARRICK
Sandon SMITH	1/2			
TEAMSHEETS				
James TEDESCO (c)	1	FB	1	Tom TRBOJEVIC
Daniel TUPOU	2	W	2	Tommy TALAU
Joseph-Aukuso SUAALI'I	3	C	3	Toluta'u KOULA
Joseph MANU	4	C	4	Reuben GARRICK
Dominic YOUNG	5	W	5	Lehi HOPOATE
Luke KEARY	6	FE	6	Luke BROOKS
Sandon SMITH	7	HB	7	Daly CHERRY-EVANS (c)
Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES	8	FR	8	Taniela PASEKA
Connor WATSON	9	HK	9	Lachlan CROKER
Lindsay COLLINS	10	FR	10	Matt LODGE
Angus CRICHTON	11	2R	11	Haumole OLAKAU'ATU
Sitili TUPOUNIUA	12	2R	12	Karl LAWTON
Victor RADLEY	22	L	13	Jake TRBOJEVIC
Naufahu WHYTE	13	B	14	Ben TRBOJEVIC
Spencer LENIU	15	B	15	Josh ALOIAI
Nat BUTCHER	16	B	16	Ethan BULLEMOR
Terrell MAY	17	B	17	Nathan BROWN
Trent ROBINSON		HC		Anthony SEIBOLD

Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Sydney 20-4. Penalties: Sydney 7-4. Referee: Grant Atkins.

Crowd: 40,818. Player of the Year: 3 - J Tedesco, 2 - S Smith, 1 - C Watson.

MATCH REVIEW: B Trbojevic (MAN) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$750

FINALS WEEK 2 POTY LEADERBOARD

33 POINTS Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 30, Maroons 3)

30 POINTS Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

29 POINTS James Tedesco (Roosters)

26 POINTS Dylan Edwards (Panthers 23, Blues 3)

2024 NRL FINALS SERIES - WEEK 3

1ST PRELIMINARY FINAL MELBOURNE 48 SYDNEY 18

Melbourne has secured a ticket to the 2024 Grand Final following a dominant 48-18 win over the Roosters at AAMI Park this evening.

In the big games you need your big guns to stand tall and that was what occurred for the home side with Jahrome Hughes scoring a hat-trick, while Ryan Papenhuyzen and Cameron Munster both scored two tries each in a superb performance from Craig Bellemly's men. Melbourne were superb from the start racing in four first half tries and despite a brief Roosters fightback early in the second half, Melbourne went up a gear to race in another four to give the men in purple a huge confidence boost heading into next week's Grand Final no matter who they play. It was an eventful start at AAMI Park, when Lindsay Collins was collected high off the kickoff by Storm enforcer Nelson Asofa-Solomona. The Storm prop was sent to the Sin Bin, while Collins was ruled out for the match with a Category 1 concussion. The Tricolours advanced up field and were awarded another early penalty against Jahrome Hughes for taking out Angus Crichton who was chasing a kick. Joseph Suaalii made no mistake and the Roosters took an early 2-0 lead. With the Storm down to 12 men, the Chooks took advantage of the extra number as the Roosters went through the hands for Joseph Suaalii to create enough space for Daniel Tupou to score in the corner and it was 6-0 following the missed conversion. Melbourne then returned to full strength at 13 players, which coincided with Ryan Papenhuyzen slicing through close to the line to get the home side on the scoreboard. The Storm began to turn the tide and their continued possession took its toll as Papenhuyzen and Nick Meaney combined to put Hughes under the posts untouched to extend the scoreline to 12-6. Melbourne continued to overpower the Roosters and caught the Chooks on the back foot from a 20 metre re-start as Ryan Papenhuyzen exploded onto a ball from Xavier Coates. Papenhuyzen then found young gun Jack Howarth in support as the rangy centre skipped out of a covering tackle to score in the corner. Melbourne then ran in try number four just before halftime and it was a second to the Dally M Medal favourite Hughes, as he crashed over off a flat pass from Harry Grant close to the line to give his side a commanding 22-6 lead at halftime.

Following the break Melbourne were awarded a gift penalty for an escort on Harry Grant by a Roosters player. Nick Meaney made no mistake extending the Storm lead to three converted tries. The Roosters simply needed to score the next try to mount a comeback and they did exactly that through prop Terrell May who pushed away from two Storm defenders to score under the posts. It was game on minutes later for the Roosters, as Ryan Papenhuyzen spilled a kick on his own tryline. Roosters backrower Nat Butcher picked up the scraps to score and all of the sudden the visitors were down by just a converted try. The Storm were quick to stamp out the revival however, when Melbourne charged up field off a kick which resulted in Hughes scampering over for his hat-trick and this was followed up by Ryan Papenhuyzen scoring his second try off a neat inside ball from Harry Grant close to the line. Melbourne continued to put the pedal to the floor as fan favourite Cameron Munster put the icing on the cake scoring two more tries in the final five minutes to get the celebrations going in Melbourne. The convincing 48-18 win gives the Storm a huge confidence boost heading into Grand Final week where they will play the winners of tomorrow's Preliminary Final in Penrith or Cronulla. **SAM**

2ND PRELIMINARY FINAL PENRITH 26 CRONULLA 6

The Penrith Panthers are into their fifth successive grand final after a 26-6 win in the second preliminary final over a brave and gallant Cronulla Sharks at Accor Stadium.

It was a tense start as both sides jostled for field position and momentum in the slippery conditions. The Panthers got on the board first inside the opening ten minutes as Toby Rudolf was pinned for tripping Jarome Luai. Nathan Cleary added the penalty goal to give the undisputed champs a 2-0 lead. Cronulla wouldn't let that get them down as Braydon Trindall carried on from last week's performance with a great kick to get the Sharks out of trouble. The near 40/20 was saved brilliantly by Dyl Edwards and Sunia Turuva. Penrith weren't themselves in the wet conditions and were making un-Penrith like plays. An out of play penalty saw Cronulla level the scores at 2-2. Cronulla had the first try-scoring chance, but the Bunker ruled Ronaldo Multitalo had lost the ball forward. From the ensuing set, Nathan Cleary early in the tackle count kicked from inside the 40 and found the mark for his fifteenth 40/20 of his career. In the following set, a crash ball from the Penrith pivot found Paul Alamoti who scored to give the Panthers a six-point lead midway through the first half. Just before the half-time break, a late shot from Siosifa Talakai gave Penrith a further two points to make it 10-2 at the break.

The second half was a tense affair as both sides had chances to score but defensively, both sides were up for it. Penrith thought they broke the stalemate as Turuva burrowed his way to the line. However, the Bunker correctly ruled that Talakai was obstructed. Cronulla capitalised as Sione Katoa crossed for a spectacular try in the corner to keep the Sharks in touch. Penrith however, showed their championship qualities and crossed for two tries in successive sets following a Cronulla error. It looked like the play would be dead and buried. It came to Cleary; he booted it to an unmarked Brian To'o and Penrith wrestled through the chaos to retake the lead. Off the next set, a break up field saw the Panthers in prime field position before a Cleary cutout ball to Alamoti for his second. As the game ended, a scare went through Penrith as Cleary appeared to aggravate his shoulder injury, he came from the field late, but it doesn't look like an injury that will see him miss next weekend. Luai stood up late to seal the game for the Panthers as a clever grubber saw Liam Martin dive over to seal Penrith's spot in their fifth successive grand final. **AJ**

FINALS WEEK 3 POTY LEADERBOARD

- 33 POINTS** Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles 30, Maroons 3)
- 29 POINTS** James Tedesco (Roosters)
- 26 POINTS** Dylan Edwards (Panthers 23, Blues 3)

MELBOURNE	48	-	18	SYDNEY
Jahrome HUGHES	3	T		Nat BUTCHER
Cameron MUNSTER	2			Terrell MAY
Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	2			Daniel TUPOU
Jack HOWARTH				
Nick MEANEY	6/7	G	3/4	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I
Harry GRANT	1/1			
Tyran WISHART	1/1			
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA		BIN		
TEAMSHEETS				
Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	1	FB	1	James TEDESCO (c)
Will WARBRICK	2	W	2	Daniel TUPOU
Jack HOWARTH	3	C	3	Joseph-Aukuso SUA'ALI'I
Nick MEANEY	4	C	4	Joseph MANU
Xavier COATES	5	W	5	Dominic YOUNG
Cameron MUNSTER	6	FE	6	Luke KEARY
Jahrome HUGHES	7	HB	7	Sandon SMITH
Nelson ASOFA-SOLOMONA	8	FR	8	Jared WAEREA-HARGREAVES
Harry GRANT (c)	9	HK	9	Connor WATSON
Josh KING	10	FR	10	Lindsay COLLINS
Shawn BLORE	11	2R	11	Angus CRICHTON
Eliesa KATOA	12	2R	12	Sitili TUPOUNIUA
Trent LOIERO	13	L	13	Victor RADLEY
Tyran WISHART	14	B	14	Spencer LENIU
Christian WELCH	15	B	15	Naufahu WHYTE
Tui KAMIKAMICA	16	B	16	Nat BUTCHER
Alec MacDONALD	17	B	17	Terrell MAY
		B	18	Zach DOCKAR-CLAY
Craig BELLAMY		HC		Trent ROBINSON

Date: Fri, 27th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Melbourne 22-6. Penalties: Sydney 6-5. Referee: Grant Atkins. Crowd: 29,213. Player of the Year: 3 - J Hughes, 2 - H Grant, 1 - C Munster.
MATCH REVIEW: Nelson Asofa-Solomona (MEL) - G3 Careless High Tackle - 5 matches; V Radley (SYD) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$3000; E Katoa (MEL) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$3000

PENRITH	26	-	6	CRONULLA
Paul ALAMOTI	2	T		Sione KATOA
Liam MARTIN				
Brian TO'O				
Nathan CLEARY	4/5	G	1/2	Nicho HYNES
Paul ALAMOTI	1/1			
TEAMSHEETS				
Dylan EDWARDS	1	FB	1	William KENNEDY
Sunia TURUVA	2	W	2	Sione KATOA
Izack TAGO	3	C	14	Siosifa TALAKAI
Paul ALAMOTI	4	C	4	Kayal IRO
Brian TO'O	5	W	5	Ronaldo MULTITALO
Jarome LUAI	6	FE	6	Braydon TRINDALL
Nathan CLEARY (c)	7	HB	7	Nicho HYNES
Moses LEOTA	8	FR	8	Toby RUDOLF
Mitch KENNY	9	HK	9	Blayke BRAILEY
James FISHER-HARRIS	10	FR	10	Oregon KAUFUSI
Luke GARNER	11	2R	11	Briton NIKORA
Liam MARTIN	12	2R	12	Teig WILTON
Isaah YEO	13	L	13	Cameron McINNES (c)
Brad SCHNEIDER	14	B	15	Jack WILLIAMS
Lindsay SMITH	15	B	16	Royce HUNT
Liam HENRY	16	B	17	Thomas HAZELTON
Matt EISENHUTH	17	B	18	Daniel ATKINSON
Ivan CLEARY		HC		Craig FITZGIBBON

Date: Sat, 28th September. Kickoff: 7:50 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-2. Penalties: Cronulla 7-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 33,753. Player of the Year: 3 - N Cleary, 2 - P Alamoti, 1 - C McInnes. **MATCH REVIEW:** T Rudolf (CRO) - G2 Dangerous Contact (trip) - 1 match; S Talakai (CRO) - G1 Dangerous Contact - \$1800

2024 NRL GRAND FINAL

PENRITH 14 MELBOURNE 6

Penrith Panthers have become the first time in six decades to claim four consecutive first grade rugby league titles, downing Melbourne 14-6 in a gritty 2024 Grand Final at Accor Stadium.

In front of just 80,156 fans on league's biggest day, the Panthers battled hard and won it tough in what was ultimate a game of defence.

After dominating the opening quarter of the match, Penrith ultimately conceded the opening try when Harry Grant burrowed over from dummy half after 22 minutes. Five minutes later departing winger Sunia Turuva was on the end of a solid backline movement to bring the scoreline in and open Penrith's account, the score at that point 6-4. The Panthers finished the half with 56% of the ball, so it seemed it would be unjust if they didn't go in to the halftime break ahead - and that they did, with Liam Martin crashing through the defence just short of the break. Cleary's conversion had the scores 10-6 at halftime.

Just four points - a solitary Penrith try for Paul Alamoti at the hour mark - would alter that scoreline after halftime, but there were plenty of headline moments to come out of what was a controversial second forty. The biggest of these was a Bunker call around the 50 minute mark which went against Melbourne. Jack Howarth crashed over the line despite the attention of plenty of Penrith defenders. With referee Ashley Klein referring the try to the Bunker as 'no try' and Howarth having been held up. Replays suggested that he likely did ground the ball on one or two angles, but Review Official Grant Atkins judged that there was no evidence to confirm a try, so the decision stayed no try. Later in the game, with the result just about locked away, Paul Alamoti alleged Cam Munster bit his arm in the 74th minute. The Melbourne five-eighth was placed on report and will no doubt come under Match Review Committee scrutiny overnight. Melbourne seemed to make metres easier late in the contest but Penrith's well-drilled defence was up to the task - in fact, both teams' defences were incredible in a high-quality contest. The end result is Penrith creating history, the first team to win three straight in the salary cap era and first since the St George 11-in-a-row of the 50's and 60's of any club. It's also a fitting goodbye for departing players Jarome Luai, Sunia Turuva and James Fisher-Harris. **DAN**

MELBOURNE	6	-	14	PENRITH
Harry GRANT		T		Paul ALAMOTI
				Liam MARTIN
				Sunia TURUVA
Nick MEANEY	1/1	G	1/3	Nathan CLEARY
TEAMSHEETS				
Ryan PAPHENHUYZEN	1	FB	1	Dylan EDWARDS
Will WARBRICK	2	W	2	Sunia TURUVA
Jack HOWARTH	3	C	3	Izack TAGO
Nick MEANEY	4	C	4	Paul ALAMOTI
Xavier COATES	5	W	5	Brian TO'O
Cameron MUNSTER	6	FE	6	Jarome LUAI
Jahrome HUGHES	7	HB	7	Nathan CLEARY (c)
Tui KAMIKAMICA	8	FR	8	Moses LEOTA
Harry GRANT (c)	9	HK	9	Mitch KENNY
Josh KING	10	FR	10	James FISHER-HARRIS
Shawn BLORE	11	2R	19	Scott SORENSEN
Eliesa KATOA	12	2R	12	Liam MARTIN
Trent LOIERO	13	L	13	Isaah YEO
Tyran WISHART	14	B	11	Luke GARNER
Christian WELCH	15	B	15	Lindsay SMITH
Lazarus VAALEPU	16	B	16	Liam HENRY
Alec MacDONALD	17	B		
Craig BELLAMY		HC		Ivan CLEARY

Date: Sun, 6th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-6.

Penalties: Melbourne 4-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 80,156.

Player of the Year: 3 - L Martin, 2 - J Luai, 1 - E Katoa

MATCH REVIEW: No players charged.

2024 PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

- 33 points** JAHROME HUGHES (STORM)
DALY CHERRY-EVANS (SEA EAGLES 30, MAROONS 3)
- 29 points** James Tedesco (Roosters)
- 26 points** Dylan Edwards (Panthers 23, Blues 3)
- 20 points** Isaah Yeo (Panthers), Nathan Cleary (Panthers)
- 19 points** Ben Hunt (Dragons)
- 18 points** Kalya Ponga (Knights)
- 17 points** Jamal Fogarty (Raiders), Reece Walsh (Broncos), Sam Walker (Roosters), Angus Crichton (Roosters 13, Blues 4)
- 16 points** Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Dolphins 14, Maroons 2), Harry Grant (Storm), Eliesa Katoa (Storm)
- 15 points** Keano Kini (Titans), Matt Burton (Bulldogs)
- 14 points** Apisai Koroisau (Wests Tigers), Braydon Trindall (Sharks)
- 13 points** Zac Lomax (Dragons), Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Mitchell Moses (Eels 10, Blues 3)
- 12 points** Te Maire Martin (Warriors), Tom Dearden (Cowboys), Dylan Brown (Eels), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs 11, Blues 1), Jarome Luai (Panthers 11, Blues 1)
- 11 points** Lachlan Galvin (Wests Tigers), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys), Nicho Hynes (Sharks), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks), AJ Brimson (Titans), Isaiya Katoa (Dolphins)
- 10 points** Toby Sexton (Bulldogs), Herbie Farnworth (Dolphins), Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Tyrell Sloan (Dragons), Dane Gagai (Knights), Shaun Johnson (Warriors), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Brian To'o (Panthers)
- 9 points** Adam Reynolds (Broncos), Tyran Wishart (Storm), Keano Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Reece Robson (Cowboys)
- 8 points** Blayne Brailey (Sharks), Luke Brooks (Sea Eagles), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Joseph Manu (Roosters), Kieran Foran (Titans), Connor Tracey (Bulldogs), Reed Mahoney (Bulldogs), Stephen Crichton (Bulldogs), Jacob Liddle (Dragons), Josh Curran

- (Bulldogs), Jacob Kiraz (Bulldogs), Cody Walker (Rabbitohs), Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Warriors), Connor Watson (Roosters)
- 7 points** Trai Fuller (Dolphins), Patrick Carrigan (Broncos), Ezra Mam (Broncos), Selwyn Cobbo (Broncos), Terrell May (Roosters), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm), Sandon Smith (Roosters)
- 6 points** Kyle Feldt (Cowboys), Viliame Kikau (Bulldogs), Jacob Preston (Bulldogs), Daejarn Asi (Eels), William Kennedy (Sharks), Max Plath (Dolphins), Hudson Young (Raiders), Xavier Coates (Storm), David Fifita (Titans), Daniel Atkinson (Sharks), Jackson Hastings (Knights), Kaeo Weekes (Raiders), Jaydn Su'A (Dragons 5, Maroons 1), Reuben Cotter (Cowboys)
- 5 points** William Warbrick (Storm), Mitchell Barnett (Warriors), James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Lehi Hopoate (Sea Eagles), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Bradman Best (Knights), Josh King (Storm), Jack Williams (Sharks), Dylan Lucas (Knights), Jack Cogger (Knights), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Jahream Bula (Wests Tigers), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Adam Elliott (Knights), Kaval Iro (Sharks), Thomas Hazelton (Sharks), Liam Martin (Panthers)
- 4 points** Kodi Nikorima (Dolphins), Zac Hosking (Raiders), Teig Wilton (Sharks), Tristan Sailor (Broncos), Heilum Luki (Cowboys), Josh Addo-Carr (Bulldogs), David Armstrong (Knights), Elliott Whitehead (Raiders), Jackson Ford (Warriors), Morgan Smithies (Raiders), Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Ethan Strange (Raiders), Chad Townsend (Cowboys), Victor Radley (Roosters), Dominic Young (Roosters), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs), Daine Laurie (Panthers), Cameron Munster (Storm), Cameron McInnes (Sharks)
- 3 points** Zac Laybutt (Cowboys), Euan Aitken (Dolphins), Junior Paulo (Eels), Reagan Campbell-Gillard (Eels), Bryce Cartwright (Eels), Tolutau Koula (Sea Eagles), Jye Gray (Rabbitohs), Sualauvi Faalogo (Storm), Jack de Belin (Dragons), Brodie Jones (Knights), Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Thomas Flegler (Dolphins), Payne Haas (Broncos), Sione Katoa (Sharks), Maika Sivo (Eels), Fletcher Sharpe (Knights), Harry Hayes (Bulldogs), Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests

- Tigers), Charnze Nicoll-Klokstad (Warriors), Matthew Timoko (Raiders), Jesse Ramien (Sharks), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Jamayne Isaako (Dolphins), Ben Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Nathan Brown (Sea Eagles), Shawn Blore (Storm), Moeaki Fotuauka (Titans), Jesse Marschke (Dragons), Wayde Egan (Warriors), Tyson Gamble (Knights)
- 2 points** Samuela Fainu (Wests Tigers), Deine Mariner (Broncos), Scott Sorensen (Panthers), Siosifa Talakai (Sharks), Jojo Fifita (Titans), Sitili Poupounia (Roosters), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Grant Anderson (Storm), Taane Milne (Rabbitohs), Tanah Boyd (Titans), Tevita Pangai Junior (Dolphins), Phillip Sami (Titans), Toafofoa Siplely (Sea Eagles), Chanel Harris-Tavita (Warriors), Izack Tago (Panthers), Jock Madden (Broncos), Billy Walters (Broncos), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Taine Tupaipi (Warriors), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Isaiah Papali'i (Wests Tigers), Tommy Talau (Sea Eagles), J'maine Hopgood (Eels), Luke Keary (Roosters), Jack Wighton (Rabbitohs), Corey Waddell (Sea Eagles), Luke Garner (Panthers), Paul Alamoti (Panthers)
- 1 point** Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Jack Bostock (Dolphins), Charlie Staines (Wests Tigers), Tallyn Da Silva (Wests Tigers), Brad Schneider (Panthers), Nat Butcher (Roosters), Beau Fermor (Titans), Luke Metcalf (Warriors), Heath Mason (Wests Tigers), Asu Kepaoa (Wests Tigers), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Bronson Xerri (Bulldogs), Casey McLean (Panthers), Aidan Sezer (Wests Tigers), Daniel Saiffiti (Knights), Rocco Berry (Warriors), Samuel Stonestreet (Sharks), Josh Kerr (Dolphins), Lindsay Smith (Panthers), Kurtis Morrin (Bulldogs), Jack Cole (Panthers), Brandon Smith (Roosters), Alofiana Khan-Pereira (Titans), Blake Wilson (Bulldogs), Braidon Burns (Cowboys), Sam Verrills (Titans), Jesse Arthars (Broncos), Nick Meaney (Cowboys), Luciano Leilua (Dragons), Kulikefu Finefeuiaki (Cowboys), Royce Hunt (Sharks), Jesse McLean (Panthers), Adam Doueichi (Wests Tigers), Justin Olam (Wests Tigers), Max King (Bulldogs), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Christian Tuipulotu (Dragons), Taylan May (Panthers), Griffin Neame (Cowboys), Charlie Guymer (Eels), Erin Clark (Titans), Greg Marzhev (Knights), Bronson Garlick (Storm), Harrison Edwards (Bulldogs), Jamie Humphreys (Sea Eagles)

AUSTRALIAN FIRST GRADE HONOUR ROLL

NSWRL 1908-1994, ARL 1995-1997, SUPER LEAGUE 1997, NRL 1998-present

NSWRL PREMIERSHIP - COMMENCED 1908.

Balmain, Cumberland, Eastern Suburbs, Glebe, Newcastle, Newtown, North Sydney, South Sydney and Western Suburbs were the inaugural teams.

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NSWRL 1908	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney	9
Cumberland disbanded at the conclusion of the 1908 season.			
NSWRL 1909	South Sydney	South Sydney	8
Newcastle left the premiership at the conclusion of the 1909 season.			
Annandale joined the premiership ahead of the 1910 season.			
NSWRL 1910	Newtown	N/A	8
NSWRL 1911	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRL 1912	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRL 1913	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	8
NSWRL 1914	South Sydney	N/A	8
NSWRL 1915	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRL 1916	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRL 1917	Balmain	N/A	8
NSWRL 1918	South Sydney	N/A	8
NSWRL 1919	Balmain	N/A	8
University joined the premiership ahead of the 1920 season.			
NSWRL 1920	Balmain	N/A	9
Annandale left the premiership after the 1920 season.			
St George joined the premiership ahead of 1921 season.			
NSWRL 1921	North Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRL 1922	North Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRL 1923	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	9
NSWRL 1924	Balmain	N/A	9
NSWRL 1925	South Sydney	N/A	9
NSWRL 1926	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
NSWRL 1927	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
NSWRL 1928	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs, St George	9
NSWRL 1929	South Sydney	South Sydney	9
Glebe left the premiership after the 1929 season.			
NSWRL 1930	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	8
NSWRL 1931	South Sydney	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRL 1932	South Sydney	South Sydney	8
NSWRL 1933	Newtown	Newtown	8
NSWRL 1934	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs, Eastern Suburbs	8
Canterbury joined the premiership ahead of 1935 season.			
NSWRL 1935	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	9
NSWRL 1936	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	9
NSWRL 1937	Eastern Suburbs	N/A	9
University left the premiership after the 1937 season.			
NSWRL 1938	Canterbury	Canterbury	8
NSWRL 1939	Balmain	Balmain	8
NSWRL 1940	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRL 1941	St George	N/A	8
NSWRL 1942	Canterbury	Canterbury	8
NSWRL 1943	Newtown	Newtown	8
NSWRL 1944	Balmain	Newtown	8
NSWRL 1945	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	8
NSWRL 1946	Balmain	St George	8
Manly and Parramatta joined the premiership ahead of 1947 season.			
NSWRL 1947	Balmain	Canterbury	10
NSWRL 1948	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	10
NSWRL 1949	St George	South Sydney	10
NSWRL 1950	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRL 1951	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRL 1952	Western Suburbs	Western Suburbs	10

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NSWRL 1953	South Sydney	South Sydney	10
NSWRL 1954	South Sydney	Newtown	10
NSWRL 1955	South Sydney	Newtown	10
NSWRL 1956	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1957	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1958	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1959	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1960	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1961	St George	St George, Western Suburbs	10
NSWRL 1962	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1963	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1964	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1965	St George	St George	10
NSWRL 1966	St George	St George	10
Cronulla and Penrith joined the premiership ahead of 1967 season.			
NSWRL 1967	South Sydney	St George	12
NSWRL 1968	South Sydney	South Sydney	12
NSWRL 1969	Balmain	South Sydney	12
NSWRL 1970	South Sydney	South Sydney	12
NSWRL 1971	South Sydney	Manly	12
NSWRL 1972	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRL 1973	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRL 1974	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRL 1975	Eastern Suburbs	Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRL 1976	Manly	Manly	12
NSWRL 1977	St George	Parramatta	12
NSWRL 1978	Manly	Western Suburbs	12
NSWRL 1979	St George	St George	12
NSWRL 1980	Canterbury	Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs	12
NSWRL 1981	Parramatta	Eastern Suburbs	12
Canberra and Illawarra joined the premiership ahead of 1982 season.			
NSWRL 1982	Parramatta	Parramatta	14
NSWRL 1983	Parramatta	Manly	14
Newtown left the premiership after the 1983 season.			
NSWRL 1984	Canterbury	Canterbury	13
NSWRL 1985	Canterbury	St George	13
NSWRL 1986	Parramatta	Parramatta	13
NSWRL 1987	Manly	Manly	13
Brisbane, Gold Coast and Newcastle joined the premiership ahead of 1988 season.			
NSWRL 1988	Canterbury	Cronulla	16
NSWRL 1989	Canberra	South Sydney	16
NSWRL 1990	Canberra	Canberra	16
NSWRL 1991	Penrith	Penrith	16
NSWRL 1992	Brisbane	Brisbane	16
NSWRL 1993	Brisbane	Canterbury	16
NSWRL 1994	Canberra	Canterbury	16
Auckland, North Qld, South Qld and Western Reds 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 Adelaide and Hunter.			
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. Hunter, South Queensland and Western Reds folded after 1997. Melbourne joined the premiership ahead of the 1998 season.			

YEAR	PREMIERS	MINOR PREMIERS	# of TEAMS
NRL 1998	Brisbane	Brisbane	20
<i>Adelaide and Gold Coast left the premiership after the 1998 season.</i>			
<i>St George and Illawarra merged to form St George Illawarra ahead of the 1999 season</i>			
NRL 1999	Melbourne	Sharks	17
<i>South Sydney were removed from the premiership after the 1999 season.</i>			
<i>Balmain and Western Suburbs merged to form Wests Tigers ahead of the 2000 season.</i>			
<i>Manly and North Sydney merged to form Northern Eagles ahead of the 2000 season.</i>			
NRL 2000	Brisbane	Brisbane	14
NRL 2001	Newcastle	Parramatta	14
<i>South Sydney were reinstated ahead of the 2002 season.</i>			
NRL 2002	Sydney	Warriors	15
<i>Northern Eagles were disbanded after the 2002 season..</i>			
<i>Manly were reinstated ahead of the 2003 season.</i>			
NRL 2003	Penrith	Penrith	15
NRL 2004	Bulldogs	Sydney	15
NRL 2005	Wests Tigers	Parramatta	15
NRL 2006	Brisbane	<i>Withdrawn</i>	15
<i>Gold Coast Titans joined the premiership ahead of the 2007 season</i>			
NRL 2007	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	16
NRL 2008	Manly	<i>Withdrawn</i>	16
NRL 2009	<i>Withdrawn</i>	St George Illawarra	16
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 joined the premiership ahead of the 2023 season.</i>			
NRL 2023	Penrith	Penrith	17
NRL 2024	Penrith	Melbourne	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 6, 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.

Melbourne's 2007 and 2009 premierships, along with their 2006, 2007 and 2008 minor premierships, were withdrawn in 2010 after systematic breaches of the salary cap were revealed.

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 withdrew at the conclusion of the 2020 season.</i>			
<i>Gold Coast, Newcastle and Parramatta joined the premiership ahead of the 2021 season.</i>			
<i>The 2021 season was played in 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.</i>			
NRLW 2021	Sydney	St George Illawarra	6
NRLW 2022	Newcastle	Sydney	6
<i>Canberra, Cronulla, North Queensland and Wests Tigers joined the premiership ahead of the 2023 season.</i>			
NRLW 2023	Newcastle	Newcastle	10
NRLW 2024	Sydney	Cronulla	10
<i>Canterbury will join the premiership ahead of the 2025 season.</i>			
<i>Warriors will re-join the premiership ahead of the 2025 season.</i>			

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, Warriors

BRISBANE BRONCOS

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They say nothing in life is guaranteed and, in the case of making grand finals, never to take it for granted - just as the Brisbane Broncos and, specifically, Kevin Walters.

He was a few minutes away from being a premiership-winning coach, from lifting the Provens Summons Trophy. And sure, even if that happened what unfolded this season would have been a disappointment. But it would have surely granted him even a little bit more leeway. Perhaps enough, in the end, to save him his job. Instead, Walters was dismissed after Brisbane failed to make the finals, finishing in 12th position.

Adam Reynolds and Reece Walsh were both sidelined for almost half of the season due to injury while Payne Haas also had his setbacks and was sorely missed in the games he didn't play.

It just wasn't meant to be for the Broncos, proving just how hard it is to sustain success in the modern NRL and, with that in mind, also underlining just how impressive Penrith's four straight premierships are.

TURNING POINT

You have to go to Round 9 and that 40-12 loss to the Roosters.

Before that game the Broncos were fifth and level on wins with the Panthers, having claimed three games in a row. They were right in that game against the Roosters too, even after Reynolds went off injured, getting back to 18-all before the Tricolours ran in four unanswered tries to seal the victory. It was a sombre Suncorp Stadium that night, with it later confirmed that Reynolds had ruptured his biceps and would be sidelined for an extended period.

The Broncos rallied to win their next two games but then collapsed against the Titans to lose 36-34 before the bye, dropping five more in a row to well and truly tumble down the ladder without Reynolds. When Reynolds did return against the Knights in Round 20, a 30-14 win on the road renewed optimism the Broncos could go on a late-season run to sneak into the finals. But then came another turning point as Brisbane suffered back-to-back heavy losses to the Bulldogs and Titans, falling 41-16 and 46-18 in proof that Reynolds alone could not save them.

WHAT WORKED?

Not much, but if there was one clear game plan that worked for the Broncos it was getting early ball to their explosive outside backs. Mariner, Kotoni Staggs and Selwyn Cobbo all finished inside the top 20 centres for tackle busts in the NRL.

Obviously Cobbo and Mariner didn't spend all of 2024 in the centres but whichever position they were playing, getting their hands on the ball in space was a recipe for success. The only problem was that all three struggled at various points in defence, so you had to take the good with the bad, but any time they got the ball there was always a chance they could create something out of nothing.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK?

A lot, and while injuries to key players obviously crippled Brisbane's season, the numbers also speak to a young team that lacked discipline and defensive resolve. The Broncos averaged the second-most penalties conceded at 4.9 and were awarded 4.3, which was the least in the league - speaking to just how much of an issue discipline was.

They also conceded the most metres (1525) and made the third-fewest (1352), which is hardly a recipe for success given how important field position is to dominating games. Then you add in the fact they ranked second-worst in completion rate (77.8 per cent) and worst in handling errors per game (9.8).

This may seem like a lot of numbers being spat out at you and it is, but it is all to illustrate how there wasn't one single area that the Broncos struggled in - it was a multitude of problems which, when combined, led to such a steep fall-off from last year's heights.

Oddly enough, Brisbane actually ranked fifth best when it came to missed tackles, but maybe that is because at times they weren't even making tackles, letting players through gaping holes to score untouched. By the end of the year it was clear this was a team that was ready for the season to be over, conceding 38 points per game in the final four rounds.

BEST PLAYERS

It was another stellar campaign from captain Patrick Carrigan, who took home player of the year honours at Brisbane's awards night after another dependable season which saw him average 138 metres and 32.1 tackles per game. Corey Jensen also deserves a shout-out because while he may not be a name many people go to when they think of the Broncos, he was the only Brisbane player to suit up in all 25 games and averaged career-high numbers across the board (112 meters, 30.8 tackles).

On the flashier side of the spectrum, Deine Marine impressed in his first full season in the NRL. While he had a few mistakes in his game, which is to be expected of a player with his lack of experience, Mariner's speed made him a weapon on the outside and produced plenty of highlights in an otherwise down year for the club.

Xavier Willison was another player who was a touch raw entering this year but really started to emerge as a key piece in the forward pack. He only averaged 37 minutes but that was already well up from the 18 minutes he saw the season prior and there was no drop-off in efficiency from Willison, who averaged 96 metres.

ROOKIES

Blake Mozer showed flashes deputizing at hooker and could form a nice tandem with Billy Walters given he likely isn't ready just yet to take on more of a workload in defence.

Meanwhile, Ben Te Kura is another one who still has plenty of growth left in him - which is a scary prospect given he is already 205 centimetres and 122 kilograms at 20 years old. Now primarily that was growth in terms of his application in games as opposed to anything physical, because the frame he already has is enough to make him a handful to bring down. At this stage he is suited to short spurts off the bench, as was the case in 2024, averaging 21 minutes in three appearances.

He didn't play this year and may not be ready next season either but given Reynolds is getting on in age, Coby Black is another one to keep an eye on in Queensland Cup.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-18	Trial 1	NQL	W 46 20	BB Print	5332
24	Trial 2	MAN	W 40 14	4 Pines	-
Mar-02	1	SYD	L 10 20	Allegiant	40746
14	2	SOU	W 28 18	Suncorp	35507
21	3	PEN	L 12 34	BlueBet	20089
29	4	NQL	W 38 12	Suncorp	45793
Apr-04	5	MEL	L 32 34	AAMI	20698
12	6	DOL	W 28 14	Suncorp	46224
20	7	CAN	W 34 10	Suncorp	37286
27	8	WST	W 34 10	Campbelltown	17351
May-03	9	SYD	L 18 40	Suncorp	40190
10	10	PAR	W 30 14	CommBank	17393
17	11	MAN	W 13 12	Suncorp	50971
26	12	GLD	L 34 36	Suncorp	42221
	13	BYE			
8	14	CRO	L 12 22	Suncorp	41004
14	15	SOU	L 12 22	Accor	12207
	16	BYE			
29	17	WAR	L 16 32	Go Media	22711
Jul-05	18	PEN	L 6 14	Suncorp	42433
13	19	SGI	L 26 30	Suncorp	34224
20	20	NEW	W 30 14	McD. Jones	26952
27	21	CBY	L 16 41	Suncorp	42213
Aug-03	22	GLD	L 18 46	Cbus Super	25278
10	23	NQL	W 42 18	QLD C. Bank	24230
	24	BYE			
23	25	PAR	W 30 24	Suncorp	36289
31	26	DOL	L 6 40	Suncorp	50049
Sep-05	27	MEL	L 12 50	Suncorp	35086

ROUND	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	SEASON STATS					
	OPPONENT	SYD	SOU	PEN	NQL	MEL	DOL	CAN	WST	SYD	PAR	MAN	GLD	CRO	SOU	WAR	PEN	SGT	NEW	CBY	GLD	NQL	PAR	DOL	MEL	S13	INT	T	G	FG
ARTHARS, Jesse	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	W					W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	19	-	5	-	-	20
BAKER, Fletcher	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B				B		B									FR	6	6	-	-	-	-
CARRIGAN, Patrick	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	22	-	2	-	-	8
COBBO, Selwyn	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	FB	C	C	C	C	C			W			W	W	C	19	-	6	-	-	24
GOSIEWSKI, Jack											B	B	B	B	B	2R									1	5	-	-	-	-
HAAS, Payne	FR	FR						FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR		FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	14	-	2	-	-	8
HETHERINGTON, Kobe	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	B	L	B	2R	B	B	B		B	3	20	1	-	-	4
HUNT, Jaiyden				2R	2R	2R	2R																	2R	5	-	-	-	-	-
JENSEN, Corey	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	1	-	-	4
KARAPANI, Josiah											C	C		W	B	B	B			B	W	B	C		5	5	-	-	-	-
MADDEN, Jock			HB			HB	HB	FE			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB									10	-	2	5	1	19
MAM, Ezra	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE				21	-	9	-	-	36
MARINER, Deine	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	19	-	17	-	-	68	
MOZER, Blake											B					B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	8	1	-	-	4
OATES, Corey				B	B	W	W	W		W	W	W	W			W	W	W	B	W			W	12	3	3	-	-	12	
PIAKURA, Brendan	2R	2R	2R					2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	18	-	3	-	-	12	
REYNOLDS, Adam	HB	HB		HB	HB			HB	HB									HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	13	-	1	43	-	90
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ROGERS, Josh										HB							HB				FE	FE	FE	FE	6	-	3	-	-	12
SAILOR, Tristan				FB	FB	B	B						FB	FB	FB		FB				B	FB	FB	FB	9	3	1	-	-	4
SMOOTHY, Tyson	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	B	B	B	H	B	B	B							2	16	2	-	-	8
STAGGS, Kotoni	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	21	-	8	18	-	68	
TAUPAU, Martin	FR	B	B												B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	1	12	1	-	-	4	
TEKURA, Benjamin					B																		B	B	-	3	1	-	-	4
WALSH, Reece	FB	FB	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB				FB		FB	FB	FB	FB			14	-	14	18	-	92	
WALTERS, Billy	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	22	1	3	-	-	12	
WILLISON, Xavier			B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	FR	2R	FR	B	B	B	FR	FR	B	5	14	3	-	-	12	

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches
Captains

Biggest home crowd
Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer

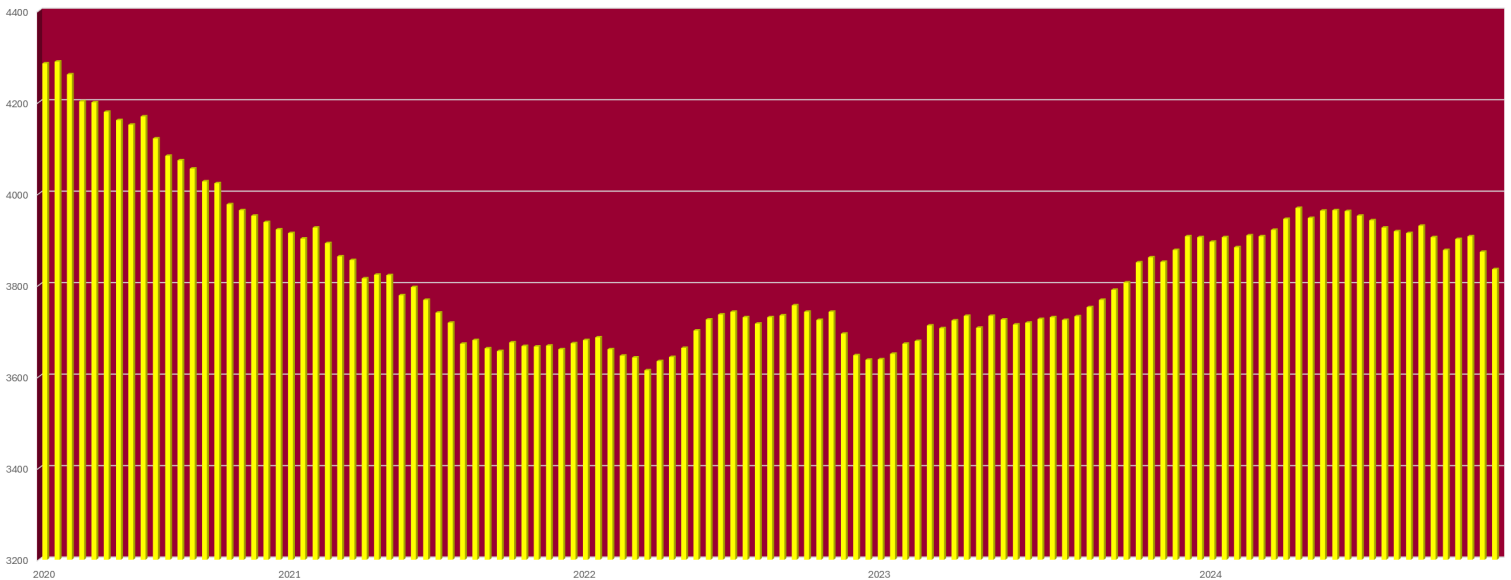
Kevin Walters
Adam Reynolds (13)
Patrick Carrigan (9)
Kotoni Staggs (2)
46,224 (vs. Dolphins in round 6)
39,873
Reece Walsh (102)
Deine Mariner (17)

CLUB AWARDS

Paul Morgan Medal - Player of the Year
Cyril Connell Award - Rookie of the Year
Kevin Walters Award - Most Consistent
Allan Langer Award - Best Back
Shane Webcke Award - Best Forward
Wally Lewis Award - Play of the Year
Gary Balkin Award - Players' Player

Pat Carrigan
Blake Mozer
Corey Jensen
Kotoni Staggs
Pat Carrigan
Jesse Arthars
(R5 Try v Storm)
Pat Carrigan

Brisbane Broncos Cumulative Margin 2020-24



CANBERRA RAIDERS

SAM BOURKE

Canberra came into the season very much in a rebuilding phase, with the well-publicised loss of their star player Jack Wighton expected to diminish their chances of returning to the Top 8 in 2024. It set the scene for a Ricky Stuart inspired backs to the wall performance, where everyone had written them off as a contender for another final's appearance.

Canberra got off to a solid start where they were able to right the wrongs of their 2023 semi-final exit in Newcastle by defeating the Knights in Round 1 and then making it two from two against the Tigers at GIO Stadium. From there it was a rollercoaster of results for the Milk, with back-to-back losses followed by an impressive 41-8 thrashing of Parramatta at home in Round 5. The tables then turned in Round 8 when the Sharks put on forty unanswered points, and it became extremely hard to pick which Raiders side were going to turn up each week. In between those inconsistent scorelines, the Raiders lost halfback Jamal Fogarty for three months with a bicep injury. Despite the loss of their most experienced half, Canberra did respond with some gritty on the road wins over Manly, Canterbury and the Dolphins which saw veteran Jordan Rapana kick a dramatic golden point field goal to seal victory in Round 13. As gutsy as those wins were, shocking losses to the Cowboys (twice) and the Tigers while conceding over thirty points were just inexcusable.

Following Fogarty's return, Canberra rallied late in the season winning their last three which included a shock win over the premiers Penrith at home and then putting a dent in the momentum of the high flying Roosters, to show their fans that they can beat anyone on their day...but unfortunately at the same time their season also demonstrated that they could also be thrashed by any team as well. The Raiders slipped from eighth last year to just missing out on finals in 2024 on a negative for and against, but overall, it is fair to say they were highly competitive in a what can be labelled a rebuilding year where they couldn't find the momentum to take them into September until it was too late.

TURNING POINT

Round 24 saw Canberra travel to Townsville sitting on the edge of the Top 8 needing to prove they were worthy of finals football against fellow contenders North Queensland. The Raiders performance was yet again another capitulation, letting in seven tries in the first 60 minutes to bury their finals chances and led to coach Ricky Stuart describing the embarrassing display as a 'boys' performance'. While this was heartbreaking for the coach, the response next week from the team saw Canberra shock the Panthers at home before going on to defeat the Roosters and Dragons to end the season with momentum for 2025.

WHAT WORKED

The Raiders forward pack was formidable and more often than not were able to keep their side in the fight. The front row combination of Joseph Tapine and Josh Papali'i were outstanding as they continued to make strong yardage and top the post contact metres each week. Many had club legend Papali'i picked for retirement, but he turned back the clock in 2024 and showed all in sundry that he will again be a force in what will be his 15th season in the top-grade next year. Fellow club legend Elliott Whitehead announced mid-season that 2024 would be his last and he went out with a bang in the backend of the season. This was highlighted by a dominant individual performance in Canberra's shock Round 26 win over the Roosters and that was despite being Sin Binned twice in the match. Hudson Young was selected for NSW in Game I and his excellent form late in the season culminated in making his Test debut against Tonga post season. Zac Hosking and Morgan Smithies were also great additions to the pack, and will no doubt play even better in 2025, while the late return of former Maroons forward Corey Horsburgh also should give Ricky Stuart plenty of positives. The negatives for the Green Machine's engine room were that they could not seem to get their strongest pack on the field at the same time, but despite this their go forward was easily their strength in 2024.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Traditionally Canberra have a reputation of scoring points, but that didn't happen in 2024 - where they found themselves equal last for both try assists and tries scored. While their experienced forwards were able to provide a platform on most occasions, the young Raiders backline did not capitalise consistently, averaging just under twenty points per game in attack. The loss of their organising half in Fogarty from Round 7 to Round 20 was clearly an issue, as they struggled for answers after trying several options in Kao Weekes and Adam Cook in the number seven jersey. During this period, Canberra slumped to winning only three games without their first-choice halfback until he returned in Round 20. While there were career years for Xavier Savage (15 tries) and Kao Weekes who eventually found a home a fullback in the back half of the season, the Raiders biggest attacking threat in Matt Timoko was stifled, and they simply must work towards getting him some more quality ball in 2025 if they are to improve this area of concern.

BEST PLAYER

Joseph Tapine was rightfully recognised for his outstanding season when he was awarded the Dally M Prop of the Year and his third straight Mal Meninga Player of the Year award. In what will be Tapine's tenth season in the lime green, he has officially been handed the captaincy following Elliott Whitehead's retirement from next season. The New Zealand front rower is already one of the game's elite front rowers, but given the passion he plays with, it will not surprise if the captaincy takes his game to an even higher level.

ROOKIES

After making his first-grade debut late in 2024, Ethan Strange hit the ground running from the outset with the former Blues Under 19 centre having to fill the shoes of Jack Wighton at five-eighth. Strange showed he was more than up to the task particularly in the first half of the season and was in the conversation for the NRL Rookie of the Year award. Strange has a bright future ahead of him after signing a long-term deal which will keep him in the nation's capital until at least the end of the 2028 season. Chevy Stewart was another who was handed his debut earlier in the season playing three games in his preferred fullback position. Stewart held his own in his limited appearances and given he is only just able to buy a beer at the bar, his best football is yet to come.

LOOKING AHEAD

2025 certainly looks to be a changing of the guard for Canberra as they farewell both their captain Whitehead and Jordan Rapana, which sees only three players (Papali'i, Tapine, Horsburgh) remain from the 2019 Grand Final side. Canberra has left one generation behind and looking to establish another as they have recently assembled some of the most promising junior rugby league players in the country. Joining fellow junior stars Strange and Chevy Stewart, will be highly rated Eels halfback Ethan Sanders, Knights forward Myles Martin, along with Dragon's speedster Savelio Tamale, who scored twelve tries and topped the line breaks in NSW Cup for 2024. Canberra also has rising hooker Owen Pattie on their books, who won the Jersey Flegg Player of the Year for the club in 2024. While it might be unrealistic to expect the Raiders to win a comp in 2025, they have invested heavily installing their next premiership window and it looks promising.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	Trial 1	PAR	W 38 16	Netstrata	8827
25	Trial 2	NQL	L 26 36	Seiffert	6058
Mar-07	1	NEW	W 28 12	McD. Jones	22378
16	2	WST	W 32 12	GIO	16968
22	3	WAR	L 10 18	Apollo	17249
31	4	CRO	L 22 36	Pointsbet	12692
Apr-07	5	PAR	W 41 8	GIO	13907
14	6	GLD	W 21 20	GIO	11738
20	7	BRI	L 10 34	Suncorp	37286
28	8	CRO	L 0 40	GIO	15820
May-03	9	MAN	W 26 24	4 Pines	10215
	10	BYE			
17	11	CBY	W 24 20	Suncorp	50971
25	12	SYD	L 16 44	GIO	18049
Jun-01	13	DOL	W 26 25	Kayo	10024
	14	BYE			
14	15	NQL	L 16 34	GIO	9671
23	16	WST	L 24 48	Campbelltown	10106
29	17	MEL	L 6 16	AAMI	14127
Jul-07	18	NEW	L 12 16	GIO	12553
	19	BYE			
19	20	WAR	W 20 18	GIO	8509
28	21	SOU	W 32 12	GIO	12114
Aug-04	22	CBY	L 18 22	Belmore	18110
10	23	MAN	L 24 46	GIO	16690
17	24	NQL	L 4 42	QLD C. Bank	17920
24	25	PEN	W 22 18	GIO	17523
Sep-01	26	SYD	W 14 12	Allianz	27239
7	27	SGI	W 26 24	Netstrata	11189

ROUND																												SEASON STATS					
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COTRIC, Nick	W		W						W	W	W	W	W	W												8	-	4	-	-	16		
FOGARTY, Jamal	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB										HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	14	-	-	44	2	90		
GULER, Emre	B	B	B						FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B		B					B					5	6	-	-	-	-		
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HOPOATE, Albert	C	W	C						FB						W	C						W	W	W	9	-	2	-	-	8			
HORSBURGH, Corey				B	B																	FR	FR	FR	3	2	1	-	-	4			
HOSKING, Zac	2R	2R	B	2R		2R											B	B	B						4	4	2	-	-	8			
KRIS, Sebastian		C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	W	C	C	C	20	-	5	-	-	20			
LEVI, Danny	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	H	H	H	16	7	6	-	-	24			
MARIOTA, Ata	B	B		B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	4	19	2	-	-	8			
MARTIN, Jordan															B										-	1	-	-	-	-			
MOONEY, Trey						B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B				B	-	16	1	-	-	4			
PAPALII, Josh	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B		B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	15	8	2	-	-	8			
RAPANA, Jordan	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB					FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	W	W	W	W	W		FB	FB	18	-	6	19	2	64			
SASAGI, Simi					B		2R	2R				B				B				B	B	B	B	2R	3	7	2	-	-	8			
SAULO, Pasami	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B																	-	8	-	-	-	-			
SAVAGE, Xavier	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	24	-	15	-	-	60			
SCHILLER, James				W	W	W	W	W																	5	-	5	-	-	20			
SMITHIES, Morgan	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	24	-	-	-	-	-			
STARLING, Tom	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	B	7	16	-	-	-	-			
STEWART, Chevy						FB	FB	FB																	3	-	-	1	-	2			
STRANGE, Ethan	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	C			FE	21	-	2	-	-	8			
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TIMOKO, Matthew	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	-	4	-	-	16			
WEEKES, Kao								HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE	FE	FB	17	-	8	6	-	44			
WHITEHEAD, Elliott			2R						2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	16	-	5	-	-	20				
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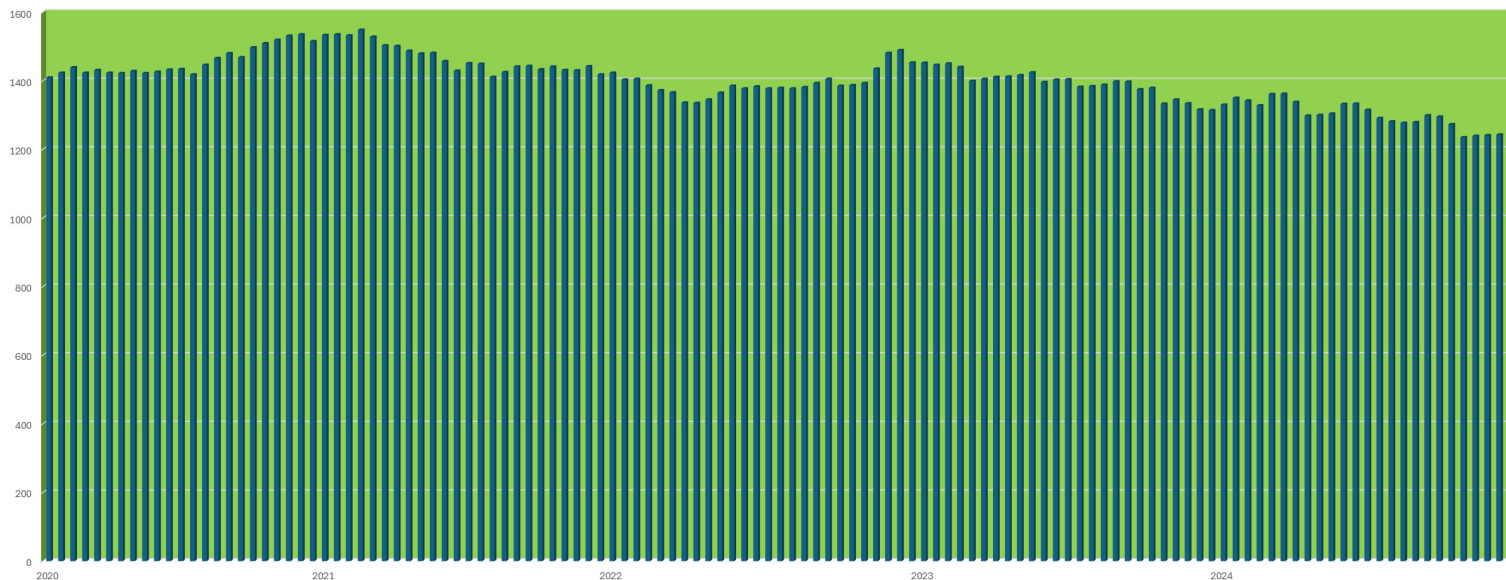
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach: Ricky Stuart
 Captains: Elliott Whitehead (17), Joseph Tapine (8)
 Biggest home crowd: 18,049 (vs. Sydney in round 12)
 Average home crowd: 13,958
 Top pointscorer: Jamal Fogarty (90)
 Top try scorer: Xavier Savage (15)

CLUB AWARDS

Meninga Medal (NRL): Joe Tapine
 NRL Coaches' Award: Kao Weekes
 Peter Mulholland Rookie of the Year: Ethan Strange
 Fred Daly Club Person of the Year: Josh Papalii

Canberra Raiders Cumulative Margin 2020-24



CANTERBURY-BANKSTOWN BULLDOGS

LACHLAN MCINTYRE

Bulldogs bite back: Canterbury-Bankstown prove NRL fans wrong with first finals appearance since 2016. The Bulldogs entered 2024 with careful optimism - optimism significantly overshadowed by the club's consistent underwhelming performances off the back of big name signings. With Cameron Ciraldo into his second year but Gus Gould rumoured to actually be at the helm, many NRL fans expected Canterbury-Bankstown's season to go much the same as the past few, that is, a slump to well outside of the eight despite the hype surrounding player signings and a so-called 'transformation'.

But with big names in their second year at the den - Reed Mahoney and Viliame Kikau - being joined by the likes of Stephen Crichton and a handful of more-than-handy utilities, the Bulldogs finally delivered upon what they'd been threatening to do for the past few seasons. Although getting off to a rocky start in the form of two straight losses, Canterbury-Bankstown nabbed wins where they could throughout a tough first few months, before getting into their groove around State of Origin time.

The Bulldogs only lost two games between rounds 12 and 25, with highlights including a demolition of the Broncos in Brisbane and a narrow four point win over Canberra in front of passionate home fans at Belmore. The momentum came crashing to a halt in front of 35,000 fans at Olympic Park in round 26, where they went down by 12 points to Manly. And it would be only two weeks later that the Sea Eagles would end the Bulldogs' 2024 season in a nail-biting elimination final at the same ground.

Overall, Canterbury-Bankstown's main objective this season would've been to make their first finals appearance since 2016. This they did emphatically, effectively engaging their fan base along the way in a manner which has provided an injection of rugby league flavoured hope and life into the area. It's definitely a season which the club can build upon, and it would be a shame to see them squander this momentum next year - this is a very important pre-season coming up for the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.

TURNING POINT

R12 v Dragons - At the end of round 11, the Bulldogs were sitting in 13th. They had pushed some big name teams all the way over the previous few rounds but often fell agonisingly short, sitting on a not bad record of 4-6 despite their low ladder position. In round 12 they were set to face the Dragons, who would be a tough opponent, coming off their first bye round and sitting a few places higher than Canterbury-Bankstown at the time. But in front of a little over 15k fans at Olympic Park, doubles for Burton, Kiraz, and Salmon saw the home side triumph 44-12, despite trailing by six at the break. This epic second-half performance would prove to be a significant positive turning point in the Bulldog's season, only coming away without competition points in two of their next 13 rounds, which saw them sit comfortably inside the eight all the way until season's end.

WHAT WORKED

The Bulldogs successfully rallied their fans in a way that only success can and has given the Rugby League community a much-needed injection of hope in their footy club. Their round 22 'Back to Belmore' game which saw them narrowly edge Canberra 22-18 was a sell out, and really marked their intention of playing finals footy. The media began jumping on the hype train and in the blink of an eye, Canterbury-Bankstown were a force to be reckoned with. The next week, a massive contingent of Dogs fans helped to sell out Jubilee Stadium to watch a massively important win against archrivals St George Illawarra.

The final three games of the Bulldogs' 2024 campaign were at home, and although they lost all three it was certainly not due to lack of supporters. Apart from Easter, the crowds of 35,502; 32,437; & 50,714 in those three games were their highest home attendances all season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The Bulldogs struggled when it really counted in their final crucial games of the season. Although their struggles certainly didn't kick-off with the Josh Addo-Carr drug test drama, it amplified the noise heading into their do-or-die finals clash with Manly. Having returned a positive result for cocaine on a roadside drug test, Addo-Carr ruled himself out from the side that faced Manly in what will go on to be a narrow defeat to end the Bulldogs' season. But with Phil Gould seemingly misled and speaking out against the claims made by the media, it's easy to believe that there is more going on behind the scenes.

BEST PLAYER

2024 Dally M Captain of the Year Stephen Crichton was an absolute standout for Canterbury-Bankstown throughout the 2024 season. This being his first with the club, a lot of pressure was on Crichton's shoulders to deliver results. The big name signing was thrown into the headlines early in the year when he was named captain, but he certainly proved the doubters wrong. At just 23 years of age at the time, his big game experience made up for his career length. He scored ten tries in 21 games for the Bulldogs, including one in their week one finals loss to Manly. Signed to a four year deal, the sky's the limit for Crichton at Belmore.

ROOKIES

Lipoi Hopoi made his NRL debut this season in his 3rd year at the Bulldogs club. Used as a bench forward six times throughout the season in the top grade 17, Gus Gould speaks very highly of the 22 year old. He is set to be upgraded onto a development contract in 2025 with a view to making him a top 30 player at Canterbury-Bankstown by the 2026 season, as he continues to garner NRL minutes. The most minutes so far in his career was 38 on his debut, running for 121 metres. Although he was named in rounds 18 and 22 he remained unused on the bench, further being named as 18th man on two occasions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Josh Addo-Carr was the big question mark, with the rumoured signing of Enari Tuala as well as Blake Wilson waiting in the wings. Addo-Carr now needs to find a new club following his controversial end to 2024.

Stitli Tupouniua is a big gain for the club, however they will be looking for some more big name signings over the coming months.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

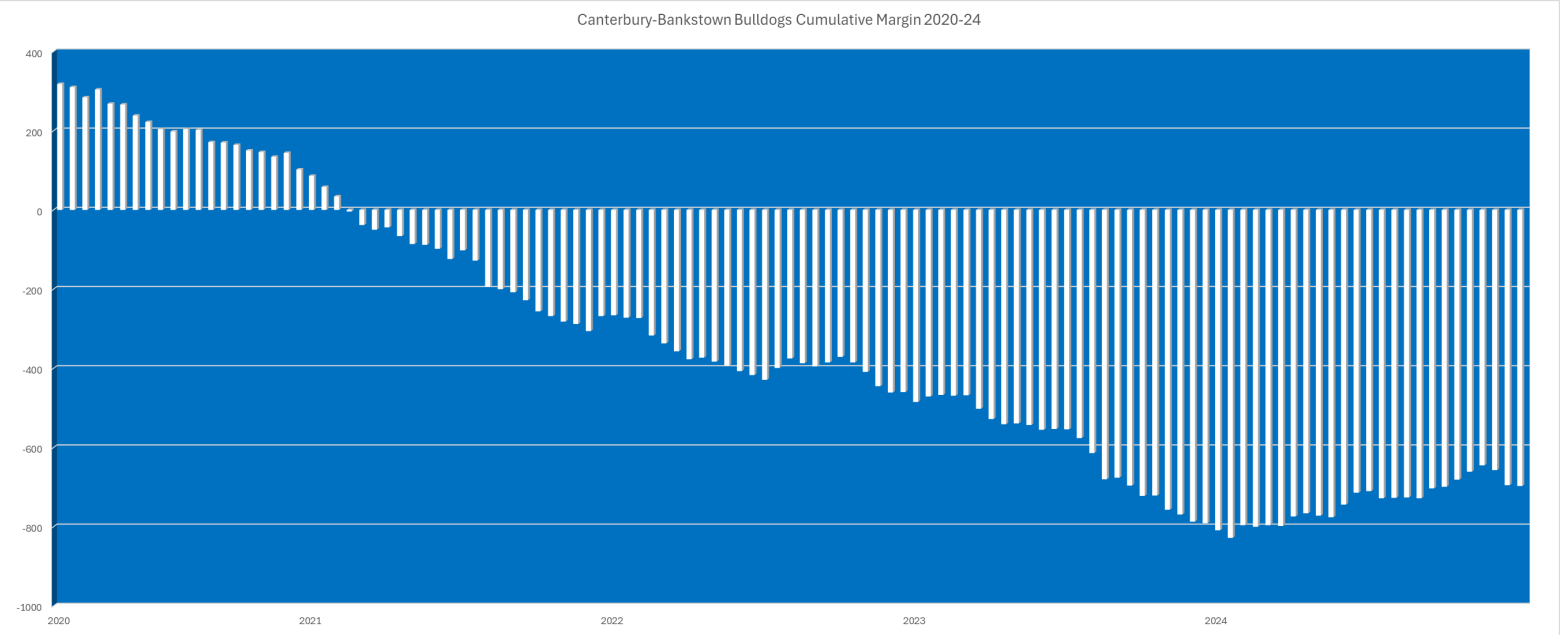
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23	Trial 2	CRO	L 6 12	Belmore	6091
Mar-09	1	PAR	L 8 26	CommBank	29171
15	2	CRO	L 6 25	Pointsbet	12928
23	3	GLD	W 32 0	Belmore	12037
29	4	SOU	L 16 20	Accor	35275
Apr-05	5	SYD	W 30 26	Accor	7169
12	6	MEL	L 14 16	AAMI	16065
21	7	NEW	W 36 12	Accor	17784
	8	BYE			
May-04	9	WST	W 22 14	Accor	17068
10	10	PEN	L 10 16	BlueBet	21525
17	11	CAN	L 20 24	Suncorp	50971
23	12	SGI	W 44 12	Accor	15442
31	13	NEW	W 32 2	McD. Jones	21204
Jun-10	14	PAR	W 22 18	Accor	45496
	15	BYE			
22	16	SYD	L 8 26	Industree	16868
28	17	CRO	W 15 14	Accor	15765
Jul-06	18	WAR	W 13 12	Accor	27223
	19	BYE			
21	20	NQL	L 18 20	QLD C. Bank	16376
27	21	BRI	W 41 16	Suncorp	42213
Aug-04	22	CAN	W 22 18	Belmore	18110
10	23	SGI	W 28 10	Netstrata	18416
17	24	DOL	W 30 10	Salter	6148
23	25	WAR	W 34 18	S. Johnson	24295
30	26	MAN	L 22 34	Accor	35502
Sep-07	27	NQL	L 6 44	Accor	32437
15	EF	MAN	L 22 24	Accor	50714

ROUND																												SEASON STATS					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	EF	S13	Int	T	G	FG	Pts		
OPONENT	PAR	CRO	GLD	SOU	SYD	MEL	NEW	WST	PEN	CAN	SGI	NEW	PAR	SYD	CRO	WAR	NQL	BRI	CAN	SGI	DOL	WAR	MAN	NQL	MAN								
ADDO-CARR, Josh	W			W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W							W	W	W	W	W			14	-	11	-	-	-	44	
BURTON, Matt	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	23	-	9	74	3		187	
CLARK, Eil																							W		1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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HAYES, Harry																B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	9	1	-	-	-	4	
HAYWARD, Bailey						B	B	B	B	B	L	L	L	B	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	4	16	1	-	-	-	4	
HOPOL, Lipoi												B	B	B	B			B		B					-	6	-	-	-	-	-		
HUGHES, Samuel	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	18	7	2	-	-	-	8	
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KAUTOGA, Kitione					B	B																			-	2	-	-	-	-	-		
KIKAU, Viliame	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	23	-	5	-	-	-	20		
KING, Max	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR							FR	FR	FR	FR	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	
KIRAZ, Jacob	C	C	C	C	W	C	W	W	W	W	W	C	W	C	FB	W	W	C	W	W	W	W	C	C	W	25	-	12	-	-	-	48	
KNIGHT, Liam			FR	FR																					2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
MAHONEY, Reed	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	25	-	4	-	-	-	16	
MANN, Kurt	B	B	B	B	L				L	L	L		B	B			L	L	L	L	L	L	L		11	6	2	-	-	-	8		
MORRIN, Kurtis	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	-	23	1	-	-	-	4	
PATOLO, Chris					FR	FR	FR											B							3	1	-	-	-	-	-		
PRESTON, Jacob	2R	2R	2R	2R						B	B	B	2R	2R				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	15	3	6	-	-	-	24		
SALMON, Jaeman	L	L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R						B	B	L	L	L	18	2	3	-	-	-	12	
SEXTON, Toby					B						HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	15	1	1	5	-	-	14		
SKELTON, Jeral														W	W				W				W	W	5	-	3	-	-	-	12		
SUA, Jonathan																							W		1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TAAFFE, Blake	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		B	FB							B									B	6	3	2	-	-	-	8		
TRACEY, Connor		W	W	W	W	W	FB			FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	22	-	7	-	-	-	28		
TURPIN, Jake						L					B	B	L												2	2	-	-	-	-	-		
WILSON, Blake	W	W	W									W	W	W	W										10	-	4	-	-	-	16		
XERRI, Bronson					C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	19	-	10	-	-	-	40		

SEASON SNAPSHOT
 Coach Cameron Ciraldo
 Captains Stephen Crichton (21), Reed Mahoney (3)
 Biggest home crowd 50,714 (vs. Manly in Elimination Final)
 Average home crowd 24,562
 Top pointscorer Matt Burton (191)
 Top tryscorer Jacob Kiraz (12)

CLUB AWARDS
Dr George Peponis Medal - Player of the Year
 2024 Players' Player of the Year
 Steve Mortimer Medal - Rookie of the Year
 Carroll & O'Dea Members Player of the Year
 and Les Johns Medal for Clubperson of the Year
 Coaches Award & Community Service Award

Viliame Kikau
Jacob Kiraz
Bailey Hayward
Stephen Crichton
Toby Sexton



CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS

LUKE JOBSON

It was yet again a season of being so close, yet so far away for Cronulla in 2024.

Having started so well over the first third of the season, the Sharks fell away during the middle part of the season before having a resurgence during the run into finals. A spanking at the hands of the Storm in week one had the Sharks on the edge before they took out the Cowboys in the second week of the finals - only to be annihilated by the Panthers in the preliminary finals.

It was the definition of a topsy-turvy season, with the flat-track bully stigma floating around the Sharks. Taking down Melbourne, Penrith and a host of the other top eight sides helped quash that, but the noise turned to how the Sharks can get through the regular season to then falter when it really matters. Injuries to star players, off-field dramas and inconsistent form meant that the Sharks were always in the spotlight for the wrong reasons. While there's plenty to look forward to in 2025, let's look back at the season just gone and how the Sharks got on in what seems to be Groundhog Day for all Cronulla fans.

TURNING POINT

Nicho Hynes' axing after State of Origin 1 had a massive effect not only on the form of the star halfback, but also on the team itself. Having been on top of the ladder after Round 11, the Sharks halfback won the race to replace Nathan Cleary in game 1 of the season.

His axing saw Hynes return to the club side, but with his tail tucked between his legs. The next seven weeks saw the Sharks win just one game and drop to a tedious fourth spot on the table. Whilst the Sharks would end up staying there, Hynes was not able to find the form that won him an Origin jersey in 2024. What followed was a mix of amazing form with some games where Hynes played a disappearing act - something that happens throughout the finals series yet again.

WHAT WORKED

The next man up policy, which also leads me to the rookies. It works like a treat at both Melbourne and Easts, with the Sharks now finding the depth to be able to call upon anyone to confidently fill a gap. That, in turn, saw a bunch of rookies step up and thrive in the NRL.

With Nicho Hynes out, Braydon Trindall stepped up to be the main playmaker. That, in turn, saw Dan Atkinson step up and have a brilliant first full rookie year in the NRL. Despite debuting for the Storm in 2021, it took a move to the Shire for Atkinson to thrive - having played all down the spine as well as on the wing at stages. A utility back, you'd struggle to see a Sharks team in 2025 that doesn't have Atkinson floating around in some capacity.

Sam Stonestreet only played a few games but turned every game into a tryfest, with multiple doubles in the back end of the season to go with plenty of experience for the upcoming years. While he won't be seeing game time to start in 2025, you just know that he will be ready to roll the second that he is called up.

WHAT CAUSED ISSUES

Media noise - and boy oh boy, wasn't there plenty of it! No matter what the Sharks did, for better or worse, someone in the media was throwing trash at the Shire. Between the retirement of Dale Finucane, the signing and possible mid-season transfer of Addin Fonua-Blake, Nicho Hynes form and the struggles on the field during the season, there was always something buzzing in the papers.

Unfortunately, the club didn't do much to squash the noise surrounding the club, which in turn eventually took a toll on the players. When the club then held on to a top four spot, the noise turned to how the Sharks can't get the job done in the finals - which once again saw the players go 1-3 in the final series this year.

BEST PLAYERS

Kayal Iro had his breakout year - he isn't the only one to have it but he was a shining light for the Cronulla Sharks. While the scoring stats don't necessarily flatter the Cook Islands international (six tries in 24 games) Iro solidified his spot in the centres with pure heart and effort. Ten line-breaks, 102 tackle busts and an average of 160 running metres meant that Iro was always involved in one way or another. Add on the 90% defensive efficiency and Iro has inevitably become the first player on the team sheet in 2025.

Braydon Trindall had a long start to the 2024 season. He struggled with his form over the first couple of weeks, to then be busted for DUI and failing a roadside drug test in late-April. Having then been cleared to play a few weeks after, we saw the best of Trindall in his career thus far. Scoring 12 tries in 2024, he would set up another 18 and slot conversions but basically everywhere bar the car park. By the end of the season, the questions weren't whether Trindall deserved to be in first grade, but whether Trindall better than Nicho Hynes in the Cronulla attack (surprise, the answer is yes).

LOOKING AHEAD, BREAKOUT STARS

The Sharks have managed to keep the majority of their roster for next season - albeit with a couple of floating rumours about Trindall and Atkinson heading to Wollongong in 2025. The emergence of Kayal Iro and Trindall as game-breakers, along with the signing of perennial try-scoring prop Addin Fonua-Blake sees the Sharks reach what could be the prime of their premiership window.

A strong start almost seems to be likely next year, yet the questions remains as to whether the club can keep that start going all season... something that hasn't been done in a very long time. I will give the Sharks fans a little hope though - can you the last time Cronulla had a prop with the aura of Fonua-Blake?

It was when they had Andrew Fifita in his prime - and that Fifita scored the premiership winning try in the 2016 grand final. Hang on to your hats Sharks fans, 2025 could get wild.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	Trial 1	NEW	L 18 44	Industree	8663
23	Trial 2	CBY	W 12 6	Belmore	6091
Mar-08	1	WAR	W 16 12	Go Media	24076
15	2	CBY	W 25 6	Pointsbet	12928
23	3	WST	L 6 32	Leichhardt	15990
31	4	CAN	W 36 22	Pointsbet	12692
	5	BYE			
13	6	SOU	W 34 22	Accor	12207
21	7	NQL	W 42 6	Pointsbet	12415
28	8	CAN	W 40 0	GIO	15820
May-05	9	SGI	W 20 10	Pointsbet	9731
11	10	MEL	W 25 18	AAMI	18670
18	11	SYD	W 38 30	Suncorp	50708
25	12	PEN	L 0 42	Pointsbet	13500
30	13	PAR	L 22 34	CommBank	11665
Jun-08	14	BRI	W 22 12	Suncorp	41004
13	15	DOL	L 28 30	Pointsbet	8035
	16	BYE			
28	17	CBY	L 14 15	Accor	15765
Jul-05	18	GLD	L 16 20	C.ex Coffs	8673
12	19	WST	W 58 6	Pointsbet	10912
	20	BYE			
27	21	NQL	L 22 30	QLD C. Bank	17907
Aug-03	22	SOU	W 20 6	Pointsbet	12763
9	23	GLD	W 44 0	Cbus Super	13287
18	24	NEW	W 19 18	Pointsbet	11503
25	25	SGI	W 38 10	WIN	17754
31	26	WAR	L 28 30	Pointsbet	12637
Sep-08	27	MAN	W 40 20	4 Pines	17384
14	QF	MEL	L 10 37	AAMI	26326
20	SF	NQL	W 26 18	Allianz	19124
28	PF	PEN	L 6 26	Accor	33753

ROUND	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	LF	SF	PF	SEASON STATS						
	OPPONENT	WAR	CBY	WST	CAN	SOU	NQL	CAN	SGI	MEL	SYD	PEN	PAR	BRI	DOL	CBY	GLD	WST	NQL	SOU	GLD	NEW	SGI	WAR	MAN	MEL	NQL	PEN	S13	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
ATKINSON, Daniel				B			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE			W	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	C	B	B		B	15	4	5	14	2	50	
BERRELL, Jayden																		B		B	B								-	3	-	-	-	-
BRAILEY, Blayne	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	HB	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	HB	HB	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	27	-	3	-	-	12
BURNS, Billy			B	B																B	B								-	4	-	-	-	-
COLQUHOUN, Jesse																	B												-	1	-	-	-	-
FINUCANE, Dale	B	B	B																										-	3	-	-	-	-
HAMLIN-UELE, Braden						B	B	B	B			B		B			B	B	B		B	B	B					-	12	1	-	-	4	
HAU TAPUHA, Tuku		B		B	B		B		B	B	B		B			B					B							-	10	1	-	-	4	
HAZELTON, Thomas	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR		B		B	B	B	B	B	B	10	15	7	-	-	28	
HIROTI, Mawene																							W					1	-	1	-	-	4	
HUNT, Royce	FR		B						B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR		FR	B	2R	B	B	FR	B	B	B	6	14	1	-	-	4	
HYNES, Nicho	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB			HB	HB	HB							FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	18	-	2	61	1	131	
IRO, Kayal				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	23	-	6	-	-	24	
ISON, Liam																		FB										1	-	-	-	-	-	
KATO, Sione	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	24	-	17	-	-	68	
KAUFUSI, Oregon	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	26	-	2	-	-	8	
KENNEDY, William	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	26	-	5	-	-	20	
McINNES, Cameron	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	26	-	2	-	-	8		
MULTALO, Ronaldo	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W				W			W	W	W	23	-	18	-	-	72	
NIKORA, Briton	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	25	-	10	-	-	40		
RAMIEN, Jesse	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	24	-	6	-	-	24		
RUDOLF, Toby	B	FR	FR		B	B		B					B	FR	FR	FR		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	13	8	1	-	-	4		
STONESTREET, Samuel						W															W	W					5	-	8	-	-	32		
TALAKAI, Siosifa	C	C	C	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R		B	B	2R	C			B	C	B	C	12	12	6	-	-	24	
TRINDALL, Braydon	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE							HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	20	-	12	29	-	106	
WILLIAMS, Jack	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	L	B	B	L	B	B	B	B			B	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	5	20	2	-	-	8		
WILTON, Teig	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			B	B	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R	2R	2R	21	2	5	-	-	20		

SEASON SNAPSHOT

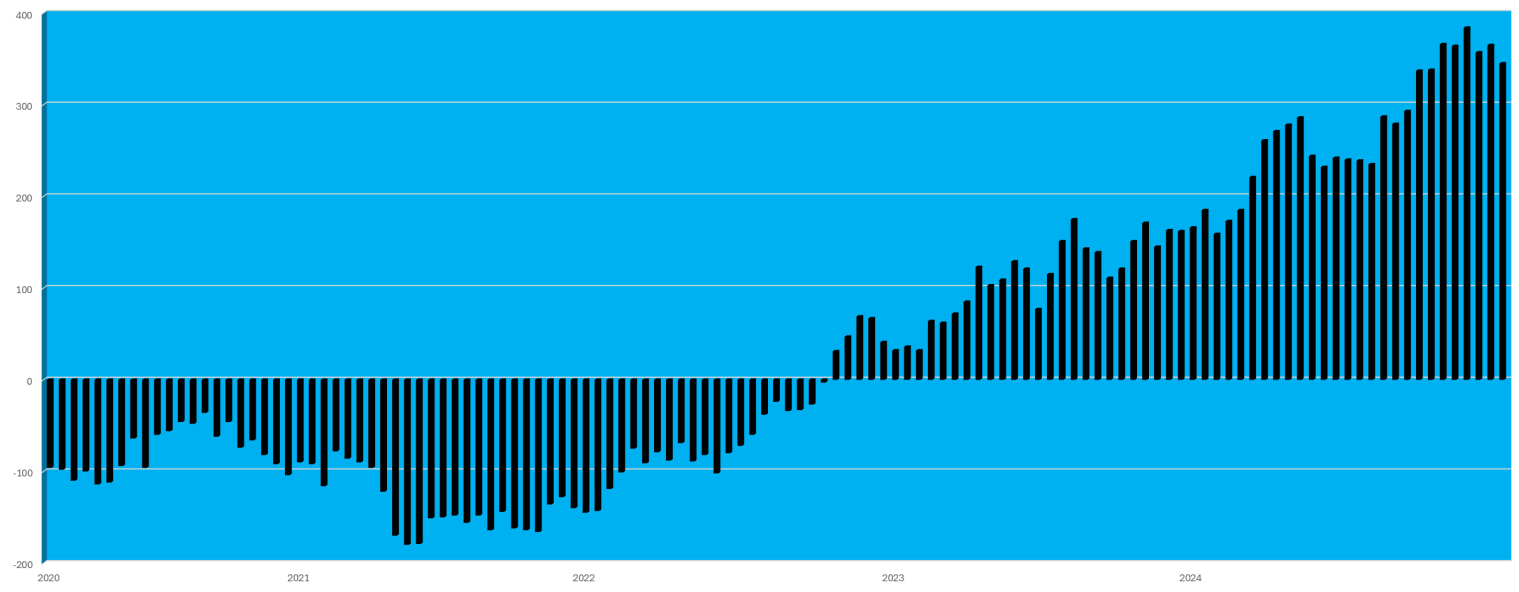
Coach: Craig Fitzgibbon
 Captains: Cameron McInnes (26), Teig Wilton (1)
 Biggest home crowd: 13,500 (vs. Penrith in round 12)
 Average home crowd: 11,712
 Top pointscorer: Nicho Hynes (131)
 Top tryscorer: Ronaldo Mulitalo (18)

CLUB AWARDS

Porter-Gallen Medal
 Steve Rogers Rookie of the Year
 Members' Player of the Year
 Tommy Bishop Players' Player
 Andrew Ettingshausen Club Person of the Year
 Iron Man Award

Blayne Brailey
 Kayal Iro
 Daniel Atkinson
 Jesse Ramien
 Tony Grimaldi
 Blayne Brailey

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks Cumulative Margin 2020-24



DOLPHINS

KELLY HOLLIS

The Dolphins' 2024 season was a mixed bag of ups and downs, ultimately reflecting the growing pains of a relatively new NRL side.

They started the year strong, picking up some important early wins, including a standout victory in Round 2 over the Brisbane Broncos, which sparked hopes of a consistent season.

However, inconsistency became a theme, with the Dolphins struggling to string wins together. A mid-season five-game losing streak, including heavy defeats to the Panthers and Storm, saw them slide down the ladder. Despite this, there were some standout moments. A massive 38-12 victory over the Parramatta Eels in Round 7, led by a Jack Bostock hat trick, showcased the team's potential when everything clicked.

The Dolphins' attack showed flashes of brilliance, with multiple players contributing to the scoreboard. Still, defensive issues and injuries to key players like Tom Gilbert and Jeremy Marshall-King hindered their ability to consistently compete with the top sides. They finished the season with several spirited performances but ultimately missed the finals, finishing in the lower half of the ladder.

TURNING POINT

The turning point of the Dolphins' season came with the unfortunate injury to Thomas Flegler. Flegler had been a cornerstone of the forward pack, providing strength and aggression in both defence and attack. His injury in Round 5 was a massive blow to the team's momentum. Until then, the Dolphins had been holding their own against top-tier teams, but losing Flegler created a noticeable gap in their forward rotation. Without his presence, the Dolphins struggled to dominate in the middle of the field, leading to a drop in form and a series of tough losses that hampered their push towards the finals.

WHAT WORKED

The Dolphins' attack was one of their bright spots throughout the season. Several players scored more than 10 tries throughout the season, including Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, who was electric, scoring 15 tries in just 16 appearances, using his speed and agility to great effect. Along with the 'Hammer', Jack Bostock crossed for 14 tries while Jamayne Isaako, reliable as ever, crossed the line 12 times in 24 games. Jake Averillo and Herbie Farnworth added 11 and 8 tries, respectively, to complement the team's attacking potency. With such a range of attacking threats across the backline, the Dolphins showed they could outscore opponents on their day and were often one of the more exciting teams to watch when in full flow.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Defensive lapses and the inability to close out tight games cost the Dolphins dearly. Several matches were lost due to weak defending in the final minutes, which allowed their opponents to steal victory. Injuries to key players throughout the season also left the squad thin at crucial times, leading to a drop in form during the last stretch of the season.

BEST PLAYERS

Max Plath was a standout player of the Dolphins' season. His performance at both Lock and Hooker was exceptional, playing 21 games and winning the Arthur Beetson Medal as the Dolphins' Player of the Year. His tackling efficiency of 94.6% and over 900 tackles demonstrated his defensive capabilities, while he also contributed with four tries.

Plath's leadership on the field also earned him the Players' Player Award. Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, with his 15 tries, and Jack Bostock, who earned the Dally M Rookie of the Year award, were also among the key contributors for the Dolphins in 2024.

ROOKIES

21-year-old winger Jack Bostock had an outstanding rookie season, playing 23 games and scoring 14 tries. His hat trick against the Parramatta Eels in Round 7 was one of the highlights of the season.

His ability to break tackles (56 in total) and make line breaks (21) added another dimension to the Dolphins' attack. Averaging 139 metres per game, Bostock was awarded both the Dally M Rookie of the Year and the Dolphins' Rookie of the Year.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

The Dolphins will enter a new chapter in 2025 with the departure of legendary coach Wayne Bennett, who is returning to coach the South Sydney Rabbitohs. Kristian Woolf, a coach with plenty of international and Super League experience, will replace Bennett in the hot seat. Woolf's success with Tonga and St Helens, where he won three consecutive Super League Grand Finals, bodes well for the future of the Dolphins. His experience in big games and success in different leagues will be key as he transitions to Head Coach.

The Dolphins have also made some important signings to bolster their squad for the 2025 season. Origin front-rower Daniel Saifiti will join the team, adding much-needed muscle up front. Dragons' outside back Max Feagai and Wests Tigers' Junior Tupou will bring depth to their backline. Meanwhile, Kodi Nikorima has agreed to stay with the club for another two years, ensuring stability in their halves pairing.

Looking ahead, 2025 promises to be an intriguing season for the Dolphins. The combination of new signings, players returning from injury, and the introduction of Kristian Woolf as Head Coach will shape the direction of the team. With new faces like Saifiti and Feagai adding to an already exciting squad, expectations will be high to improve their 2024 performances and challenge for a top-eight spot. Woolf's tactical nous and focus on defensive solidity could be the missing piece in the Dolphins' puzzle as they look to turn narrow losses into wins and become genuine finals contenders.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-18	Trial 1	GLD	W 26 14	Sun. Coast	7869
24	Trial 2	WAR	L 22 34	Go Media	14276
Mar-10	1	NQL	L 18 43	Suncorp	32477
17	2	SGI	W 38 0	Kayo	10011
	3	BYE			
30	4	GLD	W 30 14	Cbus Super	13898
Apr-06	5	WST	W 26 16	Suncorp	22051
12	6	BRI	L 14 28	Suncorp	46224
19	7	PAR	W 44 16	TIO	11094
28	8	NEW	L 14 18	Suncorp	18033
May-04	9	NQL	W 28 26	QLD C. Bank	20967
9	10	MAN	W 30 24	Suncorp	14059
19	11	WST	W 24 12	Suncorp	47517
26	12	WAR	L 20 24	Go Media	23116
Jun-01	13	CAN	L 25 26	Kayo	10024
	14	BYE			
13	15	CRO	W 30 28	Pointsbet	8035
21	16	MEL	L 24 30	Suncorp	25167
30	17	SGI	L 6 26	Netstrata	8052
	18	BYE			
11	19	SOU	W 36 28	Kayo	10023
21	20	PEN	L 26 28	BlueBet	20955
28	21	GLD	L 14 21	Suncorp	19533
Aug-02	22	SYD	L 34 40	HBF	20027
11	23	WAR	W 34 32	Suncorp	28056
17	24	CBY	L 10 30	Salter	6148
24	25	MEL	L 6 48	AAMI	26106
31	26	BRI	W 40 6	Suncorp	50049
Sep-08	27	NEW	L 6 14	McD. Jones	29433

ROUND																												SEASON STATS					
	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	S13	Int	T	G	FG	Pts			
OPPONENT	NQL	SGI	GLD	WST	BRI	PAR	NEW	NQL	MAN	WST	WAR	CAN	CRO	MEL	SGI	SOU	PEN	GLD	SYD	WAR	CBY	MEL	BRI	NEW									
AITKEN, Euan		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R										15	-	2	-	-	8		
AVERILLO, Jake		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	FE	FE	23	-	11	-	-	44		
BOSTOCK, Jack	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	23	-	14	-	-	56			
BROMWICH, Jesse	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	22	-	1	-	-	4			
BROMWICH, Kenny	B			L	2R	2R	2R			L	B	B	FR	FR	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	14	6	2	-	-	8			
DONOGHOE, Kurt		B	B	B			B	B	B	B		B	B		B										-	10	1	-	-	4			
FARNWORTH, Herbie	C	C	C	C					C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	20	-	8	-	-	32			
FLEGLER, Thomas	FR	FR	FR	FR																					4	-	1	-	-	4			
FULLER, Trai						FB	FB	FB	FB				FB		FB	FB	FB	B						FB	FB	10	1	4	-	-	16		
HUBNER, Lachlan					B																	B	L		1	2	-	-	-	-			
ISAAKO, Jamayne	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	24	-	12	87	1	223			
KATO, Isaiya		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	B	21	1	2	1	-	10			
KAUFUSI, Felise	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	FR	FR	FR		FR		FR		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	18	-	2	-	-	8			
KEELEY, Oryn						B	B												FR	B	B	B			1	5	1	-	-	4			
KERR, Josh	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B						-	19	2	-	-	8			
LEMUELU, Connelly	2R							FR	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	18	-	1	-	-	4			
MARSHALL-KING, Jeremy	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H									B	B	15	2	2	-	-	8		
MILFORD, Anthony					B								FE												1	1	-	-	-	-			
NICHOLLS, Mark	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	FR	L	6	17	3	-	-	12			
NIKORIMA, Kodi	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	B	20	1	3	1	-	14				
NIU, Tesi	C				C	C	C	C							W				B					6	1	4	-	-	16				
O'SULLIVAN, Sean	HB					B										B		B	FE	B	B	B	HB	HB	4	6	1	-	1	6			
PANGAI JUNIOR, Tevita														B	B	FR	FR	FR		FR	B		FR	FR	6	3	2	-	-	8			
PLATH, Max	B	L	L			L	L	L	L		L	L	L	L	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	20	1	4	-	-	16				
STONE, Ray	L		B	B	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	B	B	4	18	-	-	-	-			
TABUAI-FIDOW, Hamiso	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB					FB	FB		FB					FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	C	C	16	-	15	-	-	60		
TEAGUE, Mason																							B		-	1	-	-	-	-			
WALLACE, Jarrod		B			B																				-	2	1	-	-	4			

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches
Captains
Biggest home crowd
Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer

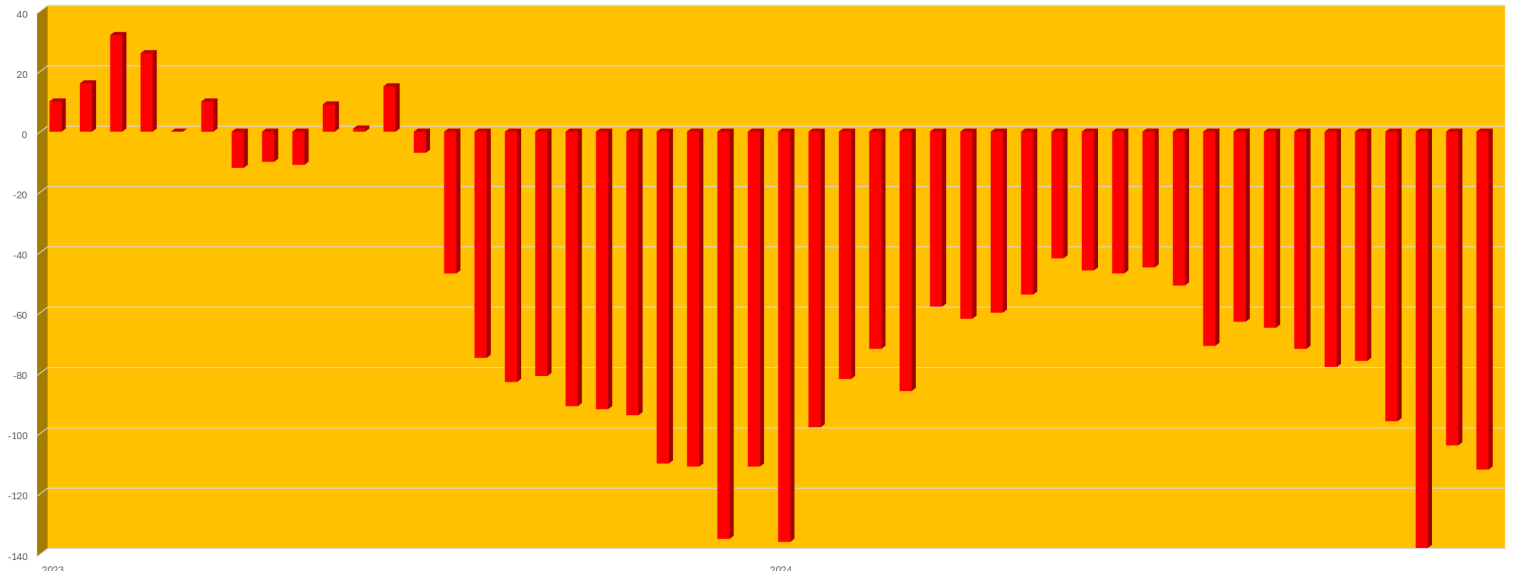
Wayne Bennett (24), Kristian Woolf (1)
Jesse Bromwich (22),
Kodi Nikorima (1), Mark Nicholls (1)
50,049 (vs. Brisbane in round 26)
23,933
Jamayne Isaako (225)
Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (15)

CLUB AWARDS

Arthur Beetson Medal, Players' Player, Best Forward
Best Back
Most Consistent Player
Rookie of the Year
Adventure Kings Fan Voted MVP
Academic Achievement Award

Max Plath
Herbie Farnworth
Mark Nicholls
Jack Bostock
Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow
Tom Gilbert

Dolphins Cumulative Margin 2023-24



GOLD COAST TITANS

RHYS SULLIVAN

Hasler Era begins with more of the same on the Gold Coast

After back to back finishes in the bottom four, the Titans were hopeful the hiring of coach Des Hasler would spark an instant turnaround. But alas, another 14th placed finish cemented the theme that this rebuild would be a marathon and not a sprint, with some positives to take away from the year but, unfortunately, also a lot more of the same.

The season started with a lot of how 2023 ended, for example - six consecutive losses leaving the club rooted at the bottom of the table with May fast approaching. But a 27-24 win over the Warriors on ANZAC Day sparked a revival of sorts, winning three of their next five to head into the Origin period with an outside chance of a top 8 charge.

Those hopes were somewhat amplified through the representative impacted rounds, with 5 wins from 8 matches, including a 66-6 thumping of the Warriors and a 46-18 win over "big brothers" Brisbane. But just as a finals spot seemed within reach, their season slipped away, with five straight losses providing a meek end to their campaign.

Overall the season was a good baseline for Hasler's rebuild to grow from. The club navigated some very rough waters throughout the year and unearthed some hidden gems along the way. The long losing streaks bookending a very solid run of results makes the season look exceptionally ordinary however, and finding consistency is something the two time Premiership winning coach will need to do for 2025.

TURNING POINT

Two key moments in the Titans season that effectively spelt the end of their finals hopes - David Fifita tearing his pec before Christmas which delayed the start of his season until Round 4, and then Tino Fa'asuamaleaui ending his season early by tearing his ACL in Round 3.

WHAT WORKED AND WHAT DIDN'T

In a season where very little worked, Kieran Foran's swansong was delayed by 12 months as he found some great form at halfback.

On the flipside, the decision to keep Tanah Boyd over Toby Sexton did not pay dividends with Boyd spending much of the season in Queensland Cup.

BEST PLAYERS

Alofiana Khan-Pereira was brilliant once again, with 24 tries in 21 games to claim the Ken Irvine Medal as the NRL's leading tryscorer.

Jayden Campbell received a run at five-eighth and delivered with 11 try assists in as many games.

Mo Fotuaika was also brilliant once again, averaging 140 metres and 28 tackles per game.

ROOKIES

Keano Kini enjoyed a breakout campaign, with 6 tries and 7 try assists in 16 games to become the apparent first choice at fullback heading into 2025. Josiah Pahulu was also a great find at prop with consistent performances off the bench and in the starting side.

DISAPPOINTING PLAYERS

David Fifita's contract negotiations dominated headlines for the club, however his on field performances weren't enough to earn a Queensland jersey. The signing of Keenan Palasia from Brisbane was heralded as a great move, but he was largely ineffective and has been released from his deal to take up a move to the Super League.

LOOKING AHEAD

Des Hasler will need to work out how to get the most out of AJ Brimson, Keano Kini and Jayden Campbell from Round 1 if the Titans are any chance of making it to the finals 2025. Former Wallaby Carter Gordon will also be fighting for a spot in the backline, and the signing of former Kangaroos prop Reagan Campbell-Gillard will add some much needed experience to their forward pack.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-18	Trial 1	DOL	L 14 26	Sunshine Coast	7869
25	Trial 2	PAR	L 16 26	Nth Ipswich	5306
Mar-09	1	SGI	L 4 28	Cbus Super	14537
	2	BYE			
23	3	CBY	L 0 32	Belmore	12037
30	4	DOL	L 14 30	Cbus Super	13898
Apr-07	5	NQL	L 22 35	QLD C. Bank	18870
14	6	CAN	L 20 21	GIO	11738
20	7	MAN	L 30 34	Cbus Super	13336
25	8	WAR	W 27 24	Go Media	23912
May-04	9	MEL	L 20 22	Cbus Super	13096
12	10	NQL	W 20 18	Cbus Super	12125
18	11	NEW	L 24 28	Suncorp	50708
26	12	BRI	W 36 34	Suncorp	42221
	13	BYE			
8	14	SOU	L 12 46	Cbus Super	14434
15	15	WST	L 10 18	Leichhardt	8147
22	16	WAR	W 66 6	Cbus Super	22702
	17	BYE			
Jul-05	18	CRO	W 20 16	C.ex Coffs	8673
13	19	PAR	W 24 16	Cbus Super	16670
21	20	MAN	L 8 38	4 Pines	16050
28	21	DOL	W 21 14	Suncorp	19533
Aug-03	22	BRI	W 46 18	Cbus Super	25278
9	23	CRO	L 0 44	Cbus Super	13287
18	24	SGI	L 16 32	WIN	9240
25	25	SYD	L 22 48	Cbus Super	19286
Sep-01	26	NEW	L 14 36	McD. Jones	24712
7	27	PEN	L 12 18	BlueBet	21525

ROUND																												SEASON STATS					
	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SGI	Int	T	G	FG	Pts			
OPPONENT	SGI	CBY	DOL	NQL	CAN	MAN	WAR	MEL	NQL	NEW	BRI	SOU	WST	WAR	CRO	PAR	MAN	DOL	BRI	CRO	SGI	SYD	NEW	PEN	SGI	Int	T	G	FG	Pts			
ALICK, Jacob											B	B	B	2R	2R									B	2	4	-	-	-	-			
BOYD, Tanah	HB	HB	HB	HB		FE	FE	FE							FE									FE	9	-	2	16	1	41			
BRIMSON, AJ	C	C	C	C	FE	FB	FB	FB	FE							FB				C	B	C			12	1	6	-	-	24			
CAMPBELL, Jayden			FB	FB	FB							FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FB	15	-	5	34	-	88			
CLARK, Erin	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	6	18	1	-	-	4			
DE GROOT, Jaylan																							FB		1	-	1	-	-	4			
FASUAMALEAUI, Iszac														B											-	1	-	-	-	-			
FASUAMALEAUI, Tino	FR	FR																							2	-	-	-	-	-			
FERMOR, Beau	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	C	2R	C	C	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	C	C	22	-	5	-	-	20			
FIFITA, David			B	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		16	4	4	-	-	16			
FIFITA, Sosefo				W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	19	-	11	-	-	44			
FORAN, Kieran		FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	21	-	2	-	1	9			
FOTUAIKA, Moeaki	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	20	-	-	-	-	-			
FRANCIS, Tony											W									B					1	1	3	-	-	-			
HAAS, Klese	2R	2R	2R	L	2R	2R	2R	B	L	L	2R	2R	2R			B	B	B	B	2R	2R	B	B	B	14	8	3	-	-	12			
HAU, Arama																							2R		1	-	-	-	-	-			
JOLLIFFE, Jaimin	B	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR										FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	15	1	2	-	-	8			
KELLY, Brian	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	23	-	5	10	-	40			
KHAN-PEREIRA, Alofiana	W	W	W		W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	21	-	25	-	-	100			
KINI, Keano	FB	FB							FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	B	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		15	1	6	4	-	32			
LIU, Isaac	L	B	FR		L	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	8	15	-	-	-			
PAHULU, Josiah				B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B		B		6	13	-	-	-	-			
PALASIA, Keenan	B	B								B	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	FR			B	B	B	B	3	12	3	-	-	12			
RANDALL, Chris	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	FE	FE	H	H	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	2R	2R	24	-	3	-	-	12		
SAMI, Phillip	W	W	W					W	W				C	W		C	C	C	C	C	C	C			13	-	6	-	-	24			
SCHOUPP, Aaron						C			C																2	-	-	2	-	4			
SMITH-SHIELDS, Harley				W	C	C		C	C																5	-	1	-	-	4			
STIMSON, Joe			B	B				B			B			B	B										-	6	-	-	-	-			
VERRILLS, Sam	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	H	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	13	11	1	-	-	4			
WEAVER, Thomas	FE									HB	HB														3	-	-	-	-	-			

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach: Des Hasler

Captains: Kieran Foran (20), Tino Fasuamaleaui (2), Moeaki Fotuauka (2)

Biggest home crowd: 25,278 (vs. Brisbane in round 22)

Average home crowd: 16,241

Top pointscorer: Alofiana Khan-Pereira (100)

Top tryscorer: Alofiana Khan-Pereira (24)

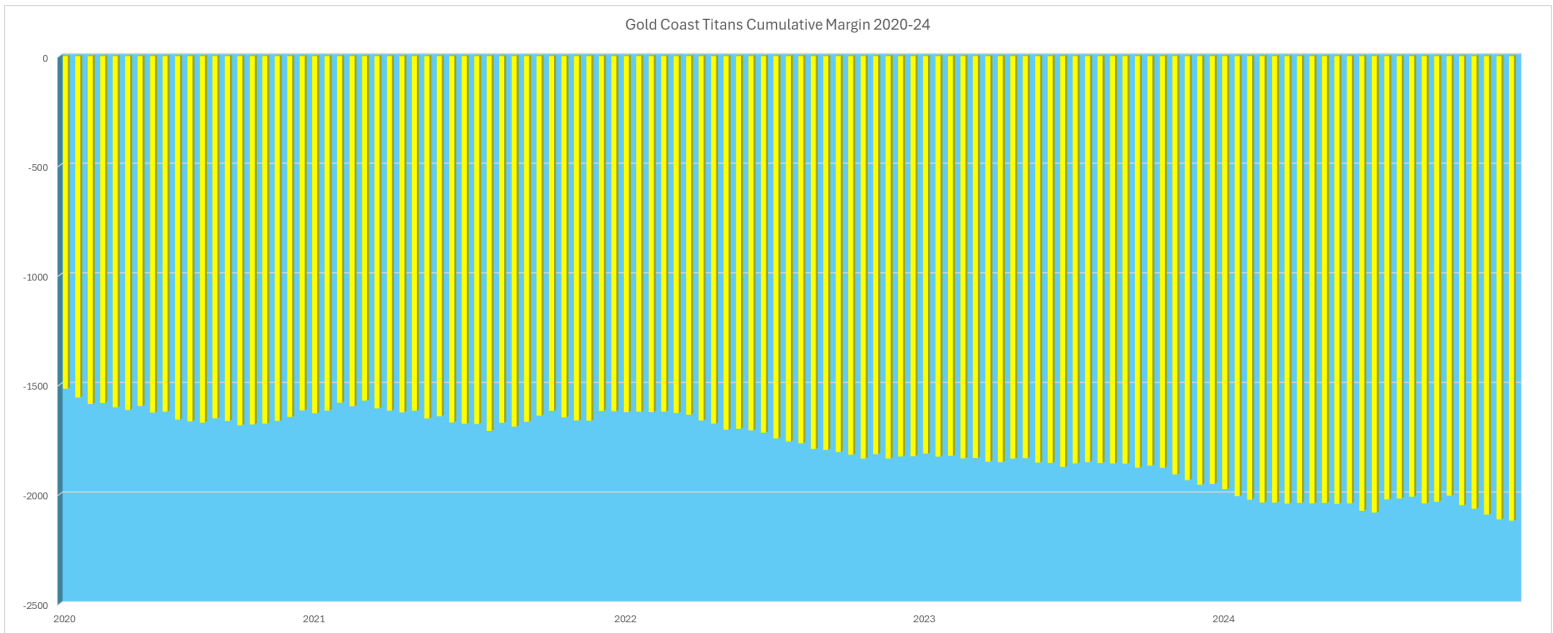
CLUB AWARDS

Paul Broughton Medal: Keano Kini

Members' NRL MVP: Jayden Campbell

NRL Rookie of the Year: Josiah Pahulu

NRL Players' Player: Brian Kelly



MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES

LACHY MACCORQUODALE

2024 was always going to be an important year for the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles. After two successive seasons without finals football, partly due to the absence of Tom Trbojevic through injury, the pressure was on to return to September football.

Throughout 2023 and the following off-season, the Sea Eagles made some moves in the market, bringing in both Luke Brooks and Tommy Talau from the Wests Tigers, with Jaxson Paulo, Nathan Brown and Corey Waddell also joining the club. There were a few departures involving players on the fringe of the team but nothing as major as the mutual agreement to release Josh Schuster from his contract just weeks into the season, someone who was once regarded as the future of the club. Despite this unfolding over the opening weeks of the season, Anthony Seibold and his Sea Eagles began their campaign with a bang, knocking off the South Sydney Rabbitohs in Las Vegas and then the Sydney Roosters in successive weeks. It was the start to the season they were after and by the end of the eighth round, the Sea Eagles were sitting high and mightily in second place, until three losses on the trot quickly saw them slide outside the top eight. Over the next few weeks, they see-sawed in and out of the top eight, before really cementing their status as a top eight team with three straight victories in July which began with a one-point victory over the North Queensland Cowboys, followed by big wins over the Newcastle Knights and the Gold Coast Titans. From there, the Sea Eagles form was solid, winning three of their last six games to complete the home and away season. It was enough to see the side from the northern beaches into seventh place, three points clear of the Canberra Raiders in ninth. The Sea Eagles were back playing finals football for the first time since 2021, and they didn't disappoint in their Elimination Final with the Canterbury Bankstown Bulldogs, coming from 10-points down to win courtesy of an excellent try from Tolutau Koula. The exhilaration around the club didn't last long as the Sydney Roosters sent the Sea Eagles packing with a comprehensive display in their Semi Final at the Allianz Stadium, winning by 24 points.

TURNING POINT

In general, for the Manly Warringah Sea Eagles, the turning point of a particular season revolves around the availability or unavailability of their star fullback, Tom Trbojevic. In 2024, when Trbojevic was injured in their loss against the Dolphins, the Sea Eagles were sitting in sixth. In his absence, Manly lost thrice and won twice, along with two byes that helped them stay with the pack sitting in eighth. Upon Trbojevic's return, the Sea Eagles peeled off three straight victories which gave them enough of a cushion to finish in the top eight despite splitting their last six matches. The then 27-year-old's performances over that stretch was exceptional. Trbojevic wasn't included in the side for their final game of the home and away season, however, in the eight games he played upon returning from injury, the New South Wales and Australian representative scored 10 tries, assisted another nine and averaged just shy of 200 run metres per game.

WHAT WORKED

Simply, their attack, as is the case when a fully fit Manly Warringah side take the park. With a fit and firing Trbojevic at the back, this outfit, on its day, can be one of the most exhilarating and exciting attacks in the competition. Whilst not being at the attacking level and consistency of a team like the Melbourne Storm or the Sydney Roosters, the Sea Eagles' attack was still potent enough to deal out plenty of punishment throughout the year. In fact, the Sea Eagles scored 26.4 points per game, the fifth highest mark in the competition and were a constant threat to opposition defences, breaking the line 5.2 times per game (fourth best). This potency in attack has always been there, yet, with the addition of Luke Brooks and Tommy Talau from the Wests Tigers, the Sea Eagles became more versatile in attack. Brooks created another area of threat with his running game and short ball playing which created more room for Trbojevic to do what he does best. The former Tiger recorded a career-high 17 try assists in his 26 appearances this year, and another off-season should only improve his chemistry with Trbojevic and Daly Cherry-Evans. Brooks' teammate at the Tigers, Talau, was quietly one of the signings of the season, scoring 18 tries in 23 appearances this season. The 24-year-old played a mixture of centre and wing throughout the course of the year, proving adept in both positions. Talau's addition to a backline that features Trbojevic, Koula, Saab and Reuben Garrick no doubt makes them a threat to push for an even better finish in 2025.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

It's always more of the same with this Manly side, a real attacking threat but lacking the consistency of the teams that push further into the season than them. Whilst it was a win for the Sea Eagles to return to finals footy, they'll be disappointed about the consistency of their performances throughout the year. This is a side that knocked off both grand finalists throughout the course of the season yet lost to the likes of Parramatta, South Sydney and the Wests Tigers, the three teams comprising the bottom of the ladder. Overall, the Sea Eagles only won seven of their 15 matches against teams who didn't play finals, whereas they won six of nine against their fellow finals teams. To perform so inconsistently against worse teams makes it almost impossible to climb higher up the ladder where the chances of premiership success only increase. Trying to win the competition is hard enough, let alone from seventh place. This is something that the Sea Eagles must address if they want to push for higher honours in 2025.

BEST PLAYERS

It was the usual suspects who were at their best for Manly in 2024. Daly Cherry-Evans and Haumole Olakau'atu backed up their excellent 2023 campaigns, guiding the Sea Eagles to their first finals appearance since 2022. Cherry-Evans was at his usual orchestrating best, assisting 17 tries throughout the season, whilst Olakau'atu continued his improvement becoming one of the best back rowers in the game, scoring seven tries, breaking the line 11 times and averaging 4.6 tackle breaks per game. However, this side is a completely different outfit when Tom Trbojevic is fit and firing. The 28-year-old was electric this year, we touched on his back half of the season dominance, but he was still playing to an elite level throughout the whole season. The former Dally M medallist scored 17 tries and assisted a further 17 in just 20 appearances, a genuinely unbelievable figure.

ROOKIES

The big discovery for Manly in 2024 was the emergence of yet another Hopoate into the NRL. 19-year-old Lehi Hopoate was electric from the get-go, firstly as Trbojevic's replacement at fullback and secondly as a winger upon their star player's return from injury. In 14 appearances, Hopoate scored nine tries, assisted a further six and broke the line on 10 occasions. Add 3.4 tackle breaks per game to the mix and you've got a pretty good rookie on your hands who not only becomes another backline option for the Sea Eagles, but is going to push the likes of Garrick, Saab, Koula and Talau as the five outside backs battle for four spots. Although not a debutant in 2024, Gordon Chan Kum Tong featured off the bench in 10 games this year. The 22-year-old has been quite effective in the NSW Cup over the past two seasons and has had chances of the bench for the NRL side to make an impact. However, with Lachlan Croker and Jake Simpkin to contend with, it's hard to see a role larger than a bench spot for Chan Kum Tong.

LOOKING AHEAD

Last year we said the fitness of Trbojevic was going to be the big factor on the club's success in 2024 and it was. Again, that is the case for 2025, if their star man is available for much of the season, they should be able to make a second successive finals appearance. If not, they may struggle to make the eight, given their line up next year is expected to be quite similar to that of 2024. The only player they've added to date is Jazz Tévaga from the Warriors, who should provide them with extra energy of the bench as he did so in his 138 games for the Warriors. Their only loss of note is Karl Lawton who is headed to the North Queensland Cowboys after making 24 appearances for the Sea Eagles this season.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	Trial 1	SYD	L 22 36	Industree	8663
24	Trial 2	BRI	L 14 40	4 Pines	
Mar-02	1	SOU	W 36 24	Allegiant	40746
17	2	SYD	W 21 14	4 Pines	17284
24	3	PAR	L 24 28	CommBank	20354
30	4	SGI	L 12 20	WIN	16215
Apr-06	5	PEN	W 32 18	4 Pines	17381
13	6	WAR	D 22 22	Go Media	23076
20	7	GLD	W 34 30	Cbus Super	13336
26	8	PAR	W 32 18	4 Pines	17385
May-03	9	CAN	L 24 26	4 Pines	10215
9	10	DOL	L 24 30	Suncorp	14059
17	11	BRI	L 12 13	Suncorp	50971
24	12	MEL	W 26 20	4 Pines	17211
	13	BYE			
9	14	PEN	L 22 32	BlueBet	20101
16	15	SGI	W 30 14	4 Pines	17187
22	16	SOU	L 0 14	Accor	10576
	17	BYE			
Jul-06	18	NQL	W 21 20	QLD C. Bank	18787
14	19	NEW	W 44 6	4 Pines	17298
21	20	GLD	W 38 8	4 Pines	16050
27	21	SYD	L 30 34	Allianz	25155
	22	BYE			
10	23	CAN	W 46 24	GIO	16690
16	24	WAR	W 24 10	4 Pines	17333
22	25	WST	L 26 34	Leichhardt	11520
30	26	CBY	W 34 22	Accor	35502
Sep-08	27	CRO	L 20 40	4 Pines	17384
15	EF	CBY	W 24 22	Accor	50714
21	SF	SYD	L 16 40	Allianz	40818

ROUND																												SEASON STATS					
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ALOIAI, Josh	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	B	B	B	B	18	4	-	-	-	-	
BROOKS, Luke	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	26	-	5	-	-	20	
BROWN, Nathan	B	B	B	B	B			B	B			B	B	B	L	B	L	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	3	19	-	-	-	-	
BULLEMOR, Ethan	B	B	B			B	B	B	2R	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	1	22	3	-	-	12	
CHAN KUM TONG, Gordon										B	B	B	B				B	B	B	B	B	B					-	10	-	-	-	-	
CHERRY-EVANS, Daly	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	24	-	8	16	2	66	
CONDON, Ben															B												-	1	-	-	-	-	
CROKER, Lachlan	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H										H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	16	-	2	-	-	8	
FAULALO, Clayton																	B							W			1	1	2	-	-	8	
GARRICK, Reuben	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	-	10	81	-	202	
HOPOATE, Lehi											FB	FB	FB	FB	B	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	13	1	9	-	-	36	
HUMPHREYS, Jamie																	HB										1	-	1	3	-	10	
JAMES, Aitasi															B												-	1	-	-	-	-	
KOULA, Toluta'u	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	FB		C	C	C	FB						B	C	B	FB	C	C	19	2	7	-	-	28
LAWTON, Karl	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	H	H	H	H	B	HB	B	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	13	11	1	-	-	4	
LODGE, Matt						FR	B	B	B	B													FR	FR	FR	FR	5	4	-	-	-	-	
NAVALE, Caleb															B		B										-	2	-	-	-	-	
OLAKAU'ATU, Haumole	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	21	-	7	-	-	28	
PASEKA, Taniela	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR				B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	22	1	1	-	-	4	
PAULO, Jaxson	W	W	W	W	W	W					W				C												8	-	2	-	-	8	
SAAB, Jason	W						W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	17	-	12	-	-	48		
SCHOUPP, Aaron															2R												1	-	-	-	-	-	
SIMPKIN, Jake															H	H	H	H	H	H							6	-	-	-	-	-	
SIPLEY, Toafofoa				B	B	B			B	B			B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B							5	8	1	-	-	4	
TALAU, Tommy		W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	W	W	W	W	C	C	W	C	C		C	C	W	W	23	-	18	-	-	72	
TRBOJEVIC, Ben	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	C	B	2R	2R		B	B	B	17	4	6	-	-	24	
TRBOJEVIC, Jake	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L		L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	24	-	2	-	-	8	
TRBOJEVIC, Tom	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB						C	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	20	-	17	-	-	68	
TUAIMALO VAEGA, Raymond			W								W	W															3	-	1	-	-	4	
WADDELL, Corey	B	B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	B	B	B	FR							2R		B			7	10	3	-	-	12	
WOODS, Aaron						B	B																				-	2	-	-	-	-	

SEASON SNAPSHOT

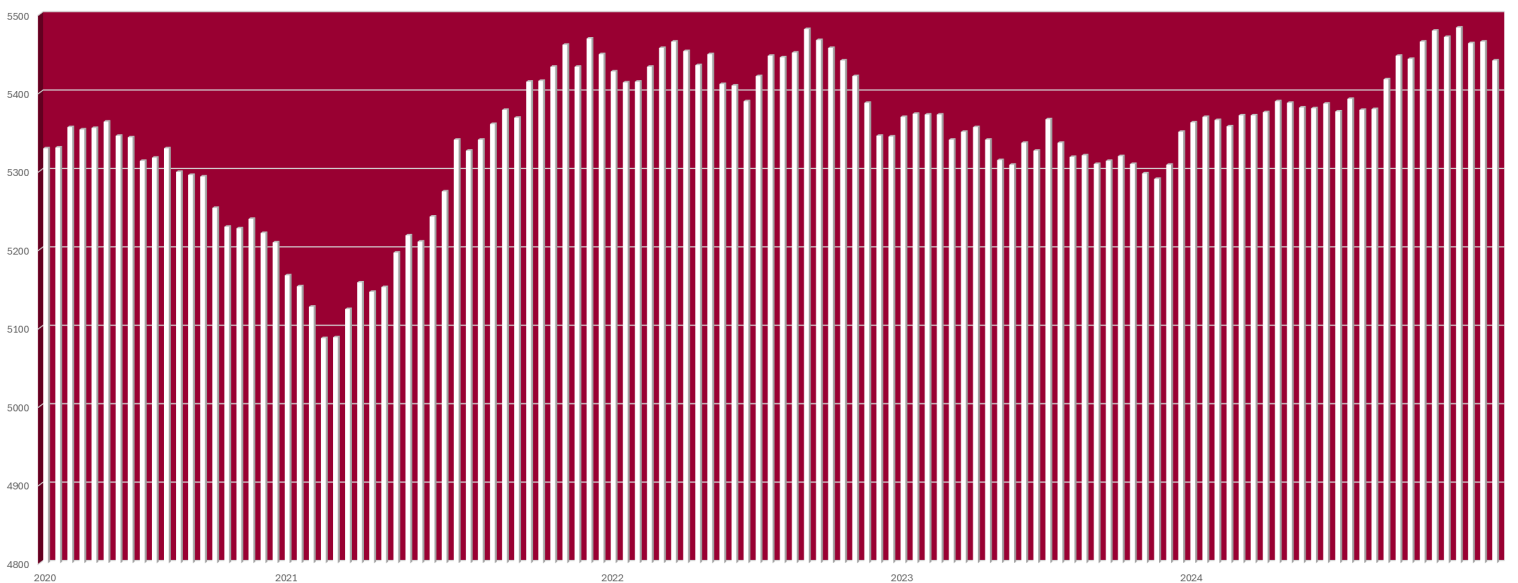
Coach Anthony Seibold
 Captains Daly Cherry-Evans (24)
 Luke Brooks (1)
 Tom Trbojevic (1)
 Biggest home crowd 17,385 (vs. Parramatta in round 8)
 Average home crowd 16,473
 Top pointscorer Reuben Garrick (202)
 Top try scorer Tommy Talau (18)

CLUB AWARDS

Roy Bull Best and Fairest, Players' Player, Leading Try Scorer
 Leading Point Scorer Award
 Ken Arthurson Rising Star Award
 Menzies Medal for the Play of the Year, Club Community Award
 Gordon Willoughby Medallion
 Manly Mentality Award
 Doug Daley Club Person of the Year Award
 Club Wellbeing and Education Award

Tom Trbojevic
 Reuben Garrick
 Lehi Hopoate
 Jake Trbojevic
 Daly Cherry-Evans
 Tommy Talau
 Lachlan Croker
 Karl Lawton

Manly-Warringah Sea-Eagles Cumulative Margin 2020-24



MELBOURNE STORM

BETH NICHOLLS

Melbourne Storm Season 2024: so close yet so far.

Finishing the season as minor premiers, the Storm had a lot of success to celebrate across 2024, and were consistently one of the best sides in the competition. They tallied a total of 19 wins and five losses, which also put them two wins above three time reigning premiers, the Panthers. Melbourne's season started on a high, with Bellamy keeping his Round 1 winning record intact, and the side beating all odds to not only claim victory against Penrith, but also keep them scoreless for the opening round of the season. However, this strong start slightly fractured Round 3, with the side losing to the Knights away from home, with a late comeback on the cards with a try in the 75th minute, but not enough to get over the 14-12 score line.

After a Round 4 bye, the next three rounds were close wins, with Storm only winning by less than six points each time, but a win is a win they say, so they kept strong on their ladder position, sitting just behind the Sharks, in second place at the end of Round 7. ANZAC Round saw the Storm host the Rabbitohs, where they gave them an absolute thrashing, with Melbourne scoring 50+ points for the first time in 2024, with the game ending 54-20. Round 10 saw the Storm be beaten by the Sharks, after Harry Grant was controversially sin-binned for contact on the kicker. The seven point loss was the club's biggest loss margin for the season.

But very quickly the side bounced back, beating the Eels during Magic Round quite comfortably, 48-16. Origin period and injury concerns to Cameron Munster and Ryan Papenhuyzen could not stop this Melbourne side, with the side not recording a loss between Round 14 to Round 22. The Storm were emerging as favourites to take home it all come October.

In the home stretch of the last five rounds, the Storm won all but one, where they decided to rest many key players when playing the Cowboys in Townsville in Round 26, a move that some questioned and others thought were smart. In this run to the end, Melbourne comfortably defeated the Dolphins, Broncos and Rabbitohs, as well as denying Penrith their second opportunity at winning during 2024.

With Melbourne securing the Minor Premiership three weeks before the end of the season, they were guaranteed a home final, where they showed what they could do against the Sharks, putting on a masterclass with a 37-10 defeat. Fresh after a week off, the Storm came up against the Roosters, and the spine absolutely lit up, with Papenhuyzen, Hughes and Munster all scoring doubles. Conquering them 48-18, the Storm were right on the doorstep of the premiership title...

And then it all came crashing, but it was so silent.

There wasn't one singular moment in the Grand Final that defined the loss, and there wasn't a moment where they were winning and then it fell out of their grasp. It was just a completely out of character performance, with Penrith just too practised and clinical to do anything but win.

TURNING POINT

After beating Penrith for the second time in Round 24, it was very clear that Melbourne would be the only side capable of getting the job done on the big stage (although time proved this wrong).

As the season went on, there were times where the Panthers physically looked like they were nearing the end of their fifth season being the best of the best. Whereas Melbourne were playing with fire and were looking for something to prove. This win convinced many that maybe this was the Storm's year, and that it was crunch time across the next two months.

WHAT WORKED

2024 Melbourne Storm were a defensive weapon, only succumbing to loss five times (excluding the Grand Final), and of these five losses they were all lost by seven points or less. The depth of the club was proven yet again, and that even without their star players, the show goes on. Throughout the 2024 season the core spine of Munster, Papenhuyzen, Hughes and Grant only played ten games together in the regular season. Younger talent, Sua Faalogo, Jonah Pezet and Tyran Wishart, excelled and proved their places in the Melbourne side.

WHAT FAILED

Literally just the Grand Final. They had the season for the highlights reel, with win after win, and so much champagne rugby league across the season. But they hit that big stage and they lacked so much luster, and it was like watching a different team on that field. They were heavily favoured to take out the premiership title, but the performance they put on was below standard for the club, and leaves an ink blot on such a remarkable and almost-perfect season.

SEASON'S BEST

Having one of his best seasons yet, Jahrome Hughes was an absolute standout for the Storm, which saw him win Storm POTY and be crowned Dally M medalist. This season saw him score twelve tries and make 26 try assists, which makes his equal most tries scored in a season, and his best try assists count. Hughes played a big role in the Storm spine, and played one of his best seasons to date, with some of his best potential really flourishing out on the field.

ROOKIES

Despite making his debut in 2022, Grant Anderson only played four games in 2022 and 2023, compared to his fourteen total across the 2024 season. Filling in for various players at both wing and centre, Anderson had a pretty nice season, scoring eight tries and making three try assists. In mid-2024, the club announced that he had signed a one year extension to see him stay until the end of 2025, though he is up against much competition to keep an ongoing spot in the team.

Alongside Anderson, Sua Faalogo had an outstanding season, which came after a debut for the ages in 2023 Round 27, scoring a double against the Broncos. 2024 saw him play both wing, fullback and off the bench, playing for a total of fourteen games, scoring eight tries and making three try assists. With the future of Papenhuyzen hanging in the air for beyond 2024, Faalogo could potentially be Melbourne's starting fullback in the near future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Craig Bellamy extended again for the 2025 season during 2024, which makes the Melbourne reign look ever so bright. The Storm were many steps ahead the rest of the competition throughout the whole home-and-away season, they just struggled to get the job done on the stage that counted, the Grand Final.

So if 2024 saw the Storm go one step further from 2023 and make the Grand Final as well as being Minor Premiers, does that mean in 2025 they are destined to win the Premiership?

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-15	Trial 1	CBY	L 12 24	Belmore	
24	Trial 2	NEW	W 28 10	Churchill	5218
Mar-08	1	PEN	W 8 0	AAMI	20169
16	2	WAR	W 30 26	AAMI	21927
24	3	NEW	L 12 14	McD. Jones	21889
	4	BYE			
Apr-04	5	BRI	W 34 32	AAMI	20698
12	6	CBY	W 16 14	AAMI	16065
18	7	SYD	W 18 12	Allianz	17714
25	8	SOU	W 54 20	AAMI	25149
May-04	9	GLD	W 22 20	Cbus Super	13096
11	10	CRO	L 18 25	AAMI	18670
19	11	PAR	W 48 16	Suncorp	47517
24	12	MAN	L 20 26	4 Pines	17211
	13	BYE			
9	14	NEW	W 36 28	AAMI	20269
15	15	WAR	W 38 24	Go Media	24495
21	16	DOL	W 30 24	Suncorp	25167
29	17	CAN	W 16 6	AAMI	14127
Jul-06	18	WST	W 40 28	Leichhardt	10311
	19	BYE			
20	20	SYD	W 24 8	AAMI	17055
26	21	PAR	W 32 14	CommBank	11082
Aug-03	22	SGI	L 16 18	AAMI	18103
8	23	SOU	W 28 16	Accor	8973
15	24	PEN	W 24 22	BlueBet	20516
24	25	DOL	W 48 6	AAMI	26106
29	26	NQL	L 30 38	QLD C. Bank	20787
Sep-05	27	BRI	W 50 12	Suncorp	35086
14	QF	CRO	W 37 10	AAMI	26326
27	PF	SYD	W 48 18	AAMI	29213
Oct-06	GF	PEN	L 6 14	Accor	80156

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	LF	PF	GF	SEASON STATS						
	OPponent	PEN	WAR	NEW	BRI	CBY	SYD	SOU	GLD	CRO	PAR	MAN	NEW	WAR	DOL	CAN	WST	SYD	PAR	SGI	SOU	PEN	DOL	NQL	BRI	CRO	SYD	PEN	S13	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
ANDERSON, Grant									W	B	B	W	W	C	C	C	W	W	W	W	W		HB					12	2	8	-	-	32	
ASOFA-SOLOMONA, Nelson						B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	FR		B	FR	L	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR		10	9	2	-	-	8	
BLORE, Shawn			2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	24	1	2	-	-	8	
BRADLEY, Kane			B													B	W						2R					2	2	-	-	-	-	
CHAN, Joe	2R	2R				B	B	B					B	B	B	B		B					2R					3	8	1	-	-	4	
COATES, Xavier	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W		W									W	W	W	W	16	-	11	-	-	44	
FALOGO, Sualauvi								W	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	B	FB	B	B	B				W	W	FB			10	4	8	-	-	32		
GARLICK, Bronson												H		H	H	H												4	1	-	-	-	-	
GRANT, Harry	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H			H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	22	1	13	1	-	54	
HOWARTH, Jack				B					B					B	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	13	4	4	-	-	16	
HUGHES, Jahrome	HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	23	-	12	-	-	48	
IEREMIA, Dean														C									W				2	1	2	-	-	8		
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KING, Josh	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	26	-	3	-	-	12	
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MacDONALD, Alec	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B					B	B		B	B	B	B	L	B	B	B	B	1	21	2	-	-	8	
MEANEY, Nick	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	24	-	5	107	-	234	
MOEROA, Tepai			B		B															B			B					-	4	-	-	-	-	
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PAPENHUYZEN, Ryan	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB						FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	20	-	14	-	1	57	
PEZET, Jonah	FE	FE	FE																									3	-	1	4	-	12	
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WELCH, Christian	B	B		B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	B							B	FR		B	B	B	7	13	-	-	-	-
WISHART, Tyran	B	B	HB	B	B		B	B	HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	B	B	B	B	H	B	B	B	12	14	12	14	-	76	

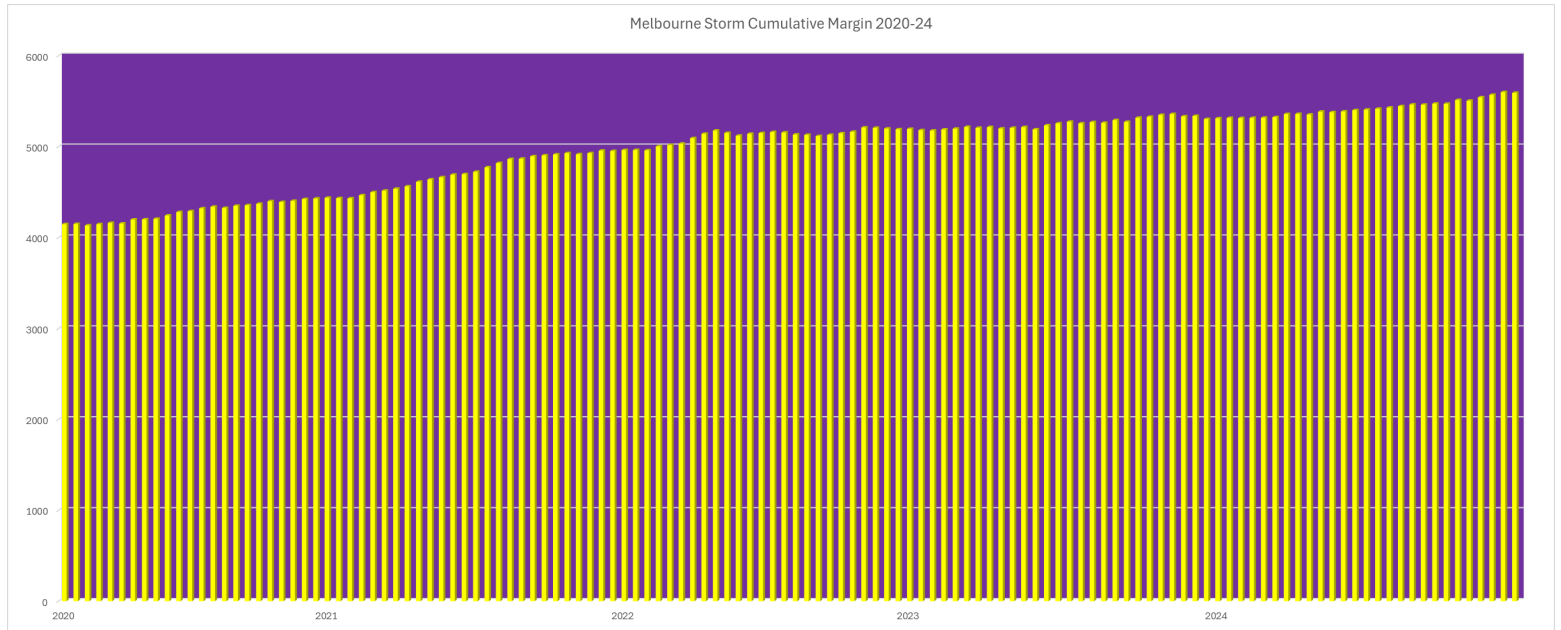
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach Craig Bellamy
 Captains Harry Grant (23), Jahrome Hughes (3), Ryan Papenhuyzen (1)
 Biggest home crowd 29,213 (vs. Sydney in Prelim Final)
 Average home crowd 21,067
 Top pointscorer Nick Meaney (234)
 Top tryscorer Will Warbrick (15)

CLUB AWARDS

Cameron Smith Player of the Year, RedZed Members Player of the Year
 Cooper Cronk Feeder Club Player of the Year
 Best Try Award Presented by Grill'd
 TRADIE Most Improved Player
 Billy Slater Rookie of the Year
 Best Forward of the Year
 Best Back of the Year

Jahrome Hughes
 Lazarus Vaalepu
 Xavier Coates
 Trent Loiero
 Jack Howarth
 Harry Grant
 Will Warbrick



NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS

ROB CROSBY

The Newcastle Knights spent just three weeks inside the top eight during the duration of the home-and-away season. But when it mattered most, they found a way to be there in September. Securing eighth position with a final round winner-takes-all victory over the Dolphins on Old Boys Day, the Knights achieved a result few expected - for better and worse - in 2024. Beginning the new campaign with optimism of exceeding the heights of last season, the Knights were off the pace from the opening round and hit panic stations when a foot injury to Kalyn Ponga ruled the reigning Dally M winner out for ten weeks as the side slumped to 15th on the ladder. Managing to stay in touch with the finals during the middle third despite major instability in the halves, coach Adam O'Brien's hopes of another late season revival appeared dead and gone in the wake of a golden point loss to the Sharks that left the side four points adrift of the top eight with three matches remaining. What followed can only be described as rugby league's Steven Bradbury moment as the Knights surged while rival teams imploded to clinch eighth position and set up an elimination final date with the Cowboys in Townsville. Holding a 12-4 lead at the break and a 16-all deadlock going into the final ten minutes, the Knights had their chances as Ponga bamboozled the Cowboys with every touch only to come up short. It's hard to judge 2024 as a success of failure for the Newcastle Knights. O'Brien reached the finals for the fourth time in five years, overseeing a side that found the resilience to reach September and simultaneously failed to reach great heights. Ultimately, the Knights bowed out doing what nine other teams failed to achieve.

TURNING POINT

Coming into the ANZAC Round with just two wins from their first seven matches and Ponga sidelined with a long-term foot injury, the Knights were faced with a choice: give in without their star fullback or find the resolve to win through sheer effort. Having failed to live up to expectations thus far, the Knights decided that 2024 was a season worth fighting for. Responding with a golden run of gritty victories over the Dolphins (18-14), Warriors (14-8), Tigers (20-14) and Titans (28-24) to resurrect their campaign heading into the representative season, the catalyst for the turnaround came in the form of unheralded fullback David Armstrong. Bringing speed and exuberance to complement the no frills approach displayed by his teammates, the 23-year-old crossed for five tries in as many appearances, including a hat-trick in Magic Round, to earn rave reviews and a contract extension. Falling out of favour after a rough night against the Bulldogs that saw young gun Fletcher Sharpe preferred, Armstrong negotiated a release to take up a longer-term deal with Super League club Leigh under the guise of establishing himself as a fullback. The Armstrong era was short-lived at Newcastle, yet the impact was immense in steadying the Knights back on course for an eventual top eight finish.

WHAT WORKED

The Knights never hit a high watermark of greatness throughout the season, yet rather their success was based in remaining close enough all year. Finishing the regular season with a 50% win/loss record and the second-worst attack in the league, the side recorded two-thirds of their victories by eight points or less while losing seven matches within the same margin, including two golden point defeats to the Cowboys (21-20) and Sharks (19-18). Defeating only one top eight team from ten attempts and suffering dreadful days against the Bulldogs (36-12 and 32-2) and Sea Eagles (44-6), O'Brien's charges still managed to stay within four points of the finals all season. Recapturing glimpses of their best over the closing rounds - at the same time opposition teams imploded in spectacular fashion - the Knights managed to control their own finals destiny with a 14-6 victory over the Dolphins in the last game of the home-and-away season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

O'Brien's inability to stick solid in the halves was a recurring issue with half a dozen combinations used at six and seven throughout the season. Beginning 2024 with Jackson Hastings and Tyson Gamble preferred off the strength of their efforts the previous year, the recruitment of Jack Cogger complicated matters with the journeyman signing as a back-up playmaker but returning home with a reputation as a game-breaking premiership winner. The dilemma of trying to fit three halves into two positions hampered the side's attack and the lack of consistency only intensified when English utility Will Pryce stepped into the fold mid-year. Finally, Phoenix Crossland had the chance to put aside the utility tag and show his wares in the number seven jersey as part of a combination that delivered short-term success but little to suggest longevity for years to come. The Knights didn't have a halves pairing that lasted more than four matches and, in spite of that inconsistency, they still managed to play finals football. One can only imagine what they might be capable of with a six and seven afforded the time to thrive...

BEST PLAYER

The Knights were at their lowest point when Dane Gagai won his first Danny Buderus Medal as a shining light amid the bleakness of 2016. Eight years on, the veteran outside back achieved the same honour, standing tall as the leader the club needed to save their season. Producing some of his finest performances in the red and blue jersey during the side's resurgence prior to State of Origin, the 33-year-

old centre revelled in the captaincy to earn a deserved recall for Queensland in the Game III decider and a new deal at the club, spurning an offer from the Roosters. Causing opposition defences havoc with the ball and creating a tonne of opportunities for Fletcher Sharpe to do likewise in the run towards September; Gagai's commitment to the Knights will see him bring up 200 games with the club - and 300 NRL games overall - next season.

ROOKIES

Fletcher Sharpe was the pick of four Newcastle rookies to debut in first grade with the Maitland junior crossing for 11 tries in 12 appearances, including a four-try haul against the Tigers, to announce himself as a star of the future. Making an eye-catching introduction to first grade with a series of dashing performances at fullback, the 20-year-old shifted to the wing where he became the first Newcastle rookie since Brad Tigue to finish a season as the club's leading try-scorer, before completing a dream year with selection in the Prime Minister's XIII team. Fellow fullback David Armstrong shone brightly during a short stint in first grade with five tries in as many matches, while Kyle McCarthy overcame a rocky start to produce 150 metres and five tackle breaks in his lone appearance at centre. Sebastian Su'a is expected to push for regular game time next year following the departure of Daniel Saifiti; the Kiwi born front-rower had the rare distinction of debuting after being activated as 18th man and finished a 12-minute stint by being sent to the sin bin. The Knights also introduced English duo Kai Pearce-Paul and Will Pryce to Australian audiences; Pearce-Paul was strong defensively in 22 appearances and Pryce shapes as an unrealised attacking gem after a try-scoring turn on debut.

LOOKING AHEAD

The shortcomings of Newcastle's 2024 campaign were papered over by a top eight finish, but questions still very much remain over the make-up of the side going forward. Coach O'Brien will need to resolve the merry-go-round of halves to give the side the best chance of success, along with finessing a much-publicised salary cap alongside Peter O'Sullivan to sustain success into the future. Recruitment has been minimal with Canberra signing James Schiller set to push for a spot in the backline, while the void left by Daniel Saifiti's departure will likely be filled internally with Sebastian Su'a, Cody Hopwood and Jermaine McEwen touted as future first-graders. There are plenty of issues still to be resolved on and off the field at Newcastle, but if Kalyn Ponga can enjoy an injury-free run there is no knowing how far the Knights can go in 2025.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	Trial 1	CRO	W 44 18	Industree	8663
24	Trial 2	MEL	L 10 28	Churchill	5218
Mar-07	1	CAN	L 12 28	McD. Jones	22378
16	2	NQL	L 20 21	QLD C. Bank	18986
24	3	MEL	W 14 12	McD. Jones	21889
31	4	WAR	L 12 20	Go Media	24112
Apr-05	5	SGI	W 30 10	McD. Jones	9448
11	6	SYD	L 20 22	McD. Jones	21940
21	7	CBY	L 12 36	Accor	17784
28	8	DOL	W 18 14	Suncorp	18033
May-05	9	WAR	W 14 8	McD. Jones	16094
11	10	WST	W 20 14	Scully	10107
18	11	GLD	W 28 24	Suncorp	50708
	12	BYE			
31	13	CBY	L 2 32	McD. Jones	21204
Jun-09	14	MEL	L 28 36	AAMI	20269
16	15	PEN	L 18 26	McD. Jones	27966
	16	BYE			
29	17	PAR	W 34 26	McD. Jones	27424
Jul-07	18	CAN	W 16 12	GIO	12553
14	19	MAN	L 6 44	4 Pines	17298
20	20	BRI	L 14 30	McD. Jones	26952
	21	BYE			
Aug-04	22	PEN	L 14 22	BlueBet	20261
11	23	WST	W 34 18	McD. Jones	22183
18	24	CRO	L 18 19	Pointsbet	11503
24	25	SOU	W 36 16	Accor	9659
Sep-01	26	GLD	W 36 14	McD. Jones	24712
8	27	DOL	W 14 6	McD. Jones	29433
14	EF	NQL	L 16 28	QLD C. Bank	24861

ROUND																												SEASON STATS					
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OPPONENT	CAN	NQL	MEL	WAR	SGI	SYD	CBY	DOL	WAR	WST	GLD	CBY	MEL	PEN	PAR	CAN	MAN	BRI	PEN	WST	CRO	SOU	GLD	DOL	NQL								
ARMSTRONG, David								FB	FB	FB	FB	FB														5	-	5	-	-	20		
BEST, Bradman	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C		C					C	C		17	-	7	-	-	28		
BRAILEY, Jayden			B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	B	B	H	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	16	7	1	-	-	4		
CANT, Thomas																	C		B				B			1	2	-	-	-	-		
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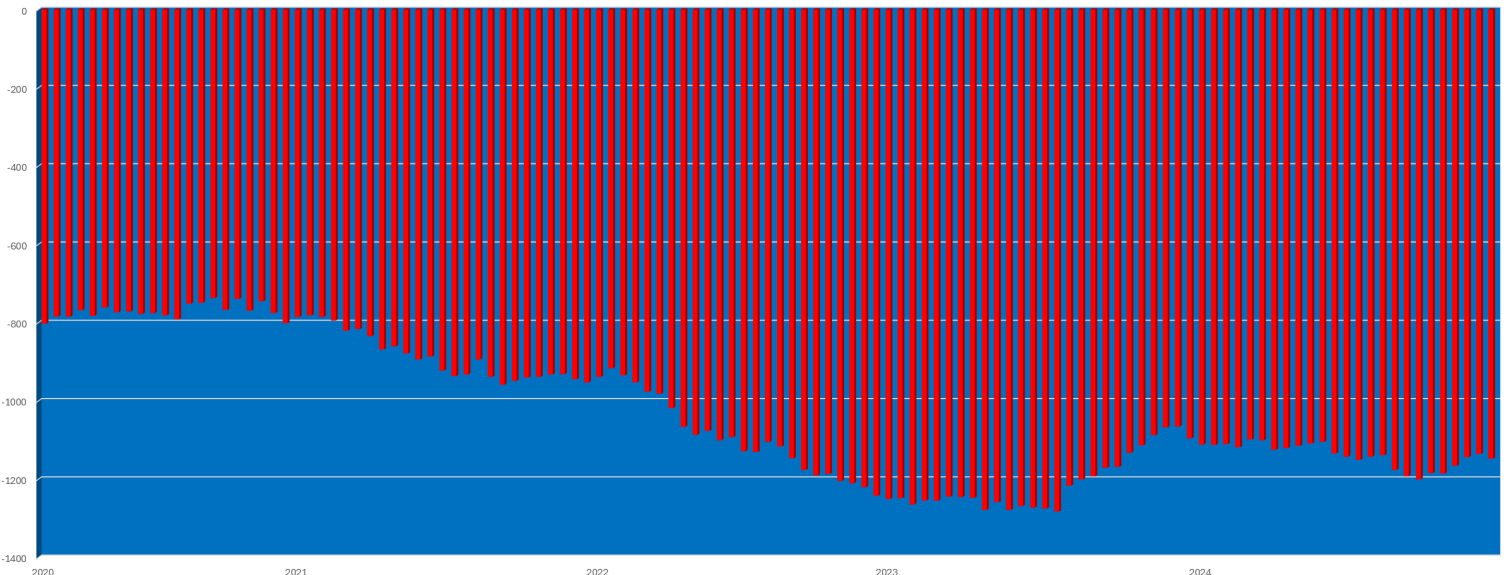
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach: Adam O'Brien
 Captains: Kalyn Ponga (16), Dane Gagai (4), Tyson Frizell (4), Jayden Brailey (1)
 Biggest home crowd: 29,433 (vs. Dolphins in round 27)
 Average home crowd: 22,635
 Top pointscorer: Kalyn Ponga (106)
 Top tryscorer: Fletcher Sharpe (11)

CLUB AWARDS

Danny Buderus Medal
 Players' Player: Dane Gagai
 Gladiator of the Year: Dane Gagai
 Rookie of the Year: Fletcher Sharpe
 Community Player of the Year: Dylan Lucas
 Knight in Shining Armour: Tyson Frizell

Newcastle Knights Cumulative Margin 2020-24



NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS

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A year of progress, but still need to tighten the saddle.

The North Queensland Cowboys took strides forward in 2024, rebounding from a challenging 2023 season where they finished 11th place. Despite clear improvements, inconsistency plagued their performances, with impressive patches often undone by errors that let opponents back into games.

This trend was evident in their elimination final against Cronulla. The halftime score summed up the Cowboys season - down 24-0 to the Sharks, they had given themselves another mountain to climb. They fought hard, but it was another case of too little too late, ultimately bowing out in a 28-18 loss.

In attack, the Cowboys were one of the league's best, ranking as the sixth highest-scoring team with an average of 26 points per game. They were second in meters gained and third in total points scored, with 657 points—only Melbourne and the Roosters scored more.

Defence was where the Cowboys struggled, conceding 568 points, the most of any top-eight team.

TURNING POINT

A promising 5-1 start hinted at a potential title run, but a subsequent five-game losing streak derailed momentum and exposed some of the team's defensive inconsistencies. Though they made the finals, their defensive lapses re-emerged late in the season.

The most positive turning point for the Townsville club was the Round 13 victory against the Roosters. Down 14-4 at halftime and missing key players on Origin duty, the Cowboys dug deep and pulled off one of the season's biggest upsets, winning 18-16. A later win against Penrith in Round 17 provided another highlight, showcasing their capabilities as a team and finals contention.

WHAT WORKED

The Cowboys made an innovative leadership move by appointing Tom Dearden and Reece Robson as co-captains. Known for their high work rate and effort, both players led by example for the Cowboys throughout the season.

DEFINING PLAYERS

Scott Drinkwater set career highs with 25 try assists, 15 linebreaks, and an impressive 161 average running meters per game. His performance against the Roosters and a clutch two-point field goal to force a golden point in Round 18 against Manly underscored his importance to the squad.

Tom Dearden gave another stellar performance for the Cowboys season. The ball of energy showed he has a never-say-die attitude, notably with his Dally M "Tackle of the Year" in Round 4, catching a steaming Selwyn Cobbo from an intercept run just before the try line.

Even though Val Holmes was said to have had a quiet year, he scored the second most points for the club, not to mention his kicking, which sat at 85%, and is some big boots to fill as he moves to Kogarah and Wollongong in 2025.

Reece Robson's solid form for the Cowboys earned him a place in the Blues' winning Origin side, suggesting more to come from him as he would like to keep his grip on the NSW number 9 jersey with good form for the Cowboys next year.

ROOKIES AND NEW TALENT

The Cowboys have a good crop of young talent rising through the ranks, promising depth for the future.

Players like Jaxon Purdue, Robert Derby, Thomas Duffy, and Tom Chester put their hands up when required, and will push for spots in the top 17 as the 2025 season approaches.

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking to 2025, coach Todd Payten faces questions about how to use his experienced yet ageing props, Jason Taumalolo and Jordan McLean. Taumalolo, a six-time Paul Bowman Medal winner, remains crucial but may require adjusted minutes to accommodate a winning game plan. New signings, like Karl Lawton offer utility value with ball skills at lock, which could allow Reuben Cotter to shift into the front row, adding versatility to the pack.

Several players are departing the Cowboys, with Chad Townsend heading to the Roosters, club legend Kyle Feldt moving to the Super League, Holmes joining the Dragons, Kulikefu Finefeuiaki moving to the Dolphins, and Jack Gosiewski signing with the Brisbane Broncos. Meanwhile, veteran Jake Granville announced his retirement, marking the end of an era for the Cowboys. At this time of writing, Jordan McLean was still off-contract as well.

Consistency remains the focus as they aim to fill the gaps in their defence and marry it with the attacking prowess that made them a formidable side in 2024. But that attacking prowess was off the back of Holmes and Feldt, who scored nearly half the team's points between themselves, so there will be some big boots to fill for 2025.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-18	Trial 1	BRI	L 20 46	BB Print	5332
25	Trial 2	CAN	W 36 26	Seiffert	6058
Mar-10	1	DOL	W 43 18	Suncorp	32477
16	2	NEW	W 21 20	QLD C. Bank	18986
23	3	SGI	W 46 24	Netstrata	9252
29	4	BRI	L 12 38	Suncorp	45793
Apr-07	5	GLD	W 35 22	QLD C. Bank	18870
13	6	PAR	L 20 27	CommBank	14433
21	7	CRO	L 6 42	Pointsbet	12415
27	8	PEN	L 20 26	QLD C. Bank	20960
May-04	9	DOL	L 26 28	QLD C. Bank	20967
12	10	GLD	L 18 20	Cbus Super	12125
18	11	SOU	W 28 22	Suncorp	50708
24	12	WST	W 42 28	QLD C. Bank	15957
Jun-02	13	SYD	W 18 16	Allianz	13811
8	14	WAR	L 12 42	QLD C. Bank	19623
14	15	CAN	W 34 16	GIO	9671
	16	BYE			
30	17	PEN	W 16 6	BlueBet	15777
Jul-06	18	MAN	L 20 21	QLD C. Bank	18787
	19	BYE			
21	20	CBY	W 20 18	QLD C. Bank	16376
27	21	CRO	W 30 22	QLD C. Bank	17907
Aug-01	22	WST	W 48 30	Leichhardt	7231
10	23	BRI	L 18 42	QLD C. Bank	24230
17	24	CAN	W 42 4	QLD C. Bank	17920
	25	BYE			
29	26	MEL	W 38 30	QLD C. Bank	20787
Sep-07	27	CBY	W 44 6	Accor	32437
14	EF	NEW	W 28 16	QLD C. Bank	24861
20	SF	CRO	L 18 26	Allianz	19124

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	EF	SF	SEASON STATS						
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

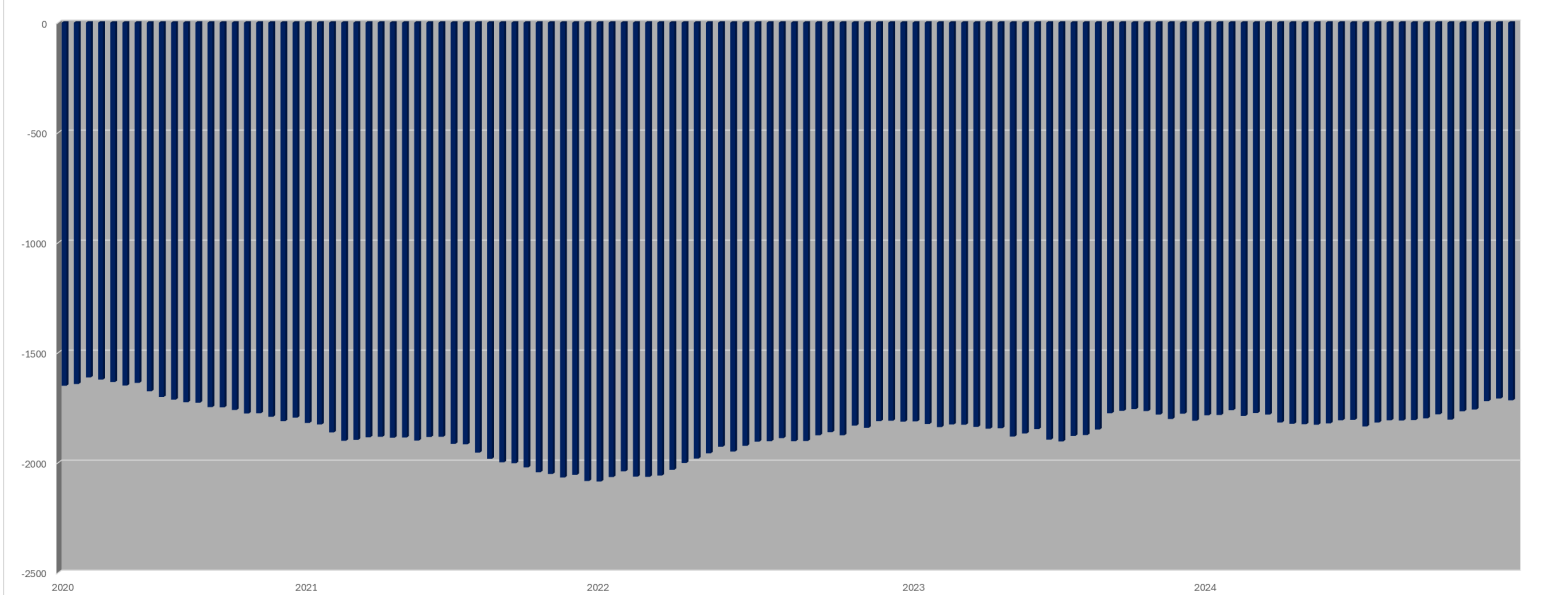
Coach **Todd Payten**
 Captains **Tom Dearden (25), Chad Townsend (2)**
 Biggest home crowd **24,861 (vs. Newcastle in Elimination Final)**
 Average home crowd **19,710**
 Top pointscorer **Valentine Holmes (270)**
 Top try scorer **Kyle Feldt (23)**

CLUB AWARDS

Paul Bowman Medal, Player's Player, Choice Player of the Year
 Cowboys Way Award
 Life Membership
 Townsville Bulletin Fans Rookie of the Year
 Affiliate Player of the Year
 Club Person of the Year

Tom Dearden
Jake Granville
Jake Granville, Kyle Feldt
Jaxon Purdue
Tom Duffy
Coen Hess

North Queensland Cowboys Cumulative Margin 2020-24



PARRAMATTA EELS

LUKE JOBSON

Having missed out on finals football in 2023, it was meant to be the redemption year for the Parramatta Eels.

A fresh Mitchell Moses, an injury-free Clint Gutherson and a forward pack that at time could be one of the best in the competition - there were plenty of fans thinking that Parramatta could be a darkhorse in what may have been their final year of the premiership window.

What 2024 turned out to be, was nothing more than a disappointment backed by inconsistency both on and off the field. A 2-1 start in 2024, the Eels would only win another two games up to Round 21. That's not to say that they should have been 4-14 after 21 rounds, but the Eels became known as the team that would play for 40 minutes a week and hang on for the rest.

A one-point loss to the wooden spooners of 2024, multiple blow out losses to the Rabbitohs, Dolphins and Raiders as well as more half time leads blown than anyone else this season, it all compounded to a lowly 15th place. As a matter of fact, no game encapsulates the Eels season more than their round 23 loss to Penrith.

The Eels, up 34-20 with eight minutes left, would concede three tries back-to-back in four minutes to be down 36-34. Clint Gutherson would have a chance to tie the game near on full time with a penalty goal, only for it to flail wide and allow the now four-time premiers to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

It would end up costing grand final coach Brad Arthur his job, with Trent Barrett now out of the club ranks with the arrival of Jason Ryles. It has also cost Clint Gutherson his future with the club, with Ryles allowing the captain to chase a move away from Parramatta immediately.

What's arguably the worst part about this season, is how Parramatta have lost three future first graders to rivals. Blaize Talagi took less money to sign with Penrith, while NSW U19's representatives Matt Arthur (Newcastle) and Ethan Sanders (Canberra) have both moved away to try and get consistent game time. Surely it can only go up in 2025 for Eels fans... right?

TURNING POINT

Without a shadow of a doubt, Mitchell Moses succumbing to a foot injury in the Eels Round 3 win against Manly put the mock on Parramatta. Without Moses, the Eels only won two games and once Moses did come back, he wasn't able to slow straight into the attack as he normally would. Compiling that loss was Moses' selection for State of Origin this year, so realistically Parramatta had at most, four rounds of their strongest spine in 2024.

WHAT WORKED

It is hard to actually pinpoint something in 2024 that did work for Parramatta, such was how disappointing they played in 2024. That said, the bleeding of some new players such as Jake Tago and Charlie Guymer that will hang around the club for a while in a rotten season means that these youngsters get some needed experience before being thrown into the limelight of 2025.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The back office. It is as plain and simple as that. While there's no denying that Zac Lomax is a huge signing for the Eels, the men in charge failed to ensure that the future of the club was secure. Instead, the arguable rookie of the year is off to the premiers and two other junior representatives are off to fringe top eight sides in 2025. The fact that there is an extraordinary general meeting in the coming days should say all that needs to be said about the off-field aspect of the club. There needs to be cohesion off the field, for there to be cohesion on the field.

BEST PLAYERS

Blaize Talagi had a slow start to his career but quickly became a shining star in a dark season. Second only to Maika Sivo in the Eels try-scoring ranks, Talagi proved his versatility by lining up in basically every backline position, providing plenty of spark in attack and defensively was sound (which is good for the Eels leaky defensive line). It's a true shame he is off to Penrith, for Eels fans that is. Panthers fans can rejoice that the livewire will be feeding off the best half in the game.

Will Penisini had yet another great season in the blue and gold, with none of the accolades he deserves. He scored 11 tries, set up five others and saved just as many with his last ditch efforts. Averaging 130 metres every game, Penisini may not be an Origin player but he is well on his way to earning a spot in 2025.

ROOKIES

Charlie Guymer was a more than capable lock when the Eels were all but down and out, deputising for J'maine Hopgood and then Ryan Matterson. He was only able to get a few games but Parramatta fans were licking their lips at the idea of Guymer being in the 17 for years to come. Injury curtailed his season after just a few games, and with some added fitness work over the summer, Guymer will be a solid rotation player off the bench in 2025.

Jake Tago had some sparks of brilliance during his time in the top flight. While probably not the Eels first choice winger next year, the rumours around Maika Sivo being shopped to the Super League should fill the youngster with a sense of trust.

Quick on his feet, Tago was able to capitalize on some lovely Eels sweeping plays towards the back end of the season. Some defensive work is needed, with the rookie being caught out on multiple occasions, but there's plenty to work with before round one next year that will ensure he's up to the task.

LOOKING AHEAD

Realistically, the Eels have one more season in their premiership window before it closes for what may be the best part of a decade. Mitchell Moses will come back into the fold to start, with the possibility of a rookie fullback in Isaiah Iongi looking to start in round one.

The signings of Zac Lomax and Isaiah Iongi provide an immediate boost, while Dean Hawkins is a much needed deputy in the halves considering how injuries have hit Parramatta the past two years.

A few more middle forwards need to find their way into the Eels top 30, be it from the clubs junior ranks or through new signings - someone like Leo Thompson would be perfect for Parramatta. They'll be a fringe finals side in 2025, much better than 2024 but whether they can hang on when it counts will remain to be seen.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	Trial 1	CAN	L 16 38	Netstrata	8827
25	Trial 2	GLD	W 26 16	Nth Ipswich	5306
Mar-09	1	CBY	W 26 8	CommBank	29171
15	2	PEN	L 18 26	BlueBet	21522
24	3	MAN	W 28 24	CommBank	20354
Apr-01	4	WST	L 16 17	CommBank	28608
7	5	CAN	L 8 41	GIO	13907
13	6	NQL	W 27 20	CommBank	14433
19	7	DOL	L 16 44	TIO	11094
26	8	MAN	L 18 32	4 Pines	17385
	9	BYE			
10	10	BRI	L 14 30	CommBank	17393
19	11	MEL	L 16 48	Suncorp	47517
25	12	SOU	L 26 42	Accor	15202
30	13	CRO	W 34 22	CommBank	11665
Jun-10	14	CBY	L 18 22	Accor	45496
15	15	SYD	L 18 28	CommBank	20072
	16	BYE			
29	17	NEW	L 26 34	McD. Jones	27424
Jul-04	18	SOU	L 16 32	CommBank	13941
13	19	GLD	L 16 24	Cbus Super	16670
	20	BYE			
26	21	MEL	L 14 32	CommBank	11082
Aug-02	22	WAR	W 30 20	Go Media	23812
9	23	PEN	L 34 36	CommBank	18852
16	24	SYD	L 14 38	Allianz	20724
23	25	BRI	L 24 30	Suncorp	36289
31	26	SGI	W 44 40	CommBank	21623
Sep-06	27	WST	W 60 26	Campbelltown	17311

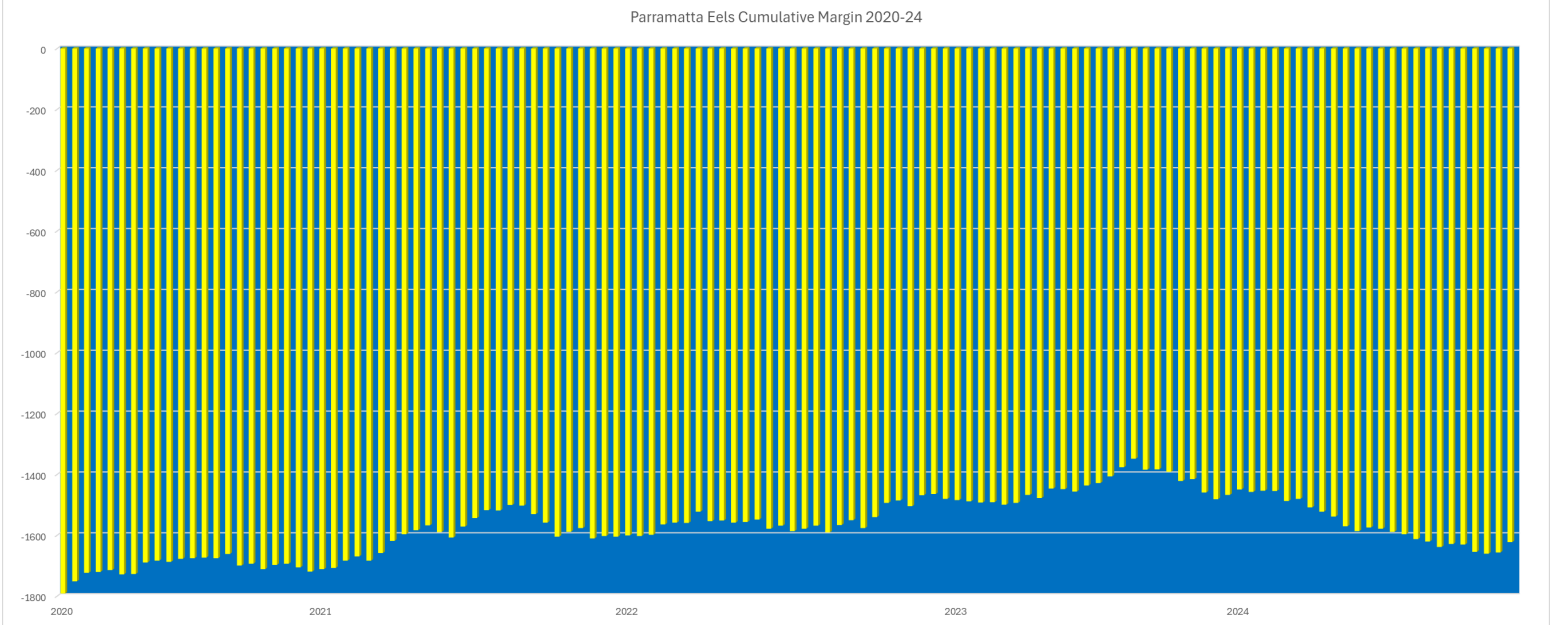
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GREIG, Wiremu					FR							FR	FR						FR	FR	FR	FR				7	-	-	-	-	-	-		
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GUYMER, Charlie																B	L									1	1	-	-	-	-	-		
HANDS, Brendan	B	B		B				B	B		B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	13	6	1	-	-	4			
HARPER, Morgan	C	C	W	C		C	C	C			C															8	-	4	-	-	16			
HOPGOOD, J'maine	L	L	L	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L													11	1	2	-	-	8			
KEIR, Dan																				B	B	B	B	B	B		-	6	-	-	-	-		
LANE, Shaun	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	L	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	FR	2R	B	19	5	4	-	-	16			
LUSSICK, Joey	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		B	B				B	B	B	B	B	B	B	11	9	5	-	-	20			
MAKATO, Makahesi									B	B	B	B	B		FR	FR							B	B	B	2	8	-	-	-	-	-		
MATTERSON, Ryan	B	B	B	L	2R	B	B	2R	2R						B	B	2R	2R	L	L	L					9	7	-	-	-	-	-		
MORETTI, Luca			B	B	B	B	B			B								B	B	B				B	B	-	11	1	-	-	4			
MOSES, Mitchell	HB	HB	HB									HB	HB	HB	HB	HB										8	-	4	22	-	60			
MULITALO, Lorenzo																		W								1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
OFAHENGAUE, Joe	FR	FR	FR	B	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	L	B	L	L	FR	FR	B	B	B	L	L	L	L	17	7	2	-	-	8			
ODGEN, Ofahiki																								FR	FR	2	-	1	-	-	4			
PAULO, Junior	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B										2	14	2	-	-	8			
PENISINI, Will	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	23	-	11	-	-	44			
RUSSELL, Sean	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		C	C	C	C	C	W	W	C	C			W	W	W	W	W	W	21	-	6	5	-	34			
SANDERS, Ethan								FE	FE																	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
SIMONSSON, Bailey	W	W			C	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W													10	-	5	-	-	20			
SIVO, Maika				W	W			W	W	W	W	W			W							B	W	W	W	11	1	18	-	-	72			
TAGO, Jake															W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	B	W		7	1	4	-	-	16			
TALAGI, Blaize			C	FE	FE		B		FB	FB	FB	B	W	W	W	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	18	2	11	-	-	44				
TIALAGI, Kelma	B	B	B	2R	B	B		B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R							B	2R		2R	7	9	3	-	-	12			

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches Trent Barrett (14), Brad Arthur (10)
 Captains Clinton Gutherson (20), Junior Paulo (2), Dylan Brown (1)
 Biggest home crowd 29,171 (vs. Canterbury in round 1)
 Average home crowd 18,836
 Top pointscorer Clinton Gutherson (112)
 Top tryscorer Maika Sivo (17)

CLUB AWARDS

Ken Thornett Medal
 Blue & Gold Army Player of the Year Reagan Campbell-Gillard
 Jack Gibson Coaches Award Clint Gutherson
 Nathan Hindmarsh Players' Player Clint Gutherson
 Eric Grothe Snr Rookie of the Year Blaize Talagi
 Ray Price Community Award Shaun Lane



PENRITH PANTHERS

JOSH ROBERTSON

People always want to find excuses on why the Penrith Panthers shouldn't be held as one - of if not the - greatest side of the modern era, with excuses like "oh, they don't have a Cronk-Slater-Smith" or "it's not the Raiders side of the 90s".

But for all these comparisons that are put up, trying to compare sides of yesteryear, the 2024 Panthers can easily say they have done something that will go down in NRL history - with an historic fourth NRL premiership in a row, something not done at the top level since the great St George team of the 1960's. Let's head back to February. Things started tough for the Mountain men, when a World Club Challenge trip to England saw them fall short of capturing of the only trophy that hasn't sat in the cabinet in Penrith. A controversial contest saw Super League champions Wigan claim the silverware, with the home team awarded a crucial try by the video referee which was contentious due to it appearing that Warriors centre Jake Wardle appeared not to ground the ball. If the trip to England wasn't tough enough, the Panthers had to go from the cold of England's winger to the middle of a Melbourne heatwave for Round 1 - and points were at a premium. Penrith had to go scoreless in Round 1 going down just 8-0 to the Storm, after a first-half try was chalked off by the NRL Bunker. Things looked better on the return home, with wins against the Eels and the Broncos though things weren't all the reigning premiers' way, with Nathan Cleary suffering a hamstring injury against Brisbane. A win against title contenders the Roosters showed the Panthers were still a force without Cleary though, as they picked up an important win. Controversial would again reign, with the Bunker overturning a decision which helped the Panthers through the first half. They were brought back to earth when they were on the receiving end of a parochial Manly home crowd for the entire 80 minutes and fell to a heavy 32-18 loss at 4 Pines Park. An important bye refreshed the side as they went on another four game winning streak, with important wins against the Tigers in Bathurst, Cowboys in Townsville, Souths at Accor Stadium and then back home for a win against the Bulldogs. From there, Penrith became a little uncharacteristic. They then fell to a shock 22-20 defeat at Magic Round to the Warriors which left people questioning where the season was headed. The questions were answered pretty quickly though, when they trekked to the Shire against a Cronulla side who themselves had earned themselves high admiration after wins against the Roosters and Melbourne - but it was Penrith who showed they were still one of the teams to beat with a 42-0 win. The Origin period was again mixed - wins against Manly and Newcastle sandwiched between losses against the Dragons and Cowboys at home. Despite sitting second, there was still plenty of questions about the Panthers season with some very impressive performances mixed in with some absolute shockers. Picking up an important win in Brisbane, the Panthers then welcomed back Cleary - and they need his magic as they had to come from 14 points down against the Dolphins to force Golden Point, and then the 'boot of Nathan' struck with a 2-point field goal to win the game. Victories over the Dragons and Knights helped the Panthers stay in second spot until they met Parramatta and after a good first half, they quickly ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard, trailing 34-20 with ten minutes to play before three tries in the space of three minutes delivered the premiers a 36-34 triumph in a miracle comeback. A second loss to the Storm came at home when yet again the Men in Purple just had enough to see off the Panthers threat, though it was panic stations when Nathan Cleary suffered a shoulder injury. The loss to Melbourne and then a loss to Canberra saw the Panthers slip to fourth spot and needing the unlikely case of both Cronulla and the Roosters losing games they should win to take a top two spot - and remarkably, that's what happened. Penrith bounced back to finish the season with wins over Souths and Titans - although the latter was hardly spectacular - in Round 27 at the Farewell to Penrith Park.

Arguably, it could be said that the finals were the most impressive period of the year for Penrith with a 20 point win against the Roosters at home before a decisive win over Cronulla booked them a spot in a fifth consecutive NRL grand final. Despite the contests between Penrith and Melbourne being close all season, it was the Storm who were expected to win. Not to let their legacy slip without a fight, the boys in pink stepped it up as they tend to do, and, being the big game team, the Panthers were clinical with a now famous 14-6 win to seal the fourth premiership in a row.

TURNING POINT

It's hard to sum up a particular turning point for the Panthers but it would be surrounding the injuries to Nathan Cleary. His fitness battles threatened to derail the Panthers season and whilst it was a speed-bump at times, his returns to the fold were key to Penrith - especially come finals time with the way he controlled games and led them to ultimate success.

WHAT WORKED

The Panthers system of next-player-up worked perfectly yet again. The Panthers had six debutants through the teamsheet in 2024. It wasn't just the debutants that made a big impact, it was the growth of players long in the system - such as Liam Henry who had his best season yet, along with fellow impact forward Lindsay Smith - who was duly awarded with selection for Australia. The other thing that worked is Ivan Cleary's shrewd business in the contract market where he can sign players that are languishing at other clubs or shown the door - best exemplified by Scott Sorensen. Clubless at the end of 2020, he became a cult hero in Penrith winning four rings. Paul Alamoti fits this bill too - unwanted at Canterbury, he joined the Panthers in 2024 and immediately won the fanbase over.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

In a season resulting in such success, it's always hard to find something that didn't really work. Although there were times they lacked consistency across the season, they didn't have a weak spot though it could be argued that the influence of Brad Schneider in the second half of the season after his injury was the best for the Panthers.

SEASON'S BEST

It's hard to look past Isaah Yeo. The Panthers captain became the most capped Penrith player of all time going past club legend Steve Carter. Yeo won the Merv Cartwright Medal for the second straight season and third time overall as he was just phenomenal all season and it's hard to think of a bad moment outside his sin-binning at Magic Round. It would also be hard to go past the efforts of Jarome Luai who stood up and controlled the Panthers like he hadn't done before whilst Dylan Edwards made himself at home in the NSW and Australian teams after yet another huge season at the back before knee injury slowed him down a fraction.

ROOKIES

I mentioned some of the Rookies in the "What worked" part but it's hard to not go into a bit of depth because the McLean brothers made a big impression throughout the year including for Casey who scored four on debut for New Zealand at the Pacific Championships in early November. The rookie class of Panthers for 2024 included Mav Geyer - adding another generation of the Geyer/Alexander dynasty to the Panthers history books. The debuts of Preston Riki, Trent Toelau, Luron Patea as well as the departing Isaiah Tongi showed the junior development system out west is still going strong.

LOOKING AHEAD

Every year since 2021, we've said another premiership is unlikely given history is against the once little club from Western Sydney, but every year they turn up and are there on Grand Final day yet again. The losses of Jarome Luai and James Fisher-Harris are two of the biggest losses the club could have but there are plenty of young talent already showing that they can fill the boots. The Panthers have also made some exciting signings with Blaize Talagi and Isaiah Papali'i coming to the club there is no excuse for the Panthers to have a huge drop from the top four in 2025.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-24	WCC	WIG	L 12 16	DW	24091
Mar-08	1	MEL	L 0 8	AAMI	20169
15	2	PAR	W 26 18	BlueBet	21522
21	3	BRI	W 34 12	BlueBet	20089
28	4	SYD	W 22 16	Allianz	25898
Apr-06	5	MAN	L 18 32	4 Pines	17381
6	BYE				
20	7	WST	W 22 6	Carrington	12000
27	8	NQL	W 26 20	QLD C. Bank	20960
May-02	9	SOU	W 42 12	Accor	8155
10	10	CBY	W 16 10	BlueBet	21525
19	11	WAR	L 20 22	Suncorp	47517
25	12	CRO	W 42 0	Pointsbet	13500
Jun-01	13	SGI	L 10 22	BlueBet	12025
9	14	MAN	W 32 22	BlueBet	20101
16	15	NEW	W 26 18	McD. Jones	27966
16	BYE				
30	17	NQL	L 6 16	BlueBet	15777
Jul-05	18	BRI	W 14 6	Suncorp	42433
19	BYE				
21	20	DOL	W 28 26	BlueBet	20955
28	21	SGI	W 46 10	WIN	18988
Aug-04	22	NEW	W 22 14	BlueBet	20261
9	23	PAR	W 36 34	CommBank	18852
15	24	MEL	L 22 24	BlueBet	20516
24	25	CAN	L 18 22	GIO	17523
30	26	SOU	W 34 12	BlueBet	20176
Sep-07	27	GLD	W 18 12	BlueBet	21525
13	QF	SYD	W 30 10	BlueBet	21483
28	PF	CRO	W 26 6	Accor	33753
Oct-06	GF	MEL	W 14 6	Accor	80156

ROUND	SEASON STATS																											SEASON STATS					
	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	LF	PF	GF	S13	Int	T	G	FG	Pts
OPPONENT	MEL	PAR	BRI	SYD	MAN	WST	NQL	SOU	CBY	WAR	CRO	SGI	MAN	NEW	NQL	BRI	DOL	SGI	NEW	PAR	MEL	CAN	SOU	GLD	SYD	CRO	MEL						
ALAMOTTI, Paul						C	W		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W						C	C	C	C	C	16	-	8	18	-	68
CLEARY, Nathan	HB	HB	HB				HB		HB								HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	14	-	5	52	1	126
COLE, Jack								B	B	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	B						B						6	4	2	-	-	8
EDWARDS, Dylan	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			FB							FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	21	-	11	31	-	106
EISENHUTH, Matt	B		B	B	B		B	B		B	B		B		L	B	L		FR	FR	B		B		B	B		4	15	-	-	-	-
FISHER-HARRIS, James	FR	FR			B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	23	1	4	-	-	16
GARNER, Luke	2R	B	B	2R	2R	B	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R									2R	2R	B	2R	2R	B	13	5	7	-	-	28
GEYER, Mavrik				B			B	B	B			B					B	B	B	B	2R	B						1	10	-	-	-	-
HENRY, Liam	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B		B	2R	B	B	2R	B	2R	B	B		B	B	FR	B	B	B	B	4	21	2	-	-	8
IONGI, Isaiah																						FB						1	-	-	-	-	-
KENNY, Mitch		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	25	-	2	-	-	8
LAURIE, Daine		B	B	B	B	B					B	FB	FB		FB	W	FB	FB		FB	W	W						9	6	2	-	-	8
LEOTA, Moses	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		B	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	24	3	2	-	-	8
LUAI, Jarome	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB			HB	HB			HB		FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	24	-	4	-	-	16
LUKE, Soni	B																											-	1	-	-	-	-
McLEAN, Casey															W		C	C	C	C	C	C	C					7	-	3	-	-	12
McLEAN, Jesse												W																1	-	1	-	-	4
MARTIN, Liam	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R		2R			2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	23	-	4	-	-	16
MAY, Taylan	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C																			9	-	1	-	-	4
PATEA, Luron															B		B				B							-	3	-	-	-	-
PEACHEY, Tyrone											B		B															-	3	-	-	-	-
RIKI, Preston											B																	-	1	-	-	-	-
SCHNEIDER, Brad				HB	HB	HB		HB				HB		FE	HB	FE	FE					FE	FE	FE	B	B		12	2	4	1	-	18
SMITH, Lindsay	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	B	FR	B	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	8	20	4	-	-	16
SOMMERTON, Luke	H													H									H					3	-	1	-	-	4
SORENSEN, Scott		2R	2R			2R				B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			2R			2R	15	1	3	-	-	12
TAGO, Izack	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	27	-	10	-	-	40
TOELAU, Trent												B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B				-	12	1	-	-	4
TO'O, Brian	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	25	-	14	-	-	56
TURUVA, Sunia	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	24	-	17	-	-	68
YEO, Isaah	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	L			L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	25	1	2	-	-	8

SEASON SNAPSHOT

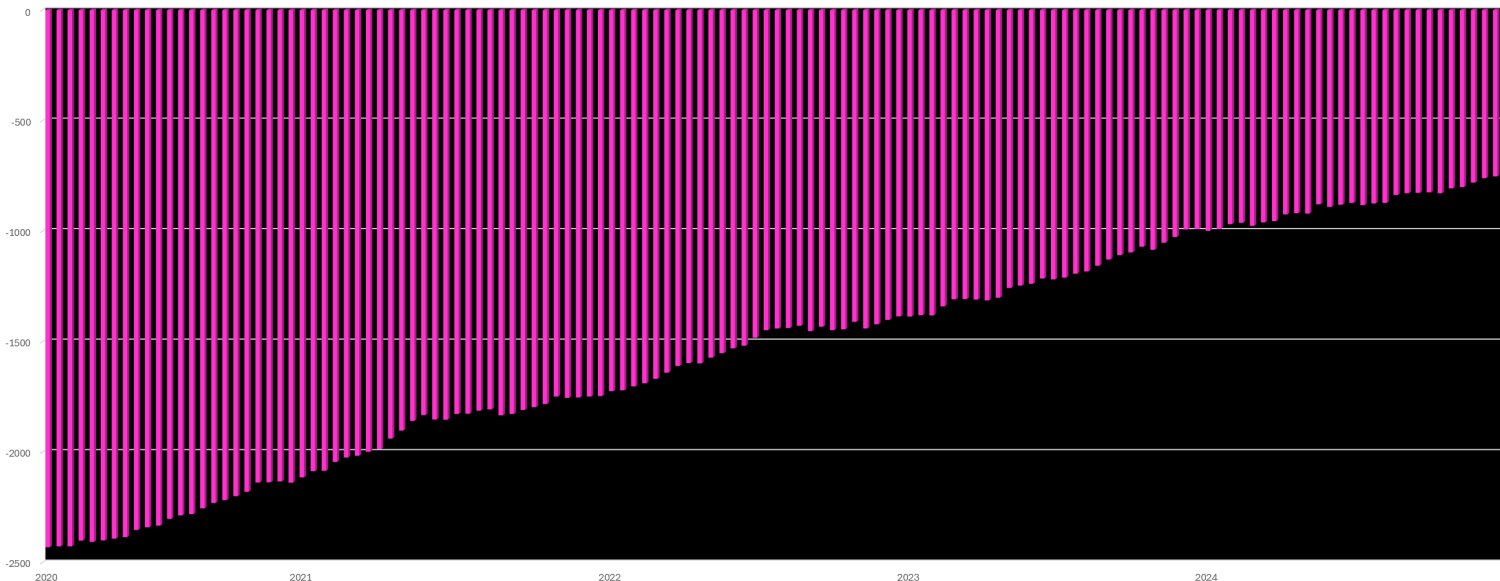
Coach **Ivan Cleary**
 Captains **Nathan Cleary (14), Isaah Yeo (13), James Fisher-Harris (1)**
 Biggest home crowd **21,525 (vs. Gold Coast in round 27)**
 Average home crowd **19,663**
 Top pointscorer **Nathan Cleary (126)**
 Top tryscorer **Sunia Turuva (17)**

CLUB AWARDS

Merv Cartwright Medal, MKJ Projects Members Player of the Year
John Farragher Award for Courage and Determination
Ben Alexander Rookie of the Year
Club Person of the Year
Senior Education Award
OAK Plus Try of the Year

Isaah Yeo
Mitch Kenny
Liam Henry
Matt Eisenhuth
Luke Garner
Dylan Edwards

Penrith Panthers Cumulative Margin 2020-24



ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS

JUSTIN DAVIES

It was another case of so close yet so far for St George Illawarra Dragons who were inches from finals football but ended up in a disappointing 11th place.

Shane Flanagan is still molding the Dragons squad under his own image but we did glimpses of that in 2024 with some impressive wins spiced with heavy defeats that left fans shaking their heads and wondering why they even started watching rugby league.

They started with an opening win against the Titans before they were more up and down than a rollercoaster at Luna Park. Nothing shows that more than having two wins against Tigers and Warriors before being humbled on ANZAC Day against the Sydney Roosters.

One thing Dragons fans will take from the campaign will be their first win in Melbourne since 1999 and Wollongong remaining a fortress for the side. Things are judged by finals football so the Dragons have taken a small step but need another leap to get into the top eight.

There are questions headed into next season with Ben Hunt again in the spotlight, there are still holes in the backline and their pack needs work before climbing the ladder. They have found some good young talent which might help in that regard in 2025.

TURNING POINT

One of the turning points for the club was their origin period win against Penrith Panthers which gave them belief for a finals berth. Also, their drought breaking win against Melbourne Storm might be the true highlight of the season.

Otherwise, Dragons turning point was their late season fade which ultimately saw them miss the finals despite being in the top eight for much of the season. They finished the season with three straight losses that ended up making it another lost season for the joint venture.

WHAT WORKED?

Dragons were gritty in moments and when they turned up, the team functioned well and were able to repel teams from their line. Dragons also enjoyed beating up on lower sides beating Tigers and Titans twice.

It looked like the majority of the squad had bought into Shane Flanagan's ideas and it gave their fans hope of a return to the finals for the first time in over five years. Flanagan will hope get a similar buy in next season and improve again.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK?

When things went wrong for the Saints, it went horribly wrong. Two heavy losses to the Roosters, a blanking against the Dolphins back in Round 2 and losing both local derbies against the Sharks highlight the fact.

Once again, attack was a struggle for the joint venture club. Their point difference was terrible across the whole season and was one of the factors which cruelled their finals chances. The halves duo of Ben Hunt and Kyle Flanagan rarely worked and has led to questions over the former's future at the club.

Ultimately, inconsistency was the problem for the Dragons. They only won back-to-back games twice in 2024. Nothing highlights that more than the 44-40 loss to Parramatta which saw them concede points for fun then produce a late fightback to earn a respectable loss (well not according to Shane Flanagan) that ended their finals chances.

BEST PLAYERS

Despite his initial reluctance and signing for Parramatta Eels, Zac Lomax had a fantastic season scoring 14 tries and kicking 63 goals. His form led him to making the New South Wales side and fantastic series with his high flying ability another highlight for him.

Up front, Jaydn Su'A stood out for the Dragons. His charging runs which bent the line helped put the Dragons on the front foot and he also found the stripe nine times and was named the side's Player of the Season.

Some honourable mentions go to Christian Tuipulotu in the centres whose strength was evident in his work from yardage and close to the line. Jack De Belin was tireless like usual in the pack alongside Raymond Faitala Marinier.

ROOKIES

The Dragons had a few rookies make their debut in 2024 including half Lyhkan King-Togia who made sporadic appearances off the bench while Alec Tuitavake and Villiame Fifita who came over from the Sea Eagles also saw time early in the season. Savelio Tamale made a debut in the final round against Canberra who ironically he will be playing for in 2025.

The south coast area is always a hotbed for rugby league talent so the Dragons will hope to bring through some more talent in the coming years.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	CS	SOU	L 6 28	Netstrata	8827
24	Trial 2	WST	W 34 18	Glen Willow	4962
Mar-09	1	GLD	W 28 4	Cbus Super	14537
17	2	DOL	L 0 38	Kayo	10011
23	3	NQL	L 24 46	Netstrata	9252
30	4	MAN	W 20 12	WIN	16215
Apr-05	5	NEW	L 10 30	McD. Jones	9448
14	6	WST	W 24 12	Campbelltown	17141
19	7	WAR	W 30 12	WIN	13111
25	8	SYD	L 18 60	Allianz	40727
May-05	9	CRO	L 10 20	Pointsbet	9731
11	10	SOU	W 28 14	Netstrata	7517
	11	BYE			
23	12	CBY	L 12 44	Accor	15442
Jun-01	13	PEN	W 22 10	BlueBet	12025
7	14	WST	W 56 14	WIN	9969
16	15	MAN	L 14 30	4 Pines	17187
	16	BYE			
30	17	DOL	W 26 6	Netstrata	8052
Jul-07	18	SYD	L 12 42	Allianz	23388
13	19	BRI	W 30 26	Suncorp	34224
	20	BYE			
28	21	PEN	L 10 46	WIN	18988
Aug-03	22	MEL	W 18 16	AAMI	18103
10	23	CBY	L 10 28	Netstrata	18416
18	24	GLD	W 32 16	WIN	9240
25	25	CRO	L 10 38	WIN	17754
31	26	PAR	L 40 44	CommBank	21623
Sep-07	27	CAN	L 24 26	Netstrata	11189

ROUND	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	SEASON STATS					
	OPponent	GLD	DOL	NQL	MAN	NEW	WST	WAR	SYD	CRO	SOU	CBY	PEN	WST	MAN	DOL	SYD	BRI	PEN	MEL	CBY	GLD	CRO	PAR	CAN	S13	Int	T	G	FG
BIRD, Jack	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C						B				FE	FE	FE		13	1	4	-	-	16
BROWN, Fa'amanu							B	B	B	B	B					B									-	6	-	-	-	-
COUCHMAN, Ryan												B							B	B	B	2R	B		1	5	-	-	-	-
COUCHMAN, Toby												B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B	B	B	B	-	11	2	-	-	8
DE BELIN, Jack	FR	L	FR	B	FR	B	B	B	B	L	L	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	15	9	3	-	-	12
EISENHUTH, Tom	L	2R	B	B	B	L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	L	L	L	L	L	L	B	L	L	L	L	L	L	20	4	2	-	-	8
FAITALA-MARINER, Raymond	2R	FR	2R	L	B	2R	2R	2R	B	B	B	2R	2R	B	2R			2R	B	B			B	B	11	9	2	-	-	8
FEAGAI, Mathew												W	W	W	W			FB			C	C	C	W	9	-	6	-	-	24
FEAGAI, Max												C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		12	-	-	-	-	-
FIFITA, Viliami	B		B																						-	2	-	-	-	-
FINAU, Sione												W													1	-	-	-	-	-
FLANAGAN, Kyle	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE				20	-	5	11	-	42
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SULI, Moses	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	19	-	3	-	-	12
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

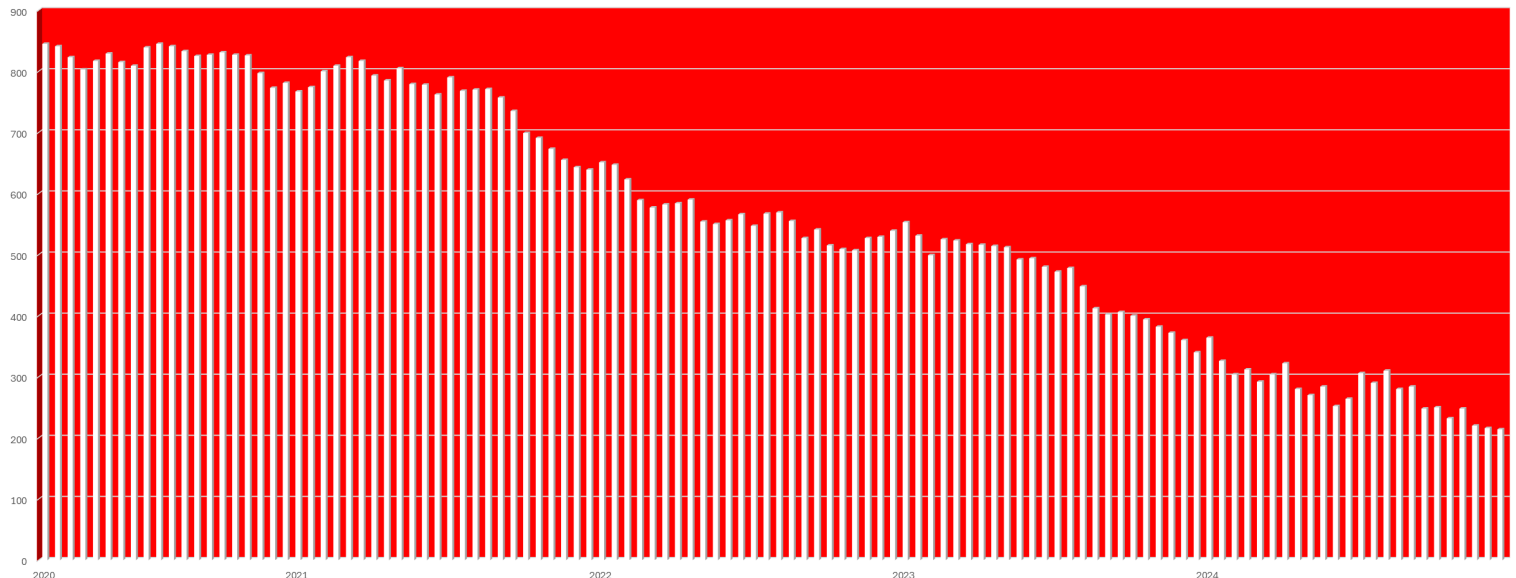
Coach **Shane Flanagan**
Captains **Ben Hunt (22), Jack De Belin (2)**
Biggest home crowd **40,727 (vs. Sydney in round 8)**
Average home crowd **15,036**
Top pointscorer **Zac Lomax (202)**
Top tryscorer **Zac Lomax (14)**

CLUB AWARDS

Dragons Medal
Club Person of the Year
Red V Members Player of the Year
Immortals Trophy
Geoff Selby Memorial Trophy
Community Involvement Award
Mark Coyne Trophy

Jaydn Su'A
Ben Murdoch-Masila
Zac Lomax
Tom Eisenhuth
Lykhan King-Togia
Jacob Liddle
Jesse Marschke

St George-Illawarra Dragons Cumulative Margin 2020-24



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

ANDREW JACKSON

Jason Demetriou was under pressure before a ball had even been kicked this season.

A historic collapse the season prior had seen the Rabbitohs become the first team in the NRL era to lead the competition through the first 11 rounds before going on to miss the top eight. For a team that went so close to playing in the grand final in 2022 and had been a Stephen Crichton intercept away from winning the premiership the year prior, it was a dramatic fall from grace. And instead of repeating the strong start that saw South Sydney surge towards the top of the ladder in 2023, the Rabbitohs sat last with a 1-9 record after 11 rounds. It saw Demetriou sacked as the team's biggest names failed to deliver, with Latrell Mitchell only playing 11 games due to injury and suspension to once again prove that the best ability is availability.

TURNING POINT

Is there even a turning point for a season that started with three-straight losses and didn't get any better? Well, the Rabbitohs were able to steady things somewhat after that horror 1-9 start to the season, winning five games in a row in the Origin period to give their fans some glimmer of hope. But they only went on to win another two to close out the season.

With that in mind, maybe it was the 34-4 loss to the Warriors back in round five which really put the Rabbitohs on the road to such a disappointing season. They had scraped home against the Bulldogs the week prior for their first win of the year and another home game against a middle-of-the-pack Warriors outfit was the perfect opportunity to continue on an upwards trajectory. Instead, they put in one of their worst performances of the year and it only went downhill from there.

WHAT WORKED?

Not much. It is genuinely hard to spotlight anything that worked well, outside of the injuries forcing the Rabbitohs to blood some younger players who showed enough to suggest there is a bright future at South Sydney. There will be more said about them later, but Jye Gray in particular proved the Rabbitohs have a more than capable fill-in for Latrell Mitchell at the back and potential long-term option should he ever move back into the centres.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK?

Well, first it is worth acknowledging injuries definitely played a part in South Sydney's struggles this season, and the loss of centre Campbell Graham in particular cannot be understated. While Mitchell will obviously dominate the headlines and had his season cut short, Graham had been one of the reasons the Rabbitohs' backline was previously so potent in attack and equally tough to break in defence. Getting Graham back won't solve all of South Sydney's problems, that much is obvious, but it will at least help. On a broader scale, the defence was the biggest issue with the Rabbitohs conceding 28.4 points per game - which was the club's worst mark since 2006 (32.2).

The poor defence meant South Sydney often found itself falling behind by multiple scores and failed to recover, suffering 13 losses by double digits - again the worst mark since 2006. It seemed like the defence was too passive in the middle, easily allowing opposition teams to generate quick play-the-balls and momentum up front and then if they swung it out wide it was the complete opposite story, with players too aggressive in rushing out and leaving their inside or outside man exposed. The attack wasn't great but the defence was definitely the bigger problem of the two.

BEST PLAYERS

There are a few names worth highlighting here, some of them already established stars and others emerging names to watch in 2025. Starting with Jai Arrow, who looked like he could have easily been another high-profile name lost to injury and there was little doubting that shoulder issue impacted him all season long. It showed at times but it definitely didn't show in the way he tirelessly defended, getting through a high workload every game both with and without the ball.

Sure, he wasn't always explosive with his carries but it is hard to have that effect when you have already drained yourself making so many tackles. A real workhorse-like season. Also in the forward pack, Davy Moale really emerged as an exciting player of the future for the Rabbitohs. While Moale had seen limited opportunities off the bench in the past few years, injuries saw him given a bigger role in 2024 and he made the most of it with the sort of consistency that had been lacking previously.

Elsewhere, Jack Wighton still looks a great addition to the squad having won the George Piggins Medal awarded to South Sydney's best and fairest. The other two worth spotlighting are Cam Murray, who was dependable as always and like Arrow, wasn't able to have the same sort of impact you would expect

in attack due to the sheer amount of work he had to get through in defence, and his younger clone Tallis Duncan. Duncan had already flashed his potential in the latter stages of last season and continues to look like a key part of the forward rotation into the future.

ROOKIES

With Mitchell sidelined for around half of the year, the Rabbitohs really leaned on young fullback Jye Gray and he was one of the more dynamic ball runners in the league despite his size. Gray's smaller stature made him an easy target in defence and at times meant he was either exposed on attempted kick defusals or his carries from inside his own end.

But you could never question Gray's commitment and willingness with every carry, with the young pocket rocket going on to average a solid 132 running metres in his rookie season. Liam Le Blanc also looked like a young forward to keep an eye on, throwing his body at defenders and playing with the kind of physicality and enthusiasm that could earn him more opportunities in 2025.

LOOKING AHEAD

In order to move forward, the Rabbitohs have in fact gone back. Back to the coach who got them to the grand final in 2021. The return of Wayne Bennett gives South Sydney fans a genuine reason to believe 2025 could be different and when combined with the arrival of Super League import Lewis Dodd and departure of Damien Cook, this will be a very different Rabbitohs team. While it is not guaranteed to lead to a finals appearance, there is at least both optimism for better results in the short-term and potential building blocks for long-term success too.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	CS	SGI	W 28 6	Netstrata	8827
23	Trial 2	SYD	L 10 46	Belmore	6091
Mar-02	1	MAN	L 24 36	Allegiant	40746
14	2	BRI	L 18 28	Suncorp	35507
22	3	SYD	L 6 48	Allianz	37594
29	4	CBY	W 20 16	Accor	35275
Apr-06	5	WAR	L 4 34	Accor	13181
13	6	CRO	L 22 34	Accor	12207
	7	BYE			
25	8	MEL	L 20 54	AAMI	25149
May-02	9	PEN	L 12 42	Accor	8155
11	10	SGI	L 14 28	Netstrata	7517
18	11	NQL	L 22 28	Suncorp	50708
25	12	PAR	W 42 26	Accor	15202
	13	BYE			
8	14	GLD	W 46 12	Cbus Super	14434
14	15	BRI	W 22 12	Accor	12207
22	16	MAN	W 14 0	Accor	10576
	17	BYE			
Jul-04	18	PAR	W 32 16	CommBank	13941
11	19	DOL	L 28 36	Kayo	10023
20	20	WST	W 42 28	Industree	16284
28	21	CAN	L 12 32	GIO	12114
Aug-03	22	CRO	L 6 20	Pointsbet	12763
8	23	MEL	L 16 28	Accor	8973
17	24	WST	L 16 18	Campbelltown	11420
24	25	NEW	L 16 36	Accor	9659
30	26	PEN	L 12 34	BlueBet	20176
Sep-06	27	SYD	L 28 36	Accor	19674

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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TASS, Isaiah	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	W																	8	-	1	-	-	4	
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THOMPSON, Izaac					W			W	W	C															4	-	3	-	-	12	
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WIGHTON, Jack			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	21	-	6	-	-	24	

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches Ben Hornby (17), Jason Demetriou (7)
 Captains Cameron Murray (14), Cody Walker (11), Latrell Mitchell (1)
 Biggest home crowd 35,275 (vs. Canterbury in round 4)
 Average home crowd 14,511
 Top pointscorer Latrell Mitchell (98)
 Top try scorer Jacob Gagai (9)

CLUB AWARDS

George Piggins Medal, Jack Rayner Players' Player
 Bob McCarthy Clubperson of the Year
 John Sattler Rookie of the Year Award
 Souths Cares Community Champion
 Members Choice NRL Player of the Year
 Burrow Appreciation Award

Jack Wighton
 Ben Lovett
 Jye Gray
 Ben Lovett
 Cam Murray
 Jai Arrow

South Sydney Rabbitohs Cumulative Margin 2020-24



SYDNEY ROOSTERS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Season full of promise but questions linger heading into 2025

After a disappointing 2023, which left several questions about the long-term future of the Sydney Roosters. 2024 promised to be one of renewal for the boys from Bondi. With the arrival of Spencer Leniu and Dom Young, the side had genuine impact across several skill positions. On-top of a fully fit spine and renewed forwards, the Roosters had hopes of returning to the top four.

What's more, the side were saying farewell to a bulk of the premiership dynasty that built the club into a fortress. Players such as Luke Keary, Joey Manu, Jared Waerea-Hargraves, Sitili Tupouniua and Joseph Suaalii would all be departing at the end of the season. As a result, season 2024 took on a Last Dance vibe for the red, white and blue.

The season began with a historic trip to Las Vegas, with an impressive victory over grand finalists Brisbane. Unfortunately, the gloss of the victory was taken off almost immediately when Leniu was suspended for a racial slur directed at Brisbane half Ezra Mam. There seemed to be a bit of a Vegas fatigue about the Roosters with the club going on a win-loss pattern until Anzac Day, including a 30-26 loss to Canterbury after being down 26-0 at half-time.

That day seemed to be the day the switch was flicked, and the Roosters entered overdrive. After a disappointing season in attack last year, the Roosters were back to an exciting team with the football under assistant coach Justin Holbrook. Angus Crichton was rejuvenated on the edge after starting the season in NSW Cup, while Connor Watson became the NSW Origin utility promised when he signed to the club.

Naufahu Whyte also delivered this season, earning a New Zealand jumper after an impressive campaign where he proved to be a significant point of difference on the bench with Terrell May. May was awarded the RLPA Impact Player of the Year after an amazing campaign where he was the only Rooster to play every game on the season. His ability to stand in tackles and offloads delivered huge results and momentum swings in games. Despite the strong performances, injuries cruelled the Roosters late and had to settle for third spot, a fair reward after a strong season for the side.

In the finals, the Roosters Achilles heel was exposed for the entire premiership to see. A failure to beat the top-two sides in the semi-finals. A perfect first half by the Panthers left the Roosters chasing the game from the opening whistle, despite a competitive second half, it wasn't enough. A second week massacre of Manly put the club in a good position to try and beat the Melbourne juggernaut in Melbourne. The loss of Lindsay Collins in the first tackle of the game weakened the Roosters middle, and despite a six point margin midway through the second half, a controversial no-call blunted the Roosters spirit and would lose by 30 points ending their season and the Last Dance for several high profile stars.

TURNING POINT

The Horror Show at Allianz

The Roosters continued good form and were set for a top-two finish before a disaster of a game against the Raiders in R26. Sam Walker and Brandon Smith would be injured and miss the finals charge, while Victor Radley also got injured, but bravely battled into the finals series. The Roosters still finished in a respectable third place, but it felt like the season ended at that critical point.

WHAT WENT RIGHT

The Return to Form of Big Name Stars

I will touch on this more in depth in a moment. But the return to form of the likes of James Tedesco, Crichton, Watson and Walker set the Roosters up for success this season. As also mentioned, the return of Holbrook to the club gave the Roosters new found licence to attack. After having the third worst attack twelve months ago (scoring 19.67 points per game), the Roosters mustered up an impressive 30.75 points per game. Walker had more licence to roam before his heartbreaking knee injury and will be a sore-loss for the first half of 25'.

WHAT WENT WRONG

Injuries. It seems like we have this discussion every year. But, the Roosters once again battled injury at the worst possible time. Everything was going swimmingly and looking on track for a serious push at the title. Then, it all went wrong. Walker and Smith appeared to be the injuries the club couldn't come back from. They battled injuries all year with outside back shortages leading Michael Jennings and Tupouniua to be the centres at points this season. Despite this, depth will be tested in 25' with the absence of so much class talent.

BEST PLAYERS

After a quiet season by his standards, James Tedesco channelled his inner Michael Jordan and took all the criticisms "personally" and had an amazing 2024. Despite missing selection for NSW, Tedesco took it in his stride and led the Roosters back to the top four for the first time since 2020, scoring 17 tries and averaging just under 200 metres. He also improved as a ball distributor, setting up 24 tries (most in his career).

We also cannot forgo this section without talking about Angus Crichton. After a down 2023, headlined by a much-publicised mental health scare. Crichton had to work his way from the bottom to make the headlines he did this season. After starting in the NSW Cup, Crichton had to earn his starting jumper back, but once he did, he never looked back, Crichton returned to the dominating self he once was, winning the Wally Lewis and Brad Fittler Medal's after a strong Origin campaign. He also developed an offload game this season, offloading the ball a staggering 57 times after just 38 in the last two seasons. Now his future is sorted with the club, expect Crichton to take on a leadership role in the absence of so many class players.

ROOKIES

Academy program is starting to take shape with two players from the program debuting this season. Blake Steep debuted in Origin time and played three games for the club this season. Also to debut was De La Selle Va'a and Mark Nawaqanitawase in the last round win over the Rabbitohs. Va'a jumping his brother Xavier this season with a strong campaign in the second tier. Coming through in the pathways is young half Jake Elliott as well as forwards Salesi Foketi, Max McCathie and Taylor Losalu who performed strongly in the NSW Cup side this season. Tyler Moriarty may enter calculations if the injury to Brandon Smith is severe and they want to look towards the future at that position.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next year will be a year of transition for the Roosters. It will be a bizarre season, but one that should bring some optimism for the club. Sandon Smith will have to step up massively in the absence of Walker to start the season, but will have some strong support from new buy Chad Townsend. The forwards will have to step up substantially with JWH's absence. Hooker is a point of concern moving forward, so maybe the club looks around to see if they can find one until Brandon Smith is ready to go.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	Trial 1	MAN	W 36 22	Industree	8663
23	Trial 2	SOU	W 46 10	Belmore	6091
Mar-02	1	BRI	W 20 10	Alliant	40746
17	2	MAN	L 14 21	4 Pines	17284
22	3	SOU	W 48 6	Alliant	37594
28	4	PEN	L 16 22	Alliant	25898
Apr-05	5	CBY	L 26 30	Accor	7169
11	6	NEW	W 22 20	McD. Jones	21940
18	7	MEL	L 12 18	Alliant	17714
25	8	SGI	W 60 18	Alliant	40727
May-03	9	BRI	W 40 18	Suncorp	40190
12	10	WAR	W 38 18	Alliant	16517
18	11	CRO	L 30 38	Suncorp	50708
25	12	CAN	W 44 16	GIO	18049
Jun-02	13	NQL	L 16 18	Alliant	13811
	14	BYE			
15	15	PAR	W 28 18	CommBank	20072
22	16	CBY	W 26 8	Industree	16868
30	17	WST	W 40 6	Alliant	14711
Jul-07	18	SGI	W 42 12	Alliant	23388
	19	BYE			
20	20	MEL	L 8 24	AAMI	17055
27	21	MAN	W 34 30	Alliant	25155
Aug-02	22	DOL	W 40 34	HBF	20027
	23	BYE			
16	24	PAR	W 38 14	Alliant	20724
25	25	GLD	W 48 22	Cbus Super	19286
Sep-01	26	CAN	L 12 14	Alliant	27239
6	27	SOU	W 36 28	Accor	19674
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27	PF	MEL	L 18 48	AAMI	29213

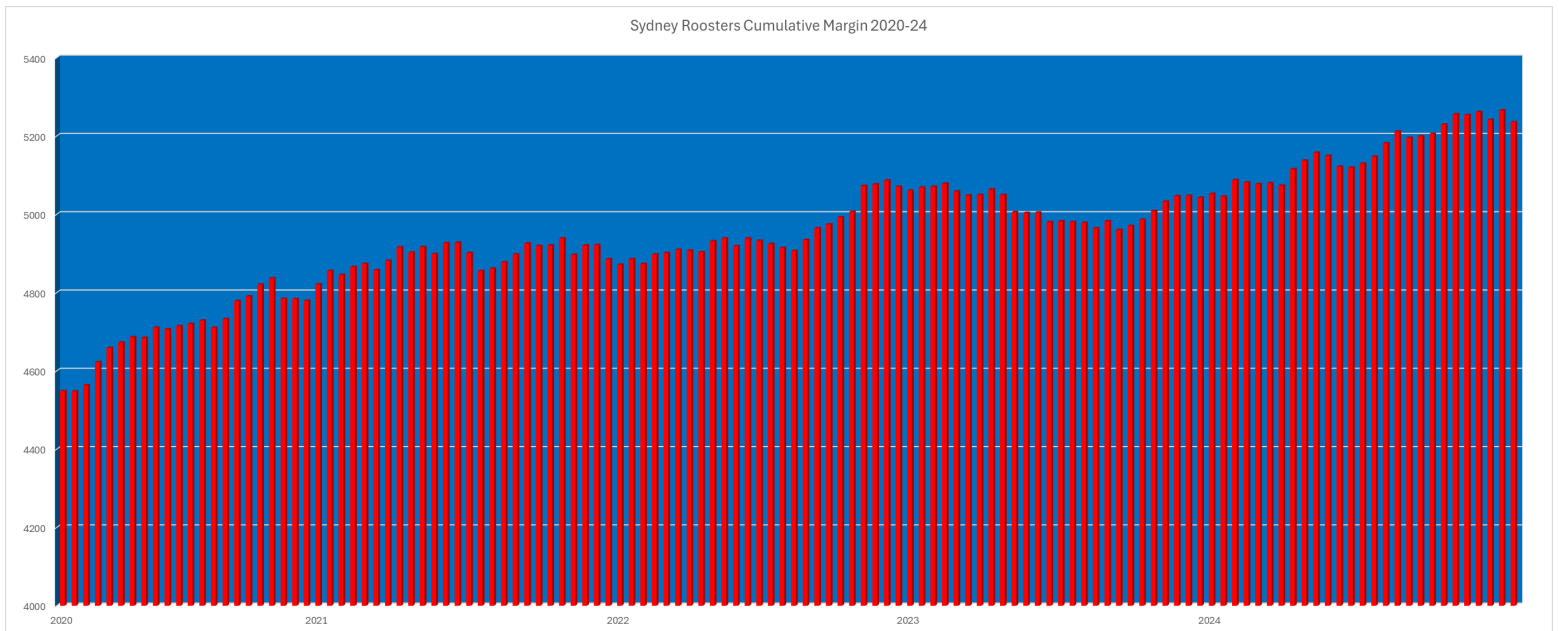
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KING, Ethan																	B											-	1	-	-	-	-	
LENIU, Spencer	FR										B	B	B		FR		B	B	B	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	B	B	B	7	10	1	-	-	4
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MAY, Terrell	B	FR	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	B	FR	FR	B	FR	B	B	B	B	B	FR	L	B	B	8	19	6	-	-	24	
NAWAQANTAWASE, Mark																								W				1	-	1	-	-	4	
PAUGA, Junior	W					W			W				C		C	W	C							W				8	-	7	-	-	28	
RADLEY, Victor	L	L	L	L	L	L	L				L	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R			L	L	23	-	7	-	-	28	
SMITH, Brandon	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H			B	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H	H						19	1	2	-	-	8	
SMITH, Sandon	B	B	FE								B		B	B	B	B			B			B	B		HB	HB	HB	5	10	1	1	-	6	
STEEP, Blake													B		B										B			-	3	1	-	-	4	
SUALTI, Joseph-Aukuso	C	C	C	C	C	C	W	W	C	C	C	C							C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	21	-	5	29	-	78	
TEDESCO, James	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	25	-	17	-	-	68	
TUPOU, Daniel	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	24	-	21	-	-	84	
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VA'A, De La Salle																									B			-	1	-	-	-	-	
WAREA-HARGREAVES, Jared		B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR						FR			FR	FR	16	2	-	-	-	-	
WALKER, Sam	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB					21	-	7	88	-	204	
WATSON, Connor			B	B	B	FE	FE	L	L	H	H			H		L	L	L	L	L	L	L		B	H	H	H	17	4	2	-	-	8	
WHYTE, Naufahu	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR			L	L	L	L	B		FR	B	B	B		B	L	B	B	B	7	16	1	-	-	4	
WONG, Siva	2R	2R						B	B				B		B							B			B	B		2	7	-	-	-	-	
YOUNG, Dominic		W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	22	-	20	-	-	80	

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach Trent Robinson
 Captains James Tedesco (26), Luke Keary (2)
 Biggest home crowd 37,594 (vs. South Sydney in round 3)
 Average home crowd 22,275
 Top pointscorer Sam Walker (216)
 Top try scorer Daniel Tupou (21)

CLUB AWARDS

Jack Gibson Medal James Tedesco
 Red Rooster Members' Player of the Year Angus Crichton
 Steggle's Try of the Year Sam Walker
 James Mathews Clubman of the Year Connor Watson



WARRIORS

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There was plenty of reason to hope the 2024 season would be something special for the New Zealand Warriors and their fans.

After finishing fourth last year, the 'Up The Wahs' call had galvanised the fan base and seemingly made the Auckland-based side everyone's second team.

With a roster including the return of Warriors favourite Roger Tuivasa-Sheck, an experienced new face in Kurt Capewell and up-and-comer Chanel Harris-Tavita, the 2023 momentum was set to continue into 2024.

But after winning only three of their first ten games, it seemed something wasn't working on or off the field. Injuries played a big part in the team not finding cohesion. With 140 combined missed games due to injury, coach Andrew Webster struggled to get a consistent 17.

They did manage to find the fire for their final game though. With the season all over, it was a chance to send off retiring club legend Shaun Johnson with a win. The Round 26 game against Cronulla wasn't looking good at halftime; down 22-4, it looked like a bleak goodbye for SJ. But the Warriors found what had been missing all year, with the team connecting to end an average season with a great win, 30-28.

TURNING POINT

The Gold Coast were the Warriors hoodoo for 2024, it seems. Finally getting an ANZAC Day game on home soil, the Warriors could not beat the Titans and went down 27-24 in the Round 8 clash. In Round 16, the teams faced off again, and the Titans came out with a record score against the NZ club, who had looked ready to get back in the winning circle after downing Penrith and the Dolphins a few rounds before.

The 66-6 loss at Robina exposed the Warriors as a non-contender for the top eight. Even while sporting a close-to full-strength team, the magic wasn't there. And probably the last nail in the coffin for the average season was the Round 21 loss to the Eels at home, 30-20, and indeed any dream of glory for the season was over.

WHAT WORKED

The Warriors' attack was limited this year; with their top playmaker's declining stats, it seemed one-dimensional. Yet there was some promise when Te Maire Martin and Luke Metclaf teamed up in the halves. They finally clicked for the last game against Cronulla, with it all being far too late.

It would also be remiss of me not to point out the Warriors became the first club to ever sell out an entire season of home games, with all 10 games played at Go Media Stadium in 2024 enjoying the "house full" sign going up well before game day.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Not knowing where to put Roger Tuivasa-Sheck on the field have been destabilising. Should he go centre, full back or five-eighth? The injury list didn't help RTS get any roll on filling these positions, either.

Shaun Johnson went from 32 try assists in 2023 to half that amount for 2024. The team's line breaks for the year also fell from 146 to 109. The attack momentum of 2023 was gone. In its place was a Warriors of old, a mixture of schoolboy errors and failure to finish anything off and stay out of reach of form.

The club cohesion seemed to take a hit; with Addin Fonua-Blake confirmed to be departing, the team couldn't get more than three wins in their last 11 games.

DEFINING PLAYERS

Mitch Barnett had a tremendous season. He and Addin Fonua-Blake led the post-contact meters for the season. Barnett got a call-up for the winning NSW State of Origin team as well as a call-up for the Kangaroos in October. He was ready for a big season but was unlucky, as much of the team couldn't get on the journey with him.

One other player who was consistent all year was Wayde Egan. Egan tried his guts out, bringing the 2023 spark, but like Barnett could not inspire the team. Egan's form also got his name banded about for Origin; he may make the team with another good performance next year.

ROOKIES

Many new faces got a chance to play due to the injuries the Warriors had to deal with in 2024, being second on the list of most injured players. With many players maybe not ready, there was some promise, and with the loss of Shaun Johnson, a future game-breaker may have been found in Ali Leiataua.

Although he was injury-prone, the young centre put his hand up when asked to, and he will have gained much from his time on the field this season.

LOOKING AHEAD

The loss of champion forward Addin Fonua-Blake to Cronulla is filled by the colossus of four-time premier-ship winning prop James Fisher-Harris from Penrith. Both forwards have a different style, but the class and work ethic Fisher-Harris brings from the Penrith system will likely be contagious at the Warriors.

Erin Clark will be re-joining the Warriors in 2025 as well. Clark is hard running, and his utility role will be just what the Warriors need after Jazz Tevaga was signed by Manly. Jett Cleary will take a train and trial contract with the Warriors after coming up through the grades at Penrith. Keen to get some game time in the NRL, the brother of star Nathan Cleary could be the spark they need in the halves.

Marcelo Montoya will also leave the club, returning to the Bulldogs for 2025.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-18	Trial 1	WST	L 16 18	Apollo	13760
24	Trial 2	DOL	W 34 22	Go Media	14276
Mar-08	1	CRO	L 12 16	Go Media	24076
16	2	MEL	L 26 30	AAMI	21927
22	3	CAN	W 18 10	Apollo	17249
31	4	NEW	W 20 12	Go Media	24112
Apr-06	5	SOU	W 34 4	Accor	13181
13	6	MAN	D 22 22	Go Media	23076
19	7	SGI	L 12 30	WIN	13111
25	8	GLD	L 24 27	Go Media	23912
May-05	9	NEW	L 8 14	McD. Jones	16094
12	10	SYD	L 18 38	Allianz	16517
19	11	PEN	W 22 20	Suncorp	47517
26	12	DOL	W 24 20	Go Media	23116
	13	BYE			
8	14	NQL	W 42 12	QLD C. Bank	19623
15	15	MEL	L 24 38	Go Media	24495
22	16	GLD	L 6 66	Cbus Super	22702
29	17	BRI	W 32 16	Go Media	22711
Jul-06	18	CBY	L 12 13	Accor	27223
	19	BYE			
19	20	CAN	L 18 20	GIO	8509
26	21	WST	W 28 16	Go Media	23976
Aug-02	22	PAR	L 20 30	Go Media	23812
11	23	DOL	L 32 34	Suncorp	28056
16	24	MAN	L 10 24	4 Pines	17333
23	25	CBY	L 18 34	Shaun Johnson	24295
31	26	CRO	W 30 28	Pointsbet	12637
	27	BYE			

ROUND																											SEASON STATS					
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ALE, Tom	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B			B						B	B	B	B	B	-	16	-	-	-	-	
BARNETT, Mitchell	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	2R	23	-	4	-	-	16		
BERRY, Rocco	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C											12	-	4	-	-	16		
CAPEWELL, Kurt	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R		2R				B	B		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	16	2	4	-	-	16		
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FONUUA-BLAKE, Addin	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	23	-	8	-	-	32		
FORD, Jackson	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B	B						15	4	3	-	-	12		
GRAHAM-TAUFA, Moala												C								C	C				3	-	-	-	-	-		
HALASIMA, Selumiela																	B	B	B	B					-	4	-	-	-	-	-	
HARRIS-TAVITA, Chanel		B	B	B	B	B						FE	FE	B	B	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	B	B		8	9	4	11	-	38		
HARRIS, Tohu	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			B	B	L	B									11	3	-	-	-	-	-	
JOHNSON, Shaun	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			HB	HB					HB		HB	HB	HB	16	-	5	29	-	78		
KOSI, Edward									W			W			W				W		W				5	-	3	-	-	12		
LABAN, Jacob					B	B	B	2R				B	B		B										1	6	-	-	-	-	-	
LEIATAUA, Ali												C							C	C	C	C		C	6	-	3	-	-	12		
LUSICK, Freddy	B	H	H							H		B	B			B	B	B	B	H	B	H	B	H	6	9	1	-	-	4		
MAIU'U, Zyon								B																	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
MARTIN, Te Maire					FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB				16	-	5	-	-	20		
METCALF, Luke	FE	FE	FE	FE																		FE	FE	FE	7	-	3	9	-	30		
MONTOYA, Marcelo	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W					W	W	W	19	-	8	-	-	32		
NICOLL-KLOKSTAD, Charnze					FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FE		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB				FB	FB	FB	C	17	-	6	-	-	24		
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POMPEY, Adam				C	C		B		B	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C		13	2	2	24	-	56		
ROACHE, Paul							B				B	H													1	2	-	-	-	+	-	
SIFAKULA, Demitric																						B	B	B	B	-	4	1	-	-	4	
TEVAGA, Jazz			B	B	B	B				B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	2	17	1	-	-	4	
TUAUPIKI, Taine	FB	FB	FB								FB								FB					FB	6	-	1	3	-	10		
TUIVASA-SHECK, Roger	C	C	C	FB	W	C	C	C	C						C	C	C	W	FB	W	C	C	C		18	-	5	-	-	20		
WALKER, Dylan	B	B					B	B	B	L	L	L	L	2R	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	14	5	1	-	-	4		
WATENE-ZELEZNIAK, Dallin	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	FB	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	22	-	15	-	-	60		

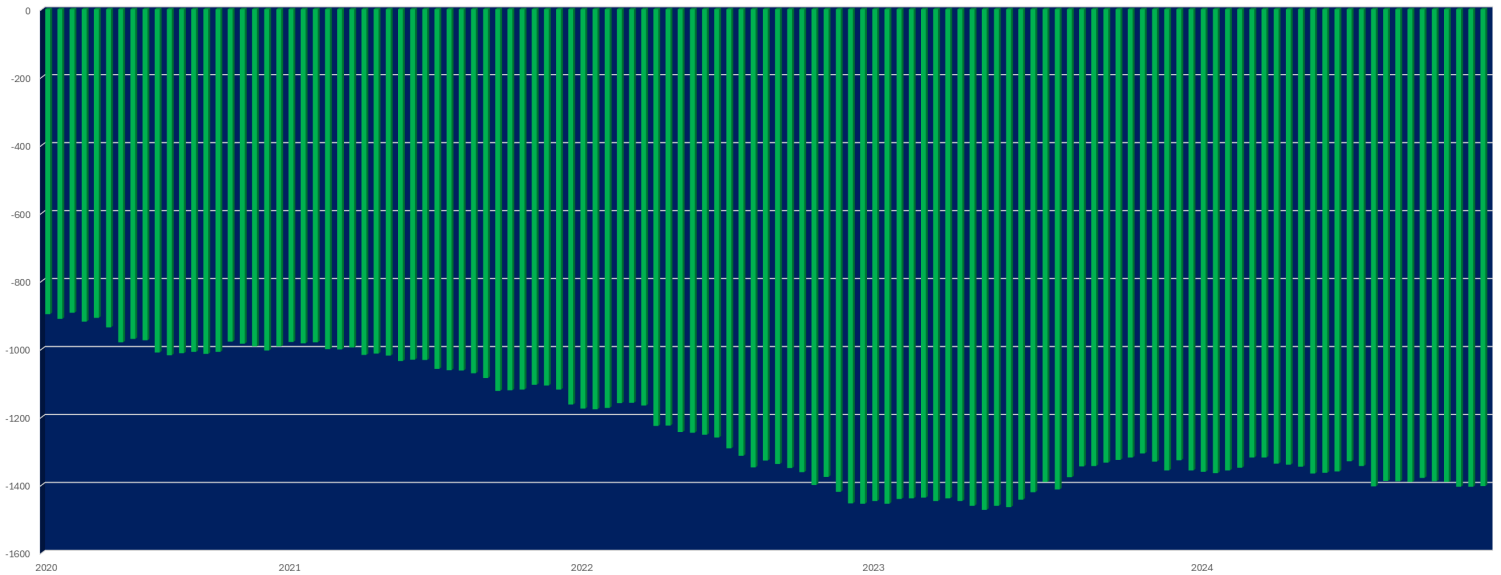
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach Andrew Webster
 Captains Tohu Harris (14), Mitchell Barnett (9), Shaun Johnson (1), Wayde Egan (1)
 Biggest home crowd 24,495 (vs. Melbourne in round 15)
 Average home crowd 23,758
 Top pointscorer Shaun Johnson (86)
 Top tryscorer Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (15)

CLUB AWARDS

Simon Mannering Medal Mitchell Barnett
 One New Zealand Warriors People's Choice Mitchell Barnett
 Rookie of the Year Jacob Laban
 Clubman of the Year Luke Metcalf
 Players' Player of the Year Addin Fonua-Blake

Warriors Cumulative Margin 2020-24



WESTS TIGERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

The Wests Tigers, once the entertainers, but after years of incompetent management, had become the enfeeblers.

Back-to-back wooden spoons, a revolving door of coaches and players, and a constant mindlessness towards recruitment coupled with an ignorance of developing juniors eventually became too much.

2024 saw the club start with new management; the experienced Shane Richardson at the helm. A new coach, quite literally, in club legend Benji Marshall - entering coaching for the first time. Then there was the untapped stack of juniors ready for a shot at the big league. While few pundits expected the Tigers to be a chance of climbing off the bottom of the ladder, no one could deny that the club was actually, finally, progressing with some hope and potential for the future.

The club got off to a stellar start, scoring two wins and a bye in their opening four rounds, but 9-straight losses saw them fall down to last place. Despite the losses, only two of those nine saw them concede more than 26 points. Another pair of consecutive victories was followed by seven straight losses, all of which saw the club concede more than 26 points. They scored wins against Souths and Manly before their worst defensive performance of the year against the Eels in the last round, in a game that could've seen the Tigers avoid the spoon had they won.

Despite the very poor back half of the season, the club could take plenty from the first half of the season. After eleven rounds, they were ranked 11th in defence despite sitting second last on the ladder. They gave plenty of brilliant young players opportunities, all of whom performed admirably in trying circumstances. Ultimately the club has a lot to build upon and even more potential for improvement.

TURNING POINT

Coming into Round 12, the Tigers had lost seven straight games, but each loss saw them being very competitive and keeping their opposition honest. The Cowboys had just ended a 5 game losing streak with an unconvincing win over the last placed Souths. The Tigers had a chance to get back on the winners board, but were down 18-0 after 16 minutes. They went on to lose 42-28.

The following week they were belted by an inconsistent Dragons side 56-14. The Tigers won their next two matches against the Titans and Raiders before they lost their next seven games, conceding 290 points (41 points per game).

WHAT WORKED

Their defence - well at the start of the year anyway. Their young players also proved that they were ready to make the step up, which put plenty of pressure on more experienced, high-profile players in the side. The club has a huge amount of exuberant youngsters with plenty of potential.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Their defence - well at the end of the year anyway. A lot of this comes down to the inexperience in the side and the long campaign that many of their players haven't experienced at this level before. Their attack at times was pedestrian, with little variation in lines run, or kick options at the end of sets, making them an easy side to defend.

BEST PLAYERS

Hooker and captain Apisai Koroisau continued to prove how elite he is, producing magnificent performances every week, keeping his side in games with his running, passing, kicking, defence and leadership. Jahream Bula in just his second season locked down the fullback position and topped the try scorers list for the club, bagging 11 tries for the year. Samuela Fainu was immense all year up front, missing just 1 game.

ROOKIES

The Tigers had plenty of rookies in 2024, but none stood taller than Lachlan Galvin. The rookie five-eighth took the game by storm and immediately proved to be a game breaker. He's got a brilliant running game, his passing game is superb and he is only 19 years old. In 2025 he will be in the halves alongside new recruit Jarome Luai, with Korisau at hooker and the brilliant Bula at fullback, making an exciting attacking spine. Heath Mason deputized at fullback at the tail end of the season and improved noticeably every week in the role. Latu Fainu and Samuela Fainu also improved noticeably throughout the season.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Tigers have made a few very key signings. Four-time Panthers premiership winner Jarome Luai joins the side and is expected to line up in the halves, with Galvin beside him. The club has also signed talented young wingers Sunia Turuva from Penrith and Jeral Skelton from the Bulldogs to bolster their backline.

Up front the club has lost Isaiah Papali'i and Stefano Utoikamanu, replacing them with Jack Bird and Royce Hunt. Half Aidan Sezer is returning to the UK to line up for Hull.

The club is set to be considerably sharper in attack, but their forward depth still looks thin. Overall the club will be looking at 2025 as the year they get off the cellar floor.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-18	Trial 1	WAR	W 18 16	Apollo	13760
24	Trial 2	SGI	L 18 34	Glen Willow	4962
	1	BYE			
16	2	CAN	L 12 32	GIO	16968
23	3	CRO	W 32 6	Leichhardt	15990
Apr-01	4	PAR	W 17 16	CommBank	28608
6	5	DOL	L 16 26	Suncorp	22051
14	6	SGI	L 12 24	Campbelltown	17141
20	7	PEN	L 6 22	Carrington	12000
27	8	BRI	L 10 34	Campbelltown	17351
May-04	9	CBY	L 14 22	Accor	17068
11	10	NEW	L 14 20	Scully	10107
19	11	DOL	L 12 24	Suncorp	47517
24	12	NQL	L 28 42	QLD C. Bank	15957
	13	BYE			
7	14	SGI	L 14 56	WIN	9969
15	15	GLD	W 18 10	Leichhardt	8147
23	16	CAN	W 48 24	Campbelltown	10106
30	17	SYD	L 6 40	Allianz	14711
Jul-06	18	MEL	L 28 40	Leichhardt	10311
12	19	CRO	L 6 58	Pointsbet	10912
20	20	SOU	L 28 42	Industree	16284
26	21	WAR	L 16 28	Go Media	23976
Aug-01	22	NQL	L 30 48	Leichhardt	7231
11	23	NEW	L 18 34	McD. Jones	22183
17	24	SOU	W 18 16	Campbelltown	11420
22	25	MAN	W 34 26	Leichhardt	11520
	26	BYE			
Sep-06	27	PAR	L 26 60	Campbelltown	17311

ROUND	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	27	SEASON STATS						
OPPONENT	CAN	CRO	PAR	DOL	SGI	PEN	BRI	CBY	NEW	DOL	NQL	SGI	GLD	CAN	SYD	MEL	CRO	SOU	WAR	NQL	NEW	SOU	MAN	PAR	S13	Int	T	G	FG	Pts	
ALAIMALO, Solomon							W	W		W	W	W								W	W		W		8	-	2	-	-	8	
BATEMAN, John	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	L	L	2R						B	2R	2R	2R							11	1	-	-	-	-	
BULA, Jahream	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB			21	-	10	-	-	40	
CASEY, Declan											C														1	-	-	-	-	-	
DA SILVA, Tallyn													H					H	H	B	B	B			3	3	1	-	-	4	
DOUEIHI, Adam														C	C	C	C	C			C	C			7	-	3	-	-	12	
FAATAAPE, Solomona	C	C	C	C	C								C	W	W	W	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	17	-	6	-	-	24	
FAINU, Latu				B		B	B	B											B	B	HB			B	HB	2	7	2	-	-	8
FAINU, Samuela	B	B	B	B		B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	18	5	5	-	-	20	
FAINU, Sione										B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B				B	B	B	-	12	2	-	-	8
FELEDY, Josh											C													C	2	-	1	-	-	4	
GALVIN, Lachlan	FE	FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	21	-	4	-	-	16	
JOHANNSEN, Tim																					B				-	1	-	-	-	-	
KEPAOA, Asu			B		B					2R															1	2	1	-	-	4	
KLEMMER, David	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR				B	FR	FR	FR			FR	FR	FR	FR	19	1	-	-	-	-	
KOROISAU, Apisai	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	HB	H	H	H	H			HB	H	H	H	H	22	-	5	43	-	106	
LAULILIT, Kit														B											-	1	-	-	-	-	
LAULILIT, Luke														W	W					W	W				5	-	2	-	-	8	
LOBB, Alexander										B	W						W								2	1	1	-	-	4	
MASON, Heath											B	B		B	B								FB	FB	FB	3	4	1	1	-	6
MATAMUA, Justin					B						B	L	L	L	L	B									4	3	-	-	-	-	
MILLER, Jordan												B							B						-	2	-	-	-	-	
NADEN, Brent						C	C	C	W	C		B	W	C	C										8	1	1	-	-	4	
OLAM, Justin		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C		C	C			C					C				13	-	6	-	-	24	
PAPALI'I, Isaiah	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	L		2R								B	L	L	L	L	L	15	1	5	-	-	20	
POLE, Fonua	B	L	L	L	L	L	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	FR	FR	L	L	L	FR		B	B	B	B	12	11	4	-	-	16	
PORTER, Reuben												B	FR	2R	2R		B			2R	2R	2R			6	2	-	-	-	-	
SEYFARTH, Alex	L	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	6	17	4	-	-	16	
SEZER, Aidan	B	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB					FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				HB	HB	HB	16	1	-	20	1	41	
SIMPKIN, Jake				B				H	B	B	B														1	4	-	-	-	-	
STAINES, Charlie	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	W			W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	22	-	9	-	-	36	
SUKKAR, Tanous																								B	-	1	-	-	-	-	
SULLIVAN, Jayden	HB	B	B	FE	FE					HB	HB	HB	HB												7	2	1	3	-	10	
TO'A, Starford	C									C										C					3	-	-	-	-	-	
TUPOU, Junior	W	W	W	W	W	W																	C	W	8	-	2	-	-	8	
TWAL, Alex	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	L	L	FR							B	L	B	B	B	B	4	14	1	-	-	4	
UTOIKAMANU, Stefano	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	24	-	3	-	-	12	

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach: Benji Marshall

Captains: Apisai Koroisau (22), John Bateman (2)

Biggest home crowd: 17,351 (vs. Brisbane in round 8)

Average home crowd: 12,653

Top pointscorer: Apisai Koroisau (112)

Top try scorer: Jahream Bula (10)

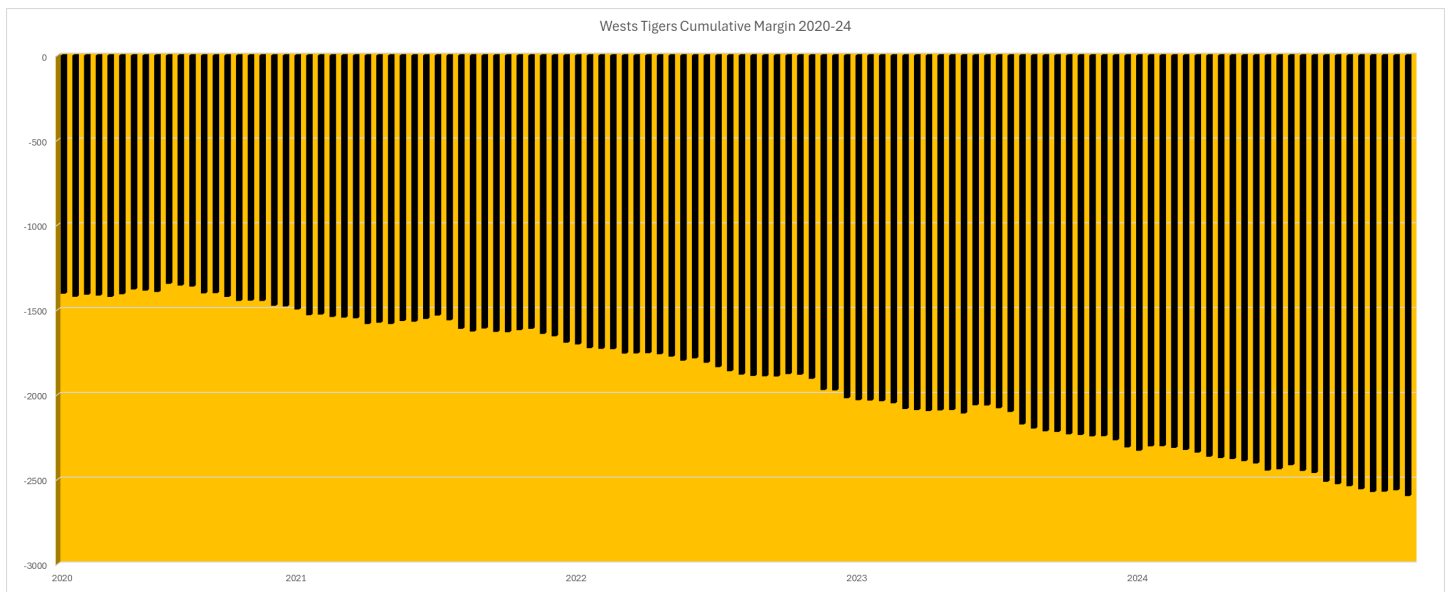
CLUB AWARDS

Kelly-Barnes Medal: Samuela Fainu

Players' Player: Api Koroisau

Rookie of the Year: Lachlan Galvin

West's Tigers Club Person of the Year: Shannon Gallant



NRLW ROUND 1

NEWCASTLE 12 SYDNEY 10

The 2024 NRLW premiership got underway at McDonald Jones Stadium as defending premiers Newcastle held out a spirited late attack from the Sydney Roosters to win 12-10.

The first 20 minutes of the game saw the tri colours pepper the Knight's line in what Newcastle captain Hannah Southwell called the toughest 20 minutes she can remember playing. It was a gutsy effort from the girls as they held out from everything the Roosters were throwing at them. Although keeping up the pressure, the Roosters were unable to finish off any of the raids. It wasn't until some back-to-back penalties gave the Knights field position down the Roosters quarter that the deadlock finally broke. Olivia Higgins saw an opportunity on the line and dove over to start the Knight's scoring account for the season. Five minutes later, the Knights had the Roosters on the back foot, with classy fullback Tamika Upton taking to the line down their left side and held up a pass long enough to expose a hole for Abigail Roache to punch through and get the Knights second try. The first half ended with the Roosters trying again at the Knights line to no avail, and both teams headed in the sheds fairly even in stats but not the scoreboard.

The second half saw the teams lock into another arm wrestle as the Rooster tried to get on the front foot only to meet with the Knights dogged defence. The tactics of trying to get through the middle weren't helping the Roosters, and it was t into some broken play was seized upon by the Roosters half, Tarryn Aiken, as she put a chip through on the halfway line, opened up the Knights defence and some great support play by Jocelyn Kelleher put the Roosters on the board. A penalty against Roosters centre Jessica Sergis gave the Knights a shot for a penalty goal, putting them a converted try ahead with three minutes to go. But the Roosters still had plenty of fight in them, and an error by the Knights close to their line gave them a whiff. The Roosters pressure on the line paid off this time as Aitken put a perfect grubber through on the goal line for Jessica Sergis to jump on and set up the finish for a nail-biter. But it was not to be, as Jocelyn Kelleher could not nail the shot to push the game to golden point. The Knights showed they are ready to defend their title, making their home ground a fortress, not losing a game in the last 28 months. Newcastle coach Ben Jeffries said defence had been a big focus in the pre-season and believed if it were another team, the Roosters would have gone over the try line plenty of times. The Knights now hold the record for most wins in the NRLW, racking up ten straight. **ANDY**

CRONULLA 14 NORTH QLD 0

The Cronulla Sharks made easy work at PointsBet Stadium of the North Queensland Cowboys with a 14-0 to start their season off with a bang. The Cowboys were unable to rope any threats against the Sharks, who had a field day down the Cowboys right edge.

After losing front rower Makenzie Weale early to a head slam into the ground, the Cowboys seemed unable to muster any control in the game. The Sharks struck early with Emma Tonegato directing an attack down their left edge, catching the Cowboys jamming in, Sharks captain Tiana Penitani went over in the corner to claim the first points 7 minutes in. The Sharks continued to pepper the Cowboys line, and in the 17th-minute hooker Quincy Dodd looked to go over the line from dummy half but was ruled no try for boring through one of her players. It didn't stop the attack of the Sharks, who continued to make the most of the Cowboys errors. In the 24th minute a scrum play from in the Cowboys quarter went left again for the Sharks, and this time the movement was finished off by winger Cassie Staples. Staples made it back-to-back tries after another error from the Cowboys again giving the Sharks prime position to pressure from a scrum. Some quick through the hands by the Sharks left edge was finished off by Staples in the 27th minute. The Cowboys couldn't seem to put any pressure on the Sharks defence. They came close in the back end

of the first half when Krystal Blackwell finished off a quick play down their left. But it was some desperate defence from Georgia Ravics who managed to pull Blackwell over the line.

Cowboys coach Ricky Henry said his team gave themselves opportunities but they were unable to put any icing on it. Henry also commented that the Sharks were able to turn the Cowboys errors into points. Showing that some extra defensive work would be required in training next week. Even though the loss of Makenzie Weale may have disrupted the Cowboys game plan, they put themselves in striking range of the Sharks a few times but lacked any pressure or polish. And to be fair Weale's replacement, Lily Peacock did put her hand up in the game. With the Cowboys only winning two games last year it seems they could be set for a long season if they don't get the defence and simple errors sorted. The Cowboys head into round 2 with a home game against St. George Dragons, and a chance to turn their season around early. Sharks coach Tony Herman said defence was a big part of their plan in the offseason, and he was pleased to see it pay off in the first game. The clean sheet was the first time the Sharks had held another team to zip in their short history, and Herman was full of praise the girls stuck to the plan. The confident Sharks will face Parramatta for a round 2 clash. **ANDY**

PARRAMATTA 22 BRISBANE 10

Brisbane hosted the Eels for the third match of the first round, and the Eels came out on top, albeit a slightly slow start.

Julia Robinson opened the scoring up for the game in the 4th minute, catching a kick on the full and running the length of the ground, to put the Broncos on the board first. After a plethora of back-and-forth errors and penalties from both teams, the visitors then got their first points of the match through winger Zali Fay in the 24th minute. This came after Fay came close to scoring ten minutes prior before being taken down in a try saving tackle by opposite Bronco winger, Bree Spreadborough. The Eels then continued to dominate, with debutant centre Rory Owens easily crossing over just three minutes later for her first four-pointer. The first half was a poor one for the home side, with the Broncos conceding seven penalties to one, and despite their strong start to the half, their discipline and defence was extremely poor and was evident in the halftime score line.

Parramatta then came out in the second half blazing, especially after the Brisbane side gave away a penalty in the opening two minutes of the match. Another error from the Broncos saw the Eels capitalise with Monique Donovan scoring down the right side, earning the Eels their third try of the match. The home side then quickly return served after the Eels gave away a penalty which saw the QLD bench player, Chelsea Lenarduzzi, crash over for the Broncos second try. The Broncos were back in the race only trailing by four, but a 30/40 kick from Rachael Pearson changed the momentum of the game, with the Eels putting more points on the board through experienced forward, Kennedy Cherrington. With just over ten minutes remaining and trailing by ten the Broncos were desperate for something, but nothing was going in their favour with fullback Hayley Maddick crossing the try line, but unable to keep the ball in her possession. Both sides were then left to play with 12 players for the final ten minutes of the match with both Annetta-Claudia Nu'ausala and Kennedy Cherrington sin-binned. The Eels clasp their first Round 1 win since 2021, starting the new season fresh with a whole lot of confidence, and now look to playing the Sharks in Sydney next weekend. On the other side of the match, the Broncos lacked discipline and struggled on many fronts. They now look towards to when they travel down south to play the Roosters, which is directly following the Eels v Sharks clash. **BETH**

GOLD COAST 18 ST GEO ILLA 10

Gold Coast Titans won 18-10 against St George Illawarra Dragons to open their NRLW campaign down in Wollongong on Sunday afternoon.

The beaten Grand Finalists got their 2024 campaign off to a smooth

start after their win against the Dragons in windy Wollongong. Gold Coast Titans hit the scoreboard first. They ran it on last tackle with Lauren Brown taking on the line before it was swept out to Emily Bass to score. Dragons went close to scoring points twice. Raecene McGregor put it high and it bounced into the lap of Margot Vella who knocked on then Vella was sent over the sideline later. The Titans made the hosts pay for the error. Once again, Brown started the move involving Pelite then it was another stroll in for Bass for 8-0. The visitors almost added another before the break. It went to the right this time but the last pass was spilled by Niall Williams-Guthrie.

The Brown and Pelite connection continued again for the Titans third try. Brown sent it inside for the fullback to go over. Livewire fullback Tegan Berry helped the Dragons on the board. She sliced through then flicked it to Bobbi Law to dive over for 14-4. It was all about that Bass as the Titans extended their lead. Pelite dug into the line and looped a pass to the winger to collect her hat-trick. After setting up their first, Berry got a four-pointer herself. She stepped past a few defenders and got over the line for 18-10. **JUSTIN**

CANBERRA 32 WESTS TIGERS 12

The Wests Tigers hosted the Canberra Raiders at Campbelltown Stadium in front of 1,500 fans for the opening round of the 2024 NRLW season. Under clear blue skies but battling freezing winds, both teams took to the field as named earlier in the week.

The Tigers stumbled early, with a series of errors setting the tone for their first half. An early mistake followed by a failed touch-finder from a penalty at halfway gifted the Raiders their first opportunity. They capitalised quickly, shifting the ball wide for Madison Bartlett to score the opening try. The Tigers' woes continued as a communication mix-up between half-back Losana Lutu and winger Harmony Crichton resulted in a knock-on close to their own line. Raiders winger Alanna Dummett wasted no time, scoring on the subsequent play. Pauline Piliae-Rasabale's kick-off error, which sailed out on the full, gave the Raiders prime field position, leading to another try by centre Mackenzie Wiki. The Raiders extended their lead to 22 points with a fifth try in the 13th minute, while the Tigers struggled to get any meaningful possession. The Tigers' first real scoring opportunity came when Salma Nour crossed the line, only for the try to be disallowed due to Najvada George's obstruction. Canberra's half-back, Zahara Temara, added to the scoreboard with a line-break try, followed by her own conversion, pushing the Raiders further ahead. The Tigers finally responded with centre Rikeya Horne recovering a loose grubber to score, with Piliae-Rasabale managing the conversion despite the difficult wind. The teams went into halftime with the Raiders leading 28-6.

The second half saw the Tigers return with improved discipline and defence. NRLW debutant Harmony Crichton came close to scoring but fumbled as she crossed the line. The Raiders continued their dominance with Bartlett securing her second try of the match, bringing her career tally to 20 NRLW tries. Wests Tigers co-captain Botielle Vette-Welsh gave her team a glimmer of hope by scoring a try, breaking through multiple defenders. Piliae-Rasabale, assisted by Nour to keep the ball steady on the tee, successfully converted. Despite spirited efforts from both sides, errors and penalties marred the remainder of the game, with no further changes to the scoreline. Zahara Temara's 12 points from a try and four conversions saw her surpass 150 career points, solidifying her status as the NRLW's all-time leading point scorer. For the Tigers, debutant Tara Reinkie made the most tackles against her former club, while Vette-Welsh stood out with over 140 running meters, three tackle breaks, a line break, and a try. Both teams left with areas to improve: the Wests Tigers need to address their error-prone start that saw them concede 22 points in the first 13 minutes, while the Raiders must work on discipline after conceding ten penalties. Looking ahead, the Raiders will face reigning premiers Newcastle Knights in Round 2, while the Wests Tigers will travel to the Gold Coast to take on the Titans. **KELLY**

ROUND 1 SCOREBOARD

Newcastle 12 (O. Higgins, A. Roache tries; J. Southwell 2 goals) defeated Sydney 10 (J. Kelleher; J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Thu, 25th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-0. Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 3,921.

Newcastle: Upton, Gallagher, Parker; Roache, Waterman; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Butler; Kukutai.

Sydney: Kelly (C), Naividi, Sergis, Strange, Wood; Fressard, Aiken; Elliott, Davis, Hopoate, Pule, Kernick, Nasio. Int: Kelleher, Lopamaua, Economos, Hill-Moana.

Player of the Year: 3 – T Upton
2 – H Southwell
1 – I Kelly

Cronulla 14 (C. Staples 2, T. Penitani tries; T. Preston goal) defeated North QLD 0 at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Cronulla 14-0. Penalties: Cronulla 7-5. Referee: Damian Brady. Crowd: 1,257.

Cronulla: Taylor, Staples, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Hannaway, Saunders, Foliaki, Dymock.

North QLD: Goldthorp, Blackwell, Whitfield, Peters, Naikore; Tillett, Dibb (C); Harden, Foord, Weale, Polata, Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Manzelmann, Peacock, Butler; Banu.

Player of the Year: 3 – T Penitani
2 – B Anderson
1 – L Peacock

Parramatta 22 (K. Cherrington, M. Donovan, Z. Fay, R. Owen tries; R. Pearson 3 goals) defeated Brisbane 10 (C. Lenarduzzi, J. Robinson tries; M. Denman goal) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 10-4. Penalties: Parramatta 12-3. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 10,382.

Brisbane: Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Dam, Spreadborough; Adams, Briggshaw (C); Nu'uausala, Ferguson, Clark, Denman, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Gould, Lenarduzzi, Gray, Fogavini.

Parramatta: Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Cherrington, Jones, Kapua, Murphy (C), Cherrington. Int: Todhunter, Amiati, Fonua, Kennard.

Player of the Year: 3 – K Cherrington
2 – R Pearson
1 – T Rapana

ROUND 1 JUDICIARY

Tepai Moeroa (MEL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$750
Jessica Sergis (SYD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Harata Butler (NQL)	G1 High Tackle - Careless	Warning
Keilee Joseph (BRI)	G1 High Tackle - Careless	Warning
Lavinia Gould (BRI)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Annetta Nuuausala (BRI)	G2 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Kennedy Cherrington (PAR)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$400
Annetta Nuuausala (BRI)	G1 Striking	2 matches
Tazmin Rapana (BRI)	G1 Contrary Conduct	\$400

Gold Coast 18 (E. Bass 3, E. Pelite tries; L. Brown goal) defeated St Geo Illa 10 (T. Berry, B. Law tries; R. McGregor goal) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast 10-0. Penalties: St Geo Illa 7-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer. Crowd: 10,728.

St Geo Illa: Berry, Fotu-Moala, Browne, Law, Vella; Hopkins, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Clancy, Hancock, Lendill, Basham, Tauaneai. Int: Bright, Reh, Sautia, Wilson.

Gold Coast: Pelite, Brown, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Fuimaono, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Kolc, Jorgensen, Perese, Clarke.

Player of the Year: 3 – L Brown
2 – E Pelite
1 – E Bass

Canberra 32 (M. Bartlett 2, A. Dummett, S. Taufā, Z. Temara, M. Wiki tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers 12 (R. Horne, B. Vette-Welsh tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2 goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra 28-6. Penalties: Wests Tigers 6-3. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 1,506.

Wests Tigers: Vette-Welsh (C), Crichton, Tufuga, Horne, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Lutu; Togatuki, Nour; Pio, Apps, McGone, George. Int: Curtain, Reinke, Penitani, Talataina.

Canberra: Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Dummett; Temara (C), Quinlan, Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufā. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Naitokatoka.

Player of the Year: 3 – Z Temara
2 – M Bartlett
1 – S Taufā

ROUND 1 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CANBERRA	1	1	0	0	0	20	2
2	CRONULLA	1	1	0	0	0	14	2
3	PARRAMATTA	1	1	0	0	0	12	2
4	GOLD COAST	1	1	0	0	0	8	2
5	Newcastle	1	1	0	0	0	2	2
6	Sydney	1	0	0	1	0	-2	0
7	St Geo Illa	1	0	0	1	0	-8	0
8	Brisbane	1	0	0	1	0	-12	0
9	North Qld	1	0	0	1	0	-14	0
10	Wests Tigers	1	0	0	1	0	-20	0

ROUND 1 POTY LEADERBOARD

3 POINTS

Lauren Brown (Titans), Tiana Penitani (Sharks), Kennedy Cherrington (Eels), Tamika Upton (Knights), Zahara Temara (Raiders)

NRLW ROUND 2

NEWCASTLE 26 CANBERRA 20

Down in the Nation's capital, drama filled the air as a 70th minute penalty try to Tamika Upton sealed a 26-20 victory for the Newcastle Knights at GIO Stadium.

Just like last week, the Raiders started fast with two tries inside six minutes to Mackenzie Wiki and Zahara Temara and opened a 10-0 lead early on. The Knights then were able to hit back in the 15th and 25th minutes to Hannah Southwell and debutant Lilly-Ann White to level the scores. The Raiders kicked a penalty goal just shy of the half time break and took a 12-10 lead.

Newcastle were able to take the lead not long after the Raiders had extended their lead to 4 when Caitlan Johnston-Green was able to score and put the Novocastrians into the lead for the first time. Canberra re-took the lead just after the hour mark when Shakhiah Tungai scored but it didn't last long when with six minutes to play, the Knights were able to level the scores when a kick return from Lilly-Ann White put her downfield and eventually Sheridan Gallagher scored. The missed conversion from close range from Jesse Southwell set the game up for a grandstand finish and it was via a Raiders error that Newcastle got into position to set up the game. The drama came when Apii Nicholls' only option was to grab Tamika Upton who established the lead on a chase but was brought down before she could get to the ball. It was an easy decision for the bunker who awarded the penalty try and it gave the Knights a 26-20 win. **JOSH**

GOLD COAST 28 WESTS TIGERS 12

A slow start for the Titans gave way to a dominant performance as the Gold Coast stormed home to win 28-12 over the winless Wests Tigers at Cbus Super Stadium on Saturday.

A Jaime Chapman treble was the highlight of the day for the hosts, who are 2-0 from their two matches so far. It was the Tigers who started fastest, a Salma Nour try putting the visitors on the right foot early. The hosts hit back through Chapman's first try not long after, but the Tigers were stern in the face of their opponents and hit back with Losana Latu crossing with a spectacular four-pointer.

Gold Coast flicked the switch not long after, with back-to-back tries turning a six point deficit into a four-point halftime lead at 16-12, with Chapman's second paired up with a try to Hailey-Jay Ormond-Maunsell. Chapman's hat-trick was complete early in the second half before Evania Pelite iced the result 18 minutes before fulltime, a point after which the scoreboard was not troubled further. **TIM**

NORTH QLD 38 ST GEO ILA 34

The Cowboys claim redemption whilst the Dragons go 0-2.

A high-scoring match saw a total of 72 points scored between the two teams, which comes after the Cowboys were held scoreless by the Sharks in Round 1. The Cowboys opened the scoring in the 7th minute with Lily Peacock crashing over the line for their first try of the season. The home side were then close to going back-to-back tries in the space of minutes, but five-eighth Tahlulah Tillett lost the ball over the line. Former Tiger, Jakiya Whitfield, then successfully gets the Cowboys their second try after the Dragons let a Kirra Dibb bomb kick bounce. Trailing 12-0, the Dragons fought back to score

CRONULLA 18 PARRAMATTA 16

Cronulla have gone 2-2 to start the NRLW season after a hard-fought win over Parramatta. The win has come at a cost with Jada Taylor coming from the field injured during the second half.

The Eels started the way they finished in Brisbane last week, strong and with intent. After a week of headlines for defending her injured sister this week, Kennedy Cherrington responded by crossing the line first. A strong carry from Elsie Albert saw her get an arm free to Cherrington who crossed next to the posts and an early 6-0 buffer. The Sharks hit back swiftly, and it was Ellie Johnston who charged across the line four minutes later. It was a simple crash ball and Johnston outmuscled her way to the line to level the scores back at 6 apiece. Parramatta would later dominate possession and added a try in the 17th minute. Monique Donovan crossed after some strong lead-up work from Cherrington, Chloe Jackson and Abbi Church to find her winger in the corner. Parramatta would earn their 10-6 lead the break thanks to some strong defence late in the half. They also had chances to extend, but thanks to a great try-saver from Taylor, the lead remained 4 points.

Quincy Dodd's grubber was well weighted after the break, and it was the flying Taylor who won the race to ground the ball first and the Sharks took the lead by just two points. Taylor's game would end with 25 to go as she left with injury. Parramatta later capitalised on some poor defusal work from Cassie Staples to score with 12 to play. A great cross-field kick from Cassey Tohi-Hiku was put down and Rory Owen pounced on the ball to retake the lead. Cronulla thought they led with nine minutes to go as Johnston claimed her second try. However, the bunker ruled that she had promoted the ball illegally in a second movement. They didn't need to wait too long as the Sharks soon retook the lead as last year's Rookie of the Year pounced to take the lead. A kick ricochet off a Parramatta leg went to Annessa Biddle who scored the match winner. Parramatta will be buoyed by another strong performance, but devastated they couldn't get the victory. Cronulla will be thrilled to go 2-0 but facing an interesting dilemma involving Emma Tonegato if Jada Taylor's injury is severe. Questions about a return to fullback will be raging high. **AJ**

two consecutive tries through Kasey Reh (scoring her first try) and Margot Vella, to even up the score and make it 12 all. Although this comeback didn't mean much, with the Cowboys scoring another two consecutive tries within a 3-minute period to put them back in the lead by 10 points.

The Red-V scored the first try in the second half, after the Cowboys let a short-range kick bounce, and the visitors capitalised, with Margot Vella scoring a double for the night. Neither of these teams were giving up, with them both then going back-and-forth for tries. With Jasmine Peters crossing over for her first try of the season, before the Dragons then reverse served again to see Teagan Berry add another try to her tally, as well as Kimberley Hunt crossing over for a

SYDNEY 28 BRISBANE 12

The Roosters seal their first win of the season, whilst the Broncos start their 2024 campaign 0-2.

Both teams were looking to find their first win of the season after both suffering Round 1 losses, and the Roosters ended up on top. The first 30 minutes saw only two tries, one to both the Roosters and Broncos through Fressard and Teitzel respectfully, with both sides going back-and-forth with many attempts to get the ball over the line but just coming short. Former Bronco, Tarryn Aiken, then went over for the Roosters second in the final five minutes of the first half, twisting and turning with the defender to get the ball over the line, but this wasn't all the trouble the Roosters were going to cause. With 30 seconds to go and a whole set on the Broncos line, the Roosters capitalised on their opportunity which saw Jess Sergis go over to make it a 16-6 score line at halftime. What was once a close game which could have been anyone's to grasp in the second half was now looking like a steep hill from the Broncos to bounce back from after conceding 12 points within the final three minutes of the first half.

The second half saw a slow start, and the Broncos were looking to be in a good position to make up for the ten-point deficit, but then an intercept pass thrown right into the hands of Sergis undid all their work. Sergis went on the run the length of the field and score her second try of the match, which marks her fourth career double. Another Broncos mistake saw the Roosters capitalise and score more points, after the ball was lost by Brisbane on the halfway line and easily retrieved by Aiken, for her to score a double and just continue to terrorise her former club. After a line break from Julia Robinson the Broncos slowly made their way down the length of the field and managed to get their second try of the game through Jada Ferguson, but it was too little too late. Yet again the Broncos error making tendencies and ill-discipline let them down, whilst the Roosters capitalised on their chances and had a plethora of good plays and efforts from across the field. After losing to the 2023 premiers last week, the Roosters now slide into fourth position and look towards playing bottom of the table West Tigers next week. For the away side, they have much work to do, now sitting in 9th position with back-to-back losses and so much work to do, and next week will be a hard mountain to climb, playing the top of the table Titans. **BETH**

four pointer to tie up the game at 28 all. Tiana Raftstrand-Smith goes over for a double in the 58th minute to give the Cowboys back the lead, before Jakiya Whitfield scores her second in the navy and yellow in the 62nd minute to seal the win. Though, Dragons had the last say, with a chip over the top kick and put down by Alexis Tauaneai saw them score a try in the dying 25 seconds of the match. This tight but high scoring match sees the Cowboys get their first win since Round 4 of the 2023 season, whilst the Dragons have now lost both matches to start their season. Although with the poor differential of the Cowboys, they sit only one place above the Dragons who are currently camped in eighth position. Looking ahead the Cowboys now face the Eels who suffered a close loss against the Sharks this week, whilst the Dragons face the 2023 premiers, Newcastle Knights, in enemy territory. **BETH**

ROUND 2 SCOREBOARD

Newcastle (W) 26 (S. Gallagher, C. Johnston, H. Southwell, T. Upton, L. White tries; J. Southwell 3 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 20 (Z. Temara, S. Tungai, M. Wiki tries; Z. Temara 4 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 12-10. Penalties: Canberra (W) 6-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer. Crowd: 1,791.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Naitokatoka.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Roache, White; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Johnston, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Butler, Waterman.

Player of the Year:
3 – L White
2 – S Taufa
1 – H Southwell

Gold Coast (W) 28 (J. Chapman 3, H. Maunsell, E. Pelite tries; L. Brown 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 12 (L. Lutu, S. Nour tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 16-12. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 6-3. Referee: Nick Pelgrave. Crowd: 11,105.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Fuimaono, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Jorgensen, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Kolc, Maunsell, Perese, Clarke.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Crichton, Tufuga, Horne, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Lutu; Togatuki, Nour, Pio, Apps, McGone, George. Int: Curtain, Reinke, Penitani, Talataina.

Player of the Year:
3 – G Hale
2 – E Pelite
1 – K Apps

Cronulla (W) 18 (A. Biddle, E. Johnston, J. Taylor tries; T. Preston 3 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 16 (K. Cherrington, M. Donovan, R. Owen tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 10-6. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-4. Referee: Luke Saldern. Crowd: 1,166.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Cherrington. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Kennard.

Cronulla (W): Taylor, Staples, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Hannaway, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Saunders, Foliaki, Dymock, Takapautolo.

Player of the Year:
3 – Q Dodd
2 – K Cherrington
1 – E Albert

Sydney (W) 28 (T. Aiken 2, J. Sergis 2, J. Fressard tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated Brisbane (W) 12 (J. Ferguson, R. Teitzel tries; B. Clark 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 16-6. Penalties: Sydney (W) 7-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 2,899.

Sydney (W): Bremner, Fressard, Sergis, Strange, Wood; Kelly (C), Aiken; Elliott, Davis, Hopoate, Pule, Kernick, Nasio. Int: Kelleher, Economos, Hill-Moana, Hall.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Dam, Spreadborough; Adams, Brigginsshaw (C); Joseph, Ferguson, Clark, Gray, Teitzel, Fogavini. Int: Denman, Brill, Lenarduzzi, Hoy.

Player of the Year:
3 – T Aiken
2 – J Sergis
1 – M Elliott

North QLD (W) 38 (T. Raftstrand-Smith 2, J. Whitfeld 2, F. Goldthorp, L. Peacock, J. Peters tries; K. Dibb 5 goals) defeated St Geo Illa (W) 34 (M. Vella 2, T. Berry, K. Hunt, K. Reh, A. Tauaneai tries; R. McGregor 5 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: North QLD (W) 22-12. Penalties: St Geo Illa (W) 8-2. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 2,427.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Blackwell, Whitfeld, Peters, Raftstrand-Smith; Tillett, Dibb (C); Peacock, Manzelmann, Banu, Polata, Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Foord, Mooka, Power; Butler.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Hunt, Browne, Law, Vella; Hopkins, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Clancy, Bright, Lendill, Basham, Tauaneai. Int: Reh, Sautia, Wilson, Hancock, Curtis.

Player of the Year:
3 – K Dibb
2 – J Whitfield
1 – T Berry

ROUND 2 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	GOLD COAST	2	2	0	0	0	24	4
2	CRONULLA	2	2	0	0	0	16	4
3	NEWCASTLE	2	2	0	0	0	8	4
4	SYDNEY	2	1	0	1	0	14	2
5	Canberra	2	1	0	1	0	14	2
6	Parramatta	2	1	0	1	0	10	2
7	North Qld	2	1	0	1	0	-10	2
8	St Geo Illa	2	0	0	2	0	-12	0
9	Brisbane	2	0	0	2	0	-28	0
10	Wests Tigers	2	0	0	2	0	-36	0

ROUND 2 JUDICIARY

Jesse Southwell (NEW)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Aliyah Nasio (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Brianna Clark (BRI)	G1 Shoulder Charge	2 matches
Shaniah Power (NQL)	G1 Contrary Conduct	Warning

ROUND 2 POTY LEADERBOARD

5 POINTS

Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

4 POINTS

Evania Pelite (Titans)

3 POINTS

Zahara Temara (Raiders), Lauren Brown (Titans), Lilly-Ann White (Knights), Georgia Hale (Titans), Kirra Dibb (Cowboys), Tarryn Aiken (Roosters), Quincy Dodd (Sharks), Simaima Taufa (Raiders), Tamika Upton (Knights), Tiana Penitani (Sharks), Hannah Southwell (Knights)

NRLW ROUND 3

SYDNEY 20 WESTS TIGERS 4

An unanswered 20-point second half from the Sydney Roosters was enough to guide the Tri-Colours to back to back wins over a brave and determined Wests Tigers side.

In a match that will be remembered for its defence. Both sides had a lot of chances to score the opening try. Every chance the Roosters had seemed to be answered thanks to some brilliant scramble defence from the Tigers. Wests were rewarded with their defence by crossing for the first try. A disastrous short drop-out after waves of Tigers possession saw Leianne Turuva pick up the loose ball and find Tess Staines who raced away to score. The Tigers luck did desert them however losing three players through injury, the most notable being Kezzie Apps but they still led 4-0 at the break.

The Tigers continued their scramble in defence denying the Roosters at will. A brilliant bit of hot potato footy got the Roosters level, Jasmine Strange scrambled on a loose pass to put Jayme Fressard away down the left sideline to level the scores. Fatigue began to set in as the Tigers were low on troops, but despite this they kept turning up for each-other. The Roosters dominated second half field position but at every opportunity, the Tigers held them. Eventually, the pressure took its toll with 10 to play. Some great enterprising footy down the left saw Keeley Davis brought down 10 out from the line. Off the ensuing play, Olivia Kernick charged across to put the Roosters in front. Jocelyn Kellagher added the extras to make it a converted try lead. The Roosters were concerned with potential knee injury to Jess Sergis after being taken awkwardly in a Sarah Togatuki tackle with 5 and a half to go. However, she put that aside to break away down the left touch line to put the game out of reach. A late Fressard try put the exclamation mark on what was a gritty Roosters win. The score-line didn't reflect what was a brave Tigers effort as they were low on troops for most of the second half. **AJ**

ST GEO ILLA 18 NEWCASTLE 10

St George Illawarra have upset Newcastle in a dramatic Sunday night contest away from home at McDonald Jones Stadium.

A healthy 9,479 fans stuck around post-NRL men's to catch some 'dub' action and they were treated to an entertaining and close-fought contest, with a pair of tries to each team in the first half meaning the scores were deadlocked at 10-all heading into the break. Tamika Upton was first on the board, crossing for the Knights to get the home side off to the ideal start, Sheridan Gallagher extending the advantage for 10-0. Teagan Berry and Keele Browne were ready and able to respond with a try each to reel the deficit in.

After the break, the Dragons locked down in defence and it was the brilliance of outside back Kimberley Hunt who crossed for a double, that got the Red V home. Speaking of home, St George Illawarra will host long-time rivals the Roosters at WIN Stadium next Sunday, while Newcastle will visit Pointsbet Stadium where both their men's and women's teams are away to Cronulla on the same afternoon. **TIM**

CRONULLA 24 CANBERRA 12

The Canberra Raiders gave up an 8-0 half-time lead at GIO Stadium, folding to an unrelenting Cronulla Sharks second-half comeback.

An arm wrestle was developing in the opening quarter of the game, but the deadlock was finally broken when Madison Barlett went over in the 14th minute. Shakiah Tungai slotted the side-line conversion, and it was 6-0 for the home side. The Sharks were doing themselves no favours as they gave back-to-back penalties as play resumed. The Raiders took advantage of a penalty close to the goal, and Tungai slotted her second conversion of the day to stretch the lead. It looked like the Raiders' day, when they were showing great resolve on the line and in play to stem the flow of the Sharks' pressure. The second half opened the best way it could for the Raiders as a line break by Mackenzie Wiki laid the way for a movement left at the Sharks line, with Madison Bartlett nabbing her second try. With the conversion missed it was looking like the Raiders were in the flow at 12-0.

It took some inspiring work from the Sharks captain, Tianan Penitani, to spark a Sharks revival. The Sharks pounced on back-to-back Raiders errors and stormed up their left edge with Penitani dragging three Raiders over to open up the scoring for the Sharks in the 45th minute. It was another error five minutes later that the Sharks used to set up a play down their right side. Anessa Biddle finished off the move by going over to put the game at 12-8 at minute 52. It may have been fatigue that was unhinging the Raiders, but they kept giving up territory for undisciplined play. After three penalties in a row, the Sharks were on too much of a roll and prop Holli Wheeler barged over to tie the game up. After Tayla Preston got the conversion, the Sharks finally hit the lead in the 56th minute, 14-12. From here, it was a feeding frenzy, as Nakia Davis-Welsh went over a minute later and then Ellie Johnston in the 62nd minute to put the score at 24-12 after Preston converted. The game wrapped up, and Raiders coach Darrin Brothwicj conceded the lost the battle in the ruck in the middle third. He had been happy with the first-half effort but wasn't sure why the team lost focus in the second. Sharks coach Tony Herman was full of praise for his team, and a second-half comeback like that showed great resolve in the team's ranks, setting them up as contenders this year. The Sharks face off against the Newcastle Knights next round at PointsBet Stadium in a clash that promises a great game as both teams are on big winning streaks. The Raiders travel north to Suncorp next week to take on the Broncos, with both of those teams looking to get form quickly for the short season. **ANDY**

PARRAMATTA 20 NORTH QLD 6

The Parramatta Eels took their second win of the NRLW season following a 20-6 win over the Cowboys in Brisbane on Sunday.

Things started well for the visitors who opened the scoring through Rosie Kelly as the Eels looked to shift right and Kelly split two defenders before keeping herself up to slam the ball down. Rachael Pearson converted from near touch to give Parra a 6-0 lead. The Cowboys struck back not long after when Emma Manzelmann straightened the attack and put China Polata through to score. A quickfire double to Rosemary Beckett on either side of half time put the Eels clear by 10 points with the first coming when the Eels dummy half elected to run the ball down the short side on last tackle and with the defence standing off ran through and got the ball down. The second was again a dummy half dart from Beckett who threw a dummy but then went through a yawning gap.

The Cowboys had an effort to Fran Goldthorp denied when the officials correctly ruled a pass from Kirra Dibb to her winger to be forward which was one of the only real chances for North Queensland in the second half. Just shy of the hour mark, a sharp change of direction saw Abbi Church beat the Cowboys defence and get over. Despite the conversion miss, the Eels lead 20-6 which they held onto until full time. **JOSH**

BRISBANE 44 GOLD COAST 4

The Titans had won their first two games of the season, whilst the Broncos were still searching for their first win, and they finally found it.

There were superstars across the field for the Broncos, with centre Mele Hufanga scoring four tries, equalling her total 2023 season tally, Gayle Broughton making her long-awaited return in the halves, and new signing Stacey Waaka making her Broncos debut after winning the gold medal with the NZ rugby sevens just weeks ago. The first half was all the Broncos show, completing 17 of 18 sets and scoring four tries. This started with speedy Julia Robinson scoring her third try in three games this season, then Destiny Brill getting her first try of the season. Hufanga then finally got her first for the season after previous tries being ruled out due to forward passes and obstruction, before she then went over for her second just 5 minutes later. Going into the halftime break, Brisbane was dominating with a score line of 22-0, and the Titans were just struggling to get anything going. A combination try between the Bronco veteran Ali Briggins and fullback Hayley Maddick started off the scoring in the second half just three minutes in.

After forty minutes of play it finally looked like the Titans got their first points on the board through winger Georgia Grey, but the try was overruled by the Bunker due to a knock-on. The Broncos onslaught then didn't stop, with Romy Teitzel getting her first try of the season after a line break from golden girl Waaka, which was then followed by a long distance try by Hufanga. The Gold Coast side then finally get their first (and only) points of the match in the 50th minute, through a kick and try to halfback, Lauren Brown. Hufanga then crosses over for a fourth time to give the Broncos a 40-point lead over "lil sis", which sees her equal the NRLW and club record for tries scored in one match, for the second time in her career. This game broke records for both sides, with it being Brisbane's biggest win margin, with their previous record being 34 points, whilst it was the Titan's biggest loss, with their prior heaviest defeat being only 26 points. The Titans now look to next week where they play their other QLD rivals, the Cowboys, who have only won one game so far this season. For the winner, the Broncos prepare themselves to take on the Raiders who sit just below them on the ladder, with only points differential currently separating them. **BETH**

ROUND 3 SCOREBOARD

Sydney (W) 20 (J. Fressard 2, O. Kernick, J. Sergis tries; J. Kelleher 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 4 (T. Staines try) at Industree Group Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Wests Tigers (W) 4-0. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 10-6.

Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 1,898.

Sydney (W): Bremner, Fressard, Sergis, Strange, Wood; Kelly (C), Aiken; Elliott, Davis, Hopoate, Hall, Kernick, Kelleher. Int: Pule, Nasio, Economos, Hill-Moana.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Crichton, Tufuga, Horne, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Lutu; Togatuki, Nour, Pio, Apps, McGone, George. Int: Curtain, Reinke, Penitani, Talataina.

Player of the Year:
3 – J Sergis
2 – C Pio
1 – O Kernick

Cronulla (W) 24 (A. Biddle, N. Davis-Welsh, E. Johnston, T. Penitani, H. Wheeler tries; T. Preston 2 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 12 (M. Bartlett 2 tries; S. Tungai 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 8-0. Penalties: Canberra (W) 9-6.

Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 5,831.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Naitokatoka.

Cronulla (W): Staples, Davis-Welsh, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Hannaway, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Foliaki, Saunders, Takapautolo, Dymock.

Player of the Year:
3 – T Penitani
2 – E Johnston
1 – M Wiki

Parramatta (W) 20 (R. Beckett 2, A. Church, R. Kelly tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 6 (C. Polata try; K. Dibb goal) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 12-6. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-5.

Referee: Daniel Luttringer. Crowd: 1,393.

North QLD (W): Blackwell, Goldthorp, Whitfeld, Peters, Surha; Tillett, Dibb (C); Peacock, Manzelmann, Banu, Polata, Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Foord, Mooka, Yarrow.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Cherrington. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Kennard.

Player of the Year:
3 – E Albert
2 – R Pearson
1 – R Beckett

Brisbane (W) 44 (M. Hufanga 4, D. Brill, H. Maddick, J. Robinson, R. Teitzel tries; R. Teitzel 6 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 4 (L. Brown try) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 22-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Nick Pelgrave. Crowd: 1,788.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Waaka; Broughton, Briggingshaw (C); Joseph, Ferguson, Lenarduzzi, Gray, Teitzel, Fogavini. Int: Dam, Brill, Lafaele, Gould.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Fuimaono, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Clarke, Elliston, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Kolc, Maunsell, Perese, Arakua.

Player of the Year:
3 – M Hufanga
2 – A Briggingshaw
1 – K Joseph

St Geo Illa (W) 18 (K. Hunt 2, T. Berry, K. Browne tries; R. McGregor goal) defeated Newcastle (W) 10 (S. Gallagher; T. Upton tries; J. Southwell goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Luke Saldern. Crowd: 9,479.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker; Roache, White; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Romaniuk, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Butler; Carter, Kukutai.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Fotu-Moala, Browne, Law, Hunt; Hopkins, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Reh, Mulhall, Lendill, Basham, Tauaneai. Int: Bright, Wilson, Hancock, Nathan-Wong.

Player of the Year:
3 – T Berry
2 – A Tauaneai
1 – J Southwell

ROUND 3 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	3	3	0	0	0	28	6
2	SYDNEY	3	2	0	1	0	30	4
3	PARRAMATTA	3	2	0	1	0	24	4
4	NEWCASTLE	3	2	0	1	0	0	4
5	Gold Coast	3	2	0	1	0	-16	4
6	Brisbane	3	1	0	2	0	12	2
7	Canberra	3	1	0	2	0	2	2
8	St Geo Illa	3	1	0	2	0	-4	2
9	North Qld	3	1	0	2	0	-24	2
10	Wests Tigers	3	0	0	3	0	-52	0

ROUND 3 JUDICIARY

Jayne Fressard (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Tiana Penitani (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Simaima Taufa (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Taliah Fuimaono (GLD)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Madison Mulhall (SGI)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning

ROUND 3 POTY LEADERBOARD

6 POINTS

Tiana Penitani (Sharks)

5 POINTS

Kennedy Cherrington (Eels), Jessica Sergis (Roosters)

4 POINTS

Evania Pelite (Titans), Elsie Albert (Eels), Teagan Berry (Dragons), Rachael Pearson (Eels)

NRLW ROUND 4

BRISBANE 28 CANBERRA 22

Broncos go back-to-back in wins and find themselves inside the top four, whilst the Raiders slump to their third loss in a row.

Doubles to three Bronco players, led the Brisbane side to their second win of the season, in a game that was right down to the wire. The first half started off in poor shape for the Raiders, with the side giving away a dropout after letting the kick-off go dead. The Broncos very quickly capitalised, working the ball down the field with an end of the set cross field kick from Ali Briggingshaw, caught by Stacey Waaka which then eventually found Shenae Ciesiolka, to put the Brisbane side on the board less than two minutes into the game. Ciesiolka then very quickly found her second try of the game in the eleventh minute, after a 10m scrum, which saw Ciesiolka take on the line herself. The Raiders then got their first points on the board in the 21st minute through Mackenzie Wiki who powered through two Broncos defenders and got herself over the line. Zahara Temara then converted to make it a two-point difference. Catch up didn't last too long for the visitors though, with Stacey Waaka getting her first NRLW try. Another cross-field kick from Briggingshaw was taken by Waaka after a leap into the air before she successfully ran around Raiders defenders to get her first try in just her second NRLW match. Going into halftime, the Broncos were leading three tries to one, however with Romy Teitzel having a rough day out with the boot, it was only a 12-6 score line.

Canberra came out strong in the second half, scoring their first try in the opening two minutes of the half, with Apii Nicholls throwing a perfectly timed pass to winger Shakhiah Tungai. An acrobatic try from Broncos winger Julia Robinson then saw the Broncos take back the lead just several minutes later, which then quickly turned into an eight-point lead after Robinson then caught an intercept pass and score a length of the field try underneath the posts. The Broncos lead didn't last for very long though. Kerehitina Matua made a hit and spin, missing many Broncos defenders, before she spun in the other direction and plant the ball down for the Raiders, closing the gap between them and the home side. The 57th minute then saw the Raiders capitalise on a lost ball deep in their own territory, with Emma Barnes then diving low midway through the set, to even the score after the successful kick from Temara. The score remained at 22 all until the 65th minute, until golden girl Stacey Waaka crossed over for her second try of the day, giving the Broncos a much-needed lead, which eventually saw them take home the win minutes later. With the Raiders not having won since Round 1, they now look towards next week when they take on the Cowboys back at home who are just sitting one stop above them on the ladder. For the winners, the Broncos take on the last placed Tigers in Leichhardt who are yet to get their first win of the season. **BETH**

NORTH QLD 11 GOLD COAST 10

A field-goal to Kirra Dibb five minutes from fulltime has delivered the Cowboys a vital one-point victory at home against Queensland rivals the Gold Coast, with the final scoreline 11-10 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Cowboys' UK import Fran Goldthorp got the scoreboard ticking over first when she snatched an attacking kick out of the air and overcame a defender. Gold Coast hit back soon after when Georgia Gray opened the visitors' account pouncing on a kick into the in-goal. While centre Jaime Chapman thought she'd scored to put the visitors ahead, it would be chalked out by the Bunker due to the grounding not being neat. Instead, North Queensland went to the break 10-4 ahead after Jakiya Whitfield going over thanks to a clever short ball from Dibb. Laikha Clarke scored the Titans' second try twenty minutes into the second half and with Lauren Brown's conversion levelling the scores, a tense final 15 minutes were in prospect.

Step up Dibb - her field goal five minutes from time put the hosts ahead, and try as they might, the Titans couldn't overcome that one-point margin in the final minutes, Brown's attempt to level scores going wide and the Cowboys grabbing the two points. **TIM**

SYDNEY 28 ST GEO ILLA 8

The Sydney Roosters have won three on the trot after a 28-8 win over St George Illawarra at WIN Stadium.

For the second week in a row, the Roosters were slow out of the blocks. Raecene McGregor found a hole and busted open midway through the first half. The Dragons then went wide and found Kim Hunt who crossed in the corner for an early advantage. That seemed to wake the Roosters up and they hit the lead with a charging Amber Hall crossing for the Tri-Colours and they led 6-4. Before the half-time break, they hit a double blow to extend their margin to 14 before the break.

First it was quick hands across the backs which saw the ball in Isabelle Kelly's hands and she crossed. The second was a throwback of sorts from Sam Bremner with a brilliant opening through the line, she eventually found Jayme Fressard to make it 18-4 at the change of ends. It was business as usual from the Roosters when Hall charged across for her second try. She tried again moments later, but it took an incredible tackle from the Dragons to deny her a third. The game entered a lull and there was only one lady that could charge the Dragons back and it was Teagan Berry. She trucked the Roosters defence to score a brilliant individual try. However, it was in vain as the Roosters sealed the deal late. Fressard broke through and had the Dragons fatigued, from the next play, Kelly broke through for her second try to seal the deal for the visitors. **AJ**

CRONULLA 14 NEWCASTLE 12

Cronulla are firming as surprise favourites for the 2024 NRLW title after winning their fourth game from four, holding on against a tenacious Newcastle to finish 14-12 victors at Pointsbet Stadium.

Newcastle led 8-6 at the break after Laishon Albert-Jones opened the scoring for the visitors, a superb try laid on by the elite work of Dally M medallist Tamika Upton. Upton went from hero to villain quickly though, with Quincy Dodd beating the Knights fullback to a ball which saw the Sharks score themselves. The Sharks led 6-4 at this point and it wasn't until Rugby Sevens convert Tenika Willison's try on debut that the visitors had the lead they'd take into the break. Cronulla wasted little time after the resumption striking back and reclaiming the lead when Tegan Dymock crossed the line, but the tit-for-tat nature of the contest again was on show, with Newcastle levelling the scores when Upton made a superb break and laid on Laishon-Jones' second four-pointer of the day.

Ultimately Jesse Southwell's goalkicking cost the Knights significantly, a 0/3 performance contrasting with Tayla Preston's 3/3, the third being a penalty at the 50-minute mark which ultimately proved the match-winner as neither side troubled the scorers for the final twenty minutes of the contest. There was a moment of concern late in the match when Cronulla's Talei Holmes was injured, with a long break in play for her to be attended to. Cronulla held on for a two-point win, strengthening their hold on the top spot. **TIM**

PARRAMATTA 12 WESTS TIGERS 10

The Parramatta Eels kept their strong start to the NRLW season going with a 12-10 win over the Wests Tigers at Campbelltown Stadium.

The hosts opened the scoring in the third minute although it did not come without it's controversy when Christian Pio crossed. The initial decision onfield from referee Damian Brady was no try on the basis that there was an obstruction and replays seemed to back up the live decision however the bunker ruled no obstruction and the try was awarded leaving many stunned. An equaliser came for the Eels just shy of the 20 minute mark when an error off a kick by Bo Vette-Welsh sat up nicely for the chasing Monique Donovan who was able to clean up the ball and score untouched. The kick from Rachael Pearson levelled the scores at 6-6. Neither side could push the scoreboard again in the remainder of the first half and well into the second half as both sides were able to match each other in both attack and defence with both coaches set to be pleased with their sides scramble defence as both sides were tested but were able to scramble.

Inside the final 15 minutes, the Eels put themselves in front when an error from the Tigers gave Parramatta a strong attacking opportunity and it was their captain that put the Blue and Gold ahead when Kennedy Cherrington scored. Rachael Pearson converted from close range to put the Eels up 12-6. The Tigers hit back just five minutes later when the Eels defence couldn't quite scramble when Rebecca Pollard was able to get over in the corner after a quick play the ball gave the hosts an overlap and Pollard was able to get over. Pauline Piliac-Rasabale couldn't convert from out wide with the conversion attempt dropping just short of the posts. Despite having attacking chances, the Tigers couldn't put themselves ahead and fell to the 12-10 defeat. **JOSH**

ROUND 4 SCOREBOARD

Brisbane (W) 28 (S. Ciesiolka 2, J. Robinson 2, S. Waaka 2 tries; R. Teitzel 2 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 22 (E. Barnes, K. Matua, S. Tungai, M. Wiki tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 12-6. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 7-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Waaka; Broughton, Briggins (C); Joseph, Ferguson, Lenarduzzi, Gray, Teitzel, Fogavini. Int: Brill, Lafaele, Gould, Dam.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Matua, Naitokatoka.

Player of the Year:
 3 – S Waaka
 2 – J Robinson
 1 – S Ciesiolka

North QLD (W) 11 (F. Goldthorp, J. Whitfeld tries; K. Dibb goal; K. Dibb field goal) defeated Gold Coast (W) 10 (L. Clarke, G. Grey tries; L. Brown goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: North QLD (W) 10-4. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 10-8. Referee: Nick Pelgrave. Crowd: 1,458.

North QLD (W): Blackwell, Goldthorp, Whitfeld, Peters, Surha; Tillet, Dibb (C); Peacock, Manzelmann, Banu, Polata, Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Faifua, Mooka, Butler.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Fuimaono, Bass; Montgomery, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Jorgensen, Bent, Hale. Int: Kolc, Clarke, Gray, Perese.

Player of the Year:
 3 – K Dibb
 2 – J Whitfield
 1 – S Mato

Sydney (W) 28 (A. Hall 2, I. Kelly 2, J. Fressard tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated St Geo Illa (W) 8 (T. Berry, K. Hunt tries) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 18-4. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Luke Saldern. St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Gregory, Browne, Law, Hunt; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Reh, Mulhall, Lendill, Basham, Tauaneai. Int: Hopkins, Koster, Wilson, Bright.

Sydney (W): Bremner, Fressard, Kelly (C), Strange, Wood; Kelleher, Aiken; Elliott, Davis, Hill-Moana, Pule, Kernick, Nasio. Int: Hopoate, Papalii, Davison, Hall.

Player of the Year:
 3 – I Kelly
 2 – A Hall
 1 – T Berry

Cronulla (W) 14 (Q. Dodd, T. Dymock tries; T. Preston 3 goals) defeated Newcastle (W) 12 (L. Albert-Jones 2, T. Willison tries) at Pointsbet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 8-6. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 7-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Cronulla (W): Staples, Davis-Welsh, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Tnegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Foliaki, Anderson. Int: Smale, Saunders, Takapautolo, Dymock.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Willison, Parker; Roache, White; Roche, Southwell; Butler, Higgins, Romaniuk, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Predebon, Maynard, Karpani, Kukutai.

Player of the Year:
 3 – V Holmes
 2 – T Upton
 1 – L Albert-Jones

Parramatta (W) 12 (K. Cherrington, M. Donovan tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 10 (C. Pio, R. Pollard tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale goal) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-4. Referee: Damian Brady.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Pollard, Tufuga, Horne, Staines; Piliae-Rasabale, Lutu; Togatuki, Nour, Pio, Talataina, McGone, George. Int: Curtain, Penitani, Reinke, Kennedy.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Cherrington. Int: Beckett, Fonua, Asaua, Eales.

Player of the Year:
 3 – K Cherrington
 2 – A Church
 1 – T Staines

ROUND 4 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	4	4	0	0	0	30	8
2	SYDNEY	4	3	0	1	0	50	6
3	PARRAMATTA	4	3	0	1	0	26	6
4	BRISBANE	4	2	0	2	0	18	4
5	Newcastle	4	2	0	2	0	-2	4
6	Gold Coast	4	2	0	2	0	-17	4
7	North Qld	4	2	0	2	0	-23	4
8	Canberra	4	1	0	3	0	-4	2
9	St Geo Illa	4	1	0	3	0	-24	2
10	Wests Tigers	4	0	0	4	0	-54	0

ROUND 4 JUDICIARY

China Polata (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Bree Chester (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Pani Hopoate (SYD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$400
Chloe Saunders (CRO)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$400
Tasha Penitani (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning

ROUND 4 POTY LEADERBOARD

8 POINTS

Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

6 POINTS

Tiana Penitani (Sharks), Kirra Dibb (Cowboys)

5 POINTS

Teagan Berry (Dragons), Tamika Upton (Knights), Jessica Sergis (Roosters)

4 POINTS

Isabelle Kelly (Roosters), Elsie Albert (Eels), Evania Pelite (Titans), Rachael Pearson (Eels), Jakiya Whitfeld (Cowboys)

NEWCASTLE 36 PARRAMATTA 16

The Newcastle Knights have bounced back from last round's loss to mount a convincing victory over the Parramatta Eels. The Eels showed plenty of fight, but the Knights were able to make the most of territory to grind out the win. The game was put on a 40-minute delay as the officials scrambled to get paramedics in attendance.

Once the game finally got started, the Knights made the most of an opportunity down the opposition red zone as Evie Jones grubbered into the Eels in goal, and Tamika Upton sped onto it and got a try in the first two minutes of the game to take the Knights out early 4-0. The Knights got into excellent field position early after the kick-off to end their set in the Eels' quarter. Knights five-eighth Gerogie Roche then put a pearl of a bomb up that confused the Eels Abbi Church and Monique Donovan at the back, who failed to get a touch. Roche chased the ball and then set up Olivia Higgins in support for the try, and the Knights were up 10-0 after the conversion. A hair pull by Taneka Todhunter on Tamika Upton garnered a penalty for the Knights, which put them in the Eels 20-meter zone again. A quick move through the hands left for the Knights ended as Lilly-Ann White went over, catching the Eels too far inside, and it was 16-0 in the 13th minute after the conversion. The Eels should have had some luck as they got the ball from the kick-off, but the Knights couldn't get a touch on it. In the 16th minute, The Eels mounted an attack from the scrum, and Rachael Pearson looked to go over through some slick footwork, but the Bunker got involved, and an obstruction was found. Off the back of a penalty in the 19th minute for the Eels holding down in the tackle, the Knights could charge at their line again. Newcastle went left again, Tamika Upton's pass-slotted Abigail Roache into a gap, and she went over to put the Knights ahead 20-0. The Eels finally got a reprieve as Shaince Parker gave a penalty away for the Eels to start a fresh attack from the Knights' 30-meter line. And it was Eels' five-eighth; Cassey Tohi-Hiku stormed through the Knights' defence and went 15 meters to get the Eels finally some points just before half time, 20-4.

The Knights had dominated field position during the game and found weaknesses in the Eels' defence, which got them ahead in the first half. The Knights continued to make the most of their roll in the middle of the ruck a few minutes into the half as a raid down the Knight's right saw Tamika Upton get involved again as she set up second rower Laishon Albert-Jones to storm over on the edge to push the Knights out to a lead of 24-4. The Eels again force the Knights to make an error on the kickoff and get the ball back. In their counter, they pushed the Knights back to their line, and Eels captain Mahalia Murphy hit the line, too. There was much speed for the Knights to stop her, and it was 24-10. As the Eels charged down the field from the kick-off, they got back-to-back penalties and a sniff at the Knights line. In the 44th minute, the Eels made the most of the momentum, and it was back-to-back tries as Rosemarie Beckett went over with Knights players hanging off her to make the score 24-16 after the conversion. But Abbi Church invited the Knights to take some easy points as she lifted Tamika Upton's leg in a tackle right in front of the goalposts, and Georgia Roches' boot made it 26-16. In the 62nd minute, Georgia Roche put up a bomb that bounced awkwardly for Eels winger Zali Fay and Evie Jones seized on the opportunity to get a well-deserved try, pushing the Knights further in front 30-16. In the final minute of the game and Newcastle put on one more attack with a special from Tamika Upton as she split the line of the Eels to run 60 meters to tighten the screws, and it was 36-16 after the conversion. Tamika Upton was a standout, and the Knights showed that they could bounce back well from their loss last week. The Eels kept in the game, but they gave away too much territory, and the class of the Knights made them pay. The Knights play against Wests Tigers in the next round at McDonald Jones, and they will go into that match as favourites. The Eels showed plenty of fight and will get a chance to make amends at CommBank Stadium as they tackle the St. George Illawarra Dragons in round 6. **ANDY**

NORTH QLD 28 CANBERRA 18

The North Queensland Cowboys have continued their revival in 2024 thanks to a 28-18 verdict over the Canberra Raiders in windy conditions at GIO Stadium.

The visitors struck first inside the first minute of the game when Vitalina Naikore crossed for the first try. Following a commanding first set, a bomb from Kirra Dibb was well taken by Naikore who outlept the Canberra fullback to score the first try. North Queensland went back to back when Krystal Blackwell found open space and burnt the Raiders defence to score a scintillating individual try and it was 10-0 after 11 minutes of play. After a sluggish start from Darrin Borthwick's Canberra side. The Raiders worked their way back into the contest and crossed next after 20 minutes. Sophie Holyman charged over on a crash play to make it 10-6. The Cowboys kicking game caused all sorts of problems in the first half, this allowed them to build field position at will. Jasmine Peters took advantage of this and crossed for the third of the opening 35. A late try before the break to Tiana Raftstrand-Smith had the Raiders on the ropes down 18-6 at oranges.

Canberra started with intent and got the game back to within one possession in the early stages of the second half. A break from Sereana Naitokatoka finished with a spectacular offload and debutant Felice Quinlan crossed to make it 18-12 after 44 minutes. Both teams were exchanging tries for fun in the second half, Naikore collected a double after a brilliant cut-out ball from Raftstrand-Smith. That effort was quickly countered by Canberra and we had a grandstand finish for the final five minutes of play. Simaima Taufu charged across the middle defence of the Cowboys and the gap was reduced to just four points. A last ditch second try from Peters was enough to seal a big victory for the Cowboys as they keep touch with the top four. **AJ**

GOLD COAST 26 SYDNEY 6

The Gold Coast Titans have made one big statement in this NRLW season with an emphatic 26-6 win over a disappointing Sydney Roosters side at CBUS Super Stadium.

It was a tough start in scorching conditions for late Winter. Taliah Fuimaono was sin-binned for foul play on Isabelle Kelly, but the Titans handled this well and scored while down a lady. Emily Bass capitalised on poor attack by the Roosters to score in the left corner and the Titans were up and about early. The rest of the first 35 left a lot to be desired as both teams struggled to come to terms with the warm weather. Sydney especially coughed up possession repeatedly. Evania Pelite took full advantage of some disappointing defence on the right edge to score, and it was 10-0 at oranges.

Gold Coast took full advantage coming out of half-time, crossing for a quick try after the break as Lauren Brown stepped her way to score. The Titans crossed through Pelite after some disappointing Roosters defence after yet another mistake out of their own end, a theme John Strange will need to address relatively quickly. The girls got a bit rowdy in the second half after another Roosters mistake, Jayme Fressard and company got into a big melee. She was sin-binned along with Shaylee Bent. Brown added a second during the 12 v 12 period of the match and the Roosters facing an embarrassing defeat. Sam Bremner added some score-board credibility for the visitors as they lost 26-6. The Roosters need to get back to rugby league basics with another poor completion rate, the Titans have gotten their campaign back on track after some shaky performances to start the season.

BRISBANE 44 WESTS TIGERS 14

The Broncos have soared into the top two, whilst the Tigers continue to dig themselves into their last place position, unable to secure a win yet in 2024.

Everything was the way of the Tigers in the first half, where they went into the halftime break up by eight points, but the second half was the Broncos show, scoring seven unanswered tries. The Tigers started off the scoring in the match with Pauline Piliae-Rasabale getting a four-pointer in the sixth minute, which came after a strong run and perfectly timed pass from Sarah Togatuki. It looked as if the Broncos were set the even the scoreline with Mele Hufanga getting Brisbane's first, but she had lost the ball over the line. Salma Nour then found the Tigers' second try eight minutes later, pushing over the line from dummy half. The home side were up 12-0, but the Broncos finally got their first points on the board with Gayle Broughton crossing over in the 19th minute, where she threw a few dummies before taking on the line herself. A penalty for the Tigers right in front in the 26th minute saw the score become 14-6, which is what it remained going into the halftime break.

The Tigers came out strong in the second half, but what was looking to become a possible Tigers' four-point, became a Broncos instead, with Julia Robinson catching an intercept pass and running all the way down the field, to score her fifth try of the season. Chelsea Lenarduzzi then scored just three minutes later, taking on the line herself after some fancy footwork and perfectly timed passes from halfback and captain, Ali Briggingshaw. This saw the Broncos take the lead for the first time in the match in the 42nd minute. The skipper then went over herself, to get her first try of the season, lifting the ball up and over her head to get it to ground. Brisbane just continued to widen the gap between them and the Tigers, with Tafito Lafaele powering over the line unable to be stopped by the four defenders and get her first ever NRLW try. With just ten minutes left the Broncos were quite comfortably in front with a 16-point lead, but they weren't quite done yet. Coming on from the bench in the 52nd minute, Lauren Dam scored her third career double, scoring both in the 61st minute and dying last minute of the match to seal the win. Craft fullback Hayley Maddick also crossed the line in the 66th minute for her second try of the season. The Tigers are looking for a glimmer of hope, being the only team so far in 2024 to not get a win, where next week they take on reigning premiers, the Knights, who are currently camped in fourth position. For the winners, the Broncos now have won three on the trot and are set to take on their "little sister", the Cowboys, who are sitting in seventh place. **BETH**

CRONULLA 28 ST GEO ILLA 4

The Cronulla Sharks have stayed undefeated to start the NRLW season with a 28-4 victory over the St George Illawarra Dragons at WIN Stadium.

Opening the scoring inside the first minute, Sharks captain Tiana Penitani scored after an error gave the Sharks attacking position and off the scrum Penitani scored. The Sharks captain then put Nakia Davis-Welsh over in the eight minutes on the outside with neither try converted from difficult positions. The Dragons lacked the ball but once they got some attacking position, they took advantage when Ella Koster went over but the try could not be converted.

Cronulla hit back in the final minute of the first half when Georgia Ravics was put into open space on the outside and the Sharks had a 12-4 lead at the break with another missed conversion from wide out. The second half was the Emma Tonegato show as she combined with Tiana Penitani for her second try which again was unconverted. Tonegato had three try assists for the game when just a matter of minutes later when Rhiannon Byers was able to cross for the Sharks. This time it was converted, and it the lead blew out to 22-4. Rounding outside the scoring with ten minutes to go, Ravics picked up her second try of the night and Tayla Preston converted for a big 28-4 win over their local rivals. **JOSH**

ROUND 5 SCOREBOARD

Newcastle (W) 36 (T. Upton 2, L. Albert-Jones, O. Higgins, E. Jones, A. Roache, L. White tries; G. Roche 4 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 16 (R. Beckett, M. Murphy, C. Tohi-Hiku tries; R. Pearson 2 goals) at Eric Tweedale Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 11:40 AM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 20-4. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 9-7. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Cherrington. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Asaua.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Willison, Parker, Roache, White; Roche, Jones; Karpani, Higgins, Butler, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Predebon, Romaniuk, Maynard, Tinao.

Player of the Year: 3 – T Upton
2 – A Roache
1 – K Cherrington

North QLD (W) 28 (V. Naikore 2, J. Peters 2, K. Blackwell, T. Raftstrand-Smith tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 18 (S. Holyman, F. Quinlan, S. Taufa tries; Z. Temara 3 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: North QLD (W) 18-6. Penalties: Canberra (W) 8-5. Referee: Luke Saldern. Crowd: 4,177.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Dummett; Temara (C), Naitokatoka; Kelly-Sines, Temara, Holyman, Matua, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Kemp, Wuruki-Hosea, Quinlan.

North QLD (W): Blackwell, Naikore, Whitfeld, Peters, Surha; Tillett, Dibb (C); Peacock, Manzelmann, Butler; Polata, Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Faifua, Weale, Long.

Player of the Year: 3 – T Raftstrand-Smith
2 – S Taufa
1 – J Peters

Gold Coast (W) 26 (L. Brown 2, E. Pelite 2, E. Bass tries; L. Brown 3 goals) defeated Sydney (W) 6 (S. Bremner try; J. Kelleher goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Gold Coast (W) 8-0. Penalties: Sydney (W) 8-7. Referee: Daniel Schwass. Crowd: 7,503.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Fuimaono, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Jorgensen, Clarke, Gray, Lofipo.

Sydney (W): Bremner, Fressard, Strange, Kelly (C), Wood; Kelleher; Aiken; Elliott, Davis, Hill-Moana, Hall, Kernick, Naividi. Int: Davison, Papalii, Hopoate, Pule.

Player of the Year: 3 – E Pelite
2 – L Brown
1 – O Kernick

Brisbane (W) 44 (L. Dam 2, A. Briginshaw, G. Broughton, T. Lafaele, C. Lenarduzzi, H. Maddick, J. Robinson tries; R. Teitzel 6 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 14 (S. Nour; P. Piliae-Rasabale tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 3 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Wests Tigers (W) 14-6. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 6-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer. Crowd: 1,022.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Pollard, Horne, Tufuga, Lee-Thorne; Piliae-Rasabale, Lutu; Togatuki, Nour; Pio, Talataina, Clifford, George. Int: Curtain, Reinke, Penitani, Prior.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Waaka; Broughton, Briginshaw (C); Clark, Ferguson, Lenarduzzi, Gray, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Brill, Lafaele, Gould, Dam.

Player of the Year: 3 – J Robinson
2 – C Lenarduzzi
1 – A Briginshaw

Cronulla (W) 28 (T. Penitani 2, G. Ravics 2, R. Byers, N. Davis-Welsh tries; T. Preston 2 goals) defeated St Geo Illa (W) 4 (E. Koster try) at WIN Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 12-4. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Clayton Wills. Crowd: 3,741.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Paseka, Browne, Lendill, Gregory; Hopkins, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Reh, Mulhall, Koster; Basham, Tauaneai. Int: Bright, Hancock, Preston, Cowan.

Cronulla (W): Staples, Davis-Welsh, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler; Foliaki, Byers, Anderson. Int: Smale, Saunders, Takapautolo, Dymock.

Player of the Year: 3 – E Tonegato
2 – T Penitani
1 – A Biddle

ROUND 5 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	5	5	0	0	0	54	10
2	BRISBANE	5	3	0	2	0	48	6
3	SYDNEY	5	3	0	2	0	30	6
4	NEWCASTLE	5	3	0	2	0	18	6
5	Parramatta	5	3	0	2	0	6	6
6	Gold Coast	5	3	0	2	0	3	6
7	North Qld	5	3	0	2	0	-13	6
8	Canberra	5	1	0	4	0	-14	2
9	St Geo Illa	5	1	0	4	0	-48	2
10	Wests Tigers	5	0	0	5	0	-84	0

ROUND 5 JUDICIARY

Taneka Todhunter (PAR)	G1 Contrary Conduct	Warning
China Polata (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$400
Reina Wuruki-Hosea (CAN)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Taliah Fuimaono (GLD)	G2 Careless High Tackle	2 matches
Jayme Fressard (SYD)	G2 Contrary Conduct	2 matches
Shaylee Bent (GLD)	G1 Contrary Conduct	Warning
Jaime Chapman (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning

ROUND 5 POTY LEADERBOARD

9 POINTS

Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

8 POINTS

Tamika Upton (Knights), Tiana Penitani (Sharks)

7 POINTS

Evania Pelite (Titans)

6 POINTS

Kirra Dibb (Cowboys)

NRLW ROUND 6

CRONULLA 22 GOLD COAST 6

The Cronulla Sharks kept their unbeaten season in the NRLW going with an impressive 22-6 win over the Gold Coast Titans at Robina on Saturday.

Things started fast yet again for the visitors when captain Tiana Penitani continued her good form when she crossed inside the first five minutes when the Sharks shifted the ball deep in their own end to spread the ball right and Penitani went through. The hosts then levelled the scores just under 15 minutes later when Emily Bass scored in the corner after being denied in the same spot just a few minutes earlier. The conversion from Lauren Brown near touch was successful and the Titans had levelled it at 6-6. Cronulla took the lead back, ten minutes before the half-time break when Georgia Ravics kept her good season going scoring out wide after the Sharks pressured the Titans line and some poor defence let Ravics through.

The second half wasn't clinical from the Sharks but they were able to put two tries on the board to ensure a comfortable victory when Georgia Ravics after again the Titans defence was caught inside and Ravics got on the outside of Emily Bass to score in the corner. The crisp ball movement of the Sharks got them a fourth try as Annessa Biddle came back on the angle to score inside the final five minutes. Tayla Preston converted both to give the Sharks a 22-6 win. **JOSH**

ST GEO ILLA 42 PARRAMATTA 14

It was a second half onslaught as the St George Illawarra Dragons thumped the Parramatta Eels 42-14 at Commbank Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Dragons desperately needed to win in order to keep in touch with the top four, while a win for Parramatta would have temporarily put them into third with games to be played on Sunday. You would not have thought that the Dragons were second last coming into this contest, as they dragged the Eels from the kick off into touch to get the ball back immediately. Teagan Berry would set up the first try of the game, running right off a block play to send Bobbi Law through a massive gap in the Eels defense from the ensuring set. The Eels, to their credit, hit back just minutes later, sweeping from the left sideline to the right, with Monique Donovan bringing the Eels back on level terms after eight minutes. It would be a try-a-thon heading into half time, with three scored in a matter of nine minutes across both sides. Keele Browne would go over after 19 minutes, with a kick from Raecene McGregor taking a fortunate bounce over the head of Donovan in the in-goal, finding Browne to plant down on the left edge. Yet again, Parramatta would hit back almost immediately, this time through Rory Owen who capitalized off a Dragons error in their own in-goal - only for Ella Koster to run through the right side of the Eels defense.

If not for an incredible try-saving tackle from Teagan Berry, Rory Owen would have scored right on half-time. Berry's last-ditch effort allowed the Dragons to run into half-time 14-8. The Dragons would start the second half in near identical fashion to the first half, with Zali Hopkins darting over from dummy-half to open up a 12 point lead. A knee injury to Kennedy Cherrington would compound the Eels misery, who looked completely out of it in what was a must-win game. Hopkins then turned from try-scorer to try-creator as she ran through some tired Eels forwards, setting up Teagan Berry under the posts. Berry would then cap off her stunning day with a streaking effort down the left side to score her second in a matter of moments. Rachael Pearson would score to try and drag the Eels back into it with a try of her own, but a second try to Keele Browne as well as a first ever NRLW try to Sophie Clancy capped off a massive 42-14 win away from home for the

Dragons. For the time being, it means that Parramatta are praying for results to go their way in order to stay on level pegging with the top four sides. The Dragons gain some much needed momentum off this game, with two very winnable match-ups over the next two rounds (Raiders, Tigers). **LUKE**

NEWCASTLE 34 WESTS TIGERS 6

An epic first half from Newcastle has seen them blow the Wests Tigers off the McDonald Jones Stadium surface with a 34-6 win on Sunday afternoon.

Leading 26-0 at the halftime break, the Knights were keeping pace with the game clock for much of the opening half and it was Sheridan Gallagher - not initially named in the top 17 this week - who starred with two tries of her own. It was a case of what was to be for Gallagher, who blew several other chances which may well have seen the home side with an even bigger lead. The scoring had started with Hannah Southwell pouncing on a silly in-goal pass by Tigers centre Tess Staines, and it only kept coming from there. Georgia Roche and Lilly-Ann White rounded out the first-half tryscorers for a hungry Newcastle side.

Concerningly for coach Ben Jeffries, the home team didn't really go on with the job in the second stanza. The Tigers clawed their way onto the board through Ebony Prior while the Knights could only add two further tries to pad their comfortable win - Kayla Romaniuk and Tamika Upton the last pair to add their names to the scoresheet. While the season is over for the Tigers, Newcastle are well and truly on track for a top four finish - but there may be a price to pay with both Hannah Southwell and Georgia Roche missing the second half after coming off in the first with ankle injuries. Their availability in coming weeks may well be telling as to whether the red-and-blue will make it three straight premierships. **TIM**

BRISBANE 38 NORTH QLD 12

Brisbane braved the blistering heat to get their fourth straight win of the season, consolidating a top four position, whilst the Cowboys face their first loss since Round 3.

Despite the first half being a pull and tug between the two teams, the second half cracked open for the Broncos where they yet again left their opposition scoreless in the second half for the second time this season. It looked like the Broncos were going to score first through Julia Robinson, but the sliding goal line defence from the Cowboys was just too good. North QLD then managed to get the first points on the board with Tiana Raftstrand-Smith just pushing her way over the line. The home side then fought back in the 13th minute, with a late offload from Tafto Lafaele, which saw Romy Teitzel run 20 metres and cross over herself for the Broncos, scoring their first try of the match. Shenae Ciesiolka then crossed over for her second try of the season just nine minutes later, giving the Broncos the lead in the match. Brisbane's lead then looked to be growing with Ciesiolka crossing for a double, however with it being sent up as a "no try" and the bunker unable to find insufficient evidence to overrule the decision, the score remaining 10-6.

The Cowboys then took back the lead, with centre Jakiya Whitfield easily shaking off Bronco defenders to get over the line and score another one for her new 2024 club in the 27th minute. Though the lead didn't last from the away side, with the Tazmin Rapana scoring five minutes later to give the Broncos back the lead. With less than a minute to go it looked like the teams would be going into halftime with a 14-12 score line to the Broncos, but it wasn't over yet. A play in the final seconds of the half saw Mele Hufanga bound over the line and increase the gap between the two QLD sides to six points. The Broncos

looked sure to score in the opening minutes of the second half, but the play was shut down after Jakiya Whitfield caught an intercept pass from Brisbane fullback, Hayley Maddick. After the Broncos gave away back-to-back penalties, it looked like the Cowboys were in, but the defence from Stacey Waaka and Romy Teitzel was just too good. After almost 15 minutes with no scoring, the Broncos finally decided to be the team to break it up, with Stacey Waaka cutting back on the inside on the final play of the set, after an inside pass from Shenae Ciesiolka. Just minutes later the Broncos strike again, with Destiny Brill doing a show and go before crashing over the line herself. Mele Hufanga then scored her second for the game in the 55th minute, just unable to be stopped. Brisbane looked to extend their lead even further through Teitzel, but the Cowboys desperate defence allowed the ball the never find the grass. With the clock running down the Cowboys were trying to find points, but nothing was sticking, with an error in the Broncos 10m summing up the second half for the North QLD side. Racking up an NRLW record of five try assists in one game, Hayley Maddick then crossed over for her own four-pointer of the day, off the back of a Julia Robinson line break and run. This try gave the Broncos the final scoreline of 38-12. Not able to beat their "big sister", the Broncos, the Cowboys stay in seventh place and look to face the Tigers next week back at home, a team who is still yet to win a game in the 2024 season. For Brisbane, they take on reigning premiers Knights next week, and the Broncos will be looking for revenge with the Newcastle side being the team who knocked them out in the first week of the 2023 finals series. **BETH**

SYDNEY 34 CANBERRA 20

The Sydney Roosters have overcome an early 10-0 buffer to claim a bounceback 34-20 win over the Canberra Raiders who have lost Simaima Taufa to concussion protocols.

The Raiders started strongly with a crash over effort from Taufa, she was able to beat some disappointing efforts from the Roosters middle defence to score for the opening try. She ran 40 metres to do it in an amazing solo effort. Canberra took full advantage of momentum and Madison Bartlett added a second for the Green Machine. There was a touch of controversy about the try with replays showing a touch of doubt on the winger's grounding and the Roosters were on the ropes. Fortunately, the Roosters were next to score as Amber Hall charged across the try-line. She had to muscle her way across and the home side were right back into the contest. Canberra were dealt a blow when Hollie-Mae Dodd was sent to the sin-bin for a hip-drop style tackle on Keeley Davis. That sinbining proved critical as the Roosters charged over for consecutive tries during the sin-bin period in identical scenarios. Sam Bremner delivered two magical passes to send Mia Wood over for a quick-fire double and within a split moment, the Roosters had a half-time advantage.

The home side managed a quick try before Dodd returned from the sinbin and it was Eliza Lopamaua who came up from the Harvey Norman Women's Premiership who scored. A cracking pass from player of the match Tarryn Aitken saw Lopamaua charge across the line. Tiana Davidson followed suit five minutes later after spectacularly grounding the football in the field of play following a Davis grubber and the Raiders were up against it. Following some rare possession, Mackenzie Wiki strutted her talent with an amazing try. Zahara Temara delivered a good short pass to Wiki who charged across to score to keep the Raiders in touch. However, the class of the Roosters showed in the crunch as Aitken scored to put the match beyond doubt with just over 10 to go. There will be a concern for Millie Elliott after she was placed on-report and sin-binned for a dangerous tackle in the dying moments of the match. Elliott was binned for shoulder contact to the head. Canberra had a consolation try through Dodd but there was little chance of a comeback as the Roosters hung on for a fourteen-point victory. **AJ**

ROUND 6 SCOREBOARD

Cronulla (W) 22 (G. Ravics 2, A. Biddle, T. Penitani tries; T. Preston 3 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 6 (E. Bass try; L. Brown goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 10-6.

Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 4-2. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Montgomery, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Kolc, Clarke, Gray, Maunsell.

Cronulla (W): Staples, Davis-Welsh, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler; Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Foliaki, Smale, Saunders, Dymock.

Player of the Year:
3 – A Biddle
2 – E Johnston
1 – T Penitani

St Geo Illa (W) 42 (T. Berry 2, K. Browne 2, S. Clancy, Z. Hopkins, E. Koster, B. Law tries; R. McGregor 5 goals) defeated Parramatta (W) 14 (M. Donovan, R. Owen, R. Pearson tries; R. Pearson goal) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa (W) 14-8.

Penalties: St Geo Illa (W) 5-3. Referee: Daniel Luttringer. Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Cherrington. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Tui.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Fotu-Moala, Browne, Law, Gregory; Reh, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Clancy, Bright, Lendill, Koster; Tauaneai. Int: Hopkins, Mulhall, Hancock, Basham.

Player of the Year:
3 – T Berry
2 – A Tauaneai
1 – R McGregor

Newcastle (W) 34 (S. Gallagher 2, G. Roche, K. Romaniuk, H. Southwell, T. Upton, L. White tries; S. Gallagher 3 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 6 (E. Prior try; P. Piliae-Rasabale goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 26-0. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 10-5. Referee: Luke Saldern.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher, Parker, Willison, White; Roche, Jones; Butler, Higgins, Karpani, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Tinao, Southwell.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Pollard, Staines, McGone, Lee-Thorne; Piliae-Rasabale, Lutu; Togatuki, Nour, Pio, Talataina, Clifford, George. Int: Curtain, Penitani, Reinke, Prior.

Player of the Year:
3 – S Gallagher
2 – T Upton
1 – S Parker

Brisbane (W) 38 (M. Hufanga 2, D. Brill, S. Ciesiolka, T. Gray, H. Maddick, R. Teitzel, S. Waaka tries; R. Teitzel 3 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 12 (T. Raftstrand-Smith, J. Whitfeld tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 18-12. Penalties: North QLD (W) 4-3. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Waaka; Broughton, Brigginslaw (C); Clark, Ferguson, Lenarduzzi, Gray, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Brill, Lafaele, Gould, Nu'uasala.

North QLD (W): Blackwell, Goldthorp, Whitfeld, Peters, Tauhalaliku; Tillet, Dibb (C); Peacock, Manzelmann, Butler, Polata, Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Mooka, Power.

Player of the Year:
3 – H Maddick
2 – T Lafaele
1 – S Ciesiolka

Sydney (W) 34 (M. Wood 2, T. Aiken, T. Davison, A. Hall, E. Lopamaui tries; J. Kelleher 5 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 20 (M. Bartlett, H. Dodd, S. Taufa, M. Wiki tries; Z. Temara 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 16-10.

Penalties: Sydney (W) 9-5. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Sydney (W): Bremner, Naididi, Strange, Kelly (C), Wood; Kelleher; Aiken; Elliott, Davis, Pule, Hall, Kernick, Davison. Int: Papalii, Hopoate, Economos, Lopamaui.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kemp, Temara, Holyman, Quinlan, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Matua, Naitokatoka, Pasikala, Willey.

Player of the Year:
3 – T Aiken
2 – O Kernick
1 – M Holyman

ROUND 6 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	6	6	0	0	0	70	12
2	BRISBANE	6	4	0	2	0	74	8
3	NEWCASTLE	6	4	0	2	0	46	8
4	SYDNEY	6	4	0	2	0	44	8
5	Gold Coast	6	3	0	3	0	-13	6
6	Parramatta	6	3	0	3	0	-22	6
7	North Qld	6	3	0	3	0	-39	6
8	St Geo Illa	6	2	0	4	0	-20	4
9	Canberra	6	1	0	5	0	-28	2
10	Wests Tigers	6	0	0	6	0	-112	0

ROUND 6 JUDICIARY

Talei Holmes (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Tiana Penitani (CRO)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$400
Rosemarie Beckett (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Mahalia Murphy (PAR)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Sarah Togatuki (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Yasmin Clydesdale (NEW)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Sarah Togatuki (WST)	G1 Crusher Tackle	\$400
Sophie Curtain (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Simone Karpani (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Sarah Togatuki (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Tamzin Rapana (BRI)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Brianna Clark (BRI)	G1 Careless High Tackle	\$400
Harata Butler (NQL)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Hollie-Mae Dodd (CAN)	G2 Dangerous Contact	1 match
Millie Elliott (SYD)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match

ROUND 6 POTY LEADERBOARD

10 POINTS

Tamika Upton (Knights)

9 POINTS

Kennedy Cherrington (Eels), Tiana Penitani (Sharks)

8 POINTS

Teagan Berry (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Evania Pelite (Titans)

6 POINTS

Kirra Dibb (Cowboys), Tarryn Aiken (Roosters)

NORTH QLD 24 WESTS TIGERS 22

The North Queensland Cowboys have rebounded nicely following last Sunday's defeat to the Broncos, keeping Brett Kimmorley's Tigers winless in a great game of NRLW football by 24-22.

The Tigers started slowly and failed to capitalise on several sets down the Cowboys end. As a result, the home side crossed for the first try as Lavinia Tauhalaliku was able to get on the outside of defenders to cross down the left sideline. Kirra Dibb's boot was critical in this contest, and she nailed it from touch to make it a 6-0 game. This was doubled soon after as Jakiya Whitfeld scored against her old club, running onto a beautiful pass from Dibb and it was 12-0 early in the contest. Wests did well to stay in touch with the Cowboys and got their reward when Bo Vette-Welsh sliced her way through the Cowboys edge defence, fending past Whitfeld and the Tigers hit back. Goal kicking was critical and unfortunately, this one was waved away leaving the scores at 12-4 at the break.

Brett Kimmorley would've been filthy with his side's response after the break as Jasmine Peters atoned for a bombed try before half-time. Peters was able to get on the outside of the defensive line and race away to score making it 18-4 to the Cowboys. The Tigers needed to be next to score and they were as debutant Evie McGrath chased her own grubber kick, the back three of the Cowboys made a mess of cleaning it up and McGrath grounded it to keep in touch. Three minutes after that try, the Tigers were off and running once more. Some nice interchange of passing down the right saw Rebecca Pollard find space. She got a pass back inside which was touched in flight and Rikeya Horne was there to sprint away to score and get the margin back to four. Unfortunately, their first attempt to level the score was pulled back as the Bunker found an obstruction in the lead-up. Fortunately, they didn't need to worry for much longer as Pollard finished off a nice set-move to score in the corner to level the scores. North Queensland weren't going to go down though, a terrific long range kick return by Tauhalaliku gave the Cowboys prime field position. Jetaya Faifua took matters into her own hands as she raced away to give the Cowboys a converted try lead. The match was nearly sealed minutes later, but the Bunker again intervened when they found a knock on by Lillian Yarrow. The Tigers capitalised immediately when Losana Lutu stepped her way through to score. But, as we mentioned so often, goal kicking played apart with the conversion again sailing wide and the Cowboys hung on. **AJ**

BRISBANE 32 NEWCASTLE 24

The Knights looked like they were going to get the job done, but a tremendous second-half effort from the Broncos gets them their fifth in a row.

Despite trailing 18-6 in the 36th minute the Broncos fought their way back to win 32-24, taking a major step to the 2024 Finals series. The Knights opened the scoring in the 9th minute through forward Rima Butler, who crashed over the line with ease from short range. But with the Knights quickly turned attack into defense after making an error in the set following the try. The Broncos lofted the ball from edge to edge, which saw Stacey Waaka score a try in the corner for the visitors, but with Romy Teitzel unable to convert the Knights led by two. The next fifteen minutes was a back-and-forth affair, with neither team being able to capitalise and score any points, whilst being riddled with errors. Former Bronco now Knights fullback,

CANBERRA 38 ST GEO ILLA 34

The Raiders started with intent as they looked to bounce-back following a last start loss to the Roosters. Two tries in the opening 15 minutes set Canberra up strongly. Madison Bartlett scored early after a brilliant pass from Ash Quinlan and the Raiders looked the goods early. Grace Kemp added a second minutes later after a strong individual effort carrying several defenders on her way to the line.

St George Illawarra weren't going down quietly despite a week of negative press surrounding their coach Jamie Soward. Teagan Berry showed her class crossing for a brilliant individual try. Canberra quickly responded with a brilliant bust created by Zehara Temara, Monalisa Soliola burst straight through delivering a delightful ball to Shakiah Tungai to score for the Raiders. The Dragons found two late tries prior to half-time. A Racene McGregor bomb couldn't be defused by Apii Nicholls and Shenai Lendill was jolly on the spot to pick it up and score for the Red V. In the shadows of half-time, Alexis Tauanaei charged across, and we were locked at 16 all at the break.

Straight after the break, a horrible hip-drop tackle by Kerehitina Matua saw her quickly sent to the sin-bin by referee Karra-Lee Nolan. St George Illawarra capitalised on the extra lady advantage and Taunaei crashed over following a brilliant pass from Zali Hopkins. Bobbi Law came back from a HIA and set up the Dragons next try with a brilliant offload to Kasey Reh to make it a two possession game as the sin-bin period came to an end. Canberra put on a clinic with under 15 to go as an inside ball from Temara sent Ash Quinlan away to score and keep the Raiders in touch. Three minutes later, Kemp had a double as she charged across some pedestrian Dragons defence in a carbon copy of the first try she scored. An error from Law saw Canberra recover possession and it was a quick spread out to the left hand side and Bartlett finished with a second try of the game. Amelia Pasikala finished off the match in style with a brilliant individual try to put the game seemingly beyond doubt. However, the Dragons played to the final siren as we saw some Berry brilliance to keep it to within a four point game. Despite a near Hail Mary play from the Red V, it wasn't to be as the Raiders keep pressure on the teams trying to make the finals. **AJ**

Tamika Upton then put her team up, speeding down the field with some fancy footwork, dancing her way around defenders and adding 45 metres to her run metres for the game.

The Knights went into the sheds at halftime leading by eight points with a 12-4 scoreline. Which very quickly become 18-6 just one minute into the second half, after Shanice Parker easily crashed through the Broncos defenders. Brisbane slowly closed the gap, with a perfect pass from Hayley Maddick to Julia Robinson saw the winger go over in the corner for her _ try of the year in the 46th minute. A try four minutes to Brianna Clark with a successful conversion saw the Broncos only trail by two points. The Broncos' fun didn't last long though, with an error from the restart giving Newcastle back the ball and they very quickly capitalised; a dummy pass from Georgia Roche before a perfect inside ball saw Evie Jones cross over to widen the gap yet again. Though it isn't over yet for the visitors, with a pass from Teitzel to Stacey Waaka on the last play of the set sees Waaka run

SYDNEY 40 CRONULLA 0

The Cronulla Sharks unbeaten run came to a screeching halt when the Sydney Roosters showed why they are still one of the teams to beat with a 40-0 win over Cronulla.

Things didn't start well for the Sharks as an early error and penalty gave the Tricolours field position and Otesa Pule opened the scoring in just the fourth minute of the game. Things didn't go the Sharks way with another penalty and then a Kelleher 40/30 giving them momentum as Olivia Kernick crashed over for a 10-0 lead. Sam Bremner then turned back the clock as he showed temporary retirement didn't blunt her speed as she ran to the line and scored for a 16-0 lead. The Roosters then added a try to Mia Wood just shy of the half-hour mark and after the conversion it gave them a 22-0 lead.

The Roosters then continued their momentum not long after halftime with tries in quick succession to Mia Wood and Brydie Parker which were both unconverted for a 30-0 lead. Finishing things off in the last the Roosters added two more tries in the last 10 minutes when Isabelle Kelly scored out wide off a good Sam Bremner ball and then Taina Naividi got over in the corner. Both conversions were missed which meant a 40-0 win for the Roosters over the previously undefeated Sharks. **JOSH**

PARRAMATTA 24 GOLD COAST 14

An Elsie Albert double has helped the Parramatta Eels to an important eighth-round win over Gold Coast at Eric Tweedale Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Despite having significantly less ball than the visiting side, Parramatta made it count when they did have it, starting with Albert's first try which opened the scoring three minutes into the contest. Monique Donovan followed with a try from a kick chase, the Eels ahead 12-0 early before Emily Bass hit back for the Gold Coast for 12-4. Niall Williams-Guthrie was second to cross for the visitors but Lauren Brown's wayward conversion meant the Titans trailed 12-8 at halftime.

After a few failed attempts, Gold Coast ended up in front when Ngatokotoru Arakua crossed and when Brown finally nailed a conversion, were 14-12 leaders. The last twelve minutes saw Parramatta cruise home with Rory Owen putting her side back ahead in the first instance before Albert's second led the Eels to a 10-point victory just 4 minutes from the final siren. The loss makes it exceedingly difficult for the Gold Coast to make the finals, while Parramatta are just differential outside the top four with two rounds remaining. **TIM**

dangerously close to the line before planting the ball down over the line for a miracle try in the 57th minute. Newcastle then lose their lead for the first time ever in the game three minutes later when Lavinia Gould takes on the line on her own from dummy half and gets over the line under the posts, giving Brisbane the lead 26-24. With seven minutes left to play it was still anyone's game, but the Broncos extended their lead beyond a converted try with Romy Teitzel scoring a try in the 64th minute, letting everyone know that they were going for five wins in a row. The Broncos finally got their revenge on reigning premiers, and now sit comfortably in third place, equal on wins with the Roosters, however with the Roosters 40-0 win over the Sharks they fall behind in points differential. Next week they take on the Sharks who are currently leading the ladder, and what could be a battle for top two. For the home side, they now drop the fourth, recording their third loss of the season, and their first loss since Round 4. Next week sees a Grand Final rematch where the Knights take on the Titans, who they successfully defeated to win the 2023 premiership. **BETH**

ROUND 7 SCOREBOARD

North QLD (W) 24 (J. Faifua, J. Peters, L. Tauhalaliku, J. Whitfeld tries; K. Dibb 4 goals) defeated Wests Tigers (W) 22 (R. Horne, L. Lutu, E. McGrath, R. Pollard, B. Vette-Welsh tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: North QLD (W) 12-4. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 5-3. Referee: Daniel Schwass. Crowd: 1,314.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Naikore, Whitfeld, Peters, Tauhalaliku; Tillet, Dibb (C); Mooka, Manzelmann, Banu, Power; Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Faifua, Yarrow, Long.

Wests Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Lee-Thorne, Piliae-Rasabale, Horne, Pollard; McGrath, Lutu; Togatuki, Prior, Pio, Talataina, Clifford, George. Int: McGone, Reinke, Penitani, Savill.

Player of the Year: 3 – T Tillet
2 – L Tauhalaliku
1 – R Horne

Canberra (W) 38 (M. Bartlett 2, G. Kemp 2, A. Pasikala, A. Quinlan, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 5 goals) defeated St Geo Illa (W) 34 (T. Berry 2, A. Tauaneai 2, S. Lendill, K. Reh tries; R. McGregor 5 goals) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 12:45 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 5,570.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Fotu-Moala, Browne, Law, Gregory; Reh, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Clancy, Bright, Lendill, Koster; Tauaneai. Int: Hopkins, Mulhall, Basham, Hancock.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wuruki-Hosea, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kemp, Barnes, Holyman, Soliola, Quinlan, Temara. Int: Faleono, Matua, Pasikala, Finau.

Player of the Year: 3 – G Kemp
2 – A Teakaraanga Katoa
1 – A Quinlan

Sydney (W) 40 (M. Wood 2, S. Bremner, I. Kelly, O. Kernick, T. Naividi, B. Parker, O. Pule tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated Cronulla (W) 0 at Poinsett Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 22-0. Penalties: Cronulla (W) 6-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 1,901. Cronulla (W): Staples, du Toit, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Tonegato, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Smale, Saunders, Foliaki, Dymock.

Sydney (W): Bremner; Parker, Strange, Kelly (C), Wood; Kelleher; Aiken; Pule, Davis, Hopoate, Lopamaua, Kernick, Davison. Int: Naividi, Hall, Papalii, Economos.

Player of the Year: 3 – J Kelleher
2 – O Pule
1 – S Bremner

Parramatta (W) 24 (E. Albert 2, M. Donovan, R. Owen tries; R. Pearson 4 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 14 (N. Arakua, E. Bass, N. Williams-Guthrie tries; L. Brown goal) at Eric Tweedale Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 12-8. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 9-5. Referee: Luke Saldern. Crowd: 734.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter; Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Eales. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Tui.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Masaga, Williams-Guthrie, Bass; Lofipo, Brown; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Clarke, Gray, Montgomery, Arakua.

Player of the Year: 3 – E Albert
2 – R Owen
1 – S Masaga

Brisbane (W) 32 (S. Waaka 2, B. Clark, L. Gould, J. Robinson, R. Teitzel tries; R. Teitzel 4 goals) defeated Newcastle (W) 24 (R. Butler; E. Jones, S. Parker, T. Upton tries; J. Southwell 4 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 6:10 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 12-4. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher; Parker, Roache, Willison; Roche, Southwell; Butler, Higgins, Karpani, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Jones, Romaniuk, Predebon, Tinao.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Waaka; Broughton, Brigginshaw (C); Clark, Ferguson, Lenarduzzi, Denman, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Brill, Lafaele, Gould, Nu'uausala.

Player of the Year: 3 – R Teitzel
2 – H Maddick
1 – S Waaka

ROUND 7 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CRONULLA	7	6	0	1	0	30	12
2	SYDNEY	7	5	0	2	0	84	10
3	BRISBANE	7	5	0	2	0	82	10
4	NEWCASTLE	7	4	0	3	0	38	8
5	Parramatta	7	4	0	3	0	-12	8
6	North Qld	7	4	0	3	0	-37	8
7	Gold Coast	7	3	0	4	0	-23	6
8	St Geo Illa	7	2	0	5	0	-24	4
9	Canberra	7	2	0	5	0	-24	4
10	Wests Tigers	7	0	0	7	0	-114	0

ROUND 7 JUDICIARY

Kerehitina Matua (CAN)	G3 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Emma Barnes (CAN)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Taneka Todhunter (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$400
Lindsay Tui (PAR)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning

ROUND 7 POTY LEADERBOARD

10 POINTS

Tamika Upton (Knights)

9 POINTS

Tiana Penitani (Sharks), Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

8 POINTS

Teagan Berry (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Elsie Albert (Eels), Evania Pelite (Titans)

NRLW ROUND 8

WESTS TIGERS 16 ST GEO ILLA 14

Having raced to a 14-0 halftime lead, the home side managed only a penalty goal in the second half - but it proved absolutely crucial as they withheld a surging Dragons outfit in awful conditions in Sydney's inner west.

The Tigers were on the board first at the seven-minute mark with Rebecca Pollard scoring the first of her two tries, dashing over in the right corner after the hosts picked up a crucial penalty. Not long after Leanne Tufuga had the Tigers second and the fast start was looking convincing. When Pollard picked up her brace in the 31st minute, it was clear the Tigers were the real deal.

It wasn't until 8 minutes after the break the Dragons finally cracked the duck, with a Pollard error eventually handing Fotu-Moala a Red V four-pointer. Soon after Madison Mulhall went over and the Tigers' lead was abruptly cut to just four. Step up Pauline Piliie-Rasabale, whose penalty goal ultimately won the game - meaning a late Fotu-Moala try (which went unconverted) wasn't enough for the Dragons right near the fulltime siren. The Tigers' win keeps their narrow hopes of avoiding the spoon alive (albeit only mathematically, and even then...) and ensures the Jamie Soward era at the Dragons ends with a bottom-four finish. **TIM**

BRISBANE 20 CRONULLA 16

The Broncos fly to win six in a row, whilst the Sharks fall to back-to-back losses after a flawless start to their season.

Despite trailing 14-16 with only a minute left on the clock, the Broncos manage to get the job done yet again to seal their chances at a 2024 finals run. The Broncos opened the scoring in the fifth minute with an offload from Chelsea Lenarduzzi allowed for the Brisbane side to shift the ball to the right, with Stacey Waaka crossing over for her sixth try in six games. It didn't take long for the Sharks to attack back though, with the Broncos defenders unable to stop Ellie Johnston who powered over the line, and a successful conversion from Tayla Preston put the away side in front by two points. After four consecutive sets in their red zone, it looked like the Sharks had finally got the job done and added another four points to the scoreline, however after reviewing it was determined that Filomina Hanisi lost the ball over the line. The Broncos' strong defence was rewarded just before halftime, with five-eight Gayle Broughton throwing a dummy and then crossing over, to give the home side the lead 10-6.

Though, the second half did not continue in good fashion for the Broncos, with Hanisi making a linebreak for the Sharks and then quick ball movement, allowed for Cassie Staples to cross over for them. A missed conversion kept the score tied up at 10 all. Only five minutes later saw Sharks take the lead for the first time, with Georgia Ravics catching a bomb from Tayla Preston and take the ball over the line. For the next ten minutes neither team could capitalise, but then in the 54th minute a long pass from Maddick to Robinson, saw the Brisbane winger go over for another try in the 2024 season. A successful kick put the Broncos just two points behind the Sharks. Brisbane continued trailing by two, with neither team able to score, but in the final 20 second of the match, Chelsea Lenarduzzi powered through the line on her own on the last tackle and gave the Broncos their sixth win of the season. Despite looking like they were destined for their first loss since Round 2, the Broncos yet again get the job done, and see themselves in second place, where in the final round they take on the Dragons in Townsville, fighting for minor premiership pending the results of the Roosters in Round 9. For the Sharks, they see themselves in third position, facing two losses in a row, where next week they come up against the West Tigers, who recorded their first season win this past round. **BETH**

NEWCASTLE 46 GOLD COAST 10

It was a warm Saturday afternoon, and the second game of an NRLW double header at Cbus Super Stadium, where the Gold Coast Titans fell in a 46-10 thrashing to the Newcastle Knights.

Very few gave the Titans even a slim chance against the reigning premiers, yet when they knocked the ball on off the kickoff, the beating the ensued was beyond even what most Newcastle fans could've hoped for. Just 70 seconds later, the Knights opened the scoring through a short pass to Yasmin Clydsdale, and the standard for the rest of the match was set. It was clear Gold Coast gave it their all to swing the momentum back in their favour, but even a try saving tackle by Brittany Breayley-Nati wasn't enough, as Sheridan Gallagher scored in the corner off the very next play, making it 10-0 with as many minutes gone. Yet again, the Titans gave maximum effort up the middle in an attempt to make up for their slow start and had a golden try scoring opportunity just a few minutes later, as the attacked the Knights line. They had a two on one down their left edge, but it was Jamie Chapman who threw an intercept pass to Gallagher who ran 60 meters before being tackled - all for fullback Tamika Upton to score off a chip kick the very next play. By then, the 18-point deficit was too much, and Newcastle continued to apply pressure and put on points, with dummy half Olivia Higgins scoring, and both Clydsdale and Gallagher crossing for their second, giving the visitors a massive 34-0 lead at halftime.

To make matters worse for Gold Coast, Ngatokotoru Arakua was sin binned for a dangerous tackle in the 42nd minute, and the struggling Titans were forced to defend with 12 women for 10 minutes. In this time, the floodgates opened - first through Shanice Parker who scored unmarked in the corner, and then Gallagher yet again off a scrum, bagging a hat-trick to make it 42-0 still with 20 minutes to play. It wasn't until the 55th minute where Georgia Grey granted the hosts their first points of the match, as the shrugged off Abigail Roache to score in the corner. The Knights quickly struck back through winger Tenika Willison and were then followed just four minutes later by Titans forward Laikha Clarke who crashed over to make it 46-10 - which would be the score to full time in what was a clearly one-sided contest. **AIDAN**

SYDNEY 24 NORTH QLD 12

The Sydney Roosters have shown they are a force to be reckoned with in 2024 with a strong 24-12 win over the North Queensland Cowboys at Industree Group Stadium.

The star of the show was Isabelle Kelly who broke the NRLW record for most running metres in a single match with 350 metres. It was a strong start for the home side as Keeley Davis show his skill with excellent dummy half service to Olivia Kernick who charged over for the opening try of the contest. North Queensland stayed with the Roosters last year before the second half obliteration in the final round. This was much the same as Kirra Dibb showed and went to score the equaliser. They soon found themselves in front courtesy of a try from Jakiya Whitfeld. The football was scrappy but a lovely pass from Dibb saw Whitfeld score to put the Cowboys in front. The margin could've been worse as Eliza Lopamaua was sin-binned for a hip-drop tackle in the tackle which proceeded the Whitfeld try. Fortunately, the Roosters hung deep and refused to have their line breached for the remainder of the contest despite the Cowboys having a plethora of chances. Amber Hall capitalised once more in a barge over effort and despite the live call of no-try, the bunker overturned the decision and the scores were level. Jasmine Strange added a try in the dying moments of the first half with a brilliant passing movement from Jocelyn Kelleher and Kernick combining to send Strange over to make it 18-12 at the break.

The second half saw chances for both sides but the Roosters capitalised 13 minutes into the second stanza. Otesa Pule beat a swag of Cowboys defenders to score a cracking individual try to make it a two-possession game. Despite trying hard, the Cowboys couldn't crack the Roosters line again and went down in a brave effort as their finals hopes are on life-support. The Roosters can keep the Cowboys' hopes alive with a big win over Parramatta but could be without Sam Bremner who came from the field with 7 to play. **AJ**

PARRAMATTA 18 CANBERRA 16

The Parramatta Eels kept their slim finals chances alive with an 18-16 victory over the Canberra Raiders at GIO Stadium.

Starting fast off what was almost a 40/5 from Rachael Pearson, the Eels had possession close to the Raiders line and scored after just four minutes through Mahalia Murphy. Parramatta extended their lead to 12-0 when Tyla Amiatu scored with both converted.

It was almost a reverse Raiders performance as they started slowly but made a comeback as got back within two points following second half tries to Madison Bartlett in the 42nd minute and Simaima Taufa in the 57th minute with only one of the two tries converted. Parramatta put themselves back further ahead when Rory Owen crossed with just six minutes remaining which went unconverted though the two points came shortly after when Taufa was penalised for being out of play and getting involved. A controversial final try for the Raiders inside the last 20 seconds gave them a chance despite it looking to be a forward pass however instead of denying the goal opportunity and giving themselves one play, Zahara Temara took the shot at goal from the sideline with just seconds left with the flags going up as the siren leaving everyone bemused on why they took the kick. **JOSH**

ROUND 8 SCOREBOARD

West's Tigers (W) 16 (R. Pollard 2, L. Tufuga tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2 goals) defeated St Geo Illa (W) 14 (M. Fotu-Moala 2, M. Mulhall tries; R. McGregor goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Thu, 12th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: West's Tigers (W) 14-0. Penalties: St Geo Illa (W) 7-5. Referee: Luke Saldern. Crowd: 506.

West's Tigers (W): Vette-Welsh (C), Pollard, Tufuga, Horne, Nielsen; McGrath, Lutu; Togatuki, Prior; Pio, Talataina, Brown, George. Int: Savill, Reinke, Penitani, Piliae-Rasabale.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Fotu-Moala, Browne, Law, Gregory; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Reh, Bright, Lendill, Koster; Tauaneai. Int: Hopkins, Mulhall, Preston, Wilson.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Pollard
2 - A Tauaneai
1 - S Togatuki

Brisbane (W) 20 (G. Broughton, C. Lenarduzzi, J. Robinson, S. Waaka tries; R. Teitzel 2 goals) defeated Cronulla (W) 16 (E. Johnston, G. Ravics, C. Staples tries; T. Preston 2 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 10-6. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 7-3. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Brisbane (W): Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Waaka; Broughton, Briggshaw (C); Clark, Ferguson, Lenarduzzi, Denman, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Brill, Lafaele, Gould, Nu'uausala.

Cronulla (W): Toneygo, Staples, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Hannaway, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Saunders, Foliaki, Dymock, Hanisi.

Player of the Year: 3 - C Lenarduzzi
2 - H Maddick
1 - K Joseph

Newcastle (W) 46 (S. Gallagher 3, Y. Clydsdale 2, O. Higgins, S. Parker, T. Upton, T. Willison tries; J. Southwell 5 goals) defeated Gold Coast (W) 10 (L. Clarke, G. Grey tries; Z. Canfield goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 34-0. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 5-2. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 2,219.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Fuimaono, Sim; Lofipo, Montgomery; Mato, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Kolc, Clarke, Masaga, Arakua.

Newcastle (W): Upton, Gallagher; Parker, Roache, Willison; Roche, Southwell; Butler, Higgins, Karpani, Albert-Jones, Clydsdale, Southwell (C). Int: Maynard, Romaniuk, Predebon, Tinao, Jones.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Upton
2 - S Gallagher
1 - O Higgins

Sydney (W) 24 (A. Hall, O. Kernick, O. Pule, J. Strange tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated North QLD (W) 12 (K. Dibb, J. Whitfield tries; K. Dibb 2 goals) at Industree Group Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 18-12. Penalties: North QLD (W) 5-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 2,927.

Sydney (W): Bremner, Fressard, Strange, Kelly (C), Wood; Parker, Kelleher; Pule, Davis, Hopoate, Lopamaua, Kernick, Davison. Int: Hall, Papalii, Naividi, Elliott.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Naikore, Whitfeld, Peters, Tauhalaliku; Tillett, Dibb (C); Yarrow, Manzelmann, Banu, Power; Raftstrand-Smith, Chester. Int: Harden, Faifua, Peacock, Tupou-Witchman, Blackwell.

Player of the Year: 3 - I Kelly
2 - O Kernick
1 - J Whitfield

Parramatta (W) 18 (T. Amiatu, M. Murphy, R. Owen tries; R. Pearson 3 goals) defeated Canberra (W) 16 (M. Bartlett, S. Taufa, S. Tungai tries; Z. Temara 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Parramatta (W) 12-0. Penalties: Parramatta (W) 7-4. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Crowd: 1,928.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wiki, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kemp, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Faleono, Pasikala, Quinlan.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Eales. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Tui.

Player of the Year: 3 - R Pearson
2 - S Taufa
1 - M Murphy

ROUND 8 LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	SYDNEY	8	6	0	2	0	96	12
2	BRISBANE	8	6	0	2	0	86	12
3	CRONULLA	8	6	0	2	0	26	12
4	NEWCASTLE	8	5	0	3	0	74	10
5	Parramatta	8	5	0	3	0	-10	10
6	North Qld	8	4	0	4	0	-49	8
7	Gold Coast	8	3	0	5	0	-59	6
8	St Geo Illa	8	2	0	6	0	-26	4
9	Canberra	8	2	0	6	0	-26	4
10	West's Tigers	8	1	0	7	0	-112	2

ROUND 8 JUDICIARY

Brooke Talataina (WST)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
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Najvada George (WST)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning
Sienna Lofipo (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Sienna Lofipo (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Zara Canfield (GLD)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Ngatokotoru Arakua (GLD)	G3 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Eliza Lopamaua (SYD)	G3 Dangerous Contact	2 matches
Tiana Raftstrand-Smith (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning

ROUND 8 POTY LEADERBOARD

13 POINTS

Tamika Upton (Knights)

9 POINTS

Tiana Penitani (Sharks), Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

8 POINTS

Teagan Berry (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Hayley Maddick (Broncos), Simaima Taufa (Raiders), Elsie Albert (Eels), Evania Pelite (Titans), Isabelle Kelly (Roosters), Rachael Pearson (Eels)

NRLW ROUND 9

WESTS TIGERS 12 CRONULLA 10

Thursday night saw Shark Park lit up as the Wests Tigers claimed their biggest win in their short existence with a 12-10 win against the Cronulla Sharks.

While the Tigers were able to walk away with their pride intact, a third consecutive loss for the Sharks put their finals hopes in the hands of the Sydney Roosters - the Sharks requiring the Roosters to either win against the Parramatta Eels or to lose by less than 35 points. The Sharks would be put under the pump early, with Holli Wheeler being sent to the sin bin for a high shot after eight minutes. It wouldn't take long for the Tigers to capitalize on the one player advantage, with Claudia Nielsen scoring her first NRLW try on the left wing to get the scoring underway. A picture perfect Losana Lutu conversion had the Tigers up 6-0 after 12 minutes. Emma Tonegato looked like she was running away to score on 29 minutes for Cronulla, only for Lutu to knock the ball loose in a try saving tackle. That would only delay the Sharks, with Olivia Dodd spotting a massive gap off the ruck to score just left of the posts. Tayla Preston would convert as the Sharks went into half-time having the better opportunities, yet the scoreboard reflecting a tied game at 6-6.

The second half started much like the first, as Talei Holmes was marched to the sin bin for a hip drop tackle just after half-time. That said, it would be Cronulla who would score despite being down a player through Tiana Penitani. The Sharks best player by far in 2024, the captain beat two with ease to score in the left corner - Tayla Preston missed the conversion to leave it at 10-6. The Tigers replied with 19 minutes left, as Brooke Talataina dived over from dummy half to tie the game up. A Pauline Piliae-Rasabale conversion would give the Tigers a 12-10 lead with just over 15 minutes left. Georgia Hannaway would run rough shot over the last stanza for Cronulla, breaking the line to have no support alongside her as one try went begging. Ellie Johnston thought she had the game-winner seven minutes from time, only for the Bunker to intervene and take it away. The Sharks threw everything at a desperate Tigers line, only for the joint venture to end up with a 12-10 win. The Sharks, results pending, will be heading into the finals series on the back of three consecutive losses. The Tigers, albeit consigned to the wooden spoon, will finish the season on a high and with confidence that 2025 will be much better than what has been a battling 2024. **LUKE**

SYDNEY 32 PARRAMATTA 18

The Sydney Roosters have seen the opportunity for a second NRLW Minor Premiership slip through their fingers as they could only manage a 32-18 victory over the Parramatta Eels.

Needing a 20 point win, the Roosters couldn't have asked for a better start when Sam Bremner opened the scoring in the first minute. The Roosters looked on song early as they were racing the clock opening a 12-0 lead after as many minutes when Mia Wood got over. The Eels found their grit they've shown all season to bring the margin back to six points when Mahalia Murphy scored and it was converted. The Tricolours quickly extended the lead back to 12 when Olivia Kernick scored.

BRISBANE 44 ST GEO ILLA 14

A second half Bronco blitz sees the Brisbane side score 40+ points for the third time this season.

The Dragons were on top at the start of the match, but the Broncos came and conquered yet again, now having won seven games in a row. Kimberley Hunt scored the first try of the match for the Dragons in the third minute with a floating pass to the wing, with the Broncos defenders jamming in to close. It didn't take long for the Red V to score their second just eight minutes later, with Ella Koster grounding the ball from a Kasey Reh grubber kick. It looked like the Broncos had finally got their first, but Julia Robinson lost the ball over the line and wasn't able to add the points to the board. After a slow start for the Brisbane side, they finally got into gear and scored four unanswered tries in the remaining 18 minutes. The first came from Jada Ferguson who pushed over the line from dummy half, fooling all the Dragons defenders around her. Centre Shenae Ciesiolka then scored back-to-back tries, the first coming off the back of some fancy footwork and the second just minutes later from an Ali Briggingshaw grubber. To close out the half, winger Julia Robinson got her BLAH for the season, unable to be stopped by the Dragon defenders, taking on the line herself and running over 30 metres from the scrum set play.

The opening ten minutes of the second half saw a slow start with lots of back-and-forth, but then the Dragons got themselves another try on the board, with winger Maatuleio Fotu-Moala juggling a long ball pass, before charging over the line. Julia Robinson looked to get another double for the season, but Dragon's fullback Teagan Berry, became a thorn in the winger's side yet again, with Robinson denied. Though, the combination between Gayle Broughton and Mele Hufanga saw the Brisbane side cross over for the first try of the second half in the 53rd minute. Powerful prop, Chelsea Lenarduzzi, got her second try for the season, taking an inside ball from Ali Briggingshaw combined with a dummy run. A successful conversion from Mariah Denman saw the gap between the two sides push out to 18. Finally, Julia Robinson got the double she had seen searching for, with no one able to stop her from scoring down the edge off the back of an over-the-top pass from fullback Hayley Maddick. The Broncos weren't done yet, with Jada Ferguson taking on the line herself and getting her first NRLW career double. Mele Hufanga looked like she had scored another in the final minute and would see the Broncos maybe see a half century with a successful conversion, however she fumbled the ball when attempting to ground it, so the Brisbane side finished with a 44-14 win. After the Roosters beat the Eels with an 18-point scoreline, the Brisbane Broncos have secured the 2024 Minor Premiership, for the fifth time in seven seasons. They now look to the first week of finals where they play the Sharks, for the chance to play in their first Grand Final since 2020. The Dragons season is now over, finishing in ninth place, having only won twice this season. **BETH**

Knowing they needed to win by at least 20, the Roosters wanted to but couldn't shake the Blue and Gold in the second half as Zali Fay scored early in the second half to get the Eels back into the contest and close the gap after the conversion. The Roosters scored three tries in quick succession when they were able to score through Sam Bremner, Amber Hall and Jayme Fressard scoring which helped the Roosters to the magical 20-point margin they needed. Unfortunately, wayward goal kicking saw Jocelyn Kelleher only kick one of the three. Inside the final ten minutes, the Eels popped the Roosters hope balloon when Rosemarie Beckett scored and Rachael Pearson converted to get the scores back to 32-18. The Roosters couldn't push the margin back to the needed twenty. The Roosters go into the finals series with a big cloud over them though with Isabelle Kelly suffering what looked to be a serious arm injury early in the second half. **JOSH**

NEWCASTLE 38 NORTH QLD 6

The Newcastle Knights have sounded a warning that they will be keen to three-peat in this NRLW campaign after a ruthless 38-6 win over North Queensland in the final round of the season.

Newcastle set the early standard inside the first five minutes when Yasmin Clydesdale continued her strong run of form. A short pass from Georgia Roche found her edge back-rower and the Knights set an early standard on how they'd play this afternoon. Six minutes later, rampaging forward Tayla Predebon charged across as the Cowboys goal-line defence was placed under assault in the opening fifteen minutes of the game. Despite their best efforts, the Cowboys just could not wrestle back the momentum in this fixture. Tenika Wilson crossed for the Knights' third of the first 35 after 17 minutes and it was looking rather sketchy for the home side. Tamika Upton split her way through the edge defence before finding Wilson to score and it was 18-0. North Queensland rallied well to reduce the bleeding at half-time to just 18-0.

Despite this, Newcastle re-opened the wound straight out of the gates as Abigail Roache crossed out-wide which made it 22-0. North Queensland crossed for their lone try after 43 minutes when Bree Chester charged across to score to keep the home side in touch. Unfortunately, their game didn't improve when Lavinia Tauhalaliku was taken off with a failed HIA, the high tackle was deemed on-report and Roche was let off with an official warning. With the further back-line changes, the Knights ran in a further three second half tries to assume a finals spot in 2024. The visitors chose to keep the ball alive, which saw Upton loft it up, over the top to Wilson to cross for a second. Sheridan Gallagher also added in a double, this one was in the space of three minutes and both stroll-over efforts for the winger. North Queensland will accept that 2024 was a marked improvement on their inaugural season in the NRLW and Ricky Henry has some work to do to continue improvement. A permanent base in Cairns will give the side some strength in pathways, which is important as further expansion threatens rosters. **AJ**

CANBERRA 16 GOLD COAST 12

Canberra have finished the season with a win on Sunday, downing the Gold Coast 16-12 in the first match of a double header at Parramatta.

The Raiders started hot with experienced forward Monalisa Soliola opening the scoring in the first minute, and by the 15-minute mark, fullback Apii Nicholls extended the lead, Zehara Tamara's conversion giving Canberra a 10-0 start. In the shadows of halftime, the Titans clawed back briefly, with Sarina Masaga on the board at 33 minutes. Unconverted - as all three of her side's tries would be for the day, the halftime margin was 10-4 to the Raiders.

Seven minutes after the break, Ash Quinlan pushed the lead out to 16-4 with a try, and Zehara Tamara's conversion - bringing up her 200 points in the NRLW, the first player to do so - meant the "home" team for the day was well poised to collect the two points. With 18 minutes remaining Taliah Fuimaono got the Titans' second - Lailani Montgomery missing this conversion. A late surge from the "away" side saw Sienna Lofipo score a late try, closing the margin to 16-12 inside the final five minutes, but her own missed conversion and the subsequent four minutes seeing no more points scored. The result means Canberra finish 7th, leapfrogging the Titans on for-and-against. **AJ**

ROUND 9 SCOREBOARD

Wests Tigers (W) 12 (C. Nielsen, B. Talataina tries; L. Lutu, P. Piliia-Rasabale goals) defeated **Cronulla (W) 10** (Q. Dodd, T. Penitani tries; T. Preston goal) at Pointsbet Stadium. Date: Thu, 19th September. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Wests Tigers (W) 8-5. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.

Cronulla (W): Tonego, Staples, Penitani (C), Biddle, Ravics; Hannaway, Preston; Johnston, Dodd, Wheeler, Holmes, Byers, Anderson. Int: Hanisi, Takapautolo, Foliaki, Dymock. **Wests Tigers (W):** Vette-Welsh (C), Pollard, Tufuga, Horne, Nielsen; McGrath, Lutu; Togatuki, Prior; Pio, Talataina, Clifford, George. Int: Savill, Penitani, Reinke, Piliia-Rasabale, Brown.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Talataina 2 - Q Dodd 1 - T Penitani

Brisbane (W) 44 (S. Ciesiolka 2, J. Ferguson 2, J. Robinson 2, M. Hufanga, C. Lenarduzzi tries; M. Denman 5, R. Teitzel goals) defeated **St Geo Illa (W) 14** (M. Fotu-Moala, K. Hunt, E. Koster tries; R. McGregor goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium. Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Brisbane (W) 20-10. Penalties: Brisbane (W) 5-2. Referee: Daniel Schwass. Crowd: 1,224.

St Geo Illa (W): Berry, Hunt, Browne, Law, Fotu-Moala; Nathan-Wong, McGregor (C); Teakaraanga-Katoa, Reh, Bright, Lendill, Koster; Tauaneai. Int: Clancy, Hopkins, Mulhall, Hancock. **Brisbane (W):** Maddick, Robinson, Hufanga, Ciesiolka, Dam; Broughton, Brigginsshaw (C); Clark, Ferguson, Nu'uausala, Denman, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Brill, Lenarduzzi, Gould, Lafaele.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Ferguson 2 - J Robinson 1 - S Ciesiolka

Newcastle (W) 38 (S. Gallagher 2, T. Willison 2, Y. Clydesdale, T. Predebon, A. Roache tries; J. Southwell 5 goals) defeated **North QLD (W) 6** (B. Chester try; K. Dibb goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium. Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Newcastle (W) 18-0. Penalties: Newcastle (W) 7-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

North QLD (W): Goldthorp, Blackwell, Whitfeld, Peters, Tauhalaliku; Tillett, Dibb (C); Peacock, Manzelmann, Banu, Power; Long, Chester. Int: Harden, Faifua, Mooka. **Newcastle (W):** Upton, Gallagher; Parker, Roache, Willison; Roche, Southwell; Predebon, Higgins, Karpani, Albert-Jones, Clydesdale, Southwell (C). Int: Jones, Romaniuk, Tinao, McEwen.

Player of the Year: 3 - T Upton 2 - Y Clydesdale 1 - T Predebon

ROUND 9 JUDICIARY

Holli Wheeler (CRO)	G2 Careless High Tackle	1 match
Talei Holmes (CRO)	G1 Dangerous Contact	\$400
Vanessa Foliaki (CRO)	G1 Dangerous Throw	Warning
Jamilee Bright (SGI) & Lily Peacock (NQL)	G1 Dangerous Contact	Warning
Georgia Roche (NEW)	G1 Careless High Tackle	Warning

Canberra (W) 16 (A. Nicholls-Pualau, A. Quinlan, M. Soliola tries; Z. Temara 2 goals) defeated **Gold Coast (W) 12** (T. Fuimaono, S. Lofipo, S. Masaga tries) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Canberra (W) 10-4. Penalties: Gold Coast (W) 6-4. Referee: Luke Saldern.

Canberra (W): Nicholls-Pualau, Bartlett, Robins-Reti, Wuruki-Hosea, Tungai; Temara (C), Quinlan; Kemp, Temara, Holyman, Soliola, Dodd, Taufa. Int: Barnes, Faleono, Pasikala, Quinlan.

Gold Coast (W): Pelite, Grey, Chapman, Masaga, Brown; Fuimaono, Montgomery; Lofipo, Breayley-Nati, Elliston, Canfield, Bent, Hale (C). Int: Mato, Kolc, Clarke, Perese.

Player of the Year: 3 - Z Temara 2 - G Hale 1 - A Nicholls

Sydney (W) 32 (S. Bremner 2, J. Fressard, A. Hall, O. Kernick, M. Wood tries; J. Kelleher 4 goals) defeated **Parramatta (W) 18** (R. Beckett, Z. Fay, M. Murphy tries; R. Pearson 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 18-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 1,425.

Parramatta (W): Church, Fay, Owen, Kelly, Donovan; Tohi-Hiku, Pearson; Albert, Todhunter, Jones, Jackson, Murphy (C), Eales. Int: Beckett, Amiatu, Fonua, Tui.

Sydney (W): Bremner, Fressard, Strange, Kelly (C), Wood; Parker, Kelleher; Elliott, Davis, Pule, Hall, Kernick, Davison. Int: Papalii, Hopoate, Naividi, Hill-Moana.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Kelleher 2 - S Bremner 1 - O Kernick

ROUND 9 POTY LEADERBOARD

16 POINTS Tamika Upton (Knights)

10 POINTS Tiana Penitani (Sharks)

9 POINTS Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

8 POINTS Teagan Berry (Dragons)

7 POINTS Isabelle Kelly (Roosters), Olivia Kernick (Roosters), Julia Robinson (Broncos), Elsie Albert (Eels), Evania Pelite (Titans), Simaima Taufa (Raiders), Hayley Maddick (Broncos), Rachael Pearson (Eels)

2024 NRLW LADDER

POS	TEAM	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL									
		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.	BRISBANE BRONCOS	5	4	1	-	140	76	64	4	3	1	-	132	80	52	9	7	2	-	272	156	14	+116	30.22	17.33
2.	SYDNEY ROOSTERS	4	4	-	-	106	48	58	5	3	2	-	116	64	52	9	7	2	-	222	112	14	+110	24.67	12.44
3.	NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS	4	2	2	-	80	66	14	5	4	1	-	158	66	92	9	6	3	-	238	132	12	+106	26.44	14.67
4.	CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND SHARKS	4	2	2	-	38	64	-26	5	4	1	-	108	58	50	9	6	3	-	146	122	12	+24	16.22	13.56
5.	PARRAMATTA EELS	5	1	4	-	88	142	-54	4	4	-	-	72	42	30	9	5	4	-	160	184	10	-24	17.78	20.44
6.	NORTH QUEENSLAND COWBOYS	5	3	2	-	85	124	-39	4	1	3	-	52	94	-42	9	4	5	-	137	218	8	-81	15.22	24.22
7.	CANBERRA RAIDERS	5	1	4	-	82	108	-26	4	2	2	-	112	108	4	9	3	6	-	194	216	6	-22	21.56	24.00
8.	GOLD COAST TITANS	4	2	2	-	70	86	-16	5	1	4	-	58	105	-47	9	3	6	-	128	191	6	-63	14.22	21.22
9.	ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS	5	-	5	-	70	156	-86	4	2	2	-	108	78	30	9	2	7	-	178	234	4	-56	19.78	26.00
10.	WESTS TIGERS	4	1	3	-	52	102	-50	5	1	4	-	56	116	-60	9	2	7	-	108	218	4	-110	12.00	24.22

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
=1	Sheridan Gallagher	Newcastle	8	9
=1	Julia Robinson	Brisbane	10	9
=3	Teagan Berry	St Geo Illa	9	8
=3	Madison Bartlett	Canberra	9	8
=5	Tamika Upton	Newcastle	10	7
=5	Mele Hufanga	Brisbane	10	7

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Romy Teitzel	Brisbane	9	4	24	-	64
2	Jocelyn Kelleher	Sydney	9	1	29	-	62
3	Zahara Temara	Canberra	9	2	25	-	58
4	Rachael Pearson	Parramatta	9	1	22	-	48
5	Sheridan Gallagher	Newcastle	7	9	3	-	42
6	Kirra Dibb	North QLD	9	1	18	1	41

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G/A	%
1	Jocelyn Kelleher	Sydney	9	29 / 40	73%
2	Zahara Temara	Canberra	9	25 / 36	69%
3	Romy Teitzel	Brisbane	9	24 / 44	55%
4	Rachael Pearson	Parramatta	9	22 / 31	71%
5	Jesse Southwell	Newcastle	8	20 / 33	61%
6	Raecene McGregor	St Geo Illa	9	19 / 34	56%

2024 NRLW SEMI FINALS

CRONULLA 14 BRISBANE 0

The Sharks advance towards their first Grand Final since entering the NRLW competition in 2023.

Cronulla came out and impressed against the Brisbane Broncos, 2024 Minor Premiers, to get their first win against the Broncos and play in Grand Final in their second year of the competition. Their stunning performance in both attack and defence saw the Broncos unable to come up with an answer, being held scoreless for the first time in the Brisbane club's history. Coming off the back of four losses the Sharks came out a desperate side, and struggled at the start, blowing two try scoring opportunities within ten minutes, with Georgia Hannaway ruled to have knocked on as she was attempting to ground the ball. They finally found their footing in the 13th minute with captain Tiana Penitani grabbing a late offload from Talei Holmes, to ground the ball out wide, and a successful conversion putting the Sharks up 6-0. Momentum then turned with Broncos having the ball for most of the final 10 minutes of the match on Cronulla's line, but they were just unable to turn the possession into much needed points, with the Sharks defence too hard to crack. Heading into halftime the Sharks were up by six points, but the Broncos have a well-known reputation for playing a strong second half, with the next 35 minutes a crucial period for the Cronulla side.

The opening few minutes of the half proved the strength of the Sharks, with Annessa Biddle crashing over in the 37th minute of the match, pushing their lead out to ten points. The clock was slowly ticking down, and the Broncos were running out of time whilst the Sharks just hoped it was enough. To seal the deal for Cronulla, Cassie Staples scored a try with 12 minutes to go, pushing their advantage out even further, making a comeback for the Brisbane side virtually impossible. After a strong performance in the regular season the Broncos struggled in both defence and attack, unable to put a single point on the board, despite averaging 30 points per game during 2024. This is now the second time they have won the minor premierships and gone on to lose during week one of the finals and miss out on making the coveted Grand Final match, with it previously happening in 2021. Taking a dip in the regular season and unable to string together a win, the Sharks made a comeback to win their first game in over a month, booking in their ticket to the Grand Final and finally having beaten the Broncos, having previously not been able to beat them in 2023 or 2024. **BETH**

BRISBANE	0	-	14	CRONULLA
		T		Annessa BIDDLE
				Tiana PENITANI
				Cassie STAPLES
		G	1/3	Tayla PRESTON
TEAMSHEETS				
Hayley MADDICK	1	FB	1	Emma TONEGATO
Julia ROBINSON	2	W	2	Cassie STAPLES
Mele HUFANGA	3	C	3	Tiana PENITANI (c)
Shenae CIESIOLKA	4	C	4	Annessa BIDDLE
Lauren DAM	5	W	5	Georgia RAVICS
Gayle BROUGHTON	6	FE	6	Georgia HANNAWAY
Ali BRIGGINSHAW (c)	7	HB	7	Tayla PRESTON
Brianna CLARK	8	FR	8	Ellie JOHNSTON
Jada FERGUSON	9	HK	9	Quincy DODD
Annetta NU'UAUSALA	10	FR	10	Tegan DYMOCK
Mariah DENMAN	11	2R	11	Talei HOLMES
Tazmin GRAY	19	2R	12	Rhiannon BYERS
Keilee JOSEPH	13	L	13	Brooke ANDERSON
Destiny BRILL	14	B	14	Filomina HANISI
Chelsea LENARDUZZI	15	B	15	Chloe SAUNDERS
Lavinia GOULD	16	B	16	Vanessa FOLIAKI
Tafito LAFAELE	17	B	17	Manilita TAKAPAUTOLO
Scott PRINCE		HC		Tony HERMAN

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 2:05 PM. Halftime: Cronulla (W) 6-0.
 Penalties: Cronulla (W) 5-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 2,327.
 Player of the Year: 3 - T Penitani, 2 - A Biddle, 1 - E Johnston

SYDNEY 25 NEWCASTLE 16

The Sydney Roosters booked their Grand Final spot ending the reign of the Newcastle Knights with a 25-16 win at Allianz Stadium.

Opening the scoring in the seventh minute, Brydie Parker put the Roosters ahead after scoring in the corner off a pass that could have been ruled forward. The Knights hit back just under ten minutes later when Georgia Roache looked to spread the ball right but went at the line herself spinning out of a tackle to score. The scores remained level after the miss from Jesse Southwell. The tricolours then put on three converted tries in the space of nine minutes when Keeley Davis went over from dummy half before a three-minute double to Sam Bremner extended the lead for the Roosters out to 22-4 which the tricolours took into half time.

A penalty goal not long after the resumption of play pushed the lead for the Bondi based side out to 20 points. The game turned into an arm-wrestle for the most part during the second half though a nervous final ten minutes came for the Roosters as the Knights scored on the hour mark when Evah McEwen went over. Experience helped the Roosters when Tarryn Aiken put over a field goal inside the final five minutes before the Knights scored a late try through Olivia Higgins. Jesse Southwell converted, and the Knights season ended with a 25-16 defeat. **JOSH**

SYDNEY	25	-	16	NEWCASTLE
Sam BREMNER	2	T		Olivia HIGGINS
Keeley DAVIS				Evah McEWEN
Brydie PARKER				Georgia ROCHE
Jocelyn KELLEHER	4/5	G	2/3	Jesse SOUTHWELL
Tarryn AIKEN		FG		
TEAMSHEETS				
Sam BREMNER	1	FB	1	Tamika UPTON
Jayne FRESSARD	2	W	2	Sheridan GALLAGHER
Jasmin STRANGE	3	C	3	Shanice PARKER
Isabelle KELLY (c)	4	C	4	Abigail ROACHE
Brydie PARKER	6	W	5	Tenika WILLISON
Jocelyn KELLEHER	7	FE	6	Georgia ROCHE
Tarryn AIKEN	20	HB	7	Jesse SOUTHWELL
Millie ELLIOTT	8	FR	16	Tayla PREDEBON
Keeley DAVIS	9	HK	9	Olivia HIGGINS
Otesa PULE	10	FR	10	Simone KARPANI
Amber HALL	11	2R	11	Laishon ALBERT-JONES
Olivia KERNICK	12	2R	12	Yasmin CLYDSDALE
Tiana DAVISON	13	L	13	Hannah SOUTHWELL (c)
Tavarna PAPALII	14	B	14	Nita MAYNARD
Kalosipani HOPOATE	15	B	15	Kayla ROMANIUK
Samantha ECONOMOS	16	B	17	Viena TINAO
Jessica SERGIS	19	B	19	Evah McEWEN
John STRANGE		HC		Ben JEFFRIES

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 4:15 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 22-4.
 Penalties: Newcastle (W) 7-6. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 2,271.
 Player of the Year: 3 - S Bremner, 2 - M Elliott, 1 - O Kernick

SEMI FINALS JUDICIARY

Annessa Biddle (CRO) G1 Careless High Tackle Warning

SEMI FINALS POTY LEADERBOARD

16 POINTS Tamika Upton (Knights)
13 POINTS Tiana Penitani (Sharks)
9 POINTS Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)
8 POINTS Teagan Berry (Dragons), Olivia Kernick (Roosters)

2024 NRLW GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY 32 CRONULLA 28

The Sydney Roosters have won the 2024 NRLW Grand Final, holding off a late surge from the Cronulla Sharks to triumph 32-28 in a thrilling contest at Accor Stadium.

Both teams came into the decider with impressive seasons behind them, but it was the Roosters' experience and resilience that saw them lift the trophy. The Sydney Roosters, with a wealth of experience amounting to 466 games in their starting 17, faced a Cronulla Sharks side with just 406 games between them. Despite their comparative inexperience, the Sharks made a huge statement in the 2024 season, winning their first six games to put the competition on notice. The Roosters, who lost their opening game, went unbeaten for the rest of the season, and this clash was set to be a fitting end to their respective campaigns. The Roosters stamped their authority early in the contest, capitalising on some key errors from the Sharks. NRLW Dally M Medallist Olivia Kernick opened the scoring for the Roosters after 16 minutes, and they quickly added two more tries through Brydie Parker and Jayme Fressard. A well-executed game plan, built around precision kicking and strong forward runs from Millie Elliott and Olivia Kernick, saw the Roosters take control. The Sharks struggled to find their rhythm, missing 19 tackles and completing only 50% of their sets in the first half. Jessica Sergis crossed the line late in the first half, giving the Roosters a commanding 24-0 lead at the break. The Sharks were shell-shocked but determined to make amends. Whatever was said in the Sharks' sheds at halftime had an immediate impact. The team came out firing in the second half, led by captain Tiana Penitani. Penitani, who scored twice in the game, opened her account in the 38th minute, starting what would become an incredible comeback attempt.

The Sharks scored four second half tries, beginning with Quincy Dodd in the 43rd minute, followed by Georgia Hannaway, Ellie Johnston, and Penitani again. Tayla Preston's accurate kicking kept them within striking distance, with her conversion narrowing the Roosters' lead to just two points at 26-24 with eight minutes left on the clock. Despite the Sharks' heroic efforts, it was the Roosters who held their nerve in the final minutes. Olivia Kernick scored her second try of the game in the 66th minute, pushing the lead back out to eight points. But the Sharks, true to their season's form, refused to give up. Tiana Penitani crossed for her second try with only two minutes remaining, making it 32-28 and setting up a heart-pounding finale, with the captain opting not to kick of goal to give themselves as much time as possible to try to score one more try in the dying minutes. With one last attacking set, the Sharks threw everything at the Roosters' defence, but it was too little too late. The Roosters' experience came to the fore as they absorbed the pressure, securing the win in a nail-biting finish. Sydney Roosters half-back Tarryn Aiken was awarded the Karyn Murphy Medal for her outstanding performance. Aiken's tactical kicking and cool head under pressure were instrumental in the Roosters' victory, and she guided her team with poise throughout the match.

The Roosters' triumph in the 2024 NRLW Grand Final capped off a remarkable season, showcasing their consistency and depth of talent. For the Sharks, this was a valiant effort, but they will undoubtedly be left wondering what could have been after their stunning second-half fightback. Both teams have set the benchmark for seasons to come, and fans will eagerly anticipate their next encounter: **KELLY**

SYDNEY	32	-	28	CRONULLA
Olivia KERNICK	2	T	2	Tiana PENITANI
Brydie PARKER	2			Quincy DODD
Jayme FRESSARD				Georgia HANNAWAY
Jessica SERGIS				Ellie JOHNSTON
Jocelyn KELLEHER	4/7	G	4/4	Tayla PRESTON
TEAMSHEETS				
Sam BREMNER	1	FB	1	Emma TONEGATO
Jayme FRESSARD	2	W	2	Cassie STAPLES
Jessica SERGIS	3	C	3	Tiana PENITANI (c)
Isabelle KELLY (c)	4	C	4	Annessa BIDDLE
Brydie PARKER	5	W	5	Georgia RAVICS
Jocelyn KELLEHER	6	FE	6	Georgia HANNAWAY
Tarryn AIKEN	7	HB	7	Tayla PRESTON
Millie ELLIOTT	8	FR	8	Ellie JOHNSTON
Keeley DAVIS	9	HK	9	Quincy DODD
Otesa PULE	10	FR	17	Tegan DYMOCK
Amber HALL	11	2R	11	Talei HOLMES
Olivia KERNICK	12	2R	12	Rhiannon BYERS
Tiana DAVISON	13	L	13	Brooke ANDERSON
Tavarna PAPALII	14	B	10	Holli WHEELER
Jasmin STRANGE	15	B	14	Filomina HANISI
Samantha ECONOMOS	16	B	15	Manilita TAKAPAUOLO
Kalosipani HOPOATE	17	B	16	Vanessa FOLIAKI
John STRANGE		HC		Tony HERMAN

Date: Sun, 6th October. Kickoff: 3:55 PM. Halftime: Sydney (W) 24-0.
 Penalties: Sydney (W) 4-2. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski. Crowd: 40,623.
 Player of the Year: 3 - 0 Kernick, 2 - T Penitani, 1 - T Aiken

2024 PLAYER OF THE YEAR NRLW FINAL STANDINGS

16 POINTS

Tamika Upton (Knights)

15 POINTS

Tiana Penitani (Sharks)

11 POINTS

Olivia Kernick (Roosters)

9 POINTS

Kennedy Cherrington (Eels)

8 POINTS

Teagan Berry (Dragons)

7 POINTS

Isabelle Kelly (Roosters), Julia Robinson (Broncos), Elsie Albert (Eels), Simaima Taufa (Raiders), Evania Pelite (Titans), Hayley Maddick (Broncos), Rachael Pearson (Eels), Tarryn Aiken (Roosters)

6 POINTS

Jocelyn Kelleher (Roosters), Alexis Tauaneai (Dragons), Sam Bremner (Roosters), Kirra Dibb (Cowboys), Zahara Temara (Raiders), Annessa Biddle (Sharks)

5 POINTS

Jakiya Whitfield (Cowboys), Jessica Sergis (Roosters), Chelsea Lenarduzzi (Broncos), Sheridan Gallagher (Knights), Lauren Brown (Titans), Ellie Johnston (Sharks), Georgia Hale (Titans), Quincy Dodd (Sharks)

4 POINTS

Stacey Waaka (Broncos)

3 POINTS

Brooke Talataina (Wests Tigers), Hannah Southwell (Knights), Jada Ferguson (Broncos), Talei Holmes (Sharks), Romy Teitzel (Broncos), Emma Tonegato (Sharks), Tiana Raftstrand-Smith (Cowboys),

Rebecca Pollard (Wests Tigers), Lilly-Ann White (Knights), Mele Hufanga (Broncos), Grace Kemp (Raiders), Tahlulah Tillett (Cowboys), Ali Briggingshaw (Broncos), Millie Elliott (Roosters), Sheneae Ciesiolka (Broncos)

2 POINTS

Otesa Pule (Roosters), Angelina Teakaraanga Katoa (Dragons), Tafito Lafaele (Broncos), Lavinia Tauhalaliku (Cowboys), Brooke Anderson (Sharks), Rory Owen (Eels), Abigail Roache (Knights), Yasmin Clydsdale (Knights), Madison Bartlett (Raiders), Amber Hall (Roosters), Abbi Church (Eels), Keilee Joseph (Broncos), Christian Pio (Wests Tigers)

1 POINT

Apii Nicholls (Raiders), Tayla Predebon (Knights), Sarina Masaga (Titans), Sarah Togatuki (Wests Tigers), Olivia Higgins (Knights), Lily Peacock (Cowboys), Mahalia Murphy (Eels), Shanice Parker (Knights), Laishon Albert-Jones (Knights), Tess Staines (Wests Tigers), Shannon Mato (Titans), Kezie Apps (Wests Tigers), Rosemarie Beckett (Eels), Jesse Southwell (Knights), Jasmine Peters (Cowboys), Emily Bass (Titans), Sophie Holyman (Raiders), Rikeya Horne (Wests Tigers), Tazmin Rapana (Broncos), Mackenzie Wiki (Raiders), Raecene Mcgregor (Dragons), Ash Quinlan (Raiders)

QUEENSLAND 38 NEW SOUTH WALES 10

Queensland have strolled to a 28 point victory in the first State of Origin game for 2024 against a New South Wales side that played for 72 minutes with just 12 men, after Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii was sent off for a high tackle on Reece Walsh.

Queensland struck first in just the sixth minute when Daly Cherry-Evans at dummy half shimmied left, ran right, found space behind the marker, drew two defenders and flung a good ball inside to Ben Hunt, who took it and dived between two defenders to score. Valentine Holmes converted. In the eighth minute Joseph-Aukuso Suaalii was sent off for a high shot to the head of Reece Walsh. Valentine Holmes kicked a penalty goal while Walsh was ruled out for the match with a concussion. In the 15th minute, the Blues got on the board when Luai out wide on the left, changes direction and then kicks through the line, where Tedesco cleans up the ball and dives over to score. Nicho Hynes converted the try. Queensland took just 5 minutes to respond, using their extra man advantage. Jaydn Su'A with a great run and pass led to Murray Taulagi getting into space before he turned the ball inside to Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow, who strolled in to score. Holmes converted. In the 25th minute the Maroons scored again. This time Selwyn Cobbo bumped out of the tackle of Zac Lomax, then shrugged out of the cover tackle by Hynes, turned the ball inside to Taulagi who drew the fullback before sending Tabuai-Fidow in for another try. Holmes converted again. Queensland up 20-6. The Blues very nearly hit back with a try in the 27th minute when a Nicho Hynes inside ball to Spencer Leniu almost saw the latter barge over for a try, but he was brilliantly held up in goal. At halftime, the Blue had managed to stem the flow of points being scored by Queensland, the Maroons led 20-6.

The Blues came out of the sheds firing and in the 44th minute, Hynes put up a perfect kick to the right corner and Zac Lomax caught it cleanly and scored a great try. Hynes failed to convert from the sideline. In the 58th minute, Jeremiah Nanai very nearly scored but he dropped the ball as Reece Robson effected a tackle on him. Queensland were denied a try again just 5 minutes later when Xavier Coates leapt to field a bomb and he batted the ball infield to Holmes, but the ball went forward, denying Holmes a try. Queensland finally scored again in the 66th minute after an energetic set coming off their own line. On the third tackle of the set, Ben Hunt slipped out of a tackle and raced 35 metres to score. Holmes again converted. Queensland crossed again just 3 minutes later after Isiah Yeo threw a pass which Daly Cherry-Evans intercepted and raced 55 metres before kicking infield for Xavier Coates, who grounded the ball before it went dead. Holmes converted. The 78th minute saw Tom Dearden dummy, run, slip through a tackle and then passed inside to Tabuai-Fidow who strolled in to score his third try. Holmes converted and Queensland record a dominant 38-10 victory. **FERGO**

QLD 38 (H. Tabuai-Fidow 3, B. Hunt 2, X. Coates tries; V. Holmes 7 goals) defeated NSW 10 (Z. Lomax, J. Tedesco tries; N. Hynes goal) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Wed, 5th June. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: QLD 20-6. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 77,214.

NSW: Tedesco, To'o, Crichton, Sua'alii, Lomax; Luai, Hynes; Trbojevic (C), Robson, Haas, Martin, Crichton, McInnes. Int: Yeo, Olakau'atu, Leniu, Young.

QLD: Walsh, Coates, Holmes, Tabuai-Fidow, Taulagi; Dearden, Cherry-Evans (C); Cotter, Hunt, Collins, Su'A, Nanai, Carrigan. Int: Grant, Fotuauka, Hopgood, Cobbo, Kaufusi.

*Player of the Year: 3 - D Cherry-Evans
2 - H Tabuai-Fidow
1 - J Su'A*

NEW SOUTH WALES 38 QUEENSLAND 18

New South Wales produced a near perfect first half of State of Origin football to lead 34-0 at the break, the biggest ever halftime lead in Origin history.

Queensland fought back admirably in the second half, scoring 18-8 but the mountain they had to climb to win this match was too great. Three repeat sets for New South Wales on the Queensland line eventually was too much and in the 11th minute, Mitch Moses was out on the right side, shaped to hit the trailing runner with a pass, but held the pass up before sending a lovely short ball to his lead runner Liam Martin, who straightened his run as he received the pass, busted through the line and scored. Zac Lomax converted. A lovely piece of draw and pass by Latrell Mitchell gave the unmarked Brian To'o a narrow corridor, and he dived over in the corner to bag the Blue's second try in the 19th minute. Lomax added the extras. The points started to flow for the Blues from this point as their mountain of possession and field position was too much for the Maroons defence. In the 24th minute, a flat-footed Moses kicked to the right corner where Lomax leapt high, took the catch over his head cleanly and planted the ball down for a spectacular try. Lomax failed to convert his own try. Five minutes later, Moses at first receiver grubbered through and To'o pounced on the ball to score his second try. Lomax converted from the sideline. In the 32nd minute Angus Crichton backed into the line and then flicked a pass to Dylan Edwards who made a break before sending the ball to Latrell Mitchell who scored out wide. Lomax converted from the left sideline again. On the stroke of halftime, the Blues crossed once more when Stephen Crichton sent a good ball out to the unmarked Lomax who dived over to score untouched. Lomax converted and at halftime, New South Wales held a 34-0 lead.

Tempers got the better of players 10 minutes into the second half, with referee Ashley Klein sending both Liam Martin and Patrick Carrigan to the sin bin. Three minutes later, Queensland finally got on the board when Jeremiah Nanai stormed onto a lovely short ball from Daly Cherry-Evans, barging over to score. Valentine Holmes converted. The Maroons crossed again just 5 minutes later when Murray Taulagi got into some space on the short side before kicking downtown, where Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow got a nice bounce, which he regathered cleanly to score. Holmes converted. The Blues struck back in the 62nd minute when Dylan Edwards got outside his defender and then past him with pace to score on the right side. Lomax failed to convert. In the 70th minute, Cherry-Evans sent a long cut-out pass to the unmarked Taulagi, who crossed for a try which Holmes converted, giving some respectability to the scoreboard in a largely lopsided contest. New South Wales cruising to a 38-18 victory in front of 90084 spectators. **FERGO**

NSW 38 (Z. Lomax 2, B. To'o 2, D. Edwards, L. Martin, L. Mitchell tries; Z. Lomax 5 goals) defeated QLD 18 (J. Nanai, H. Tabuai-Fidow, M. Taulagi tries; V. Holmes 3 goals) at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Date: Wed, 26th June. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: NSW 34-0. Penalties: QLD 9-7. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 90,084.

NSW: Edwards, To'o, Mitchell, Crichton, Lomax; Luai, Moses; Trbojevic (C), Robson, Haas, Martin, Crichton, Murray. Int: Watson, Yeo, Olakau'atu, Leniu.

QLD: Walsh, Coates, Holmes, Tabuai-Fidow, Taulagi; Dearden, Cherry-Evans (C); Cotter, Hunt, Collins, Su'A, Nanai, Carrigan. Int: Grant, Fotuauka, Kaufusi, Capewell.

*Player of the Year: 3 - M Moses
2 - A Crichton
1 - L Mitchell*

NEW SOUTH WALES 14 QUEENSLAND 4

NSW triumphs in a historic State of Origin decider at Suncorp, breaking a 19-year drought with a thrilling 14-4 victory in front of more than 52,000 fans.

In a thrilling conclusion to the 2024 State of Origin series, the New South Wales Blues emerged victorious over the Queensland Maroons with a 14-4 win at Suncorp Stadium, securing their first series win since 2021 and their first decider victory at this iconic venue since 2005. The game had all the hallmarks of a classic Origin encounter—intense physicality, strategic brilliance, and the kind of drama that keeps fans on the edge of their seats. Michael Maguire's Blues took the field as named, while Billy Slater made some last-minute changes, moving Ben Hunt, Lindsay Collins, and Jeremiah Nanai to the bench and bringing Harry Grant, Felise Kaufusi, and Moeaki Fotuauka into the starting lineup. The sold-out crowd at Suncorp Stadium, predominantly supporting Queensland, gave the NSW side a frosty reception as they ran out onto the field. From the first whistle, both teams displayed remarkable intensity in attack and defence, setting the tone for a brutal 80 minutes. The first half was marked by two players being sent to the sin bin, one of whom was not even named in the side—a bizarre situation summed up by the commentary: "He's in a suit and in the sin bin." Despite holding the majority of possession, NSW struggled to capitalise on their opportunities, making more errors than Queensland. However, they maintained better discipline, conceding only two penalties to Queensland's five. The score was a tight 2-0 at halftime, thanks to a last-minute penalty goal by Valentine Holmes.

The second half saw NSW quickly level the score with a sideline penalty goal from Zac Lomax. It took another 17 minutes for Queensland to regain the lead with another penalty kick from Holmes. The game's first try came shortly after, with Jarome Luai breaking through the defence and setting up Bradman Best, who skillfully evaded his Newcastle Knights teammate Kalyn Ponga to score. Lomax's successful conversion pushed NSW to a four-point lead. A ruck infringement penalty kept NSW in possession, allowing Mitchell Moses to extend their lead with another try, which Lomax again converted. This gave NSW a 10-point buffer with just 12 minutes left on the clock. The final minutes of the game were a nail-biting affair, with both sides making errors and giving away penalties. Mitchell Moses left the field with a suspected torn bicep three minutes from full-time, adding to the drama. The NSW chant began to overpower the Queensland supporters as the clock wound down, signalling the Blues' impending victory. NSW held on to win the decider, becoming just the third NSW team to do so at Suncorp Stadium. Dylan Edwards was named player of the game, having racked up 242 running meters and seven tackle breaks. Angus Crichton received the Wally Lewis Medal as the player of the series, recognised for his standout performances across all three games. The victory marked a successful first year for coach Michael Maguire and ended Queensland's recent dominance in the State of Origin series. **KELLY**

NSW 14 (B. Best, M. Moses tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) defeated QLD 4 (V. Holmes 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Wed, 17th July. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: QLD 2-0. Penalties: NSW 9-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 52,457.

QLD: Walsh, Cobbo, Gagai, Tabuai-Fidow, Holmes; Dearden, Cherry-Evans (C); Fotuauka, Grant, Kaufusi, Capewell, Cotter, Carrigan. Int: Hunt, Collins, Nanai, Ponga.

NSW: Edwards, To'o, Best, Crichton, Lomax; Luai, Moses; Trbojevic (C), Robson, Haas, Martin, Crichton, Murray. Int: Watson, Yeo, Barnett, Leniu.

*Player of the Year: 3 - D Edwards
2 - A Crichton
1 - J Luai*

NEW SOUTH WALES 22 QUEENSLAND 12

The New South Wales Sky Blues have taken the first scalp in the 2024 Women's Origin Series with an impressive 22-12 victory over the Queensland Maroons in front of over 25,000 fans in Brisbane.

NSW coach Kylie Hilder could not have asked for a better start with the Blues' lack of football not being an issue as they looked to spread the ball early and took advantage of the speed and size as Emma Tonegato broke through off the back of a big run from Caitlan Johnston to score the Blues opener. It was all speed and class from Jaime Chapman who had a big start to the game for the visitors as NSW spread the ball quickly right and Chapman got on the outside of the Maroons defence and sped past the QLD defence and beat Tamika Upton to score NSW's second and a 12-0 lead ensued. Rachael Pearson soon added a penalty goal to extend the Blues lead to a somewhat unexpected 14-0 lead which they took into the break.

The Blues picked up from where they left off in the first half to start the second, but points were lacking other than for a second Rachael Pearson penalty goal that gave the Blues a 16-0 lead. QLD then seemed to pick up momentum towards the back end of the contest despite the Blues looking almost certain to score when Tiana Penitani had the corner open to her if not for a desperate effort from Julia Robinson to put her out. The Maroons finally hit the scoreboard as momentum was in full swing for the home side as Tamika Upton got herself to the line to score. Zahara Temara's conversion put the home side within 10 at 16-6. Having all the momentum, Queensland were knocking on the door for another try to comeback, but New South Wales were able to hold them out and had a match sealer of their own inside the final five minutes when Caitlan Johnston charged over for a 22-6 lead. The Maroons hit back in the dying minutes when a kick nutmegged Jaime Chapman and Emily Bass got to the ball first before Zahara Temara's conversion came off the crossbar and went over. The victory for the Blues gives them a big upper hand before Game 2 in three weeks' time in Newcastle where the Blues will be on home soil. **JOSH**

NSW (W) 22 (J. Chapman, C. Johnston, E. Tonegato tries; R. Pearson 5 goals) defeated QLD (W) 12 (E. Bass, T. Upton tries; Z. Temara 2 goals) at Suncorp Stadium.

Date: Thu, 16th May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: NSW (W) 14-0. Penalties: NSW (W) 5-4. Referee: Kasey Badger. Crowd: 25,492.

QLD (W): Upton, Robinson, Ciesiolka, Pelite, Bass; Aiken, Temara; Mato, Brill, Elliston, Gray, Teitzel, Briggingshaw (C). Int: Manzelmann, Holyman, Brown, Weale.

NSW (W): Tonegato, Chapman, Sergis, Kelly (C), Penitani; Baxter; Pearson; Elliott, Higgins, Johnston, Apps, Clydsdale, Kernick. Int: Davis, Fuimaono, Kemp, Togatuki.

Player of the Year:
3 - Y Clydesdale
2 - J Chapman
1 - C Johnston

QUEENSLAND 11 NEW SOUTH WALES 10

25,782 rugby league fans braved the torrential rain at McDonald Jones Stadium for Game II of the Harvey Norman Women's State of Origin Series, and boy - did they experience a great game of football.

The first ten minutes saw consistent footy, with both teams completing at close to 100% despite the conditions. The crowd was rewarded for their commitment to turning up in the rain with some big hits, dazzling runs and creative football. The Sky Blues opened the scoring in the 25th minute with Keely Davis crossing the line and Rachel Peterson adding the extras. Despite valiant attempts by both sides to get over the line before the break, the score remained 6 - 0 at half-time. The team stats at half-time showed just how close the game was. The QLD side were leading all team stats across the sheet, but it was the Sky Blues with more points on the board. Isabelle Kelly and Emma Tonagato led the run metres with 118 and 99m respectively, and Tamika Upton led the Maroons with 74m.

The second half started just as quickly as the first finished, with both sides showing that they weren't going to let the crowd down. In a similar fashion to the first half, there were big hits, and both sides were shifting the ball around trying to find some space through - but the rain and fatigue were starting to cause a bit of havoc, with completion rates dropping quickly. The Sky Blues held quite a bit of possession throughout the second half, with more than double the number of play the balls in their red zone - but they were unable to capitalise on their opportunities. It was in the 54th minute that the next points were added to the scoreboard. This time, the Maroon's side opened their account through a crisp pass from veteran Ali Briggingshaw to Shenae Ciesiolka, who crossed out wide. Lauren Brown was unable to seal the conversion, and the game went into the last 15 minutes with the Sky Blues leading by 2 points. Jessica Sergis got NSW on the front foot with a classy strip, providing her side with amazing field position. Some quick hands saw the ball shift across the field, resulting in Tiana Penitani crossing to push the score back out to 10 - 4 before the kick. Rachel Peterson lost her footing in the slippery conditions, and the kick was waved away, leaving the difference a converted try with 10 minutes on the clock. A sneaky kick from the kick-off saw Queensland get the ball back, and they went straight on the attack. A minute later, Tarryn Aitken scored alongside the goal posts. Lauren Brown made no mistake with the kick this time, and everyone was in for an absolute grandstand finish. It was in the 68th minute that Queenslander Lauren Brown slotted a field goal to push the Maroons out to take the lead for the first time in the game and ultimately to come out on top. The incredible finish leads us to the first decider in Women's State of Origin as both sides head to Townsville in 3 weeks to see who lifts the shield! **KELLY**

QLD (W) 11 (T. Aiken, S. Ciesiolka tries; L. Brown goal; L. Brown field goal) defeated NSW (W) 10 (K. Davis, T. Penitani tries; R. Pearson goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Thu, 6th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: NSW (W) 6-0. Penalties: NSW (W) 5-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 25,782.

NSW (W): Tonegato, Chapman, Sergis, Kelly (C), Penitani; Baxter; Pearson; Elliott, Higgins, Johnston, Apps, Clydsdale, Kernick. Int: Davis, Fuimaono, Kemp, Togatuki.

QLD (W): Upton, Robinson, Ciesiolka, Pelite, Paki; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Mato, Brown, Elliston, Gray, Teitzel, Lofipo. Int: Brill, Manzelmann, Weale, Joseph.

Player of the Year:
3 - J Sergis
2 - L Brown
1 - K Apps

QUEENSLAND 22 NEW SOUTH WALES 6

Queensland have sealed their second straight Women's Origin series with an impressive 22-6 win in tough conditions in Townsville over New South Wales.

Things could not have started any worse for NSW as a lost ball on just their second touch in possession gave QLD and straight from the scrum some good work from Tarryn Aiken put Evania Pelite through for Queensland to go up 6-0. Queensland added a penalty goal inside ten minutes to push their lead out to 8-0. New South Wales couldn't put anything together as ill-discipline and poor ball security cost them and as Julia Robinson was able to go over after Emma Tonegato split a grubber kick from Tarryn Aiken and Robinson was on the spot to score. The conversion from wide out was successful from Lauren Brown and the Maroons lead 14-0 which they took into the break.

The Blues needed to get their stuff together and what looked to be a good platform in their first set was pushed back the other way when Ali Briggingshaw nailed a 40/30 kick to put Queensland into good field position. The Queenslanders picked up two more points through a penalty goal to lead 16-0. Things peated out a little bit as the Blues continued to try and fight back but again poor decision making again cost them as they dropped the ball at least twice within a couple of metres of the Maroons line. The Sky Blues finally did score and it came through a piece of luck when NSW were caught short of numbers and a Tarryn Aiken pass needed to be intercepted by Jaime Chapman and she did racing 90m to score. NSW still struggled to get any momentum in attack as they fought to get back into the game but couldn't do it and eventually Queensland sealed the win just shy of half time when Tazmin Rapana scored from close range and after Lauren Brown's conversion, the Maroons sealed their 22-6 win. **JOSH**

QLD (W) 22 (T. Gray, E. Pelite, J. Robinson tries; L. Brown 4, R. Teitzel goals) defeated NSW (W) 6 (J. Chapman try; R. Pearson goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Thu, 27th June. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: QLD (W) 14-0. Penalties: NSW (W) 9-8. Referee: Belinda Sharpe. Crowd: 22,819.

QLD (W): Upton, Robinson, Ciesiolka, Pelite, Paki; Aiken, Briggingshaw (C); Mato, Brown, Elliston, Gray, Teitzel, Joseph. Int: Manzelmann, Weale, Holyman, Lenarduzzi.

NSW (W): Tonegato, Chapman, Sergis, Kelly (C), Penitani; Baxter; Pearson; Elliott, Higgins, Johnston, Apps, Clydsdale, Kernick. Int: Fuimaono, Davis, Kemp, Togatuki.

Player of the Year:
3 - T Aiken
2 - E Pelite
1 - M Elliott

WOMENS NRL ALL STARS

INDIGENOUS ALL STARS 26 MAORI ALL STARS 4

Doubles to Jaime Chapman and Kimberley Hunt set up a commanding 26-4 victory to the Indigenous All Stars over the Māori All Stars in the women's match at QCB Stadium.

The start of the game showcased some early nerves with some mistakes in the first quarter. Kirra Dibb put her early rust aside to boot the season's first 40/30. The Māori had some chances but Bo Vette-Welsh's pass was forward to winger Zali Fay. With time winding down in the first quarter, it looked as if it would be locked at 0-0 but Tamika Upton got early ball and the Māori defence panicked. A gap opened up for a grubber kick and it was taken by Shaylee Bent to score the first try for the Indigenous All Stars and a 4-0 lead at quarter time.

The Indigenous All Stars began the second quarter the way they finished the first. Jaime Chapman started how she finished 2023 with explosive running off an unders line, beating some tired middles and showcasing enough pace to beat Corban Baxter to cross. Dibb converted from next to the posts for a 10-0 lead. The Māori side were making careless mistakes and getting frustrated. Following a penalty against Shanice Parker. The Indigenous side camped up the opposition end, a bounce pass from Dibb was picked up by Bobbi Law who drew in the defence and Kimberley Hunt had too much pace for the cover to cross for try number three for the Indigenous side. Dibb converted from out wide and it quickly became 16-0. The Māori side had some further chances to trouble the score attendant but a few metres out from the try-line, the movement failed and it remained a 16 point cushion at the break.

The third quarter began just like the second term with a flying Chapman racing away for her second try. Monique Donovan scooted out of dummy half before unloading to Chapman who ran the best part of 70 metres to score for the Indigenous side. Dibb converted for a 22-0 lead. The Māori side dominated field position in the third term but couldn't complete the final phases of attack despite some close calls with Rima Butler charging close to the line.

In the fourth quarter, both sides again struggled to come to terms with the greasy ball in the wet conditions. Fortunately, the Māori side held onto the ball and crossed for their first try of the contest. Raecene McGregor and Ash Quinlan combined to draw in the defenders to find Jasmine Strange and the future Rooster crossed in the right corner for the first Māori try of the contest. McGregor hooked the conversion to reduce the gap to 18. Hunt got her second for the Indigenous in the final five minutes of the match. A clever grubber from Dibb was spilled just short of the in-goal by Zali Fay and Hunt was jolly on the spot for collect her double. Dibb's conversion was across the faith and the score stayed locked at 26-4 to the Indigenous side. **AJ**

Indigenous Women's All-Stars 26 (Jaime Chapman 2, Kimberley Hunt 2, Shaylee Bent tries; Kirra Dibb 3/5 goals) defeated New Zealand Maori Ferns 4 (Jasmin Strange try) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th Feb. Kickoff: 4:50 PM. Halftime: Indigenous (W) 16-0. Penalties: Indigenous (W) 7-3. Referee: Rochelle Tamarua. Crowd: 15,369.

Indigenous (W): Upton, Donovan, Chapman, Law, Hunt, Fuimaono, Dibb, Kelly-Sines, Dodd, Harden, Kernick, Bent, Joseph; Int: Todhunter, Kemp, Williams, Murphy.

Maori (W): Baxter, Fay, Parker, Vette-Welsh, Strange, McGregor; Z Temara, Mato, Brill, Hill-Moana, Biddle, Cherrington, Anderson; Int: Quinlan, Matua, Butler, C Temara.

Player of the Year: 3 - J Chapman

2 - K Dibb

1 - K Hunt

MENS NRL ALL STARS

INDIGENOUS ALL STARS 22 MAORI ALL STARS 14

Two try assists from Sharks 5/8 Braydon Trindall have led the Indigenous All Stars to a 22-14 win over the Māori All Stars in a gritty defensive slugfest in Townsville to claim the double on All Stars night.

After an emotional pre match ceremony, the Māori side went to work early. A Jahrome Hughes bomb was spilled by Latrell Mitchell after strong contact from Dane Gagai. From the scrum win, Joe Tapine carried several defenders on his way to the line for the opening try. Kodi Nikorima added the extras and the Māori led 6-0. Errors played a part early and just like at the other end, the Indigenous side fired straight back when Jesse Arthars made a meal of the kickoff. Mitchell atoned for his mistake by dragging several defenders across to find Josh Addo-Carr to hit back. Nicho Hynes' kick was unsuccessful and the Māori side had a slender lead. With a few minutes left in the first quarter, Braydon Trindall put a clever grubber kick into a contestable position, it was spilled by Arthars and the Fox crossed to complete an opening quarter double. Ktoni Staggs was pinned for tackling a player not in possession on quarter time, Nikorima took the two after a lengthy debate with his team-mates and it was 10-8 at the first break.

After a prolonged period of possession to kick start the second quarter, the Māori side couldn't come away with points and conceded a soft penalty immediately after losing possession. From there, Trindall kicked early in the tackle count with the fullback MIA and Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow slammed it down in a narrow corridor. Hynes converted to give the Indigenous side a two possession lead. It was a lead they held going into the sheds with both sides struggling in the slippery conditions with completion rates hovering around the low 70% mark.

The third quarter saw the Māori side dominate field position with more than 30 tackles worth of possession inside the Indigenous 20m zone more than their opponents. Their attack was non-existent and try scoring chances went begging. Xavier Willison was presented a gift but failed to pass to his support and was tackled metres from the line by a determined Bailey Biondi-Odo. Matt Timoko dropped the pass on the ensuing play and bombed what was a certain try for the Māori side.

The final term seemed much of the same with both sides competing fiercely throughout. The regular rust of pre-season football occurred but throw in torrential rain and Townsville humidity before we add fatigue and the second half was destined to be a defensive slug fest. With under 10 minutes to go, Nicho Hynes delivered a lovely pass to Alofiana Khan-Pereira who sprinted around the cover defence to score for the Indigenous side who secured back to back victories in this fixture. The Māori side finally got a reward for their possession when Willison crashed over from short range. **AJ**

Indigenous Men's All-Stars 22 (Josh Addo-Carr 2, Alofiana Khan-Pereira, Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow tries; Nicholas Hynes 3/4 goals) defeated New Zealand Maori Kivis 14 (Joseph Tapine, Xavier Willison tries; Kodi Nikorima 2/2, Dane Gagai 1/1 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th Feb. Kickoff: 7:10 PM. Halftime: Indigenous 16-6. Penalties: Maori 9-6. Referee: Todd Smith. Crowd: 15,369.

Indigenous: L Mitchell, Addo-Carr; Tabuai-Fidow, Staggs, Khan-Pereira, Trindall, Hynes, S Mitchell, Moseley, Kerr; Elliott, Curran, Hopgood; Int: Butler; Puru, Biondi-Odo, Fulton, Grant, Laybutt.

Maori: Arthars, Fifita, Gagai, Timoko, Pompey, K Nikorima, Hughes, Willison, B Smith, Thompson, Nikora, K Bromwich, Tapine; Int: Hunt, Tevaga, Mooney, Walker, Martin, Howarth, Palasia.

Player of the Year: 3 - B Trindall

2 - J Kerr

1 - X Willison

ROUND 1

BYE: Wests
 Canberra 38 (J. Schiller 2, U. Asomua, H. Puru, J. Stuart, M. Waitere, K. Weekes tries; A. Cook 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 22 (F. Sharpe 2, T. Cant, F. Myers tries; W. Pryce 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium. Date: Thu, 7th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Canberra 28-10. Penalties: Newcastle 7-3. Referee: Martin Jones.
 Newcastle: Sharpe, Moceidreke, Mapapalangi, Myers, Jenkins; Pryce, Herring; Cartwright, Jones, Toleafoa, Cant (C), Jones, Webb. Int: Burgess, Kalepo, Alchin, Hartwig.
 Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Schiller, Waitere, Stuart; Weekes, Cook; Hola, Woolford, Mooney, Spencer, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Trevilyan, Taateo, Lewis, Esera.

Warriors 28 (G. Doyle, M. Graham-Taufa, C. Harris-Tavita, E. Kosi, A. Leiataua tries; C. Harris-Tavita 4 goals) defeated Newtown 24 (S. Healey 2, B. Burns, B. Hosking tries; M. Hiroti 4 goals) at Go Media Stadium. Date: Fri, 8th March. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Warriors 14-6. Penalties: Newtown 9-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Warriors: Farr, Tu, Leiataua, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Harris-Tavita, Martin; Stowers-Smith, Roache, Tevaga, Sands, Laban, Going (C). Int: Doyle, Ieremia-Toeava, Tupouniua, Tavita.
 Newtown: Hiroti, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Demetriou, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Hau Tapuha, Berrell (C), Dakin, Leiu, Burns, Hosking. Int: Magoulias, Dillon, Healey, Fearnley.

Blacktown 24 (B. Hodgson 2, L. Hopoate, T. Talau tries; J. Humphreys 2, B. Wakeham 2 goals) defeated Souths 20 (B. Burns, A. Christensen, J. Gray, P. Mamouzelos tries; D. Hawkins 2 goals) at 4 Pines Park. Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 10-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Blacktown: Hodgson, Talau, Hopoate, Faulalo, Tuaimalo Vaega; Wakeham (C), Arthur; Dias, Humphreys, James, Sykes, Condon, Matterson. Int: Kalache, Chan Kum Tong, Uesele, Brown.
 Souths: Gray, Te Hau, Burns, Skelton, Milne; Bentley-Hape, Hawkins (C); Mitchell, Mamouzelos, Gray, Chapman, Christensen, Duncan. Int: Gray, French, Gordon, Chan-Foon.

Penrith 28 (I. Iongi 2, D. Amituanai, H. Hassett, T. Peachey tries; P. Alamoti 4 goals) defeated Sydney 22 (B. Ioelu 2, E. King 2 tries; H. Savala 3 goals) at St Marys Leagues Stadium. Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey (C), Alamoti, Amituanai; Laurie, Schneider; Lisati, Scott, Riki, Hassett, Geyer, Price. Int: Toelau, Grant, Apelu, Patea.
 Sydney: Gromek, Young, Jennings, King, Clark-Wood; Dockar-Clay (C), Savala; Waerea-Hargreaves, Moriarty, Napa, Butcher, Foketi, Watson. Int: Ioelu, Nasau, Letoi.

Canterbury 38 (J. Skelton 2, B. Biondi-Odo, E. Clark, B. Hayward, T. Sexton, B. Xerri tries; T. Sexton 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 36 (S. Loizou 5, I. Lumelume, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders 4 goals) at CommBank Stadium. Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 26-20. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Parramatta: Talagi, Lumelume, Loizou, Cini, Dunster; Asi (C), Sanders; Ogden, Arthur, Doorey, Keir, Moretti, Makatoa. Int: Luke, Guymer, Parker, Alderton.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Xerri, Clark; Biondi-Odo, Sexton (C); Knight, Turpin, Todd, Kautoga, Hopoi, Edwards. Int: Patolo, Hayward, Samrani, Tetevano.

Norths 28 (J. Toby 3, D. Ieremia, R. Meyn, B. Talty tries; K. Russell-Smith 2 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 4 (C. Roberts try) at Collegians Sporting Complex. Date: Sun, 10th March. Kickoff: 12:15 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: St Geo Illa 8-6. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Tamale, Roberts; Ralph, Glover; Tuitavake, Finau, Couchman, Egan, Couchman, Russell. Int: Purcell, Shereb, Coric, Freebairn.
 Norths: Fa'alofo, Ieremia, Bergamin, Hayman, Katoa; Stevanović, Russell-Smith; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Boyling, Blore, Meyn, Talty. Int: Toby, Roache, Key, Moeroa.

ROUND 2

BYE: Souths
 Newtown 28 (D. Atkinson, B. Burns, S. Healey, S. Stonestreet, C. Ve'a'ila tries; N. Puru 4 goals) defeated Canterbury 16 (B. Biondi-Odo, J. Samrani, J. Skelton tries; T. Sexton 2 goals) at Pointsbet Stadium. Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 3:40 PM. Halftime: Newtown 16-6. Penalties: Newtown 10-5. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Newtown: Tamou, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Demetriou, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Fearnley, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Burns, Magoulias (C). Int: Hosking, Bradbury, Healey, Pickering.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Xerri, Clark; Biondi-Odo, Sexton (C); Knight, Turpin, Tetevano, Samrani, Kautoga, Todd. Int: Patolo, Hayes, Hayward, Hoffman.

Penrith 24 (P. Alamoti 2, M. Geyer, I. Iongi, S. Luke tries; P. Alamoti, B. Schneider goals) defeated Parramatta 4 (Z. Cini try) at BlueBet Stadium. Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 5:45 PM. Halftime: Penrith 10-0. Penalties: Parramatta 8-3. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey (C), Alamoti, Amituanai; Toelau, Schneider; Riki, Luke, Grant, Hassett, Geyer, Price. Int: Sommerton, Lisati, Patea, Apelu.
 Parramatta: Talagi, Lumelume, Loizou, Cini, Dunster; Asi (C), Sanders; Ogden, Arthur, Greig, Doorey, Moretti, Makatoa. Int: Mataele, Keir, Guymer, Parker, Luke.

Canberra 50 (J. Schiller 3, T. Mooney, S. Sasagi, M. Spencer, C. Stewart, J. Stuart, M. Waitere tries; A. Cook 5, K. Weekes 2 goals) defeated Wests 12 (D. Casey, H. Mason tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at GIO Stadium. Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Canberra 30-0. Penalties: Canberra 6-4. Referee: Martin Jones.
 Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Schiller, Waitere, Stuart; Weekes, Cook; Hola, Woolford, Mooney, Spencer, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Trevilyan, Taateo, Lewis, Esera.
 Wests: Mason, Alaimalo, Garner, Casey, Lobb; Matai, Ryan; Porter, Simpkin (C), Finau, Vaihu, Sukkar, Matamua. Int: Valevatu, Da Silva, Laulilii, Whippy.

St Geo Illa 30 (R. Couchman 2, D. Egan, H. Finau, B. Murdoch-Masila, C. Tuipulotu tries; J. Glover 2, J. Marschke goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (J. Bradley, L. Moceidreke, F. Myers tries; L. Sutton 2 goals) at Sid Parrish Park. Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 14-10. Penalties: St Geo Illa 7-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Tamale, Tuipulotu; Ralph, Marschke; Tuitavake, Finau, Couchman, Egan, Couchman, Russell. Int: Glover, Shereb, Coric, Murdoch-Masila.
 Newcastle: Sharpe, Moceidreke, Myers, Anderson, Bradley; Sutton, Herring; Croker, Kalepo, Alchin, Cant (C), Webb, Bryan. Int: Burgess, Stig, Su'a, Rahme.

Norths 38 (S. Fa'alofo 3, D. Ieremia 2, R. Meyn 2, K. Hayman tries; K. Russell-Smith 3 goals) defeated Warriors 18 (J. Laban 2, M. Graham-Taufa tries; A. Pompey 3 goals) at Navigation Homes Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 24-6. Penalties: Norths 9-3. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Warriors: Doyle, Tu, Pompey, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Hanson, Farr; Stowers-Smith, Roache, Ieremia-Toeava, Sands, Laban, Going (C). Int: Tavita, Tupouniua, Schuster, Tupou, Fua'imau.
 Norths: Fa'alofo, Ieremia, Bergamin, Hayman, Katoa; Stevanović, Russell-Smith; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Key, Blore, Meyn, Talty. Int: Toby, Stimson, Fitzgibbon, Yates, O'Ofou.

Sydney 34 (H. Savala 3, Z. Dockar-Clay 2, C. Gromek tries; H. Savala 5 goals) defeated Blacktown 12 (B. Parker, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) at 4 Pines Park. Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Sydney 16-0. Penalties: Blacktown 9-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Blacktown: Hodgson, Tuaimalo Vaega, Faulalo, Hopoate, Brown; Arthur, Wakeham (C); Woods, Humphreys, James, Parker, Schuster, Matterson. Int: Dias, Chan Kum Tong, Sykes, Condon.
 Sydney: Gromek, Young, Jennings, King, Clark-Wood; Dockar-Clay (C), Savala; Fakaosi, Moriarty, Butcher, Foketi, Crichton, Watson. Int: Losalu, Ioelu, Nasau, Letoi, Coleman.

ROUND 3

BYE: St Geo Illa
 Souths 28 (M. French, J. Gagai, J. Gray, R. Kennar, I. Thompson tries; L. Ilias 4 goals) defeated Sydney 12 (E. Clark-Wood, B. Ioelu tries; H. Savala 2 goals) at Allianz Stadium. Date: Fri, 22nd March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Souths 16-0. Penalties: Sydney 8-3. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Sydney: Fekitua, Young, Smith, Clark-Wood, Pauga; Dockar-Clay (C), Savala; Napa, Moriarty, Fakaosi, Butcher, Wong, Foketi. Int: Nasau, Ioelu, Losalu, Letoi.
 Souths: Gray, Burns, Thompson, Kennar, Gagai; Teauga, Ilias; Mitchell, Mamouzelos (C), Gordon, Fletcher, Chee-Kam, Chapman. Int: Gray, Gray, French, Christensen.

Penrith 34 (T. Toelau 2, D. Fale, D. Laurie, T. Peachey, L. Sommerton tries; P. Alamoti 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 10 (B. Biondi-Odo, H. Hayes tries; B. Biondi-Odo goal) at Belmore Sports Ground. Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-10. Penalties: Penrith 6-4. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Perham, Samrani, Xerri, Clark; Biondi-Odo, O'Neil; Tetevano, Turpin (C), Patolo, Hoffman, Hayes, Todd. Int: Kautoga, Hayward, Hopoi, Vale.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey (C), Alamoti, Fale; Toelau, Laurie; Riki, Sommerton, Grant, Hassett, Geyer, Price. Int: Luke, Lisati, Patea, Apelu.

Canberra 42 (P. Esera, M. Henderson, T. Mooney, C. Stewart, A. Trevilyan, M. Waitere, Z. Woolford tries; A. Cook 7 goals) defeated Warriors 4 (E. Kosi try) at Seiffert Oval. Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 22-4. Penalties: Warriors 6-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Esera, Waitere, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Mooney, Woolford, Horsburgh, Puru (C), Sasagi, Mariota. Int: Hola, Spencer, Trevilyan, Lewis.
 Warriors: Tu, Graham-Taufa, Pompey, Leiataua, Kosi; Martin, Farr; Maiu'u, Roache, Stowers-Smith, Sands, Ieremia-Toeava, Going (C). Int: Doyle, Tavita, Tupouniua, Tupou.

Blacktown 40 (W. Heleta 3, J. Arthur, C. Faulalo, L. Hopoate, J. Schuster tries; B. Wakeham 6 goals) defeated Parramatta 20 (D. Asi, B. Hands, D. Keir, J. Tago tries; D. Asi 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 20-10. Penalties: Parramatta 4-2. Referee: Kasey Badger.
 Parramatta: Asi (C), Lumelume, Tago, Cini, Dunster; Hands, Sanders; Ogden, Arthur, Greig, Keir, Guymer, Makatoa. Int: Luke, Mataele, Alderton, Parker.
 Blacktown: Hodgson, Heleta, Faulalo, Hopoate, Brown; Arthur, Wakeham (C); Dias, Chan Kum Tong, Woods, Matterson, Parker, Schuster. Int: Rugless, James, Condon, Sykes.

Newtown 25 (S. Healey, L. Ison, C. Slater-Raptis, S. Stonestreet tries; N. Puru 4 goals; N. Puru field goal) defeated Wests 24 (L. Fainu, A. Lobb, J. Matamua, J. Valevatu tries; A. Lobb 4 goals) at Lidcombe Oval. Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 12-6. Penalties: Newtown 7-5. Referees: Martin Jones, Charlie Suters.
 Wests: Mason, Alaimalo, Casey, Vaihu, Lobb; Matai, Fainu; Porter, Simpkin (C), Lui-Toso, Kepaoa, Sukkar, Matamua. Int: Valevatu, Naden, Laulilii, Finau.
 Newtown: Ison, Ve'a'ila, Iro, Demetriou, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Bradbury, Berrell, Dakin, Leiu, Slater-Raptis, Hosking. Int: Magoulias (C), Fearnley, Rodwell, Healey.

Newcastle 50 (D. Armstrong 2, K. McCarthy 2, L. Moceidreke 2, W. Pryce 2, F. Myers tries; W. Pryce 7 goals) defeated Norths 24 (A. Fitzgibbon 3, K. Russell-Smith tries; K. Hayman 2, K. Russell-Smith 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 24-6. Penalties: Newcastle 10-3. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Newcastle: Kaliti, Moceidreke, Myers, McCarthy, Armstrong; Pryce, Hastings; Cartwright, Herring, Bryan, Cant (C), Webb, Jones. Int: Kalepo, Martin, Burgess, Rahme.
 Norths: Bergamin, Ieremia, Ala, Hayman, Fitzgibbon; Stevanović, Russell-Smith; De Luis (C), Yates, Asofa-Solomona, Stimson, Meyn, Talty. Int: Ngatikaura, Key, Hodge, Makatoa.

ROUND 4

BYE: Norths

Canterbury 22 (H. Perham 2, B. Biondi-Odo, E. Clark, R. Hoffman tries; T. Sexton goal) defeated Souths 20 (L. Skelton 2, J. Gray, L. Ilias tries; L. Ilias 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 14-0.
 Penalties: Canterbury 9-4. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.
 Souths: Gray, Burns, Thompson, Gagai, Skelton; Bentley-Hape, Ilias; Keppie, Mamouzelos (C), Gray, Fletcher, Chapman, Havili. Int: Gray, French, Christensen, Gordon.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Perham, Hoffman, Xerri, Clark; Biondi-Odo, Sexton (C); Fa'amausili, Turpin, Patolo, Vale, Hayes, Edwards. Int: Hayward, Hopoi, Tetevano, Todd.

Newtown 28 (A. Demetriou, K. Dykes, J. Ferris, S. Stonestreet, C. Ve'a'ila tries; N. Puru 4 goals) drew with Canberra 28 (T. Mooney, H. Puru, S. Sasagi, J. Stuart, K. Weekes tries; A. Cook 4 goals) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 16-12.
 Penalties: Newtown 10-8. Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Demetriou, Stonestreet; Dykes, Puru; Bradbury, Cook, Dakin, Leiu, Hosking, Fearnley (C). Int: Healey, Ataata, Swann, Ferris.
 Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Cotric, Waitere, Stuart; Weekes, Cook; Mooney, Woolford, Guler, Spencer, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Esera, Hola, Trevilyan, Lewis.

St Geo Illa 38 (C. Tuipulotu 4, S. Finau, J. Glover, A. Tuitavake tries; J. Glover 5 goals) defeated Blacktown 10 (C. Brown 2 tries; B. Wakeham goal) at WIN Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 16-0.
 Penalties: Blacktown 4-3. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Tamale, Tuipulotu; Ralph, Glover; Tuitavake, Freebairn, Couchman, Egan, Couchman, Fifita. Int: Russell, Finau, Coric, Murdoch-Masila.
 Blacktown: Hodgson, Tuaimalo Vaega, Faulalo, Hopoate, Brown; Arthur, Wakeham (C); Bullemor, Chan Kum Tong, Woods, Parker; Matterson, Schuster. Int: Humphreys, James, Dias, Condon.

Penrith 30 (J. Cole, J. McLean, L. Patea, T. Peachey, T. Toelau tries; P. Alamoti 5 goals) defeated Sydney 14 (E. Clark-Wood, M. Coleman, H. McKeon tries; H. Savala goal) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-6.
 Penalties: Penrith 8-4. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Sydney: McKeon, Pauga, Jennings, Clark-Wood, Murphy; Dockar-Clay (C), Savala; Napa, Ioelu, Losalu, Ross, Wong, Foketi. Int: Moriarty, Fakaosi, Letoi, Coleman.
 Penrith: Laurie, McLean, Peachey (C), Fale, Alamoti; Cole, Toelau; Patea, Luke, Grant, Hassett, Lisati, Sommerton. Int: Iongi, Iosefa, Apelu, Lipowicz.

Warriors 26 (B. Farr 2, G. Doyle, M. Graham-Taufa, E. Kosi tries; B. Farr 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (J. Bradley, W. Pryce tries; W. Pryce 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 3:20 PM. Halftime: Warriors 10-6.
 Penalties: Newcastle 7-5. Referee: Paki Parkinson.
 Warriors: Farr; Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Kosi; Doyle, Martin; Ale, Roache, Stowers-Smith, Ieremia-Toeava, Laban, Going (C). Int: Mai'u'u, Auloo, Tupouniua, Sands.
 Newcastle: Armstrong, Moceidreke, Myers, McCarthy, Bradley; Pryce, Hastings; Cartwright, Herring, Bryan, Cant (C), Salesa leaumoana, Alchin. Int: Burgess, Kalepo, Martin, Rahme.

West 32 (J. Feledy 2, S. Alaimalo, D. Casey, A. Lobb, R. Porter tries; A. Lobb 4 goals) defeated Parramatta 26 (D. Asi 2, E. Sanders, B. Simonsson, J. Tago tries; D. Asi 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.
 Date: Mon, 1st April. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Wests 10-10. Penalties: Wests 5-4. Referee: Chris Sutton.
 Parramatta: Martin, Tago, Simonsson, Cini, Dunster; Asi (C), Sanders; Ogden, Arthur, Greig, Keir, Guymer, Makatoa. Int: Luke, Mataele, Alderton, Parker.
 Wests: Naden (C), Alaimalo, Feledy, Casey, Lobb; Matai, Fainu; Lui-Toso, Valevatu, Porter, Sukkar, Vaihu, Matamua. Int: Finau, Tumeth, Faagutu, Hodges.

ROUND 5

BYE: Newtown

Newcastle 30 (D. Armstrong 2, K. McCarthy, E. Salesa leaumoana, F. Sharpe tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 24 (H. Finau 2, J. Glover, A. Tuitavake tries; J. Glover 4 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
 Date: Fri, 5th April. Kickoff: 5:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 16-12.
 Penalties: St Geo Illa 8-6. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Newcastle: Sharpe, Moceidreke, Myers, McCarthy, Armstrong; Pryce, Gamble; Cartwright, Herring, Su'a, Hartwig, Salesa leaumoana, Jones (C). Int: Bryan, Burgess, Rahme, New.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Tamale, Tuipulotu; Ralph, Glover; Tuitavake, Freebairn, Coric, Egan, Murdoch-Masila, Fifita. Int: Finau, Mansfield, Pascoe, Stewart.

Souths 26 (M. French, L. Ilias, R. Kennar, D. Moale, L. Te Hau tries; L. Ilias 3 goals) defeated Warriors 20 (B. Farr, M. Graham-Taufa, S. Kali, E. Kosi tries; B. Farr 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Souths 22-10.
 Penalties: 9-all. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Souths: Gray, Te Hau, Burns, Gagai (C), Kennar; Teapa, Ilias; Gordon, Moretti, Moale, Miller, Christensen, Chapman. Int: Gray, Gray, French, Chan-Foon.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Kali, Kosi; Farr; Roache; Mai'u'u, Lussick, Stowers-Smith, Ieremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Doyle, Durbin, Tupouniua, Fatialofa.

Penrith 26 (P. Alamoti, D. Fale, M. Geyer, J. Grant, A. Lisati tries; P. Alamoti 3 goals) defeated Blacktown 20 (C. Faulalo, W. Heleta, B. Parker tries; B. Wakeham 4 goals) at 4 Pines Park.
 Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 22-14.
 Penalties: Penrith 8-6. Referee: Chris Sutton.
 Blacktown: Hodgson, Heleta, Faulalo, Hopoate, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Wakeham (C); Woods, Chan Kum Tong, Bullemor, Parker; Matterson, Schuster. Int: Humphreys, James, Dias, Condon.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey (C), Fale, Alamoti; Cole, Toelau; Patea, Luke, Grant, Hassett, Geyer, Sommerton. Int: Lisati, Iosefa, Apelu, Lipowicz.

Canterbury 20 (J. Papalii, J. Skelton, C. Tia, L. Vale tries; C. Tia 2 goals) defeated Sydney 14 (K. Fekitoa, H. McKeon, C. Ross tries; H. Savala goal) at Belmore Sports Ground.
 Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Sydney 5-3. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Hoffman, Clark; O'Neill (C), Tia; Todd, Biondi-Odo, Hopoi, Vale, Hayes, Knight. Int: Tetevano, Cook, Momoisea, Marshall.
 Sydney: McKeon, Murphy, Fekitoa, Clark-Wood, Williams; Thomas, Savala; Napa (C), Ioelu, Losalu, Ross, Foketi, Wong. Int: Coleman, Moriarty, Letoi, Fakaosi.

Norths 42 (N. Asofa-Solomona, J. Bergamin, A. Fitzgibbon, D. Ieremia, T. Katoa, T. Moeroa, R. Ngatikaura, J. Yates tries; K. Hayman 5 goals) defeated Wests 16 (S. Alaimalo, D. Casey, J. Feledy tries; D. Casey, A. Lobb goals) at North Sydney Oval.
 Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 16-6.
 Penalties: Wests 10-8. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 Norths: Hayman, Fitzgibbon, Katoa, Bergamin, Ieremia; Stevanović, Russell-Smith; Moeroa, Ngatikaura, Asofa-Solomona, Garlick, Meyn, De Luis (C). Int: Yates, Makatoa, Talty, Hughes.
 Wests: Laullili, Alaimalo, Feledy, Casey, Lobb; Valevatu, Naden (C); Sukkar, Hodges, Lui-Toso, Vaihu, Tumeth, Laullili. Int: Finau, Maroun, Miller, Whippy, Nicholas.

Canberra 30 (U. Asomua 2, J. Stuart 2, A. Cook, T. Mooney, M. Waitere tries; A. Cook goal) defeated Parramatta 6 (M. Makatoa try; E. Sanders goal) at GIO Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6.
 Penalties: Canberra 7-5. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Cotric, Waitere, Stuart; Weekes, Cook; Mooney (C), Woolford, Guler, Spencer, Martin, Hola. Int: Puru, Trevilyan, Webley, Taateo.
 Parramatta: Martin, Tago, Harper, Cini, Loizou; Asi (C), Sanders; Ogden, Hands, Makatoa, Keir, Guymer, Parker. Int: Arthur, Pryke, Alderton, Brazel.

ROUND 6

BYE: Penrith

Newcastle 30 (D. Armstrong, J. Cartwright, Z. Herring, B. Jones, E. Salesa leaumoana tries; T. Cant 5 goals) defeated Sydney 26 (E. Clark-Wood, K. Fekitoa, C. Gromek, T. Williams tries; H. Savala 5 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
 Date: Thu, 11th April. Kickoff: 5:20 PM. Halftime: Sydney 26-6.
 Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Chris Sutton.
 Newcastle: Armstrong, Moceidreke, Myers, McCarthy, Bradley; Pryce, Gamble; Cartwright, Herring, Su'a, Cant (C), Salesa leaumoana, Jones. Int: New, Bryan, Burgess, Rahme.
 Sydney: Gromek, Murphy, Fekitoa, Clark-Wood, Williams; Thomas, Savala; Napa (C), Coleman, Losalu, McCathie, Nasau, Wong. Int: Ioelu, Letoi, Fakaosi, Steinwede.

St Geo Illa 24 (D. Egan, M. Feagai, T. Freebairn, J. Ralph, S. Tamale tries; J. Glover 2 goals) defeated Wests 18 (J. Feledy, B. Hodges, J. Valevatu tries; T. Colley 3 goals) at Lidcombe Oval.
 Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 14-6.
 Penalties: Wests 10-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Wests: Laullili, Alaimalo, Feledy, Casey, Kirk; Matai, Colley; Finau, Valevatu (C), Lui-Toso, Porter, Tumeth, Hodges. Int: Vaihu, Miller; Laullili, Maroun.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Johnson, Feagai, Tamale, Tuipulotu; Ralph, Glover; Tuitavake, Muhleisen, Couchman, Egan, Couchman, Fifita. Int: Finau, Russell, Shereb, Freebairn.

Blacktown 24 (L. Hopoate 2, G. Chan Kum Tong, C. Faulalo, W. Heleta tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) defeated Warriors 18 (S. Halasima, A. Leiataua, S. Tu, T. Tuapiki tries; T. Tuapiki goal) at Go Media Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 2:40 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 16-14.
 Penalties: Blacktown 9-8. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Kosi; Farr; Roache; Mai'u'u, Auloo, Stowers-Smith, Ieremia-Toeava, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Doyle, Durbin, Tupouniua, Fatialofa.
 Blacktown: Hopoate, Heleta, Faulalo, Hodgson, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Wakeham (C); James, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Parker, Condon, Sykes. Int: Humphreys, Kalache, Uesele, Seufale.

Parramatta 30 (Z. Cini 2, M. Sivo 2, S. Loizou, J. Tago tries; E. Sanders 3 goals) defeated Norths 28 (J. Toby 2, K. Hayman, D. Ieremia, R. Meyn tries; K. Hayman 3, K. Russell-Smith goals) at CommBank Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-14.
 Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Parramatta: Talagi, Sivo, Loizou, Cini, Tago; Hands, Sanders; Ogden, Arthur, Greig, Keir (C), Guymer, Makatoa. Int: Luke, Brazel, Parker; Alderton.
 Norths: Toby, Ieremia, Stimson, Hayman, Bergamin; Stevanović, Russell-Smith; De Luis (C), Garlick, Talty, Meyn, Hughes, Yates. Int: Ngatikaura, Makatoa, O'Foua, Ala.

Souths 24 (B. Burns, D. Cook, J. Gagai, R. Gray tries; D. Teapa 4 goals) defeated Newtown 12 (N. Puru 2 tries; M. Hiroti 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Souths 10-6.
 Penalties: Souths 9-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Souths: Gagai (C), Te Hau, Burns, Skelton, Thompson; Teapa, Subloo; Keppie, Cook, Gordon, Christensen, Chapman, Duncan. Int: Gray, Gray, Miller, Williams.
 Newtown: Dykes, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Demetriou, Stonestreet; Hiroti, Puru; Dakin, Berrell, Hamlin-Uele, Leiu, Burns, Magoulias (C). Int: Hosking, Gibbons, Healey, Fearnley.

Canterbury 26 (T. Sexton 2, H. Hayes, K. Kautoga, L. Vale tries; T. Sexton 3 goals) defeated Canberra 20 (P. Esera 2, N. Cotric, P. Hola tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 16-6.
 Penalties: Canterbury 9-4. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 Canberra: Waitere, Asomua, Sasagi, Esera, Cotric; Henderson, Cook; Guler, Woolford, Hola, Spencer; Martin, Puru (C). Int: Trevilyan, Webley, Lewis, Taateo, Lewis.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Hoffman, Clark; Biondi-Odo, O'Neill; Knight, Sexton (C), Tetevano, Kautoga, Hayes, Todd. Int: Vale, Cook, Toilalo, Momoisea, Tagituihua.

ROUND 7

BYE: Souths

Penrith 40 (T. Toelau 2, N. Apelu, I. Iongi, J. McLean, P. Riki, L. Sommerton tries; J. Cole 6 goals) defeated Wests 14 (S. Alaimalo, D. Casey, J. Sullivan tries; A. Lobb goal) at BlueBet Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 30-4. Penalties: Wests 7-3. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey, Geyer, Amituanai; Cole, Toelau; Riki, Sommerton, Grant, Hassett, Lisati, Price. Int: Fale, Patea, Lipowicz, Apelu.
 Wests: Laullili, Alaimalo, Faataape, Casey, Lobb, Sullivan, Valevatu (C); Fainu, Simpkin, Lui-Toso, Porter, Kepaoa, Maroun. Int: Da Silva, Feledy, Tumeth, Miller.

Warriors 26 (J. Auloa, M. Sands, S. Tu, T. Tuapiki tries; T. Tuapiki 5 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 24 (S. Finau 2, D. Egan, B. Johnson, S. Tamale tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.
 Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 18-4. Penalties: Warriors 8-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Johnson, Tamale; Ralph, Marschke; Tuitavake, Muhleisen, Couchman, Egan, Couchman, Molo. Int: Finau, Russell, Coric, Fifita.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Kali, Leiataua, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Maiu'u, Auloa, Stowers-Smith, Jeremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Durbin, Doyle, Tupouniua, Tupou.

Blacktown 14 (C. Faulalo, K. Rugless, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; B. Wakeham goal) defeated Newtown 10 (D. Atkinson, J. Leiu tries; M. Hiroti goal) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 10-6. Penalties: Newtown 7-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Newtown: Dykes, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Demetriou, Hiroti; Atkinson (C), Puru; Hunt, Cook, Hau Tapuha, Leiu, Burns, Hosking. Int: Dakin, Fearnley, Magoulias, Healey.
 Blacktown: Hopoate, Heleta, Faulalo, Hodgson, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Wakeham (C); Sykes, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Parker, Condon, Navale. Int: Humphreys, Dunford, Rugless, Uesele.

Canterbury 52 (E. Clark 2, R. Hoffman 2, K. Kautoga 2, L. Knight, H. Perham, J. Skelton tries; T. Sexton 8 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (K. McCarthy try; T. Cant goal) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: Canterbury 36-6. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Hoffman, Clark; Sexton (C), O'Neill; Knight, Turpin, Todd, Kautoga, Hayes, Fa'amausili. Int: Tetevano, Hopoi, Cook, Toilalo, Biondi-Odo.
 Newcastle: Armstrong, Moceidreke, Mapapalangi, McCarthy, Bradley; Pryce, Cogger; Cartwright, Herring, Su'a, Cant (C), Salesa leaumoana, Bryan. Int: Jones, Burgess, Rahme, Greacen, New.

Norths 20 (A. Fitzgibbon 2, B. Talty tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) defeated Canberra 12 (M. Spencer, L. Webley tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.
 Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 14-12. Penalties: Norths 12-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Norths: Toby, Jeremia, Bergamin, Stimson, Fitzgibbon; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Wishart, Hughes, Key, Meyn, Garlick. Int: Makatoa, Talty, Bevan, Ogden.
 Canberra: Hopoate, Asomua, Spencer, Esera, Cotric; Waitere, Cook; Guler, Woolford, Hola, Webley, Martin, Puru (C). Int: Trevilyan, Lewis, Billing, Taateo.

Sydney 24 (H. Savala 2, C. Gromek, B. Ioelu tries; H. Savala 4 goals) defeated Parramatta 20 (Z. Cini 2, E. Sanders, M. Sivo tries; E. Sanders 2 goals) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 18-12. Penalties: Sydney 9-1. Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Sydney: Gromek, Williams, Pauga, Fekitua, Clark-Wood; Foley, Savala; Napa (C), Coleman, Va'a, McCathie, Nasau, Saukuru. Int: Losalu, Ioelu, Steinwede, Fakaosi, Thomas.
 Parramatta: Cini, Sivo, Loizou, Tago, Lumelume; Hands, Sanders; Makatoa, Arthur, Greig, Keir (C), Tuilagi, Guymmer. Int: Luke, Doorey, Parker, Alderton.

ROUND 8

BYE: Canterbury

Warriors 22 (K. Fatialofa, L. Hanson, M. Tafua tries; T. Tuapiki 5 goals) drew with Penrith 22 (J. McLean 2, I. Iongi, T. Toelau tries; J. Cole 3 goals) at North Harbour Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 20-10. Penalties: Warriors 7-3. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Kali, Leiataua, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Jeremia-Toeava, Roache, Stowers-Smith, Pompey, Sands, Going (C). Int: Durbin, Tafua, Tupouniua, Fatialofa, Doyle.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey (C), Fale, Amituanai; Cole, Toelau; Grant, Sommerton, Riki, Hassett, Lisati, Price. Int: Scott, Patea, Apelu, Lipowicz.

Sydney 19 (E. Clark-Wood, J. Elliott, L. Murphy tries; Z. Dockar-Clay 2, J. Elliott goals; J. Elliott field goal) defeated St Geo Illa 18 (S. Tamale 2, J. Ralph tries; J. Marschke 3 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.
 Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 18-4. Penalties: Sydney 8-3. Referee: Chris Sutton.
 St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Johnson, Tamale; Ralph, Marschke; Tuitavake, Muhleisen, Molo, Egan, Couchman, Couchman. Int: Finau, Russell, Coric, Fifita.
 Sydney: Gromek, Murphy, Clark-Wood, Fekitua, McKeon; Foley, Elliott; Losalu, Coleman, Va'a, McCathie, Nasau, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Ioelu, Fakaosi, Steinwede, Saukuru.

Norths 28 (R. Ngatikaura 2, S. Fa'alofo, K. Hayman, D. Jeremia tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) defeated Wests 16 (S. Faataape, J. Matamua, R. Porter tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Wests 12-6. Penalties: Norths 10-4. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.
 Wests: Laullili, Faataape, Casey, Feledy, Lobb; Sullivan, Valevatu; Porter, Simpkin (C), Lui-Toso, Tumeth, Kepaoa, Matamua. Int: Da Silva, Vaihu, Miller, Fainu.
 Norths: Toby, Jeremia, Katoa, Stimson, Fa'alofo; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Garlick, Hughes, Key, Meyn, Talty. Int: Fitzgibbon, Ngatikaura, Makatoa, Bevan.

Canberra 42 (N. Cotric 2, M. Henderson 2, M. Spencer, J. Stuart, P. Taateo tries; A. Cook 7 goals) defeated Newtown 12 (M. Hiroti, B. Hosking tries; M. Hiroti 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-0. Penalties: Canberra 6-5. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Canberra: Waitere, Asomua, Hopoate, Cotric, Stuart; Cook, Henderson; Guler, Woolford, Hola, Spencer, Martin, Puru (C). Int: Webley, Trevilyan, Lewis, Taateo.
 Newtown: Dykes, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Demetriou, Stonestreet; Hiroti, Puru; Hunt, Berrell (C), Dakin, Gibbons, Burns, Hosking. Int: Leiu, Fearnley, Magoulias, Healey, Cook.

Newcastle 34 (J. Bradley, T. Jenkins, K. McCarthy, L. Moceidreke, W. Pryce, L. Sutton tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) defeated Souths 12 (B. Bentley-Hape, W. Swann tries; D. Teaua 2 goals) at Newcastle Centre of Excellence.
 Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Souths 12-6. Penalties: Newcastle 9-7. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Newcastle: Pryce, Moceidreke, Jenkins, Bradley, McCarthy; Sutton, Cogger; Toleafoa, Jones, Su'a, Rahme, Salesa leaumoana, Croker (C). Int: Bryan, Herring, Burgess, Cullen.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Saldanha, Chan-Foon, Skelton, Kaho; Teaua, Subloo; Swann, Gray, Gray (C), Christensen, Miller, Chapman. Int: Moretti, Alvarado, Gordon, Makelim.

Parramatta 36 (I. Lumelume 2, D. Asi, Z. Cini, S. Russell, J. Tago, K. Tuilagi tries; D. Asi 2, S. Russell 2 goals) defeated Blacktown 22 (R. Tuaimalo Vaega 3, W. Heleta tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.
 Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 22-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 Blacktown: Hopoate, Heleta, Faulalo, Hodgson, Tuaimalo Vaega; Humphreys, Wakeham (C); James, Chan Kum Tong, Dias, Parker, Condon, Matterson. Int: Uesele, Rugless, Dunford, Sykes.
 Parramatta: Cini, Tago, Loizou, Russell, Lumelume; Talagi, Asi (C); Moretti, Arthur, Greig, Keir, Tuilagi, Guymmer. Int: Doorey, Luke, Parker, Makatoa.

ROUND 9

BYE: Parramatta

Penrith 30 (D. Laurie 3, J. McLean 2 tries; P. Alamoti 5 goals) defeated Souths 10 (C. Kaho, J. Subloo tries; D. Teaua goal) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Thu, 2nd May. Kickoff: 5:25 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-10. Penalties: Souths 9-7. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Saldanha, Christensen, Skelton, Kaho; Teaua, Subloo; Gordon, Moretti, Gray (C), Chapman, Miller, Duncan. Int: Makelim, Chan-Foon, French, Taumoepeu.
 Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Mclean, Alamoti, Amituanai; Laurie, Toelau; Grant, Luke, Riki, Lipowicz, Lisati, Price. Int: Scott, Sagaga, Apelu, Fale.

Canterbury 42 (T. Sexton 2, E. Clark, P. Fa'amausili, K. Kautoga, J. Skelton, J. Turpin tries; T. Sexton 7 goals) defeated Wests 12 (S. Faataape, S. Vaihu tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 18-6. Penalties: Canterbury 8-5. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Clark, Wilson; O'Neill, Sexton (C); Knight, Turpin, Fa'amausili, Kautoga, Hayes, Todd. Int: Hoffman, Samrani, Tetevano, Hopoi.
 Wests: To'a, Faataape, Feledy, Casey, Lobb; Sullivan, Valevatu (C); Porter, Ryan, Lui-Toso, Vaihu, Kepaoa, Laullili. Int: Da Silva, Faagutu, Whippy, Miller.

Canberra 42 (S. Sasagi 2, J. Stuart 2, J. Schiller, M. Spencer, L. Webley tries; A. Cook 7 goals) defeated Blacktown 22 (J. Arthur, B. Parker, J. Paulo, R. Tuaimalo Vaega tries; B. Wakeham 3 goals) at 4 Pines Park.
 Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Canberra 24-6. Penalties: Canberra 7-2. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Blacktown: Hopoate, Paulo, Faulalo, Hodgson, Tuaimalo Vaega; Arthur, Wakeham (C); James, Humphreys, Dias, Parker, Condon, Woods. Int: Sykes, Uesele, Rugless, Dunford.
 Canberra: Waitere, Asomua, Schiller, Esera, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Taateo, Woolford, Hola, Sasagi, Webley, Puru (C). Int: Prest, Martin, Lewis, Spencer.

Newtown 26 (S. Stonestreet 2, J. Cook, M. Hiroti, K. Pickering tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 10 (M. Feagai, S. Tamale tries; J. Marschke goal) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 6-4. Penalties: Newtown 8-7. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Newtown: Dykes, Rodwell, Hiroti, Ferris, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hunt, Healey, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns, Magoulias (C). Int: Cook, Hosking, Dakin, Leiu.
 St Geo Illa: Marschke, Finau, Feagai, Feagai (C), Tamale; Ralph, Glover; Tuitavake, Muhleisen, Fifita, Egan, Russell, Couchman. Int: Finau, Couchman, Coric, Shereb.

Warriors 12 (G. Doyle, L. Hanson tries; T. Tuapiki 2 goals) defeated Newcastle 7 (M. Croker try; W. Pryce goal; W. Pryce field goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Warriors 9-5. Referee: Martin Jones.
 Newcastle: Pryce, Moceidreke, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, McCarthy; Sutton, Cogger; Toleafoa, Jones, Su'a, Croker (C), Salesa leaumoana, Rahme. Int: Bryan, Herring, Burgess, Cullen.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Pasikala, Kali, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Maiu'u, Tafua, Stowers-Smith, Jeremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Durbin, Fatialofa, Tupouniua, Doyle.

Norths 10 (D. Jeremia try; K. Hayman 3 goals) drew with Sydney 10 (H. McKeon, T. Williams tries; J. Elliott goal) at North Sydney Oval.
 Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 8-4. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Norths: Toby, Jeremia, Bergamin, Stimson, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Hughes, Key, Meyn, Garlick. Int: Yates, Talty, Makatoa, Bevan.
 Sydney: Gromek, Tait, Williams, Clark-Wood, McKeon; Foley, Elliott; Napa (C), Coleman, Va'a, Steinwede, McCathie, Dockar-Clay. Int: Ioelu, Losalu, Steep, Va'a.

ROUND 10

BYE: Canberra
Canterbury 30 (K. Kautoga 2, T. Sexton, J. Skelton, B. Wilson tries; T. Sexton 5 goals) defeated Penrith 12 (J. McLean, T. Toelau tries; T. Toelau 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Fri, 10th May. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 18-6. Penalties: Canterbury 7-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Peachey (C), Mclean, Amituanai; Laurie, Schneider; Patea, Luke, Riki, Hassett, Lisati, Eisenhuth. Int: Toelau, Price, Apelu, Lipowicz.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Clark, Wilson; Fuz, Sexton (C); Knight, Turpin, Fa'amausili, Kautoga, Hayes, Hopoi. Int: Cook, Samrani, Tetevano, Underhill.

St Geo Illa 26 (H. Finau, S. Finau, B. Johnson, J. Marschke, S. Tamale tries; J. Marschke 3 goals) defeated Souths 6 (R. Gray try; J. Subloo goal) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 10-6. Penalties: Souths 8-7. Referee: Kieren Irons.

St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Johnson, Tamale; Marschke, Glover; Tuitavake, Muhleisen, Couchman, Egan, Russell, Molo. Int: Finau, Freebairn, Coric, Shereb.

Souths: Mundine, Kaho, Skelton, Chan-Foon, Kennedy; Subloo, Trindall; Taumoepenu, Gray, Swann, Chapman (C), Miller, Moretti. Int: Alvarado, Makelim, Gordon, Le Blanc.

Warriors 26 (K. Fatialofa, E. Ieremia-Toeava, M. Montoya, T. Stowers-Smith, M. Tafua tries; B. Farr 3 goals) defeated Sydney 20 (T. Tait 2, Z. Dockar-Clay, H. McKeon tries; J. Elliott 2 goals) at North Harbour Stadium.

Date: Sat, 12th May. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-4. Penalties: Warriors 5-3. Referee: Paki Parkinson.

Warriors: Doyle, Graham-Taufa, Kali, Leiataua, Montoya; Farr; Roache; Mai'u, Tafua, Stowers-Smith, Ieremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Auloa, Fatialofa, Tupouniua, Tuipulotuvea.

Sydney: Gromek, Tait, King, Clark-Wood, McKeon; Foley, Elliott; Napa (C), Coleman, Va'a, Tupouniua, Wong, Dockar-Clay. Int: Ioelu, Steep, Va'a, Losalu.

Wests 24 (S. Alaimalo, S. Fainu, J. Miller, C. Wilson tries; A. Lobb 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (J. Cartwright, L. Moceidreke tries; W. Pryce goal) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 18-4. Penalties: Newcastle 10-7. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Wests: Wilson, Alaimalo, Faataape, Feledy, Lobb; Casey, Ryan; Porter, Valevatu (C), Miller, Vaihu, Broederlow, Laulilii. Int: Da Silva, Fainu, Johannssen, Faagutu.

Newcastle: Pryce, Moceidreke, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, McCarthy; Sutton, Sharpe; Rahme, Jones, Su'a, Cant (C), Salesa leaumoana, Cartwright. Int: Bryan, Herring, Burgess, Cullen.

Newtown 22 (K. Dykes 3, S. Stonestreet tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals) defeated Blacktown 16 (C. Faulalo, W. Heleta, L. Hopoate tries; B. Wakeham 2 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 4-0. Penalties: Newtown 9-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Blacktown: Hopoate, Heleta, Faulalo, Hodgson, Navale; Abbey, Wakeham (C); James, Humphreys, Dias, Parker, Condon, Navale. Int: Dunford, Sykes, Rugless, Uesele.

Newtown: Dykes, Rodwell, Hiroti (C), Ferris, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Dakin, Healey, Bradbury, Pickering, Burns, Hosking. Int: Leiu, Cook, Fearnley, Swann.

Parramatta 31 (E. Martin 2, D. Asi, I. Lumelume, J. Tago tries; D. Asi 5 goals; D. Asi field goal) defeated Norths 24 (J. Bergamin, R. Meyn, B. Stevanović, J. Toby tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 16-12. Penalties: Parramatta 10-6. Referee: Martin Jones.

Norths: Toby, Katoa, Bergamin, Ieremia, Fitzgibbon; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Garlick, Chan, Stimson, Meyn, Talty. Int: Ngatikaura, Hughes, Makatoa, Bevan.

Parramatta: Cini, Martin, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Hands, Asi (C); Moretti, Arthur, Greig, Doorey, Keir, Guymer. Int: Parker, Luke, Alderton, Makatoa.

ROUND 11 - MAGIC ROUND

BYE: Sydney
Warriors 22 (M. Graham-Taufa, E. Ieremia-Toeava, M. Pasikala, M. Tafua tries; M. Pasikala 3 goals) defeated Penrith 10 (A. Lisati, J. McLean tries; B. Scott goal) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 10-0. Penalties: Penrith 9-7. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Penrith: Iongi, McLean, Mclean, Fale, Amituanai; Seve, Luke; Patea, Scott, Riki, Hassett, Lisati, Price. Int: Lamont, Apelu, Lipowicz, Letoi.

Warriors: Pasikala, Fuatimau, Kali, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Hanson, Laiman; Tupouniua, Tafua, Stowers-Smith, Ieremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Auloa, Crosby, Halasima, Fatialofa.

St Geo Illa 24 (M. Feagai, S. Finau, B. Johnson, J. Marschke, S. Tamale tries; J. Marschke 2 goals) defeated Canberra 16 (J. Clydsdale, S. Sasagi, J. Schiller tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 14-6. Penalties: St Geo Illa 7-6. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Schiller, Hopoate, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Taateo, Woolford, Hala, Sasagi, Spencer, Puru (C). Int: Webley, Trevilyan, Lewis, Clydsdale.

St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Johnson, Tamale; Marschke, Glover; Couchman, Muhleisen, Couchman, Egan, Murdoch-Masila, Molo. Int: Finau, Tuitavake, Coric, Fifita.

Norths 30 (B. Talty 2, A. Fitzgibbon, T. Katoa, J. Key tries; K. Hayman 5 goals) defeated Souths 20 (C. Kennedy 2, C. Chapman, C. Kaho tries; B. Hawkins 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 28-12. Penalties: Souths 10-8. Referee: Damian Brady.

Norths: Toby, Katoa, Ogden, Ieremia, Fitzgibbon; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Chan, Meyn, Key, Talty. Int: Makatoa, Yates, Bevan, Stimson.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Towns, Kennedy, Skelton, Kaho; Subloo, Hawkins; Swann, Gray, Gordon, O'Kane, Chan-Foon, Chapman (C). Int: Le Blanc, Taumoepenu, Tsirikas, Makelim.

Parramatta 36 (M. Doorey 2, M. Harper, I. Lumelume, E. Martin, B. Parker, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders 4 goals) defeated Wests 14 (A. Lobb, S. Vaihu, C. Wilson tries; A. Lobb goal) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Parramatta 20-4. Penalties: Wests 7-4. Referee: Martin Jones.

Wests: Wilson, Faataape, Casey, Feledy, Lobb; Matai, Ryan; Porter, Valevatu (C), Miller, Vaihu, Broederlow, Laulilii. Int: Tumeth, Johannssen, Maroun, Sukkar.

Parramatta: Cini, Martin, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Parker; Arthur, Greig, Keir (C), Doorey, Guymer. Int: Luke, Pryke, Alderton, Latu.

Newtown 52 (B. Burns 2, L. Ison 2, R. Dakin, B. Fearnley, B. Magoulias, N. Puru, T. Rodwell tries; M. Hiroti 8 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (L. Moceidreke, F. Sharpe tries; W. Pryce 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Newcastle 6-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Hiroti, Ferris, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Dakin, Healey, Bradbury, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Cook, Fearnley.

Newcastle: Sharpe, Moceidreke, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, McCarthy; Pryce, Sutton; Toleafoa, Jones, Su'a, Cant (C), Hartwig, Rahme. Int: New, Greacen, Burgess, Bryan.

Blacktown 32 (W. Heleta 3, L. Hopoate, J. Humphreys tries; J. Humphreys 6 goals) defeated Canterbury 16 (W. Afualo, R. Moyle, J. Skelton tries; J. Papalii 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 8-6. Penalties: Blacktown 8-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Blacktown: Hopoate, Heleta, Faulalo, Hodgson, Navale; Humphreys, Arthur; Woods, Rugless, Dias, Matterson, Condon, Navale. Int: Sykes, Dunford, James, Uesele.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Clark, Afualo; Fuz, O'Neill (C); Knight, Cook, Tetevano, Samrani, Hayes, Hopoi. Int: Moyle, Hoffman, Smith, Underhill.

ROUND 12

BYE: Newcastle
St Geo Illa 28 (S. Finau 3, M. Feagai, M. Feagai, H. Finau tries; J. Glover 2 goals) defeated Canterbury 12 (B. Taaffe, L. Vale tries; J. Papalii 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Thu, 23rd May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 12-10. Penalties: St Geo Illa 7-5. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Perham, Clark, Wilson; O'Neill (C), Taaffe; Fa'amausili, Cook, Underhill, Hoffman, Hayes, Hopoi. Int: Samrani, Vale, Mataale, Moyle.

St Geo Illa: Feagai (C), Finau, Feagai, Tamale, Tuipulotu; Marschke, Glover; Couchman, Muhleisen, Couchman, Egan, Murdoch-Masila, Molo. Int: Finau, Coric, Shereb, Freebairn.

Canberra 36 (J. Schiller 3, U. Asomua, J. Martin, C. Stewart, P. Taateo tries; A. Cook 4 goals) defeated Sydney 28 (J. Elliott 2, E. King, P. Steinwede, T. Tait tries; H. Savala 4 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Canberra 24-6. Penalties: Sydney 11-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canberra: Stewart, Asomua, Schiller, Hopoate, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Taateo, Woolford, Clydsdale, Sasagi, Martin, Puru (C). Int: Martin, Spencer, Trevilyan, Webley.

Sydney: King, Tait, Williams, Clark-Wood, McKeon; Elliott, Savala; Va'a, Coleman, Wong, Steinwede, Nasau, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Losalu, Va'a, Steep, Holten.

Newtown 44 (C. Veai'ila 3, S. Stonestreet 2, M. Bradbury, S. Healey, L. Ison tries; N. Puru 6 goals) defeated Penrith 6 (P. Riki try; T. Toelau goal) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 18-0. Penalties: Newtown 6-3. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Veai'ila, Ferris, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Dakin, Healey, Bradbury, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Magoulias, Cook, Fearnley, Ataata.

Penrith: Iongi, Fale, Peachey (C), Mclean, Amituanai; Luke, Toelau; Patea, Sommerton, Riki, Hassett, Geyer, Price. Int: Scott, Lisati, Lipowicz, Letoi.

Parramatta 32 (M. Arthur, Z. Cini, M. Doorey, W. Latu, I. Lumelume, E. Martin tries; E. Sanders 4 goals) defeated Souths 24 (Y. Gordon, C. Kennedy, L. Skelton, J. Subloo tries; B. Hawkins 4 goals) at Accor Stadium.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 20-18. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Thompson, Mansfield, Kennedy, Skelton; Subloo, Hawkins; Taumoepenu, Gray, Gordon (C), O'Kane, Christensen, Chapman (C). Int: French, Le Blanc, Chan-Foon, Tsirikas.

Parramatta: Cini, Martin, Tago, Keir (C), Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Moretti, Arthur, Greig, Guymer, Doorey, Parker. Int: Luke, Latu, Alderton, Cassel.

Norths 22 (A. Fitzgibbon 2, J. Chan, J. Toby tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) defeated Warriors 16 (B. Farr, S. Halasima, M. Sands tries; M. Pasikala 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Norths 7-6. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Norths: Toby, Fitzgibbon, Ieremia, Ogden, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Garlick, Chan, Stimson, Key, Talty. Int: Yates, Makatoa, Bevan, Ngatikaura.

Warriors: Farr; Pasikala, Fatialofa, Tupou, Fuatimau; Laiman, Hanson; Tupouniua, Auloa, Stowers-Smith, Ieremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Tafua, Halasima, Sifakula, Durbin.

Blacktown 50 (C. Faulalo 4, J. Paulo 4, J. Arthur, W. Heleta, C. Navale tries; J. Humphreys 3 goals) defeated Wests 30 (T. Da Silva, S. Faataape, S. Fainu, J. Miller, L. Saukuru tries; T. Da Silva 5 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 18-16. Penalties: Wests 6-4. Referee: Martin Jones.

Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Schoupp, Hodgson, Paulo; Humphreys, Arthur; Woods, Rugless, Siple, Parker, Condon, Matterson. Int: James, Dias, Navale, Dunford.

Wests: Laulilii, Saukuru, Taipau Sako, Faataape, Fainu; Wilson, Ryan; Da Silva, Valevatu (C), Miller; Kepaoa, Broederlow, Laulilii. Int: Tumeth, Johannssen, Maroun, Finau.

ROUND 13 BYE: Canberra
Newtown 34 (B. Burns, T. Hau Tapuha, M. Hiroti, L. Ison, T. Rodwell, S. Stonestreet tries; M. Hiroti 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 18 (D. Keir, I. Lumelume, L. Mulitalo, J. Tago tries; D. Asi goal) at CommBank Stadium.
Date: Thu, 30th May. Kickoff: 5:20 PM. Halftime: Newtown 24-8.
Penalties: Newtown 6-5. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Asi (C), Sanders; Moretti, Arthur, Parker; Keir, Doorey, Guymer. Int: Luke, Cassel, Latu, Alderton.
Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Hiroti, Ferris, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hau Tapuha, Berrell, Dakin, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Colquhoun, Fearnley, Magoulias, Healey.

Newcastle 38 (K. McCarthy 3, L. Moceidreke 2, T. Jenkins, F. Myers tries; W. Pryce 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 16 (J. Sua 3 tries; B. Taaffe 2 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
Date: Fri, 31st May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 20-0.
Penalties: Canterbury 5-3. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
Newcastle: Sharpe, Moceidreke, Jenkins, McCarthy, Myers; Pryce, Sutton; Su'a, Jones, Hetherington, Cant (C), Cartwright, Croker. Int: Kalepo, Bryan, Burgess, Rahme.
Canterbury: Perham, Skelton, Samrani, Clark, Sua; Taaffe, O'Neill; Fa'amausili, Turpin (C), Tetevano, Hoffman, Smith, Vale. Int: Underhill, Cook, Momoisea, Mataale.

Souths 30 (M. Chan-Foon 2, R. Gray 2, C. Chapman tries; B. Hawkins 4, J. Subloo goals) defeated Wests 8 (J. Feledy, S. Taipau Sako tries) at Redfern Oval.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths 18-4. Penalties: Souths 5-2. Referee: Martin Jones.
Souths: Bentley-Hape, Kennar, Thompson, Mansfield, Kennedy; Subloo, Hawkins; Le Blanc, Gray, Gordon, Christensen, Chan-Foon, Chapman (C). Int: O'Kane, French, Taumoepenu, Tsirikas.
Wests: Laulilii, Kirk, Taipau Sako, Feledy, Saukuru; Wilson, Ryan; Sukkar, Valevatu, Miller, Broederlow, Kepaoo, Laulilii. Int: Hodges, Johannssen, Clarke, Nicholas.

St Geo Illa 26 (J. Coric, T. Freebairn, J. Glover, M. Ravalawa, C. Tuipulotu tries; J. Glover 3 goals) defeated Penrith 10 (J. Grant, H. Hassett tries; Z. Lamont goal) at BlueBet Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 20-0.
Penalties: Penrith 6-4. Referee: Damian Brady.
Penrith: Iongi, Fale, McLean, Lane, Amituanai; Lamont, Seve; Grant (C), Scott, Lipowicz, Hassett, Lisati, Price. Int: Patea, Sagaga, Wake, Vaegaa.
St Geo Illa: Tamale, Ravalawa, Johnson, Buchanan, Tuipulotu; King-Togia, Glover; Tuitavake, Muhleisen, Coric, Egan, Russell (C), Molo. Int: Finau, Shereb, Pascoe, Freebairn.

Norths 28 (B. Garlick, D. Jeremia, B. Stevanović, M. Stimson, J. Yates tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) defeated Blacktown 22 (B. Abbey, B. Condon, W. Heleta, J. Paulo tries; J. Humphreys 3 goals) at HE Laybutt Field.
Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 18-12.
Penalties: Norths 9-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.
Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Schoupp, Hodgson, Paulo; Abbey, Humphreys; Woods, Rugless, Siple, Parker, Condon, Matterson. Int: Navale, Dias, Dunford, James, Sykes.
Norths: Toby, Fitzgibbon, Katoa, Jeremia, Ogden; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Garlick, Hodge, Stimson, Key, Talty. Int: Bevan, Yates, Ngatikaura, Hughes, Peni.

Warriors 24 (M. Graham-Taufa 2, L. Hanson, E. Kosi tries; M. Pasikala 4 goals) defeated Sydney 16 (J. Elliott, H. McKeon, P. Steinwede tries; H. Savala 2 goals) at Wentworth Park.
Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 12-6.
Penalties: Warriors 8-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
Sydney: Gromek, Williams, Fekitooa, Clark-Wood, McKeon; Elliott, Savala (C); Tuinauavi, Coleman, Losalu, Steinwede, Barton, Saukuru. Int: Va'a, Nasau, Ross, Fakaosi.
Warriors: Farr, Pasikala, Jeremia-Toeava, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Laiman, Hanson; Mai'u'u, Tafua, Stowers-Smith, Halasima, Laban, Going (C). Int: Sands, Auloa, Tupouniua, Sifakula.

ROUND 14 BYE: Warriors
Parramatta 18 (M. Doorey, M. Harper, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders 3 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 14 (M. Ravalawa, D. Russell, C. Tuipulotu tries; J. Glover goal) at WIN Stadium.
Date: Fri, 7th June. Kickoff: 5:40 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 6-0.
Penalties: St Geo Illa 8-3. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
St Geo Illa: Tamale, Ravalawa, Johnson, Finau, Tuipulotu; King-Togia, Glover; Brown, Muhleisen, Coric, Egan, Russell (C), Molo. Int: Tuitavake, Finau, Shereb, Freebairn.
Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Moretti, Arthur, Makatoa, Keir (C), Doorey, Guymer. Int: Parker, Luke, Latu, Alderton.

Canberra 22 (A. Hopoate, J. Martin, N. Martin, J. Stuart tries; A. Cook 3 goals) defeated Wests 20 (Z. Clarke, S. Faataape, T. Johannssen, L. Laulilii tries; T. Da Silva 2 goals) at Lidcombe Oval.
Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 20-6. Penalties: Canberra 9-4. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.
Wests: Mason, Laulilii, Faataape, Feledy, Saukuru; Casey, Ryan; Sukkar, Da Silva, Miller, Broederlow, Clarke, Johannssen. Int: Valevatu (C), Laulilii, Nicholas, Tumeth.
Canberra: Hopoate, Asomua, Schiller, Esera, Stuart; Waitere, Cook; Hola, Woolford, Mooney, Spencer, Martin, Puru (C). Int: Taateo, Clydsdale, Trevilyan, Martin.

Newtown 38 (T. Rodwell 2, L. Ison, K. Pickering, K. Rajab, S. Stonestreet, C. Ve'a'ila tries; N. Puru 5 goals) defeated Sydney 4 (T. Williams try) at Henson Park.
Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 10-4.
Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Ferris, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Dakin, Berrell (C), Colquhoun, Pickering, Leiu, Hosking. Int: Fearnley, Magoulias, Healey, Ataata.
Sydney: King, Fekitooa, Williams, Jennings, Clark-Wood; Savala, Smith; Va'a, Coleman, Wong, Tupouniua, Steep, Dockar-Clay (C). Int: Moriarty, Losalu, Va'a, Steinwede.

Norths 22 (A. Fitzgibbon, K. Hayman, I. Ogden tries; K. Hayman 5 goals) defeated Penrith 16 (D. Fale, M. Geyer, T. Peachey tries; Z. Lamont 2 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.
Date: Sun, 9th June. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Norths 12-0. Penalties: Norths 9-7. Referee: Kieren Irons.
Penrith: Iongi, McLean, McLean, Fale, Amituanai; Peachey (C), Lamont; Grant, Scott, Riki, Geyer, Lipowicz, Price. Int: Seve, Patea, Hassett, Letoi.
Norths: Toby, Fitzgibbon, Jeremia, Ogden, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Hodge, Key, Stimson, Talty. Int: Yates, Hughes, Tupouniua, Bevan.

Blacktown 36 (J. Humphreys 2, C. Faulalo, A. James, J. Paulo, J. Simpkin tries; J. Humphreys 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (H. Sutton 2, L. Moceidreke tries; W. Pryce 2 goals) at Newcastle Centre of Excellence.
Date: Sun, 9th June. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 24-6.
Penalties: Newcastle 8-2. Referee: Martin Jones.
Newcastle: Sutton, Moceidreke, Jenkins, McCarthy, Myers; Pryce, Sutton; Su'a, Kalepo, Toleafoa, Rahme, Salesa leaumoana, Greacen. Int: Bryan, Burgess, O'BRIEN, Webb.
Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Schoupp, Hodgson, Paulo; Humphreys, Bunting; James, Simpkin, Bullemor, Parker, Condon, Navale. Int: Dias, Sykes, Dunford, Uesele.

Canterbury 46 (P. Fa'amausili 2, J. Samrani 2, E. Clark, R. Hoffman, D. Hutchison, J. Skelton tries; E. Clark 7 goals) defeated Souths 4 (B. Mansfield try) at Accor Stadium.
Date: Mon, 10th June. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 34-0.
Penalties: Souths 6-3. Referee: Damian Brady.
Canterbury: Perham, Skelton, Samrani, Clark, Sua; Hutchison, O'Neill; Underhill, Turpin (C), Fa'amausili, Kautoga, Hayes, Vale. Int: Cook, Hoffman, Marshall, Jones.
Souths: Mundine, Te Hau, Bentley-Hape, Christensen, Mansfield; Teapa, Subloo; Le Blanc, Gray, Gordon, Chapman (C), Chan-Foon, Taumoepenu. Int: O'Kane, French, Tsirikas, Toevai.

ROUND 15 BYE: Canterbury
Warriors 36 (M. Pasikala 2, H. Durbin, S. Halasima, L. Hanson, R. Tuipulotu tries; T. Tuapiki 6 goals) defeated Wests 6 (B. Hodges try; Z. Clarke goal) at Leichhardt Oval.
Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Warriors 6-0.
Penalties: Warriors 8-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
Wests: Wilson, Laulilii, Saukuru, Casey, Willett; Ryan, Doueih; Johannssen, Valevatu (C), Tofaeono, Sukkar, Clarke, Laulilii. Int: Hodges, Vaihu, Nicholas, Finau.
Warriors: Tuapiki, Pasikala, Jeremia-Toeava, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Sifakula, Lussick, Afoa, Halasima, Laban, Going (C). Int: Laiman, Durbin, Sands, Tuipulotu.

Souths 18 (J. Saldanha 2, R. Gray, B. Mansfield tries; D. Teapa goal) drew with Canberra 18 (C. Horsburgh, H. Puru, J. Schiller tries; A. Cook 3 goals) at Redfern Oval.
Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 18-10.
Penalties: Souths 6-4. Referee: Martin Jones.
Souths: Mundine, Skelton, Bentley-Hape, Saldanha, Mansfield; Teapa, Subloo; Tsirikas, Gray, Gordon, O'Kane, Christensen, French. Int: Le Blanc, Chapman (C), Toevai, Taumoepenu.
Canberra: Hopoate, Tuailii, Schiller, Esera, Stuart; Waitere, Cook; Horsburgh, Trevilyan, Hola, Spencer, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Taateo, Webley, Martin, Pattie.

Norths 16 (K. De Luis, M. Stimson tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) defeated Newtown 12 (B. Burns, B. Magoulias tries; M. Hiroti 2 goals) at Henson Park.
Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 12-0.
Penalties: Norths 10-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Hiroti, Ferris, Stonestreet; Atkinson, Puru; Hau Tapuha, Berrell, Dakin, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Colquhoun, Magoulias, Healey, Ataata.
Norths: Toby, Fitzgibbon, Stimson, Hayman, Ogden; Wilson, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Hughes, Lisati, Hodge, Talty. Int: Yates, Bevan, Makatoa, Key.

Parramatta 28 (Z. Cini 2, R. Alderton, I. Lumelume, J. Tago tries; E. Sanders 4 goals) defeated Sydney 20 (J. Anderson 2, E. Griffier, H. Savala tries; H. Savala 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.
Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Sydney 14-6.
Penalties: Parramatta 6-5. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan.
Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Greig, Luke, Parker; Keir (C), Doorey, Guymer. Int: Smith, Cassel, Latu, Alderton.
Sydney: Gromek, Anderson, Williams, King, Griffier; Taipari, Savala; Napa (C), Moriarty, Wong, Barton, Steinwede, Dockar-Clay. Int: Va'a, Foketi, Ross, Fakaosi.

Newcastle 42 (D. Armstrong 2, K. Mapapalangi 2, T. Jenkins, W. Pryce, L. Sutton tries; W. Pryce 7 goals) defeated Penrith 22 (T. Peachey 2, J. Grant, N. Murphy tries; Z. Lamont 3 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 24-4.
Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.
Newcastle: Sutton, McCarthy, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, Armstrong; Pryce, Sutton; Su'a, Jones, Rahme, Cant (C), Webb, Greacen. Int: Salesa leaumoana, Bryan, Burgess, Herring.
Penrith: Iongi, Murphy, Kepaoo, Fale, Amituanai; Peachey (C), Lamont; Grant, Scott, Patea, Hassett, Lipowicz, Eisenhuth. Int: Seve, Letoi, Dias, Price.

Blacktown 26 (B. Condon 3, C. Faulalo, W. Heleta tries; J. Paulo 3 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 14 (S. Finau, B. Johnson, L. King-Togia tries; J. Glover goal) at HE Laybutt Field.
Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 10-6.
Penalties: St Geo Illa 7-2. Referee: Clayton Wills.
Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Abbey (C), Paulo, Tuaimalo Vaega; Humphreys, Bunting; James, Chan Kum Tong, Sykes, Parker, Condon, Navale. Int: Rugless, Dunford, Uesele, Seufale.
St Geo Illa: Tamale, Roberts, Johnson, Shereb, Finau; King-Togia, Glover; Couchman, Muhleisen, Coric, Egan, Russell (C), Stewart. Int: Tuitavake, Finau, Fifita, Brown.

ROUND 16

BYE: Norths

Warriors 18 (M. Graham-Taufa 2, B. Farr tries; T. Tuapiki 3 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 4 (D. Russell try) at North Harbour Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 4-0.
 Penalties: Warriors 8-7. Referee: Paki Parkinson.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Vake, Graham-Taufa, Pasikala; Farr, Hanson; Sifakula, Tafua, Ieremia-Toeava, Sands, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Laiman, Fatialofa, Durbin, Tuipulotuvea, Fifita.
 St Geo Illa: Tamale, Roberts, Johnson, Shereb, Finau; King-Togia, Glover; Couchman, Muhleisen, Coric, Egan, Russell, Brown. Int: Finau, Pascoe, Tuitavake, Fifita.

Newtown 20 (D. Atkinson, M. Hiroti, S. Stonestreet tries; M. Hiroti 4 goals) defeated Penrith 16 (D. Amituanai, M. Geyer, L. Sommerton tries; T. Peachey, T. Toelau goals) at BlueBet Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 12-0.
 Penalties: Newtown 6-4. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Penrith: Iongi, Murphy, Kepaoa, Fale, Amituanai; Peachey (C), Toelau; Grant, Sommerton, Riki, Geyer; Lipowicz, Patea. Int: Seve, Price, Dias, Letoi.
 Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Vea'ila, Hiroti, Stonestreet; Rajab, Atkinson; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Colquhoun, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Fearneley, Magoulias, Healey, Leiu.

Canberra 30 (A. Cook 2, J. Billing, M. Henderson, J. Schiller tries; A. Cook 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 0 at Eric Tweedale Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-0.
 Penalties: Parramatta 7-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Greig, Lussick, Makatoa, Keir (C), Doorey, Moretti. Int: Luke, Guymier, Parker, Alderton.
 Canberra: Hoppoate, Tuiailii, Schiller, Esera, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Taateo, Puru (C), Martin, Sasagi, Roddy, Spencer. Int: Pattie, Skippis, Clydsdale, Billing.

Newcastle 36 (T. Cant 3, D. Armstrong, K. McCarthy, K. Mapapalangi tries; T. Cant 6 goals) defeated Sydney 0 at Industree Group Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 24-0.
 Penalties: Newcastle 9-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Sydney: Gromek, Anderson, Chatfield-Mooka, Fekitua, McKeon; Foley, Savala; Napa (C), Moriarty, Va'a, Foketi, Steinwede, Saukuru. Int: Fakaosi, Uini, Holten, Nasau.
 Newcastle: Sutton, McCarthy, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, Armstrong; Herring, Sutton; Su'a, Jones, Hetherington, Cant (C), Webb, Croker. Int: Rahme, Greacen, Burgess, Davis.

Blacktown 42 (G. Chan Kum Tong 2, T. Bunting, C. Faulalo, M. Hayley, W. Heleta, J. Humphreys tries; J. Humphreys 7 goals) defeated Souths 20 (B. Bentley-Hape 2, J. Saldanha 2 tries; D. Teapa 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 22-8.
 Penalties: Souths 5-2. Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Mansfield, Skelton, Saldanha; Teapa, Sublo; French, Gray, Gordon, O'Kane, Christensen, Tsikrikas. Int: Chapman (C), Doolan, Whippy, Taumoepenu, Chan-Foon.
 Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Abbey (C), Lawry, Navale; Humphreys, Bunting; Uesele, Chan Kum Tong, Dunford, Parker (C), Hayley, Seufale. Int: Rugless, Konz, Mihiniui, Mafoa, Afoa.

Canterbury 38 (J. Samrani 2, P. Fa'amausili, K. Kautoga, J. O'Neill, H. Perham, J. Sua tries; E. Clark 5 goals) defeated Wests 16 (B. Hodges, L. Saukuru, J. Valevatu tries; T. Da Silva 2 goals) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 1:35 PM. Halftime: Wests 10-4.
 Penalties: Wests 5-4. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Wests: Wilson, Ngutlik, Saukuru, Feledy, Willett; Casey, Valevatu (C); Tofaeono, Da Silva, Miller, Sukkar, Tumeth, Johannssen. Int: Vaihu, Nicholas, Finau, Hodges.
 Canterbury: Perham, Petersen, Samrani, Clark, Sua; O'Neill (C), Taaffe; Underhill, Cook, Fa'amausili, Kautoga, Hayes, Vale. Int: Patolo, Moyle, Donaldson, Jones.

ROUND 17

BYE: Blacktown

Penrith 30 (D. Amituanai 3, A. Kepaoa, Z. Lamont, N. Murphy, T. Peachey tries; B. Scott goal) defeated Wests 6 (D. Casey try; T. Da Silva goal) at Lidcombe Oval.
 Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 20-0.
 Referee: Daniel Luttringer.
 Wests: Staines, Alaimalo, Saukuru, Feledy, Kirk; Casey (C), Mason; Laulilii, Da Silva. Johannssen, Sukkar, Broederlow, Tofaeono. Int: Nicholas, Tumeth, Miller, Hodges.
 Penrith: Iongi, Murphy, Kepaoa, Fale, Amituanai; Peachey (C), Lamont; Dias, Sommerton, Geyer, Hassett, Lipowicz, Price. Int: Scott, Apelu, Wake, Letoi.

Sydney 32 (T. Tait 4, K. Fekitua, M. Jennings tries; S. Smith 4 goals) defeated Newtown 18 (T. Hau Tapuha, K. Pickering, T. Rodwell tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Newtown 18-4.
 Referee: Damian Brady.
 Sydney: Fekitua, Anderson, Jennings, Tait, McKeon; Elliott, Smith (C); Wong, Moriarty, Losalu, Steinwede, Foketi, Steep. Int: Savala, McCathie, Va'a, Fakaosi.
 Newtown: Atkinson, Rodwell, Vea'ila, Hiroti, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns, Hosking. Int: Colquhoun, Leiu, Magoulias, Healey.

Warriors 24 (T. Tuapiki 2, M. Pasikala, S. Tu tries; T. Tuapiki 4 goals) defeated Canberra 18 (C. Horsburgh, N. Martin, C. Stewart tries; M. Henderson 3 goals) at Go Media Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 2:40 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-8.
 Penalties: Canberra 8-6. Referee: Martin Jones.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Pasikala, Tu, Ieremia-Toeava, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Sifakula, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Halasima, Ale. Int: Going (C), Sands, Stowers-Smith, Fifita.
 Canberra: Stewart, Tuiailii, Schiller, Esera, Stuart; Waitere, Henderson; Guler, Trevilyan, Horsburgh, Spencer, Martin, Puru (C). Int: Taateo, Clydsdale, Pattie, Billing.

Parramatta 30 (I. Lumelume 2, J. Tago 2, M. Harper, R. Smith tries; E. Sanders 2, D. Asi goals) defeated Newcastle 8 (T. Cant, B. Greacen tries) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 20-0.
 Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Newcastle: Armstrong, Moceidreke, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, McCarthy; Herring, Cogger; Greacen, Jones, Bryan, Cant (C), Webb, Rahme. Int: Davis, Su'a, Burgess, McEwen.
 Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Tago, Harper, Lumelume; Asi, Sanders; Moretti, Luke, Parker, Keir (C), Brazel, Guymier. Int: Pryke, Alderton, Smith, Spicer.

St Geo Illa 32 (C. Roberts 2, F. Brown, H. Buchanan, J. Glover, S. Tamale tries; F. Brown 4 goals) defeated Souths 18 (B. Tsikrikas 2, L. Te Hau tries; D. Teapa 3 goals) at Redfern Oval.
 Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 16-0.
 Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Mansfield, Skelton, Saldanha; Teapa, Gray; Le Blanc, Mamouzelos (C), Tsikrikas, Chan-Foon, Christensen, Whippy. Int: Gordon, Chapman, French, Taumoepenu.
 St Geo Illa: King-Togia, Tamale, Shereb, Buchanan, Roberts; Brown, Glover; Fifita, Muhleisen, Molo, Egan, Stewart, Tuitavake. Int: Finau, Coric, Pasifiki Tonga, Freebairn.

Norths 18 (A. Fitzgibbon, R. Smith tries; K. Hayman 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 10 (H. Hayes 2 tries; E. Clark goal) at North Sydney Oval.
 Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Referee: Karra-Lea Nolan.
 Norths: Toby, Fitzgibbon, Ieremia, Smith, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Moeroa, Stimson, Lisati, Talty. Int: Hughes, Yates, Makatoa, Bevan.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Sua, Samrani, Perham, Clark; Hutchison, O'Neill; Fa'amausili, Turpin (C), Patolo, Kautoga, Hayes, Todd. Int: Cook, Knight, Vale, Underhill.

ROUND 18

BYE: Penrith

Parramatta 20 (S. Loizou 3, L. Mulitalo tries; E. Sanders 2 goals) defeated Souths 16 (F. Myers 3, L. Te Hau tries) at CommBank Stadium.
 Date: Thu, 4th July. Kickoff: 5:20 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 14-8.
 Referee: Wyatt Raymond.
 Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Loizou, Harper, Lumelume; Asi, Sanders; Makatoa, Luke, Greig, Keir (C), Brazel, Moretti. Int: Smith, Parker, Pryke, Alderton.
 Souths: Gray, Te Hau, Mansfield, Myers, Skelton; Bentley-Hape, Teapa; Le Blanc, Gray, Gordon (C), O'Kane, Christensen, French. Int: Fletcher, Chapman, Whippy, Tsikrikas.

Canterbury 46 (J. Papalii 2, J. Sua 2, L. Knight, H. Perham, J. Samrani, B. Taaffe tries; E. Clark 7 goals) defeated Warriors 16 (M. Graham-Taufa, E. Kosi, M. Tafua tries; M. Pasikala 2 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 22-10.
 Penalties: Canterbury 7-5. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Sua, Samrani, Perham, Clark; Taaffe, O'Neill; Fa'amausili, Turpin (C), Patolo, Kautoga, Hayes, Todd. Int: Cook, Sutton, Knight, Vale.
 Warriors: Pasikala, Tu, Leiataua, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Sifakula, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Ieremia-Toeava, Going (C). Int: Sands, Stowers-Smith, Durbin, Auloo.

Newtown 32 (J. Colquhoun 2, B. Hamlin-Uele, S. Healey, K. Pickering, S. Taukamo tries; N. Puru 4 goals) defeated Wests 24 (J. Feledy 2, Z. Clarke, A. Lobb, J. Miller tries; A. Lobb 2 goals) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 20-6.
 Referee: Jake Sutherland.
 Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Vea'ila, Swann, Taukamo; Rajab, Puru (C); Rudolf, Healey, Hamlin-Uele, Pickering, Leiu, Colquhoun. Int: Hosking, Dakin, Magoulias, Cook.
 Wests: Naden, Laulilii, Saukuru, Feledy, Lobb; Fainu, Sullivan; Johannssen, Da Silva, Porter, Sukkar; Broederlow, Laulilii. Int: Casey, Clarke, Miller, Nicholas.

St Geo Illa 18 (D. Egan, L. King-Togia, C. Muhleisen tries; J. Glover 3 goals) defeated Sydney 14 (T. Tait 2, J. Anderson tries; S. Smith goal) at Allianz Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 11:30 AM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 12-6.
 Penalties: Sydney 5-3. Referee: Clayton Wills.
 Sydney: Anderson, Murphy, Chatfield-Mooka, Fekitua, Tait; Elliott, Smith (C); Va'a, Savala, Wong, McCathie, Foketi, Whyte. Int: Foley, Va'a, Losalu, Steep.
 St Geo Illa: Bird, Roberts, Shereb, Buchanan, Tamale; King-Togia, Glover; Fifita, Muhleisen (C), Tuitavake, Egan, Russell, Stewart. Int: Finau, Coric, Pasifiki Tonga, Freebairn.

Canberra 38 (P. Taateo 3, P. Esera, H. Puru, M. Spencer tries; M. Henderson 7 goals) defeated Newcastle 24 (T. Cant 2, B. Greacen, K. Mapapalangi, C. Votano tries; T. Cant 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 1:40 PM. Halftime: Canberra 30-14.
 Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Canberra: Stewart, Tuiailii, Cotric, Esera, Stuart; Waitere, Henderson; Taateo, Woolford, Hola, Roddy, Martin, Puru (C). Int: Webley, Trevilyan, Spencer, Clydsdale.
 Newcastle: Votano, Sutton, Jenkins, Mapapalangi, McCarthy; Herring, Cogger; Bryan, Jones, Hetherington, Cant (C), McEwen, Rahme. Int: Greacen, Davis, Su'a, Toleafoa.

Norths 28 (A. Fitzgibbon 4, J. Chan tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) defeated Blacktown 10 (R. Tuaimalo Vaega, J. Uesele tries; J. Humphreys goal) at North Sydney Oval.
 Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 14-0. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Norths: Toby, Katoa, Ieremia, Smith, Fitzgibbon; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Yates, Lisati, Chan, Moeroa, Talty. Int: Ogden, Hodge, Hughes, Makatoa.
 Blacktown: Hodgson, Heleta, Schoupp, Paulo, Tuaimalo Vaega; Humphreys, Bunting; James, Rugless, Dunford, Parker (C), Condon, Navale. Int: Abbey, Matterson, Uesele, Seufale.

ROUND 19

BYE: St Geo Illa
 Canberra 26 (M. Henderson, H. Puru, J. Schiller, M. Waitere tries; M. Henderson 5 goals) defeated Penrith 24 (J. McLean, N. Murphy, T. Peachey, R. Price tries; T. Toelau 4 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 8-6.
 Penalties: Penrith 6-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Penrith: McLean, Murphy, Kepaoa, Mclean, Amituanai; Peachey, Toelau; Grant, Sommerton, Dias, Geyer, Lipowicz, Patea. Int: Luke, Apelu, Price, Letoi, Fale.
 Canberra: Schiller, Tuialii, Cotric, Esera, Stuart; Waitere, Henderson; Taateo, Woolford, Guler, Sasagi, Roddy, Puru (C). Int: Hola, Pattie, Spencer, Martin.

Newtown 44 (L. Ison 3, J. Berrell, T. Hau Tapuha, B. Magoulias, K. Rajab tries; N. Puru 8 goals) defeated Canterbury 18 (E. Clark, J. Skelton, J. Sua tries; E. Clark 3 goals) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 26-12.
 Referee: Kieren Irons.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Vea'ila, Swann, Taukamo; Rajab, Puru; Dakin, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns (C), Magoulias. Int: Leiu, Hosking, Healey, Faatili.
 Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Clark, Samrani, Sua; Perham, O'Neill (C); Fa'amausili, Cook, Patolo, Kautoga, Hayes, Hopoi. Int: Moyle, Knight, Vale, Underhill.

Warriors 46 (N. Vake 2, B. Farr, K. Going, L. Hanson, E. Kosi, D. Sifakula, S. Tu tries; M. Pasikala 7 goals) defeated Parramatta 28 (M. Alameddine, Z. Cini, I. Lumelume, J. Lynn, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders 4 goals) at Lidcombe Oval.
 Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 28-4.
 Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Parramatta: Cini, Alameddine, Loizou, Harper, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Greig, Lussick, Alderton, Keir (C), Brazel, Parker. Int: Luke, Pryke, Spicer, Tupou.
 Warriors: Tu, Pasikala, Vake, Graham-Taufa, Kosi; Farr, Hanson; Sifakula, Tafua, Stowers-Smith, Jeremia-Toeava, Sands, Going (C). Int: Auloa, Durbin, Mai'u'u, Fatialofa, Fifita.

Newcastle 26 (L. Aoake 2, H. Sutton 2, R. Jones tries; C. Votano 3 goals) defeated Blacktown 14 (R. Tuaimalo Vaega 2, J. Paulo tries; A. Schoupp goal) at 4 Pines Park.
 Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 16-6.
 Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Blacktown: Paulo, Heleta, Schoupp, Hayley, Tuaimalo Vaega; Abbey, Bunting; James, O'Donnell, Uesele, Parker (C), Dunford, Matterson. Int: Rugless, Mihinui, Seufale, Mafoa.
 Newcastle: Votano, Sutton, Jenkins, McCarthy, Aoake; Herring, Cogger (C); Su'a, Jones, Hetherington, Salesa leaumoana, Greacen, Rahme. Int: Davis, Bryan, Webb, Cullen.

Norths 22 (J. Yates 2, A. Fitzgibbon, K. Hayman tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) defeated Souths 20 (R. Gray, F. Myers, J. Subloo, D. Teampa tries; F. Myers, D. Teampa goals) at Coogee Oval.
 Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 12-10. Referee: Cameron Turner.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Mansfield, Myers, Thompson; Subloo, Teampa; Tsikrikas, Gray, Gordon (C), O'Kane, Christensen, Chapman. Int: Fletcher, French, Gray, Mamouzelos.
 Norths: Thomas, Fitzgibbon, Ogden, Stimson, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Bevan, Moeroa, Hodge, Talty. Int: Lisati, Yates, Hughes, Makatoa.

Wests 44 (S. To'a 2, S. Alaimalo, D. Casey, J. Feledy, J. Sullivan, C. Tasipale, J. Valevatu tries; J. Sullivan 6 goals) defeated Sydney 4 (E. King try) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wests 16-4. Referee: Luke Saldern.

Sydney: King, Murphy, Chatfield-Mooka, Fekitoa, Tait; Elliott, Smith (C); Napa (C), Moriarty, Losalu, McCathie, Foketi, Steep. Int: Foley, Va'a, Va'a, Steinwede.
 Wests: Naden, Alaimalo, Casey, Feledy, Mason; Fainu, Sullivan; Johannssen, Valevatu (C), Aho, Vaihu, Broederlow, Matamua. Int: To'a, Tasipale, Miller, Finau.

ROUND 20

BYE: Warriors
 Canterbury 32 (J. Mazzone 3, R. Cook, L. Hopoi, H. Perham tries; E. Clark 4 goals) defeated Parramatta 22 (I. Lumelume, J. Lussick, J. Lynn, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders 3 goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.
 Date: Fri, 19th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 26-4.
 Penalties: Parramatta 10-5. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canterbury: Papalii, Petersen, Clark, Samrani, Mazzone; Perham, O'Neill (C); Underhill, Cook, Hopoi, Kautoga, Vale, Knight. Int: Moyle, Toilalo, Maree, Donaldson.
 Parramatta: Asi, Mulitalo, Loizou, Russell, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Parker, Arthur, Makatoa, Gray, Doorey, Keir (C). Int: Lussick, Ogden, Mataele, Alderton.

Souths 44 (T. Fletcher 2, R. Gray 2, M. French, B. Mansfield, H. O'Kane, I. Thompson tries; F. Myers 6 goals) defeated Sydney 24 (K. Fekitoa 2, T. Tait, R. Toia tries; H. Savala 4 goals) at Indusree Group Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 12:40 PM. Halftime: Souths 22-12.
 Penalties: Souths 8-4. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Skelton, Mansfield, Myers, Thompson; Subloo, Teampa; Tsikrikas, Gray, Gordon (C), Fletcher, O'Kane, Chapman. Int: Christensen, Gray, French, Whippy.
 Sydney: Gromek, Murphy, Fekitoa, Toia, Tait; Elliott, Savala; Va'a, Moriarty, Va'a, McCathie (C), Ross, Steep. Int: Napa, Dockar-Clay, Losalu, Barton.

Norths 20 (A. Fitzgibbon, B. Talty tries; K. Hayman 5 goals; K. Hayman field goal (2pt)) defeated Canberra 12 (M. Henderson 2 tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at Raiders Belconnen.
 Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 10-6.
 Penalties: Norths 9-7. Referee: Cameron Turner.

Canberra: Waitere, Cotric, Schiller, Hopoate, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Hola, Woolford, Guler, Martin, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Taateo, Spencer, Trevilyn, Martin.
 Norths: Toby, Fitzgibbon, Ogden, Smith, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Moeroa, Lisati, Stimson, Talty. Int: Yates, Makatoa, Hughes, Thomas.

Newcastle 34 (F. Sharpe 2, T. Jenkins, J. McEwen, S. Su'a, L. Sutton tries; L. Sutton 5 goals) defeated Newtown 24 (B. Burns, J. Ferris, S. Healey, B. Magoulias tries; N. Puru 4 goals) at McDonald Jones Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 14-12.
 Penalties: Newtown 8-2. Referee: Luke Saldern.

Newcastle: Sharpe, Sutton, Jenkins, McCarthy, Aoake; Sutton, Cogger (C); Su'a, Jones, Cullen, Salesa leaumoana, Greacen, Rahme. Int: Herring, McEwen, Webb, Burgess.
 Newtown: Tamou, Rodwell, Vea'ila, Ferris, Taukamo; Rajab, Puru; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns (C), Magoulias. Int: Fearnley, Hosking, Leiu, Healey.

Penrith 48 (A. Kepaoa 2, Z. Lipowicz 2, D. Amituanai, D. Fale, H. Hassett, S. Lane, T. Peachey tries; B. Scott 6 goals) defeated Blacktown 18 (T. Bunting, C. Faulalo, B. Parker tries; J. Paulo 3 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 11:45 AM. Halftime: Blacktown 18-12.
 Penalties: Blacktown 7-5. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Penrith: Iongi, Lane, Kepaoa, Fale, Amituanai; Peachey (C), Luke; Grant, Scott, Dias, Hassett, Lipowicz, Price. Int: Wake, Apelu, Letoi, Fonua.
 Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Paulo, Hayley, Navale; Abbey, Bunting; Condon, O'Donnell, Uesele, Parker (C), Matterson, Navale. Int: Dunford, Rugless, Mihinui, Seufale.

St Geo Illa 52 (S. Finau 4, F. Brown, D. Egan, V. Fifita, L. King-Togia, S. Tamale tries; F. Brown 8 goals) defeated Wests 16 (S. Alaimalo, J. Feledy, J. Sullivan tries; J. Sullivan 2 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.
 Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 24-10.
 Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

St Geo Illa: King-Togia, Finau, Shereb, Johnson, Tamale; Brown, Glover; Fifita, Muhleisen (C), Molo, Egan, Russell, Couchman. Int: Tuitavake, Finau, Coric, Pasifiki Tonga.
 Wests: Mason, Alaimalo, To'a, Feledy, Saukuru; Naden, Sullivan; Johannssen, Valevatu, Laulili, Porter, Broederlow, Matamua. Int: Casey, Tasipale, Miller, Aho.

ROUND 21

BYE: Newcastle
 Wests 20 (N. Willett 2, J. Feledy, T. Johannssen tries; J. Sullivan 2 goals) defeated Warriors 14 (S. Kali 2, M. Pasikala tries; M. Pasikala goal) at Go Media Stadium.
 Date: Fri, 26th July. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Wests 10-8. Penalties: Wests 9-7. Referee: Cameron Turner.

Warriors: Farr, Tu, Jeremia-Toeava, Kali, Pasikala; Hanson, Roache; Ale, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Sands, Going (C). Int: Maiu'u, Laiman, Stowers-Smith, Tupuniua.
 Wests: Mason, Alaimalo, Casey, Feledy, Willett; Naden, Sullivan; Johannssen, Hodges, Aho, Tasipale, Broederlow, Matamua. Int: Vaihu, Laulili, Miller, Sukkar.

Canterbury 32 (E. Clark 2, D. Gabrael, J. Mazzone, J. Sua tries; E. Clark 6 goals) defeated Norths 10 (A. Fitzgibbon, R. Smith tries; K. Hayman goal) at Belmore Sports Ground.
 Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 16-10.
 Penalties: Canterbury 7-4. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canterbury: Papalii, Sua, Gabrael, Clark, Mazzone; Hutchison, O'Neill (C); Underhill, Cook, Fa'amausili, Kautoga, Vale, Toilalo. Int: Donaldson, Moyle, Spinks, Maree.
 Norths: Fa'alogo, Fitzgibbon, Smith, Jeremia, Katoa; Hayman, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Yates, Moeroa, Stimson, Key, Talty. Int: Toby, Hughes, Lisati, Thomas.

Penrith 30 (A. Kepaoa 3, J. Cole, D. Fale, H. Hassett tries; J. Cole 3 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 24 (D. Egan, L. King-Togia, M. Ravalawa, T. Sloan tries; J. Glover 4 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.
 Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 18-10.
 Penalties: Penrith 7-5. Referee: Jake Sutherland.

St Geo Illa: Sloan, Finau, Tamale, Bird, Ravalawa; King-Togia, Glover; Fifita, Muhleisen, Molo, Egan, Russell, Couchman. Int: Tuitavake, Finau, Coric, Shereb, Stewart.
 Penrith: Iongi, Fale, Peachey, Kepaoa, Amituanai; Cole, Schneider; Grant, Sommerton, Dias, Price, Lipowicz, Patea. Int: Luke, Apelu, Hassett, Letoi.

Newtown 30 (K. Dixon 2, S. Healey, B. Hosking, T. Rodwell tries; N. Puru 5 goals) defeated Parramatta 16 (E. Sanders 2, M. Alameddine tries; E. Sanders 2 goals) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 22-6.
 Penalties: Parramatta 8-4. Referee: Martin Jones.

Newtown: Tamou, Rodwell, Vea'ila, Swann, Dixon; Taukamo, Puru; Dakin, Healey, Hunt, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Fearnley, Cook.
 Parramatta: Cini, Alameddine, Nanva, Doorey, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Ogden, Arthur (C), Makatoa, Brazel, De Stradis, Parker. Int: Luke, Mataele, Pryke, Alderton.

Sydney 58 (S. Foketi 2, S. Smith 2, K. Fekitoa, C. Gromek, E. King, M. McCathie, T. Tait, R. Toia tries; S. Smith 9 goals) defeated Blacktown 6 (J. Humphreys try; J. Paulo goal) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 32-6. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Sydney: Gromek, King, Fekitoa, Toia, Tait; Elliott, Smith (C); Wong, Dockar-Clay (C), Va'a, McCathie, Foketi, Steep. Int: Napa, Moriarty, Va'a, Barton.
 Blacktown: Paulo, Heleta, Hayley, Parker (C), Navale; Humphreys, Bunting; James, Croker, Woods, Condon, Matterson, Navale. Int: O'Donnell, Dunford, Mihinui, Uesele.

Canberra 56 (A. Hopoate 2, S. Sasagi 2, J. Stuart 2, N. Cotric, M. Henderson, N. Martin, O. Pattie tries; A. Cook 6, M. Henderson 2 goals) defeated Souths 16 (B. Bentley-Hape, R. Gray, J. Subloo tries; F. Myers 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:50 PM. Halftime: Canberra 34-6.
 Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Canberra: Waitere, Hopoate, Spencer, Cotric, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Guler, Woolford, Horsburgh, Martin, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Hola, Taateo, Martin, Pattie.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Mansfield, Myers, Thompson; Subloo, Hawkins; Williams, Moretti, Gordon (C), Chapman, O'Kane, Gray. Int: Mitchell, Gray, Christensen, French.

ROUND 22

BYE: Blacktown

Warriors 46 (J. Laban 2, M. Pasikala 2, K. Going, E. Ieremia-Toeava, P. Roache, T. Tuupiki tries; T. Tuupiki 5, L. Metcalf, M. Pasikala goals) defeated Parramatta 10 (J. Brazel, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders goal) at Go Media Stadium.

Date: Fri, 2nd August. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Warriors 30-4. Penalties: Parramatta 7-2. Referee: Paki Parkinson.

Warriors: Tuupiki, Pasikala, Tu, Farr; Kosi; Metcalf, Martin; Ieremia-Toeava, Roache, Afoa, Laban, Sifakula, Going (C). Int: Tafua, Stowers-Smith, Tupouniua, Mai'u.

Parramatta: Cini, Mulitalo, Nanva, Harper, Lumelume; Lynn, Sanders; Ogden, Arthur (C), Alderton, Brazel, Doorey, Makatoa. Int: Luke, Mataaele, Pryke, Tupou.

Sydney 64 (C. Gromek 2, T. Moriarty 2, T. Tait 2, H. Barton, Z. Dockar-Clay, J. Elliott, K. Fekitua, R. Toia tries; H. Savala 10 goals) defeated Wests 6 (C. Nicholas try; J. Sullivan goal) at Lidcombe Oval.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sydney 34-0. Penalties: Wests 7-6. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Wests: Mason, Tavana, Casey (C), Feledy, Mougios; Naden, Sullivan; Laulilii, Hodges, Aho, Tasipale, Broederlow, Matamua. Int: Vaihu, Miller, Sukkar, Nicholas.

Sydney: Gromek, Clark-Wood, Fekitua, Toia, Tait; Elliott, Savala; Losalu, Dockar-Clay (C), Va'a, McCathie, Foketi, Steep. Int: Napa, Moriarty, Va'a, Barton, Foley.

Newtown 38 (K. Dixon 2, S. Taukamo 2, B. Hosking, L. Ison, N. Puru tries; N. Puru 5 goals) defeated Souths 16 (P. Mamouzelos, S. Mitchell, L. Te Hau tries; B. Hawkins 2 goals) at Henson Park.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 18-10. Penalties: Souths 8-6. Referee: Martin Jones.

Newtown: Ison, Taukamo, Ve'a'ila, Swann, Dixon; Berrell, Puru; Crouch, Healey, Fearnley, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Ataata, Cook.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Christensen, Skelton, Thompson; Subloo, Hawkins; Mitchell, Mamouzelos (C), Gray, O'Kane, French, Le Blanc. Int: Gray, Gordon, Chapman, Tsikrikas.

Penrith 40 (D. Amituanai, A. Kepaoa, N. Murphy, T. Peachey, B. Schneider; L. Sommerton, R. Wake tries; J. Cole 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 26 (T. Cant, T. Jenkins, W. Pryce, J. Rahme, C. Webb tries; W. Pryce 3 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 11:35 AM. Halftime: Penrith 24-16. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Penrith: Fonua, Kepaoa, Peachey (C), Lane, Amituanai; Cole, Schneider; Grant, Luke, Dias, Price, Lipowicz, Sommerton. Int: Murphy, Apelu, Wake, Letoi, Hassett.

Newcastle: Votano, Sutton, Mapapalangi, McCarthy, Jenkins; Pryce, Sutton; Su'a, Davis, Rahme, Cant (C), Jones, Hastings. Int: Jones, Greacen, Bryan, Webb, Herring.

Canterbury 22 (D. Hutchison 2, J. Sua, L. Vale tries; E. Clark 3 goals) defeated Canberra 12 (J. Martin, N. Martin tries; M. Henderson 2 goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 1:45 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 10-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canterbury: Papalii, Sua, Samrani, Perham, Clark; Hutchison, O'Neill (C); Toilalo, Turpin, Underhill, Kautoga, Vale, Knight. Int: Cook, Suluka-Fifita, Patolo, Spinks, Maree.

Canberra: Hopoate, Cotric, Esera, Spencer; Stuart; Waitere, Henderson; Guler, Woolford, Horsburgh, Martin, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Taateo, Hola, Martin, Treviyan, Webley.

St Geo Illa 32 (B. Johnson 2, S. Tamale 2, J. Glover, M. Ravalawa tries; J. Glover 4 goals) defeated Norths 20 (K. Hayman, T. Katoa, B. Talty tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 26-0. Referee: Damian Brady.

Norths: Fa'alogo, Ieremia, Stimson, Hayman, Katoa; Toby, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Hughes, Key, Lisati, Talty. Int: Yates, Bevan, Tohi, Tupouniua, Komolafe.

St Geo Illa: Bird, Tamale, Johnson, Buchanan, Ravalawa; King-Togia, Glover; Molo, Muhleisen, Pasifiki Tonga, Egan, Russell (C), Freebairn. Int: Finau, Stewart, Coric, Shereb, Purcell.

ROUND 23

BYE: Sydney

Parramatta 22 (E. Martin 2, M. Harper, L. Mulitalo tries; E. Sanders 3 goals) drew with Penrith 22 (B. Schneider 2, D. Amituanai, A. Kepaoa tries; J. Cole 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Penrith 12-10. Penalties: Parramatta 10-5. Referee: Daniel Luttringer.

Parramatta: Mulitalo, Martin, Abdow, Harper, Lumelume; Hunter; Sanders; Ogden, Arthur (C), Makatoa, Lewis, Mataaele, Parker. Int: Luke, Cassel, Alderton, Niutilli-Schmidt.

Penrith: Iongi, Kepaoa, Peachey (C), Fale, Amituanai; Cole, Schneider; Grant, Sommerton, Dias, Hassett, Lipowicz, Price. Int: Luke, Apelu, Fonua, Letoi.

Canberra 52 (D. Levi 2, J. Martin 2, M. Waitere 2, M. Henderson, J. Schiller; C. Stewart tries; M. Henderson 8 goals) defeated Blacktown 12 (C. Faulalo, M. Lodge tries; J. Paulo 2 goals) at GIO Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 34-6. Penalties: Blacktown 8-5. Referee: Clayton Wills.

Canberra: Stewart, Cotric, Hopoate, Schiller, Stuart; Waitere, Henderson; Martin, Levi, Guler, Martin, Spencer, Horsburgh. Int: Puru (C), Pattie, Hola, Taateo, Billing.

Blacktown: Faulalo, Heleta, Lawry, Paulo, Tuaimalo Vaega; Matterson, Bunting; Lodge, Simpkin, Woods, Parker (C), Condon, Waddell. Int: Rugless, James, Sykes, Uesele.

St Geo Illa 30 (M. Ravalawa 2, J. Glover, L. King-Togia, H. Stewart tries; J. Glover 5 goals) defeated Canterbury 6 (E. Clark try; E. Clark goal) at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 18-0. Penalties: St Geo Illa 11-5. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

St Geo Illa: Bird, Tamale, Johnson, Feagai, Ravalawa; King-Togia, Glover; Coric, Muhleisen, Pasifiki Tonga, Egan, Russell, Stewart. Int: Tuitavake, Finau, Fifita, Shereb.

Canterbury: Papalii, Skelton, Gabrael, Clark, Wilson; Perham, O'Neill (C); Fa'amausili, Cook, Patolo, Toilalo, Vale, Knight. Int: Tagituimua, Kautoga, Suluka-Fifita, Spinks.

Warriors 28 (E. Ieremia-Toeava 2, B. Farr; Z. Mai'u, M. Pasikala tries; L. Metcalf 4 goals) defeated Souths 10 (C. Kennedy, I. Thompson tries; B. Hawkins goal) at Bruce Pullman Park.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Warriors 16-4. Penalties: Souths 8-5. Referee: Paki Parkinson.

Warriors: Farr; Tu, Graham-Taufa, Ieremia-Toeava, Pasikala; Hanson, Metcalf; Stowers-Smith, Roache, Mai'u, Laban, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Tafua, Durbin, Doyle, Sands.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Thompson, Skelton, Kennedy; Hawkins, Hawkins (C); Gordon, Gray, Tsikrikas, O'Kane, Christensen, Chapman. Int: Gray, Le Blanc, Subloo, French.

Wests 22 (L. Broederlow, D. Casey, J. Feledy, F. Tavana tries; J. Sullivan 3 goals) defeated Newcastle 14 (D. Armstrong, R. Jones, H. Sutton tries; W. Pryce goal) at McDonald Jones Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 8-4. Penalties: Wests 7-5. Referee: Martin Jones.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Sutton, Jenkins, Votano, Moceidreke; Pryce, Herring; Su'a, Davis, Rahme, Greacen, McEwen, Hastings (C). Int: Jones, Cullen, Webb, Hopwood.

Wests: Mason, Tavana, Casey (C), Feledy, Ngutlik; Naden, Sullivan; Johannssen, Hodges, Aho, Vaihu, Sukkar, Laulilii. Int: Valevatu, Matamua, Broederlow, Nicholas.

Newtown 18 (B. Magoulias, K. Pickering, N. Puru tries; M. Hiroti 3 goals) defeated Norths 8 (A. Fitzgibbon try; K. Hayman 2 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 10-2. Penalties: Newtown 9-8. Referee: Damian Brady.

Norths: Fa'alogo, Fitzgibbon, Hayman, Ieremia, Katoa; Toby, Stevanović; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Moeroa, Stimson, Lisati, Tohi. Int: Yates, Boyling, Hughes, Key.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Hiroti, Swann; Rajab, Puru (C); Dakin, Healey, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Leiu, Hosking. Int: Crouch, Magoulias, Cook, Ataata.

ROUND 24

BYE: Newtown

Blacktown 28 (J. Paulo 2, J. Humphreys, A. James, M. Lodge tries; J. Humphreys 3, C. Faulalo goals) defeated Warriors 22 (M. Graham-Taufa 2, E. Ieremia-Toeava, J. Laban tries; T. Tuupiki 3 goals) at 4 Pines Park.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 16-0. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.

Blacktown: Faulalo, Tuaimalo Vaega, Paulo, Parker (C), Heleta; Matterson, Humphreys; Woods, Simpkin, Siple, Condon, Waddell, Lodge. Int: James, Sykes, Navale, Uesele.

Warriors: Tuupiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Ieremia-Toeava, Kosi; Farr, Roache; Mai'u, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Hanson, Sands, Stowers-Smith, Durbin.

Newcastle 42 (D. Armstrong 3, T. Jenkins, R. Jones, S. Su'a, H. Sutton tries; W. Pryce 7 goals) defeated Parramatta 34 (M. Arthur, M. Doorey, H. Dunster, I. Lumelume, E. Martin, O. Ogden tries; E. Sanders 5 goals) at Eric Tweedale Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Parramatta 28-18. Referee: Kasey Badger.

Parramatta: Mulitalo, Dunster, Martin, Harper, Lumelume; Chester; Sanders; Ogden, Arthur (C), Makatoa, Doorey, Mataaele, Parker. Int: Luke, Lewis, Alderton, Spence.

Newcastle: Armstrong, Sutton, Jenkins, Aoake, Moceidreke; Pryce, Herring; Su'a, Davis, Webb, Greacen, McEwen, Hastings (C). Int: Rahme, Jones, Martin, Cullen.

Souths 28 (T. Munro 2, B. Bentley-Hape, D. Hawkins, I. Thompson tries; B. Hawkins 4 goals) defeated Wests 14 (S. Alaimalo, J. Feledy, T. Johannssen tries; J. Sullivan goal) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Souths 18-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Wests: Casey (C), Alaimalo, Naden, Feledy, Tupou; Fainu, Sullivan; Johannssen, Valevatu, Aho, Porter, Vaihu, Laulilii. Int: Tavana, Matamua, Miller, Broederlow.

Souths: Bentley-Hape, Munro, Thompson, Skelton, Te Hau; Hawkins, Hawkins (C); Tsikrikas, Gray, Gray, O'Kane, Christensen, Le Blanc. Int: Gordon, Subloo, French, Chapman.

Canberra 28 (J. Billing 2, J. Martin, H. Puru, M. Spencer tries; M. Henderson 4 goals) defeated St Geo Illa 12 (B. Johnson, D. Purcell tries; J. Glover 2 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Referee: Clayton Wills.

St Geo Illa: Finau, Tamale, Johnson, Buchanan, Ravalawa; Marschke, Glover; Coric, Muhleisen, Pasifiki Tonga, Egan, Russell, Molo. Int: Tuitavake, Fifita, Shereb, Purcell.

Canberra: Stewart, Billing, Spencer; Tuialii, Stuart; Waitere, Henderson; Mooney, Pattie, Martin, Martin, Roddy, Horsburgh. Int: Puru (C), Taateo, Hola, Packer.

Norths 24 (J. Key 2, A. Fitzgibbon, A. Lisati tries; K. Hayman 4 goals) drew with Penrith 24 (D. Fale, H. Hassett, S. Lane, T. Toelau tries; T. Toelau 4 goals) at North Sydney Oval.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Referee: Martin Jones.

Norths: Hayman, Peni, Katoa, Key, Fitzgibbon; Thomas, Wilson; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Moeroa, Stimson, Lisati, Tohi. Int: Yates, Hughes, Boyling, Tupouniua.

Penrith: Iongi, Turuva, Lane, Fale, Kepaoa; Peachey (C), Toelau; Grant, Luke, Dias, Hassett, Lipowicz, Patea. Int: Scott, Apelu, Wake, Letoi.

Sydney 23 (E. King 2, M. Nawaqanitawase, T. Tait tries; H. Savala 3 goals; H. Savala field goal) defeated Canterbury 22 (E. Clark, K. Kautoga, J. Mazzone, J. Sua tries; E. Clark 3 goals) at Wentworth Park.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 14-4. Referee: Mitchell Currie.

Sydney: Gromek, Nawaqanitawase, King, Toia, Tait; Elliott, Savala; Losalu, Dockar-Clay (C), Va'a, McCathie, Foketi, Steep. Int: Napa, Moriarty, Va'a, Barton.

Canterbury: Perham, Sua, Clark, Gabrael, Mazzone; Hutchison, O'Neill (C); Fa'amausili, Cook, Underhill, Kautoga, Smith, Knight. Int: Papalii, Suluka-Fifita, Patolo, Hopoi.

ROUND 25

BYE: Parramatta

Warriors 42 (B. Farr 2, J. Laban 2, S. Tu 2, M. Graham-Taufa, E. Kosi tries; T. Tuapiki 4, B. Farr goals) defeated Canterbury 10 (J. Sua 2 tries; J. Sua goal) at Shaun Johnson Stadium.
 Date: Fri, 23rd August. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Warriors 22-6. Referee: Paki Parkinson.
 Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Kosi; Farr, Roache; Ale, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Ieremia-Toeava, Stowers-Smith, Hanson, Mai'u.
 Canterbury: Taaffe, Sua, Perham, Samrani, Skelton; Hutchison, O'Neill (C); Fa'amausili, Cook, Suluka-Fifita, Kautoga, Hopoi, Smith. Int: Papalii, Moyle, Patolo, Underhill.

St Geo Illa 34 (J. Glover, B. Johnson, C. Muhleisen, D. Russell, S. Tamale, A. Ward tries; J. Glover 5 goals) defeated Newtown 24 (J. Ferris, T. Hau Tapuha, B. Hosking, J. Leiu tries; N. Puru 4 goals) at Collegians Sporting Complex.
 Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 18-12. Referee: Cameron Turner.
 St Geo Illa: Finau, Tamale, Johnson, Buchanan, Ravalawa; Ward, Glover; Coric, Muhleisen, Pasifiki Tonga, Fa'atala-Mariner, Russell (C), Stewart. Int: Egan, Purcell, Tuitavake, Fifita.
 Newtown: Tamou, Rodwell, Ferris, Swann, Taukamo; Rajab, Puru (C); Dakin, Cook, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Leiu, Hosking. Int: Dillon, Crouch, Fearnley, Jarvis.

Wests 40 (T. Da Silva 2, J. Feledy 2, B. Naden 2, C. Tasipale tries; T. Da Silva 6 goals) defeated Blacktown 36 (W. Heleta, A. James, C. Navale, J. Simpkin, T. Siple, A. Woods tries; J. Paulo 6 goals) at Lidcombe Oval.
 Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Blacktown 24-16. Referee: Tom Stindl.
 Wests: Tavana, Taotua, Casey, Feledy, Ngutlik; Naden (C), Valevatu; Johannssen, Da Silva, Aho, Broederlow, Sukkar, Laulilii. Int: Tasipale, Matamua, Miller, Kepaoa.
 Blacktown: Faulalo, Taufa, Parker (C), Paulo, Heleta; Matterson, Humphreys; Lodge, Simpkin, Siple, Navale, Condon, Woods. Int: Sykes, Navale, James, Uesele.

Newcastle 36 (T. Jenkins 2, H. Sutton 2, T. Cant, R. Jones, T. Kalepo tries; J. Hastings 3, T. Cant goals) defeated Souths 24 (R. Gray 2, S. Havili, D. Teauga tries; B. Hawkins 4 goals) at Accor Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 22-0. Referee: Micheal Ford.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Kennar, Thompson, Skelton, Te Hau; Teauga, Hawkins; Gray (C), Gray, Le Blanc, Mansfield, Christensen, Havili. Int: Tsikrikas, French, Chapman, Gordon.
 Newcastle: Armstrong, Sutton, Jenkins, McCarthy, Moceidreke; Jones, Hastings; Cullen, Herring, Rahme, Greacen, Webb, Cant (C). Int: Kalepo, Hartwig, Woodford, Ridley.

Penrith 26 (M. Eisenhuth, H. Hassett, I. Iongi, S. Turuva tries; P. Alamoti 5 goals) defeated Canberra 24 (N. Martin, T. Mooney, O. Pattie, J. Stuart tries; A. Cook 4 goals) at GIO Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-8. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Canberra: Stewart, Cotric, Waitere, Spencer, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Guler, Pattie, Martin, Martin, Puru (C), Mooney. Int: Billing, Hola, Taateo, Packer.
 Penrith: Iongi, Turuva, Lane, Alamoti, Amituanai; Peachey (C), Cole; Grant, Luke, Patea, Hassett, Lipowicz, Eisenhuth. Int: Scott, Apelu, Dias, Kepaoa.

Sydney 24 (S. Foketi, C. Gromek, E. King, M. Nawaqanitawase, H. Savala tries; H. Savala 2 goals) defeated Norths 20 (K. Hayman, T. Peni, M. Stimson, C. Tohi tries; K. Hayman 2 goals) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 14-8. Referee: Mitchell Currie.
 Sydney: Gromek, Pauga, King (C), Toia, Nawaqanitawase; Elliott, Savala; Wong, Moriarty, Va'a, McCathie, Foketi, Steep. Int: Va'a, Losalu, Barton, Foley.
 Norths: Hayman, Peni, Katoa, Key, Fitzgibbon; Thomas, Wilson; De Luis (C), Yates, Chan, Stimson, Boyling, Tohi. Int: Bevan, Roache, Talty, Ngatikaura.

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#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	NORTH SYDNEY BEARS	24	15	2	7	2	81	36
2	NEWTOWN JETS	24	15	1	8	2	164	35
3	CANBERRA RAIDERS	24	14	2	8	2	257	34
4	WARRIORS	24	14	1	9	2	84	33
5	PENRITH PANTHERS	24	13	3	8	2	82	33
6	St George Illawarra Dragons	24	14	0	10	2	133	32
7	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	24	14	0	10	2	75	32
8	Newcastle Knights	24	11	0	13	2	-55	26
9	Blacktown Workers Sea Eagles	24	10	0	14	2	-138	24
10	Sydney Roosters	24	9	1	14	2	-43	23
11	Parramatta Eels	24	9	1	14	2	-143	23
12	South Sydney Rabbitohs	24	6	1	17	2	-178	17
13	Western Suburbs Magpies	24	6	0	18	2	-319	16

ROUND 26

BYE: Wests

Penrith 32 (T. Peachey 2, A. Dias, M. Geyer, H. Hassett, L. Sommerton tries; B. Scott 4 goals) defeated Souths 28 (L. Thompson 2, R. Kennar, L. Te Hau, D. Teauga tries; B. Bentley-Hape 4 goals) at BlueBet Stadium.
 Date: Fri, 30th August. Kickoff: 5:35 PM. Halftime: Penrith 18-12. Referee: Damian Brady.
 Penrith: Iongi, Kepaoa, Peachey (C), Mclean, Fale; Laurie, Luke; Grant, Scott, Patea, Geyer, Hassett, Sommerton. Int: Lipowicz, Dias, Riki, Vailalo.
 Souths: Bentley-Hape, Te Hau, Thompson, Skelton, Kennar; Teauga, Hawkins (C); Tsikrikas, Gray, Gordon, Chee-Kam, Christensen, Gray. Int: Subloo, French, Chapman, Whippy.

St Geo Illa 38 (A. Ward 2, D. Egan, J. Glover, S. Hammoud, D. Purcell, A. Tuitavake tries; J. Glover 4, D. Russell goals) defeated Parramatta 12 (E. Martin, E. Sanders tries; E. Sanders 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 10:45 AM. Halftime: St Geo Illa 10-6. Referee: Tom Stindl.
 Parramatta: Mulitalo, Dunster, Martin, Harper; Lumelume; Cini, Sanders; Alderton, Arthur (C), Mataele, Doorey, Lewis, Parker. Int: Chester, Spence, Piukala, Fualema.
 St Geo Illa: Finau, Tamale, Shereb, Buchanan, Johnson; Ward, Glover; Coric, Purcell, Tuitavake, Egan, Russell (C), Stewart. Int: Molo, Latu, Tsougranis, Hammoud.

Canterbury 40 (J. Sua 3, J. Mazzone 2, L. Hopoi, T. Petersen tries; E. Clark 6 goals) defeated Blacktown 30 (W. Heleta, J. Humphreys, B. Parker, J. Paulo, A. Woods tries; J. Paulo 4, B. Parker goals) at Belmore Sports Ground.
 Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 2:15 PM. Halftime: Canterbury 22-6. Referee: Micheal Ford.
 Canterbury: Taaffe, Sua, Clark, Perham, Mazzone; Petersen, O'Neill; Fa'amausili, Turpin (C), Underhill, Todd, Smith, Hopoi. Int: Toilalo, Patolo, Suluka-Fifita, Momoisea.
 Blacktown: Paulo, Navale, Naiyep, Parker (C), Heleta; Matterson, Humphreys; Siple, Chan Kum Tong, James, Navale, Condon, Woods. Int: Simpkin, Dunford, Sykes, Uesele.

Newtown 39 (J. Berrell 2, S. Taukamo 2, B. Burns, T. Rodwell, J. Swann tries; N. Puru 5 goals; N. Puru field goal) defeated Warriors 36 (G. Doyle 2, E. Kosi 2, B. Afoa, Z. Mai'u, S. Tu tries; M. Pasikala 4 goals) at Henson Park.
 Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 28-14. Referee: Luke Saldern.
 Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Swann, Ferris, Taukamo; Rajab, Puru; Dakin, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Leiu, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Dillon, Magoulias, Cook, Fearnley.
 Warriors: Farr; Pasikala, Graham-Taufa, Tu, Kosi; Hanson, Roache; Ieremia-Toeava, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Stowers-Smith, Doyle, Durbin, Mai'u.

Norths 30 (K. Hayman 2, T. Katoa, T. Peni, B. Talty tries; K. Hayman 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 24 (R. Alchin, L. Aoake, D. Armstrong, T. Jenkins, L. Moceidreke tries; B. Hartwig, R. Stig goals) at North Sydney Oval.
 Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 10-8. Referee: Kieren Irons.
 Norths: Hayman, Hill, Katoa, Key, Stringer; Thomas, Wilson; De Luis (C), Ngatikaura, Hughes, Stimson, Boyling, Talty. Int: Yates, Tohi, Fenn, Bevan, Peni.
 Newcastle: Armstrong, Sutton, Jenkins, Aoake, Moceidreke; Jones, Hastings (C); Su'a, Stig, Bryan, Greacen, Hartwig, Webb. Int: Kalepo, Woodford, Ridley, Alchin.

Sydney 34 (J. Pauga 2, E. King, S. Smith, R. Toia, S. Wong tries; S. Smith 4, J. Pauga goals) defeated Canberra 21 (N. Martin 2, T. Mooney tries; M. Henderson 4 goals; M. Henderson field goal) at Wentworth Park.
 Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 21-6. Referee: Cameron Turner.
 Sydney: King, Pauga, Smith, Toia, Nawaqanitawase; Elliott, Smith; Napa (C), Moriarty, Wong, McCathie, Foketi, Steep. Int: Gromek, Va'a, Va'a, Losalu.
 Canberra: Stewart, Cotric, Spencer, Esera, Schiller; Waitere, Henderson; Martin, Pattie, Guler, Martin, Roddy, Mooney (C). Int: Puru (C), Hola, Taateo, Lavender.

STATS LEADERS

TOP TRYSORERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T
1	ALLAN FITZGIBBON	Norths	19	20
2	Watson Heleta	Blacktown	20	16
3	Jonathan Sua	Canterbury	11	15

TOP GOALKICKERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	G/A	%
1	KIERAN HAYMAN	Norths	24	81 / 99	82%
2	Adam Cook	Canberra	17	69 / 87	79%
3	Niwhai Puru	Newtown	23	58 / 71	82%

TOP POINTSCORERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T	G	FG	PTS
1	KIERAN HAYMAN	Norths	24	9	81	0/1	200
2	Adam Cook	Canberra	17	3	69	-	150
3	Ethan Sanders	Parramatta	22	11	49	-	142

FINALS WEEK 1**ELIMINATION FINAL**

Penrith 24 (J. McLean 2, A. Kepaao, D. Laurie, C. Mclean tries; T. Peachey, B. Scott goals) defeated Warriors 12 (J. Laban, A. Leiataua tries; T. Tuapiki 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Penrith 8-0. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Warriors: Tuapiki, Tu, Graham-Taufa, Leiataua, Kosi; Hanson, Roache; Ale, Tafua, Afoa, Laban, Halasima, Going (C). Int: Doyle, Stowers-Smith, Maiu'u, Ieremia-Toeava.

Penrith: Iongi, Kepaao, Peachey (C), Mclean, McLean; Laurie, Luke; Grant, Sommerton, Eisenhuth, Geyer, Lipowicz, Patea. Int: Dias, Scott, Riki, Hassett.

QUALIFYING FINAL

Newtown 38 (B. Burns 2, C. Ve'a'ila 2, B. Hamlin-Uele, K. Rajab tries; N. Puru 7 goals) defeated Canberra 16 (M. Henderson, O. Pattie, M. Waitere tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 18-0. Penalties: Newtown 8-6. Referee: Damian Brady.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Swann, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Healey, Fearnley.

Canberra: Stewart, Cotric, Waitere, Esera, Stuart; Henderson, Cook; Guler, Woolford, Hola, Martin, Spencer; Puru (C). Int: Martin, Roddy, Pattie, Taateo.

FINALS WEEK 2**MINOR SEMI FINAL**

Canberra 30 (E. Guler, S. Sasagi, J. Schiller, M. Spencer, J. Stuart tries; A. Cook 5 goals) defeated Penrith 14 (A. Kepaao, T. Peachey, L. Sommerton tries; T. Toelau goal) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 22-4. Referee: Damian Brady.

Canberra: Stewart, Tuialii, Cotric, Schiller, Stuart; Waitere, Cook; Mooney, Woolford, Guler, Martin, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Spencer, Martin, Hola, Pattie.

Penrith: Iongi, Kepaao, Peachey (C), Mclean, Lane; Laurie, Toelau; Grant, Sommerton, Dias, Geyer, Lipowicz, Patea. Int: Luke, Apelu, Riki, Hassett.

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

Norths 18 (B. Stevanović, M. Stimson, B. Talty tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) defeated Newtown 16 (S. Stonestreet 2, J. Swann tries; N. Puru 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 12-10. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Norths: Hayman, Fitzgibbon, Ogden, Ieremia, Katoa; Stevanović, Wilson; De Luis (C), Garlick, Moeroa, Chan, Stimson, Lisati. Int: Roache, Hughes, Makatoa, Talty.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Swann, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Healey, Fearnley.

FINALS WEEK 3**PRELIMINARY FINAL**

Newtown 18 (J. Berrell, C. Ve'a'ila tries; N. Puru 5 goals) defeated Canberra 16 (H. Puru, S. Sasagi, J. Schiller tries; A. Cook 2 goals) at Leichhardt Oval.

Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Canberra 12-6. Referee: Kieren Irons.

Canberra: Stewart, Tuialii, Spencer, Schiller, Stuart; Waitere, Cook; Guler, Woolford, Mooney, Martin, Sasagi, Puru (C). Int: Pattie, Hola, Martin, Taateo.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Hiroti, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Healey, Fearnley.

NEWTOWN 28 NORTHS 22

A new chapter in a rivalry dating back to 1908 has been written with Newtown claiming the 2024 Knock-On Effect NSW Cup title with a 28-22 victory over North Sydney.

Claiming a ninth reserve grade title to condemn the Bears to back-to-back defeats on NSWRL Grand Final day, the Jets went try for try with their foundation rivals before New Zealand and Samoan international Braden Hamlin-Uele scored to seal a famous victory.

The two foundation clubs, serving as feeder teams for Melbourne (North Sydney) and Cronulla (Newtown), finished the regular season in first and second and met a fortnight ago with the Bears prevailing in the Major Semi Final.

In an error-riddled opening from both teams, the Jets steadied to force a repeat set and were rewarded with Tom Rodwell (17th minute) finishing off a left side shift to open the scoring.

Responding straight away after coming up with possession from the kick-off, the Bears levelled the scores at 6-all with Bronson Garlick (21st minute) supporting an offload from Matt Stimson close to the line.

Going close to scoring through Sam Stonestreet, only for the video referee to rule in favour of the Bears determined defence, the Jets continued to attack down the right and reaped rewards with Chris Ve'a'ila (27th minute) using footwork and power to crash over for his tenth try of the year.

In a sliding doors moment for the respective fullbacks, Liam Ison was denied for illegally promoting the ball in a double movement only for late inclusion Su'a Fa'alogo (34th minute) to slide over for an equalising score minutes later after a superb offload by fellow Melbourne NRL player Joe Chan.

A powerful run from Mawene Hiroti (39th minute) with seconds remaining put Newtown ahead 16-10 at the break, however the Bears waited little time in hitting back with a barnstorming run from Allan Fitzgibbon (44th minute) allowing Kieran Hayman to draw the scores level with a sideline conversion.

Having starred with an iconic play when the Jets last won the Grand Final back in 2019, Billy Magoulias stepped up with a well-placed pass that saw Jordan Leiu (53rd minute) use brute force to crash over next to the posts.

North Sydney refused to wilt with Harradyn Wilson (59th minute) scoring with a show-and-go close to the line, but his opposite number Niwhai Puru stood tall with an intercept that gave Newtown the ascendancy to create history with a determined run from Hamlin-Uele (65th minute).

The Bears were unable to capitalise on opportunities as the clock wound down and had their fate sealed with an error from a scrum.

The victory was a deserved result for Newtown after finishing the regular season in second position, while North Sydney were left to lament the disappointment of their premiership drought extending to 31 years.

With both teams featuring nine players apiece boasting NRL experience, the class of Puru shone through with the Newtown halfback named Player of the Match.

Next week, Newtown will face Queensland Cup premiers Norths Devils in the State Championship played as the opening curtain raiser on NRL Grand Final day. ROB

Newtown 28 (B. Hamlin-Uele, M. Hiroti, J. Leiu, T. Rodwell, C. Ve'a'ila tries; N. Puru 4 goals) defeated Norths 22 (S. Fa'alogo, A. Fitzgibbon, B. Garlick, H. Wilson tries; K. Hayman 3 goals) at CommBank Stadium.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newtown 16-10. Penalties: Norths 6-2. Referee: Kieren Irons. Crowd: 10,386.

Norths: Fa'alogo, Fitzgibbon, Ogden, Ieremia, Katoa; Hayman, Wilson; De Luis (C), Garlick, Moeroa, Chan, Stimson, Lisati. Int: Roache, Hughes, Makatoa, Talty.

Newtown: Ison, Rodwell, Ve'a'ila, Hiroti, Stonestreet; Rajab, Puru; Hamlin-Uele, Berrell, Hau Tapuha, Pickering, Burns (C), Hosking. Int: Leiu, Magoulias, Healey, Fearnley.

ROUND 1

BYE: Mackay
 PNG 36 (C. Lama 3, W. Koi, B. Nima, J. Pat, S. Wabo tries; C. Lama 3, T. Solu goals) defeated Wynnum 22 (J. Stuckey 2, C. Broadhurst, B. Donovan tries; B. Donovan 3 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 12-10. Penalties: Wynnum 13-5. Referee: Jordan Morel.
 PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Roltinga, Wane; Komati, Lau; Richard, Rambu, Kalo, Tau-Loi, Mathias, Alu (C). Int: Solu, Pat, Bandi, Koi. Wynnum: Falls, Hoppate, Hoeter, Broadhurst, Reuben; Madden, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Stuckey, Hunt, Saitaua. Int: Gale, Hetherington, Farmer, Ten.

Central 28 (E. Aitken, T. Browne, Z. John, C. Marshall, B. Tenza tries; T. Browne 4 goals) defeated Western 10 (T. Otukolo, F. Schwalger tries; L. Rouland goal) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Central 18-0. Penalties: Western 6-5. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
 Western: Burns, Taulaga, Ioka, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Puafisi, Rouland; Pere (C), Timms, Lenehan, Oloapu, Mafi, Mokohar. Int: Otukolo, Leard-Lamont, Oldham, White. Central: Moore (C), Tenza, Marshall, Grey, Lee; Miller, Madden; Buli, Browne, Leonard, Aitken, Doyle, Hubner. Int: Clarke, McLachlan, Jennings, John.

Northern 32 (B. Salam 2, S. King-Smith, N. McGavin, K. Schneider; J. Taumoepeau tries; T. Duffy 4 goals) defeated Tweed 16 (H. Croker; L. McGrady, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Barlow Park.
 Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Northern 26-4. Penalties: Tweed 6-3. Referee: Taylor Worth.
 Northern: King-Smith, McGavin, Denny, Salam, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Gosiewski, Child. Int: Lui, Casey-Douglas, Bitungane, Pua. Tweed: McGrady (C), Donovan, McGrady, Croker, Seili; Brimson, Steadman; Faasumaleaui, Sikahale, Liolevave, Alick, Vuna, Veve. Int: Bryant, Burton, Owen, Marks.

Norths 25 (J. Lipp 2, J. Averillo, J. Simbiken tries; G. Burns 4 goals; G. Burns field goal) defeated Burleigh 12 (J. Karapani, C. Murray tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) at UAA Park.
 Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 12-6. Penalties: Burleigh 9-6. Referee: Ben Watts.
 Burleigh: Henare-Schuster, Leo, Sauliluma, Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni (C), Willison, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: O'Meley, Murray, Koellner, Sheldon. Norths: Christian, Lipp, Averillo, Gagan, Kaho; Katoa, Burns; Blacker, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Brooks. Int: Teague, Flack, Fai, Wright.

Townsville 20 (M. Wright 2, K. Faifai Loa, R. Rotavisoro tries; J. Bourke 2 goals) defeated Ipswich 16 (J. De Groot, H. Smith-Shields, B. Zampech tries; A. Schoupp 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.
 Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 14-6. Penalties: Townsville 7-3. Referee: Matt Gannon.
 Ipswich: Johnson, Macumboy, Smith-Shields, Schoupp, Maumalo; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Pahulu, Zampech, Hau, Mack. Int: De Groot, Foran, Banditt, Kali. Townsville: Baker, Rotavisoro, Dotoi, Shibusaki, Faifai Loa; Feeney, Bourke; Maloney, Hodges, Tamou, Halailo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Wright, Hampson, Holani, Brown.

Redcliffe 28 (T. Fuller, H. Graham, J. James, T. Spry, O. Tawha tries; B. Baira 4 goals) defeated Souths Logan 16 (K. Tararo, B. Te Kura, J. Tomane tries; B. Finnegan 2 goals) at Kayo Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 16-0. Penalties: Souths Logan 9-7. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
 Redcliffe: Fuller, Numambo, Spry, Te Whare, Baira; Siegwalt, James; Watts, Woolf, Jackson, Tawha, Pitama, Bailey (C). Int: Graham, Boland, Frei, Hewett. Souths Logan: Sailor, Humphris, Quai-Ward, Tomane, Pereira; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Pangai Junior.

Sunshine Coast 30 (C. Faatili 2, S. Burns, D. Heenan, K. Jackson tries; C. Hunter 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 24 (C. Daunt, J. Miers, T. Powell, T. Stewart, C. Williamson tries; J. Miers 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 10th March. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 24-0. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 9-8. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
 Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Rafter, Ahomana, Williamson; Jacks

(C), Miers; Natapu, Faaee, Powell, Bradley, Pulu, Wallis. Int: Daunt, Leslie, Noovao-McGreal, McQueen. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Tonumaiepa, Jackson, Galeano; Polselli, Hunter; Pene, Heenan, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Faatili, McWhirter, Pitovao.

ROUND 2

BYE: Wynnum
 Northern 38 (J. Allen, T. Casey-Douglas, E. Moore, B. Salam, K. Schneider; J. Taumoepeau tries; T. Duffy 6, K. Schneider goals) defeated Brisbane 12 (C. McQueen, C. Williamson tries; T. Hope 2 goals) at Barlow Park.
 Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 14-12. Penalties: Brisbane 7-4. Referee: Tyson Brough.
 Northern: King-Smith, McGavin, Baker-Tiraha, Salam, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Gosiewski, Child. Int: Lui, Casey-Douglas, Bitungane, Pua. Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Rafter, Seve, Williamson; Jacks (C), Miers; Natapu, Hope, Powell, McQueen, Pulu, Wallis. Int: Daunt, Leslie, Noovao-McGreal, Kegg-King.

Burleigh 30 (T. Leo 2, J. Karapani, J. Patston, O. Tuimavave tries; J. Rogers 5 goals) defeated Townsville 10 (D. Dotoi, K. Laybutt tries; J. Bourke goal) at UAA Park.
 Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 10-4. Penalties: Burleigh 11-8. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
 Burleigh: Tuimavave, Leo, Sauliluma, Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton (C); Butler, Murray, Willison, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Henare-Schuster, Geyer, Koellner, Sheldon. Townsville: Baker, Quinlan, Dotoi, Shibusaki, Faifai Loa; Feeney, Bourke; Maloney, Laybutt (C), Tamou, Halailo, Kaufusi, Hampson. Int: Baldwin, Brown, Holani, Wardle.

Central 38 (J. Jennings 2, B. Moore 2, T. Browne, B. Tenza, K. Waiembi tries; T. Browne 4, B. Moore goals) defeated PNG 18 (M. Kai, S. Kalo, S. Komati tries; C. Lama 3 goals) at Browne Park.
 Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Central 14-12. Penalties: Central 13-6. Referee: Ben Watts.
 Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Grey, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); Buli, Browne, Leonard, Jennings, Doyle, Hubner. Int: Miller, McLachlan, John, Waiembi. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Roltinga, Wane; Komati, Lau; Bandi, Rambu, Kalo, Tau-Loi, Talin, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Pat, Koi, Kai.

Mackay 30 (J. Shibusaki 2, K. Aupouri-Puketapu, R. Burns, S. Valemei tries; R. Dean 5 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (F. Camilleri 2 tries; C. Hunter goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Mackay 12-4. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 9-6. Referee: Matt Gannon.
 Sunshine Coast: Anderson, Camilleri, Jackson, Tonumaiepa, Galeano; Polselli, Hunter; Vaalepu, Heenan, Pene, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Faatili, Malutoa, Pitovao. Mackay: Burns, Valemei, Vailea, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Bella, Mullany (C), Radel, Cooper-Tetevano, Shibusaki, Roycroft. Int: Hansen, Russell, Sullivan, Pua'avase.

Souths Logan 24 (R. Ferguson, W. Samuel, V. Semu, J. Tomane tries; B. Finnegan 4 goals) defeated Tweed 16 (J. Alick, W. Brimson, H. Croker tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.
 Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 12-4. Penalties: Tweed 8-7. Referee: Taylor Worth.
 Souths Logan: Sailor, Humphris, Quai-Ward, Tomane, Smith; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Sau. Tweed: McGrady (C), Donovan, Fifita, Seili, Ngamanu; Brimson, Steadman; Burton, Sikahale, Liolevave, Alick, Croker, Veve. Int: Faasumaleaui, Bryant, Vuna, Owen.

Redcliffe 16 (B. Baira, C. Jackson, O. Tawha tries; B. Baira 2 goals) defeated Norths 12 (M. Kaho, T. Niu tries; G. Burns 2 goals) at Kayo Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 10-4. Penalties: Redcliffe 11-8. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
 Redcliffe: Fuller, Numambo, Jackson, Te Whare, Baira; Siegwalt, James; Watts, Graham, Jackson, Frei, Tawha, Bailey (C). Int: Pitama, Boland, Purcell, Hewett. Norths: Christian, Lipp, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Blacker, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Brooks. Int: Teague, Flack, Elliott, Fai.

Ipswich 36 (K. Foxwell 2, J. De Groot, R. Foran, K. Maumalo, H. Smith-Shields, J. Stimson tries; A. Schoupp 3, K. Foxwell goals) defeated Western 16 (E. Ioka, L. Rouland, F. Schwalger tries; L. Rouland 2 goals) at Clive Berghofer Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 22-10. Penalties: Ipswich 6-5. Referee: Jordan Morel.
 Western: Burns, Taulaga, Ioka, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Puafisi, Rouland; Pere (C), Timms, Lenehan, Oloapu, Mafi, Mokohar. Int: Otukolo, Leard-Lamont, Oldham, White. Ipswich: Johnson, Maumalo, Smith-Shields, Schoupp, De Groot; Coghill, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Pahulu, Foran, Hau, Stimson. Int: Inoke, Macumboy, Mack, Banditt.

ROUND 3

BYE: Western
 PNG 22 (C. Lama, R. Mathias, B. Nima, V. Richard tries; C. Lama 3 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (K. Jackson, T. Peters tries; C. Hunter goal) at Santos National Football Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 6-4. Penalties: PNG 7-5. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
 PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Roltinga, Wane; Komati, Lau; Richard, Rambu, Pat, Tau-Loi, Mathias, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Bandi, Koi, Mire. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Jackson, Galeano, O'Toole; Polselli (C), Hunter; Vaalepu, Heenan, Faatili, Peters, Howarth, Hill. Int: Paterson, McWhirter, Malutoa, Pitovao.

Northern 18 (S. King-Smith 2, E. Child tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) defeated Townsville 10 (D. Dotoi, B. Lewis tries; J. Bourke goal) at Jack Manski Oval.
 Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 10-6. Penalties: Northern 11-8. Referee: Taylor Worth.
 Townsville: Baker, Dotoi, Lewis, Shibusaki, Quinlan; Feeney, Bourke; Maloney, Dempsey, Tamou, Halailo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Baldwin, Brown, Hampson, Holani. Northern: King-Smith, McGavin, Baker-Tiraha, Salam, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Bitungane, Moore, Casey-Douglas, Child. Int: Pua, Lui, Aukafolau, Barnes.

Norths 32 (M. Kaho 2, C. Duffy, J. Gagan, O. Keeley, J. Simbiken tries; G. Burns 4 goals) defeated Souths Logan 8 (R. Robinson try; B. Finnegan 2 goals) at Bishop Park.
 Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 10-2. Penalties: Norths 8-7. Referee: Ben Watts.
 Norths: Christian, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Flack, Moseley (C), Blacker, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Brooks, Lipp, Stephens, Duffy. Souths Logan: Pereira, Humphris, Quai-Ward, Tomane, Smith; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Sau.

Mackay 26 (M. Fonua, S. Mullany, J. Shibusaki, J. Smith, V. Vailea tries; R. Dean 3 goals) defeated Central 14 (L. Hubner, C. Rothery tries; B. Moore 2, T. Browne goals) at BB Print Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 6:15 PM. Halftime: Central 14-6. Penalties: 11-all. Referee: Jordan Morel.
 Mackay: Burns, Valemei, Vailea, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Bella, Mullany (C), Radel, Cooper-Tetevano, Shibusaki, Roycroft. Int: Hansen, Russell, Sullivan, Pua'avase. Central: Moore, Rothery, Marshall, Grey, Tenza; Moore, Madden (C); Buli, Browne, Leonard, Jennings, Doyle, Hubner. Int: Miller, McLachlan, John, Waiembi.

Burleigh 38 (T. Leo, C. Murray, N. O'Meley, J. Patston, K. Pere, J. Rogers, H. Schwass tries; J. Rogers 5 goals) defeated Tweed 12 (B. McGrady, L. McGrady tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.
 Date: Sat, 23rd March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 10-6. Penalties: Burleigh 9-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
 Tweed: Campbell, Francis, McGrady, Brimson, Ngamanu; McGrady (C), Weaver; Burton, Sikahale, Liolevave, Alick, Croker, Veve. Int: Faasumaleaui, Bryant, Seili, Vuna. Burleigh: Tuimavave, Leo, O'Meley, Pere, Watson; Rogers, Hamilton (C); Butler, Murray, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Henare-Schuster, Geyer, Szepanowski, Sheldon.

Brisbane 24 (M. Seve 2, R. Falaniko, L. Pulu, T. Stewart tries; T. Hope, B. Leslie goals) defeated Ipswich 0 at Totally Workwear Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 4-0. Penalties: Brisbane 9-5. Referee: Matt Gannon.
 Brisbane: Stewart, Falaniko, Lehmann, Seve, Williamson; Jacks (C), Miers; Leslie, Hope, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, McQueen. Int: Daunt, Natapu, McGrath, Betham-Misa. Ipswich: Johnson, Maumalo, Smith-Shields, Schoupp, De Groot; Coghill, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Pahulu, Foran, Hau, Mack. Int: Inoke, Kali, Nikotemo, Banditt.

Wynnum 22 (C. Broadhurst, S. Hopoate, M. Milson, C. Page-Wilson tries; B. Donovan 3 goals) defeated Redcliffe 12 (H. Graham, V. Te Whare tries; J. James 2 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.
Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:40 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Wynnum 12-8. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Hoeter, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan (C); Hunt, Paix, Page-Wilson, Stuckey, Gale, Hetherington. Int: Pascoe, Martin, Chong-Nee, Saitaua. Redcliffe: Fuller, Numambo, Jackson, Te Whare, McGrath; James (C), O'Sullivan; Frei, Graham, Jackson, Tawha, Pitama, Purcell. Int: Siegwalt, Boland, Watts, Hewett.

ROUND 4 BYE: Souths Logan

Brisbane 48 (R. Philitoga 2, J. Betham-Misa, K. Bradley, J. Chan, R. Jacks, J. Pezet, T. Powell, T. Stewart tries; J. Pezet 6 goals) defeated Western 0 at Totally Workwear Stadium.
Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 26-0. Penalties: Brisbane 11-9. Referee: Ben Watts.
Brisbane: Stewart, Bradley, Lehmann, Seve, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Pezet; Leslie, Hope, Powell, Chan, Pulu, McQueen. Int: Rafer, McGrath, Betham-Misa, Natapu, Miers. Western: Ioka, White, Howlett, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Puafisi, Jurd; Pere (C), Timms, Oloapu, Otukolo, Mafi, Mokohar. Int: Rouland, Lenehan, White, O'Callaghan, Cullen.

Wynnum 26 (D. Hoeter 2, S. Hopoate 2, M. Milson tries; C. Broadhurst 3 goals) defeated Norths 20 (J. Gagan 2, M. Kaho, T. Niu tries; G. Burns 2 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.
Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 22-12. Penalties: Norths 7-4. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.
Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Hoeter, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Madden; Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Stuckey, Gale (C), Hetherington. Int: Donovan (C), Pascoe, Chong-Nee, Saitaua. Norths: Christian, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Elliott, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Flack, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Brooks, Lipp, Jenkins, Duffy.

Townsville 19 (J. Bourke, C. Gale, P. Kaufusi tries; M. Wright 3 goals; K. Laybutt field goal) defeated Mackay 18 (R. Bella, J. Radel, S. Valemei tries; R. Dean 3 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.
Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Townsville 7-5. Referee: Matt Gannon.
Townsville: Baker, Quinlan, Lewis, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Bourke; Brown, Baldwin, Tamou, Halalilo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Williams, Alvarado, Hampson, Gale. Mackay: Burns, Valemei, Vailea, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Bella, Mullany (C), Mikeale, Roycroft, Shibasaki, Radel. Int: Hansen, Russell, Sullivan, Pua'avase.

Sunshine Coast 32 (G. Anderson, S. Burns, S. Galeano, T. Peters, L. Polselli, Y. Tonumaip'e'a tries; C. Hunter 4 goals) defeated Northern 10 (J. Baker-Tiraha, B. Salam tries; T. Duffy goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 12-4. Penalties: Northern 9-8. Referee: Jack Ebert.
Sunshine Coast: Anderson, Camilleri, Jackson, Tonumaip'e'a, Galeano; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Paterson, Pene, Geraghty, Peters, Burns (C). Int: Heenan, Hill, Vaalepu, Faatili. Northern: Chester, McGavin, Baker-Tiraha, Salam, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Casey-Douglas, Child. Int: Lui, Aukafolau, Fonoti, Barnes.

Tweed 36 (K. Ngamanu 2, O. Bryant, B. McGrady, L. McGrady, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady 6 goals) defeated PNG 28 (B. Nima 2, S. Komati, J. Rimbu, S. Wabo tries; C. Lama 4 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Tweed 8-4. Referee: Jordan Morel.
Tweed: McGrady (C), McGrady, Brimson, Seiuli, Ngamanu; Steadman, Weaver; Burton, Bryant, Vuna, McCudden, Croker, Alick. Int: Liolevave, Veve, Sikahale, Owen. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Roltinga, Wane; Komati, Lau; Pat, Rimbu, Rop, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Koi, Bandi, Max.

Central 30 (B. Tenza 2, E. Lee, J. Madden, J. Wallace tries; T. Browne 5 goals) defeated Burleigh 24 (H. Schwass 2, T. Leo, K. Pere tries; J. Rogers 4 goals) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Central 14-12. Penalties: Burleigh 8-6. Referees: Jarrod Cole, Jay Hardie.
Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Wallace, Browne, Leonard, Jennings, Doyle, Hubner. Int: Moore, Reid, John, Waiembi. Burleigh: Tuimavave, Leo, Sauliluma, Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton (C); Butler, Murray, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: O'Meley, Geyer, Sheldon, Szezanowski.

Redcliffe 40 (O. Tawha 2, T. Fuller, H. Graham, S. Numambo, S. O'Sullivan, N. Watts tries; J. James 6 goals) defeated Ipswich 32 (A. Khan-Pereira 2, A. Schoupp 2, R. Foran, B. Johnson tries; A. Schoupp 4 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 22-16. Penalties: Redcliffe 5-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.
Ipswich: Johnson, Maumalo, Macumboy, Schoupp, Khan-Pereira; Coghill, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Mack, Foran, Hau, Kali. Int: Liyou, De Groot, Nikotemo, Banditt. Redcliffe: Fuller, Numambo, Camroux, Te Whare, Siegwalt; O'Sullivan, James; Watts, Woolf, Bailey (C), Tawha, Pitama, Purcell. Int: Graham, Boland, Jackson, Frei.

ROUND 5 BYES: PNG, Brisbane, Tweed

Wynnum 40 (K. Falls 2, C. Broadhurst, L. Gale, S. Hopoate, M. Milson, S. Roache-Faimalo tries; B. Donovan 6 goals) defeated Townsville 30 (M. Baker, N. Brown, N. Halalilo, E. Hampson, P. Kaufusi tries; M. Wright 5 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.
Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 22-6. Penalties: Townsville 6-5. Referee: Matt Gannon.
Townsville: Baker, Quinlan, Lewis, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Feeney; Brown, Williams, Tamou, Halalilo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, Alvarado, Hampson, Gale. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan; Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Stuckey, Gale (C), Hetherington. Int: Pascoe, Ten, Chong-Nee, Saitaua.

Norths 38 (J. Lipp 3, M. Kaho 2, G. Burns, J. Flack, J. Simbiken tries; G. Burns 3 goals) defeated Central 8 (R. Jennings, E. Lee tries) at Bishop Park.
Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 28-4. Penalties: Norths 10-9. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Norths: Christian, Paskins, Lipp, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Elliott, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Flack, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Duffy, Keeley, Blacker, Rowbotham. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); John, Browne, Leonard, Jennings, Doyle, Vailalo. Int: Bell, Clarke, Reid, Waiembi.

Redcliffe 30 (M. Bailey, T. Fuller, S. Numambo, O. Tawha, V. Te Whare tries; J. James 5 goals) defeated Northern 22 (N. McGavin 2, J. Allen, E. Moore tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) at Kayo Stadium.
Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 16-6. Penalties: Redcliffe 7-6. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.
Redcliffe: Fuller, Numambo, Camroux, Te Whare, Lawson; O'Sullivan, James; Watts, Woolf, Bailey (C), Tawha, Pitama, Purcell. Int: Frei, Jackson, Lolesio, Graham. Northern: King-Smith, McGavin, Baker-Tiraha, Salam, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Ostwald, Casey-Douglas, Bitungane, Barnes.

Sunshine Coast 48 (C. Hunter 2, G. Anderson, F. Camilleri, C. Faatili, J. Hill, L. Polselli, L. Vaalepu tries; C. Hunter 8 goals) defeated Souths Logan 12 (B. Mozer, K. Tararo tries; J. Tomane 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 5-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Sunshine Coast: Anderson, Camilleri, Galeano, Tonumaip'e'a, O'Toole; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Pene, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Peters, Hill, Vaalepu, Faatili. Souths Logan: Smith, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tomane, Pereira; Robinson, Kelly; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, McDonald, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Luke.

Mackay 52 (M. Fonua 2, J. Smith 2, K. Aupouri-Puketapu, J. Purdue, J. Radel, A. Rangihuna, J. Shibasaki tries; R. Dean 8 goals) defeated Western 14 (T. Amone, F. Schwalger tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Toowoomba Sports Ground.
Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Mackay 24-14. Penalties: Western 8-2. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.
Western: Ioka, White, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Puafisi, Jurd; Pere (C), Otukolo, O'Callaghan, Amone, Mafi, Mokohar. Int: Timms, Lenehan, Oldham, White, Pouli. Mackay: Burns, Rangihuna, Vailea, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Pua'avase, Hansen, Radel, McNulty, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C). Int: Bella, Fogarty, Russell, Purdue, Watts.

Burleigh 28 (J. Patston 2, J. Karapani, T. Leo, O. Tuimavave tries; J. Rogers 4 goals) defeated Ipswich 18 (J. De Groot, A. Hau, D. Ngatuere-Wroe tries; A. Schoupp 3 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.
Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties:

Ipswich 8-5. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Ipswich: Johnson, Maumalo, Macumboy, Schoupp, De Groot; Boyd, Foxwell; Greinke, Jacks (C), Banditt, Foran, Hau, Stimson. Int: Ngatuere-Wroe, Penquitt, Liyou, Mack. Burleigh: Tuimavave, Leo, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni (C), Taupau, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Koellner, Murray, Geyer, O'Meley.

ROUND 6 BYE: Western

Northern 38 (D. Aukafolau 2, N. McGavin 2, W. Partridge 2, J. Clifford, L. West tries; T. Duffy 3 goals) defeated Norths 12 (J. Flack, B. Paskins tries; G. Burns, J. Wright goals) at Barlow Park.
Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 24-0. Penalties: Northern 11-7. Referee: Ben Watts.
Northern: West, McGavin, Partridge, Salam, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Ostwald, Casey-Douglas, Bitungane, Barnes. Norths: Christian, Paskins, Lipp, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Blacker, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Flack, Simbiken, Elliott. Int: Rowbotham, Duffy, Brooks, Jenkins.

Redcliffe 39 (H. Graham 2, M. Bailey, J. James, S. Numambo, S. Pitama, L. Siegwalt tries; J. James 5 goals; J. James field goal) defeated PNG 20 (J. Lau, J. Mavoko, W. Tau-Loi, S. Wabo tries; C. Lama 2 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.
Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 14-12. Penalties: Redcliffe 4-3. Referee: Matt Gannon.
PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Mathias, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rimbu, Pat, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Koi. Int: Alu, Glare, Bandi, Max. Redcliffe: Camroux, Numambo, Dodd, Te Whare, Lawson; Siegwalt, James; Watts, Woolf, Bailey (C), Tawha, Pitama, Purcell. Int: Frei, Jackson, Lolesio, Graham.

Tweed 38 (K. Ngamanu 2, O. Bryant, K. Kini, J. McCudden, B. McGrady, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady 5 goals) defeated Ipswich 12 (B. Johnson, A. Schoupp tries; A. Schoupp 2 goals) at Cbus Super Stadium.
Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Tweed 16-0. Penalties: Ipswich 7-6. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.
Ipswich: Johnson, De Groot, Macumboy, Schoupp, Chambers; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Mack, Hau, Rhea, Kali. Int: Liyou, Inoke, Nikotemo, Greinke. Tweed: Kini, McGrady, Croker, Brimson, Ngamanu; McGrady (C), Weaver; Burton, Bryant, Vuna, Veve, McCudden, Alick. Int: Liolevave, Sikahale, Owen, Steadman.

Burleigh 34 (T. Leo 2, C. Geyer, C. Murray, J. Patston, O. Tuimavave tries; G. Hamilton 5 goals) defeated Souths Logan 16 (J. Fai, D. Samoa, B. Te Kura tries; A. Kelly, J. Tomane goals) at UAA Park.
Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 20-4. Penalties: Burleigh 9-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.
Burleigh: Tuimavave, Leo, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Karapani; Toia, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Murray, Geyer, Sheldon, O'Neill. Souths Logan: Andrew, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tomane, Pereira; Robinson, Kelly; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, McDonald, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Sau, Fai.

Mackay 28 (J. Shibasaki 2, J. Smith 2, J. Purdue tries; R. Dean 4 goals) defeated Wynnum 24 (C. Paix 2, L. Gale, S. Roache-Faimalo tries; B. Donovan 4 goals) at BB Print Stadium.
Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Mackay 14-12. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Mackay: Burns, Rangihuna, Vailea, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Pua'avase, Hansen, Honan, Roycroft (C), Shibasaki, Radel. Int: Bella, Fogarty, Russell, Purdue. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Chong-Nee, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Pascoe, Ten, Saitaua, Frain.

Sunshine Coast 28 (G. Anderson, F. Camilleri, L. Geraghty, J. Howarth, Z. Miles tries; C. Hunter 4 goals) defeated Townsville 14 (D. Dotoi 2, K. Faifai Loa tries; M. Wright goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 12-4. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Jordan Morel.
Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Galeano, Tonumaip'e'a, Anderson; Polselli, Hunter; Faatili, Paterson, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Howarth, Burns (C). Int: Hill, Siolo, Malutoa, Peters. Townsville: Baker, Quinlan, Dotoi, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Bourke; Brown, Thorburn, Tamou, Halalilo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Williams, Maloney, Hampson, Tovo.

Brisbane 12 (M. Lehmann, R. Philitoga tries; J. Pezet 2 goals) drew

with Central 12 (J. Jennings 2 tries; T. Browne 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 8-6. Penalties: Central 7-5. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Bradley, Seve, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Pezet; Leslie, Daunt, Powell, McQueen, Pulu, Lee. Int: Rafter, Miers, Betham-Misa, Natapu. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); John, Browne, Leonard, Doyle, Jennings, Hubner. Int: Clarke, Reid, Teroi, Waiambi.

ROUND 7

BYES: Wynnum, Ipswich, Northern Burleigh 48 (H. Schwass 2, B. Butler, J. Karapani, C. Murray, N. O'Meley, E. O'Neill, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 8 goals) defeated PNG 24 (B. Nima, J. Pat, J. Rimbu, S. Wabo, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 2 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 24-4. Penalties: Burleigh 6-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
Burleigh: Tuimavave, Watson, O'Neill, Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni (C), Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Murray, Geyer, Sheldon, O'Meley. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Roltinga, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Worot, Rimbu, Pat, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Max, Koi, Mire, Kalo.

Norths 38 (J. Lipp 2, G. Burns, J. Christian, M. Kaho, C. Lemuelu, B. Paskins tries; G. Burns 5 goals) defeated Western 12 (L. Helleur-atiga, T. Otukolo tries; C. Fenning 2 goals) at Bishop Park.
Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 24-6. Penalties: Western 6-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.
Norths: Christian, Paskins, Lipp, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Jenkins, Moseley, Simpkins, Lemuelu, Simbikan, Teague. Int: Flack, Duffy, Blacker, Fai. Western: Ioka, Guba, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Carrie, Jurd; Pere (C), Otukolo, Oldham, Amone, Mafi, Mokohar. Int: Lenehan, Timms, Rouland, Carswell.

Tweed 50 (B. McGrady 5, W. Brimson 2, T. Francis 2, J. Owen tries; L. McGrady 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 12 (C. Williamson 3 tries) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 14-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Tweed: Kini, McGrady, Ngamanu, Brimson, Francis; McGrady (C), Weaver; Owen, Bryant, Vuna, Croker, McCudden, Alick. Int: Liolevave, Sikahale, Steadman, Fa'asumaleaui. Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Lee, Seve, Williamson; Jacks (C), Pezet; Betham-Misa, Daunt, Powell, Bradley, Pulu, McQueen. Int: Wood, Natapu, McGrath, O'Donnell.

Sunshine Coast 22 (Z. Miles 2, F. Camilleri, S. Galeano tries; C. Hunter 3 goals) defeated Central 14 (B. Tenza 2, T. Farr tries; T. Browne goal) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.
Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Central 8-4. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 6-5. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Central: Moore, Tenza, Grey, Farr; Lee; Moore, Madden (C); John, Browne, Leonard, Doyle, Jennings, Hubner. Int: Wini, Reid, Teroi, Waiambi. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Galeano, Tonumaipe'a, Anderson; Polselli, Hunter; Howarth, Paterson, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Peters, Burns (C). Int: Couper, Hill, Siolo, Faatili.

Souths Logan 46 (T. McDonald 2, K. Tempest 2, R. Ferguson, A. Kelly, B. Mozer, J. Pereira tries; T. Sailor 6, A. Kelly goals) defeated Mackay 32 (R. Burns, R. Dean, J. Honan, J. Purdue, A. Rangihuna, J. Smith tries; R. Dean 4 goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 30-16. Penalties: Souths Logan 6-3. Referee: Jordan Morel.
Souths Logan: Sailor, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Pereira; Robinson, Kelly; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Sau, McDonald, Ferguson (C). Int: Walters, Eggerling, Semu, Fai. Mackay: Burns, Rangihuna, Vailea, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Purdue; Pua'avase, Hansen, Radel, McNulty, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C). Int: Aupouri-Puketapu, Honan, Fogarty, Russell.

Townsville 28 (M. Wright 2, D. Dotoi, K. Faifai Loa, G. Shibasaki tries; M. Wright 4 goals) defeated Redcliffe 20 (Z. Camroux, B. Dodd, S. Numambo, J. Wallace tries; J. James 2 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.
Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Townsville 10-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Townsville: Baker, Quinlan, Dotoi, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Bourke; Brown, Thorburn, Tamou, Halalilo, Hampson, Laybutt. Int: Lerch, Maloney, McWhirter, Holani, Tonga. Redcliffe: Camroux, Numambo, Dodd, Te Whare, Purson; O'Sullivan, James; Watts, Woolf, Bailey (C), Tawha, Pitama, Purcell. Int: Frei, Jackson, Wallace, Graham, Waqa.

ROUND 8

BYE: Norths
Brisbane 24 (S. Ahomana, C. Daunt, R. Jacks, J. Natapu tries; J. Miers 4 goals) defeated Mackay 12 (R. Burns, B. Russell tries; R. Dean 2 goals) at BB Print Stadium.
Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 8-0. Penalties: Brisbane 9-5. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Mackay: Burns, Rangihuna, Takitaki, Fonua, Smith; Dean (C), Aupouri-Puketapu; Pua'avase, Hansen, Honan, McNulty, Shibasaki, Radel. Int: Bella, Fogarty, Russell, Bone. Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Ahomana, Bradley, Williamson; Jacks (C), Miers; Betham-Misa, Daunt, Powell, Rafter, Pulu, McQueen. Int: Wood, McGrath, Natapu, O'Donnell.

Western 32 (C. Fenning 2, T. Amone, K. Buhse, T. Otukolo, F. Schwalger tries; C. Fenning 4 goals) defeated Redcliffe 30 (Z. Camroux, H. Graham, R. Jackson, L. Nonu, B. Woolf tries; J. James 5 goals) at Toowoomba Sports Ground.
Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 18-16. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Taylor Worth.
Western: Ioka, Buhse, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Carrie, Jurd; O'Callaghan, Otukolo, Oldham, Mafi, Amone, Mokohar (C). Int: Lenehan (C), Timms, Rouland, Cullen. Redcliffe: Camroux, Numambo, Dodd, Te Whare, Nonu; O'Sullivan, James (C); Watts, Woolf, Wallace, Lewis, Pitama, Purcell. Int: Frei, Jackson, Lolesio, Graham.

Burleigh 17 (K. Pere 2, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 2 goals; G. Hamilton field goal) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (G. Anderson try; C. Hunter 3 goals) at UAA Park.
Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 10-6. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 5-3. Referee: Chris Sutton.
Burleigh: Toia, Watson, O'Neill, Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Gosiewski, Schwass, Coster. Int: Murray, Geyer, Sheldon, O'Meley. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Galeano, Tonumaipe'a, Anderson; Polselli, Hunter; Siolo, Paterson, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Lewis, Burns (C). Int: Howarth, Hill, Faatili, Malutoa.

Souths Logan 22 (J. Pereira 2, E. Quai-Ward, D. Samoa tries; T. Sailor 3 goals) defeated Central 10 (R. Jennings, B. Tenza tries; T. Browne goal) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.
Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 14-4. Penalties: Souths Logan 12-10. Referee: Ben Watts.
Central: Moore, Tenza, Farr; Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); John, Browne, Leonard, Teroi, Jennings, Hubner. Int: Moore, Reid, Taungahihifo, Waiambi. Souths Logan: Sailor, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Pereira; Robinson, Kelly; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, McDonald, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Sau.

Wynnum 40 (J. Reuben 4, K. Falls, L. Gale, M. Milson tries; B. Donovan 6 goals) defeated Tweed 16 (J. McCudden, B. McGrady, I. Seiuli tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.
Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 24-6. Penalties: Tweed 6-5. Referee: Zbigniew Przeklasa-Adamski.
Tweed: Marks, McGrady, Seiuli, Brimson, Ngamanu; McGrady (C), Steadman; Palasia, Bryant, Vuna, Croker, McCudden, Alick. Int: Sikahale, Wright, Owen, Fa'asumaleaui. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Hunt, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Pascoe, Farmer, Saitaua, Hetherington.

Northern 56 (L. West 3, D. Aukafolau 2, T. Duffy, D. Lui, N. McGavin, W. Partridge, J. Taumoepeau tries; T. Duffy 8 goals) defeated Ipswich 12 (D. Macumboy, S. Nikotemo tries; A. Schoupp 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.
Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Northern 28-6. Penalties: Ipswich 3-2. Referee: Jordan Morel.
Ipswich: Johnson, Groth, Schoupp, Toomaga, Macumboy; De Groot, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Liyou, Nikotemo, Rhea, Ropata. Int: Mack, Inoke, Greinke, Banditt. Northern: West, McGavin, Partridge, Denny, Taumoepeau; Lui, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Ostwald, Edwards, Casey-Douglas, Lahrs.

PNG 52 (A. Max 3, W. Tau-Loi 2, F. Glare, J. Rimbu, E. Roltinga, S. Wabo tries; J. Mavoko 8 goals) defeated Townsville 16 (K. Faifai Loa, J. Feeney, J. Tamou tries; M. Wright 2 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.
Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 24-16. Penalties: Townsville 7-2. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Townsville: Baker, Quinlan, Dotoi, Feeney, Faifai Loa; Wright, Bourke; Maloney, Thorburn, Tamou, Hampson, Halalilo, Laybutt. Int: Lerch, Kaufusi, McWhirter, Holani. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Max, Roltinga, Wane;

Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rimbu, Worot, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Kalo. Int: Alu (C), Glare, Pat, Bandi.

ROUND 9

BYE: Sunshine Coast
PNG 30 (F. Glare, B. Kelly, A. Max, E. Roltinga, S. Wabo tries; F. Glare 5 goals) defeated Northern 12 (B. Burns 2 tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 18-12. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Ben Watts.
PNG: Wabo, Nima, Max, Roltinga, Wane; Lau, Glare; Richard, Rimbu, Worot, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Kalo. Int: Alu (C), Mathias, Pat, Bandi, VORO, Mire, Talin. Northern: West, McGavin, Burns, Denny, Taumoepeau; Lui, Duffy; Casey-Douglas, Schneider (C), Allen, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Little, Ostwald, Fonoti, Lahrs, Partridge.

Wynnum 40 (K. Falls 2, S. Roache-Faimalo 2, C. Broadhurst, S. Hopoate, K. Saitaua tries; B. Donovan 6 goals) defeated Ipswich 8 (D. Macumboy, A. Schoupp tries) at BMD Kougari Oval.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 16-4. Penalties: Ipswich 7-3. Referee: Taylor Worth.
Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Talita; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Hunt, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Pascoe, Farmer, Saitaua, Hetherington, Bukowski, Smith. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Schoupp, Groth, Macumboy; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Penquitt, Jacks (C), Stimson, Nikotemo, Hau, Rhea. Int: Mack, Inoke, Greinke, Ropata, Holdsworth.

Townsville 21 (L. Tovo 2, R. Rotavisoro, T. Thorburn tries; M. Wright 2 goals; M. Wright field goal) defeated Tweed 20 (I. Seiuli 2, W. Brimson, T. Francis tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Betty Diamond Complex.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Tweed 14-12. Penalties: Townsville 9-8. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Tweed: McGrady (C), McGrady, Seiuli, Ngamanu, Francis; Brimson, Steadman; Burton, Bryant, Vuna, Alick, McCudden, Palasia. Int: Liolevave, Marks, Croker, Fa'asumaleaui, Wright. Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Baker, Quinlan, Faifai Loa; Wright, Biondi-Odo; Maloney, Thorburn, Holani, Hampson, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Tamou, Lerch, McWhirter, Tonga, Dotoi.

Burleigh 28 (J. Karapani 2, K. Pere 2, N. O'Meley, M. Watson tries; G. Hamilton 2 goals) defeated Mackay 12 (R. Burns, J. Smith tries; R. Dean 2 goals) at Whitsundays Sports Park.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 8-6. Penalties: Burleigh 10-6. Referee: Jordan Morel.
Mackay: Burns, Rangihuna, Fisher, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Purdue; Bella, Hansen, Pua'avase, McNulty, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C). Int: Radel, Aupouri-Puketapu, Russell, Matautia, Fogarty. Burleigh: Toia, Watson, O'Neill, Pere, Karapani; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster (C). Int: Murray, Geyer, Sheldon, O'Meley, Tuimavave.

Central 20 (J. Jennings 2, J. Madden, B. Tenza tries; T. Browne, B. Moore goals) defeated Redcliffe 6 (J. Frei try; Z. Camroux goal) at Aoore Stadium.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Central 14-6. Penalties: Redcliffe 10-8. Referee: Matt Gannon.
Redcliffe: Camroux, Dobson, Dodd, Anderson, Te Whare; Siegwalt, James; Watts, Pitama, Wallace, Tawha, Lewis, Bailey (C). Int: O'Sullivan, Boland, Frei, Purcell, Casey. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); John, Browne, Jackson, Bromwich, Jennings, Hubner. Int: Moore, Reid, Teroi, Waiambi.

Souths Logan 24 (J. Pereira 2, R. Robinson, T. Sailor, J. Tomane tries; T. Sailor 2 goals) defeated Western 18 (L. Jurd 2, K. Buhse tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Logan Metro Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Western 12-10. Penalties: Souths Logan 6-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.
Souths Logan: Sailor, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Pereira; Robinson, Kelly; Baker, Mozer, Te Kura, Tararo, Sau, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Semu, Petterson-Robati, Tomane. Western: Ioka, Buhse, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Carrie, Jurd; Pere (C), Otukolo, Oldham, Mafi, Amone, Mokohar. Int: Lenehan, Timms, Rouland, O'Callaghan.

Norths 62 (C. Jenkins 2, M. Kaho 2, O. Keeley 2, E. Blacker, G. Burns, J. Christian, J. Lipp, B. Paskins tries; G. Burns 9 goals) defeated Brisbane 16 (M. Lehmann 2, T. McGrath tries; T. Hope, J. Miers goals) at Bishop Park.
Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Norths 46-0. Penalties: Norths 9-8. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Norths: Christian, Paskins, Lipp, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Elliott, Flack, Blacker, Ahearn. Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Ahomana, Bradley, Williamson; Jacks (C), Miers; Betham-Misa, Hope, Powell, Rafter; Pulu, McQueen. Int: Wood, McGrath, Natapu, Leslie.

ROUND 10 BYES: Redcliffe, Burleigh, Western, Central, Tweed PNG 36 (J. Rimbu 3, F. Glare, B. Kelly, J. Mavoko, E. Roltinga tries; J. Mavoko 4 goals) defeated Ipswich 18 (A. Hau 2, L. Maddaford, K. Maumalo tries; J. Reedy-Bartlett goal) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 16-14. Referee: Tyson Brough.
PNG: Wabo, Nima, Max, Roltinga, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Bandi, Rimbu, Worot, Tu-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Richard, Glare, Mathias, Kalo. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Reedy-Bartlett, Maddaford, Taufua; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell (C); Penquitt, Holdsworth, Liyou, Hau, Nikotemo, Mack. Int: Richardson, Greinke, Cavanagh, Banditt.

Norths 26 (J. Lipp 2, G. Burns, J. Christian, C. Jenkins tries; G. Burns 3 goals) defeated Townsville 16 (L. Tovo 2, E. Hampson tries; M. Wright 2 goals) at Bishop Park.
Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 16-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Norths: Christian, Paskins, Lipp, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Wright; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Ahearn, Flack, Elliott, Blacker. Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Baker, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Biondi-Odo; Maloney, Thorburn, Holani, Hampson, Kaufusi, Halalilo. Int: Hodges, McWhirter, Brown, Dotoi.

Northern 52 (D. Aukafolau 2, R. Denny 2, T. Casey-Douglas, S. King-Smith, D. Lui, E. Moore, J. Taumoepeau, L. West tries; T. Duffy 6 goals) defeated Mackay 6 (J. Purdue try; R. Dean goal) at BB Print Stadium.
Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 26-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Mackay: Burns, Rangihuna, Fisher, Fonua, Smith; Dean, Purdue, Bella, Granville, Pua'avase, McNulty, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C). Int: Radel, Hansen, Russell, Matautia. Northern: West, McGavin, Partridge, Denny, Taumoepeau; Lui, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Casey-Douglas, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Lui-Toso, King-Smith, Lahrs, Bitungane.

Brisbane 40 (T. Hope 3, S. Ahomana, J. Natapu, T. Rafter, C. Williamson tries; T. Hope 6 goals) defeated Souths Logan 34 (I. Leota 3, C. Eggerling, A. Kelly, V. Semu tries; J. Tomane 5 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 22-18. Penalties: Souths Logan 9-7. Referee: Ben Watts.
Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Ahomana, Bradley, Williamson; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Pulu, Hope, Powell, Rafter, McQueen, Daunt. Int: Wood, Leslie, Betham-Misa, Natapu. Souths Logan: Andrew, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Leota; Robinson, Kelly; Semu, Eggerling, Samuel, Tararo, Tomane, Ferguson (C). Int: Sau, Paraia, Walters, Fai.

Wynnum 30 (J. Reuben 2, K. Saitau 2, M. Milson tries; B. Donovan 5 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 22 (H. O'Toole 2, Y. Tonumaip'e'a 2 tries; C. Hunter 3 goals) at Ron Stark Oval.
Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 12-10. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Hunt, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Saitau, Farmer, Pascoe, Hetherington. Sunshine Coast: Gudgeon, O'Toole, Galeano, Tonumaip'e'a, Camilleri; Polselli, Hunter; Siolo (C), Paterson, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Peters, Lewis. Int: Heenan, Hill, Faatili, Couper.

ROUND 11 BYE: Brisbane Northern 40 (J. Clifford 2, W. Partridge 2, D. Aukafolau, T. Duffy, E. Moore tries; T. Duffy 6 goals) defeated Souths Logan 22 (B. Mozer, E. Quai-Ward, V. Semu, K. Tempest tries; B. Finnegan 3 goals) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 24-12. Penalties: Souths Logan 7-6. Referee: Josh Eaton.
Northern: Chester, McGavin, Partridge, Burns, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Edwards, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Lui, Lui-Toso, Lahrs, Bitungane. Souths Logan: Whittaker, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Leota; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Pangai Junior, Tararo, Sau, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Walters.

Townsville 34 (B. Biondi-Odo, J. Hodges, R. Rotavisoro, T. Thorburn, L. Tovo, M. Wright tries; M. Wright 5 goals) defeated Central 18 (J. Jennings, E. Lee, J. McLachlan tries; T. Browne 3 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Baker, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Biondi-Odo; Maloney, Hodges, Brown, Hampson, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, McWhirter, Holani, Tamou. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Szezanowski, Browne, Jackson, Hubner, Jennings, Donoghoe. Int: Moore, McLachlan, Reid, Leonard.

Redcliffe 13 (W. Dobson, J. Walsh tries; J. James 2 goals; J. James field goal) defeated Burleigh 4 (C. Toia try) at Kayo Stadium.
Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Redcliffe: Fuller, Dobson, Anderson, Te Whare, Baira; Siegwalt, James; Watts, Woolf, Wallace, Tawha, Pitama, Bailey (C). Int: Walsh, Frei, Graham, Purcell. Burleigh: Toia, Leo, Sauluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Taipau, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Murray, Geyer, Koellner, O'Neill.

Tweed 22 (W. Brimson, B. McGrady, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady 5 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 16 (C. Faatili, J. Pitovao, Y. Tonumaip'e'a tries; C. Hunter 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 14-10. Referee: Ben Watts.

Sunshine Coast: Gudgeon, Galeano, Howarth, Tonumaip'e'a, Camilleri; Polselli, Hunter; Vaalepu, Paterson, Siolo (C), Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns. Int: Couper, Hill, Faatili, Heenan. Tweed: McGrady (C), McGrady, Seiuli, Turner, Ngamanu; Brimson, Steadman; Burton, Bryant, Owen, Croker, McCudden, Vuna. Int: Liolevave, Sikahale, Wright, Veve.

Norths 50 (G. Burns 3, B. Paskins 2, S. Elliott, M. Kaho, J. Lipp, M. Teague tries; G. Burns 7 goals) defeated Ipswich 16 (R. Jacks, L. Maddaford, K. Maumalo tries; B. Toomaga 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.
Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Norths 22-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Matt Gannon.

Ipswich: Fels, Maumalo, Macumboy, Toomaga, Maddaford; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell (C); Penquitt, Jacks (C), Mack, Ropata, Nikotemo, Hau. Int: Inoke, Kali, Banditt, Holdsworth. Norths: Christian, Paskins, Lipp, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Simbiken, Flack, Teague. Int: Wright, Duffy, Elliott, Fai.

Mackay 40 (J. Smith 2, R. Burns, R. Dean, J. Purdue, B. Russell, J. Shibasaki tries; R. Dean 6 goals) defeated PNG 26 (A. Max 2, J. Rop 2, E. Roltinga tries; J. Mavoko 3 goals) at BB Print Stadium.
Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 20-10. Referee: Taylor Worth.
Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Fonua, Takitaki; Dean, Purdue; Russell, Granville, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C), Sweet, Aupouri-Puketapu. Int: Hansen, Sullivan, Matautia, Radel. PNG: Morea, Nima, Max, Roltinga, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Rop, Rimbu, Worot, Koi, Kelly, Kalo. Int: Richard, Alu (C), Glare, Pat.

Wynnum 38 (S. Hopoate 2, C. Broadhurst, B. Donovan, K. Falls, L. Gale, K. Saitau tries; B. Donovan 5 goals) defeated Western 32 (K. Buhse, C. Fenning, L. Helleur-atiga, L. Mafi, F. Schwalger, D. Timms tries; C. Fenning 4 goals) at Bulldog Park.
Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 18-10. Penalties: Wynnum 6-4. Referee: Jordan Morel.
Western: Ioka, Buhse, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Carrie, Jurd; Pere (C), Otukolo, Oldham, Mafi, Amone, Mokohar. Int: Lenehan, Timms, Rouland, O'Callaghan. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Farmer, Hunt, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Pascoe, Smith, Saitau, Hetherington.

ROUND 12 BYES: Norths, Northern, Mackay Souths Logan 48 (B. Mozer 2, R. Robinson 2, K. Tempest 2, I. Leota, E. Quai-Ward tries; C. Black 8 goals) defeated PNG 36 (V. Richard 2, J. Lau, A. Max, E. Roltinga, S. Wabo, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 3, F. Glare goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 34-10. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
PNG: Wabo, Nima, Max, Roltinga, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rimbu, Worot, Lama, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Pat, Rop, Bandi. Souths Logan: Whittaker, Smith, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Leota; Robinson, Black;

Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Baker, Tararo, Pangai Junior, Ferguson (C). Int: Sau, Paraia, Samuel, Semu.

Tweed 28 (K. Ngamanu 3, V. Sikahale, L. Turner tries; L. McGrady 4 goals) defeated Western 18 (C. Fenning, L. Mafi, T. Otukolo tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 16-6. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Tweed: McGrady (C), McGrady, Seiuli, Turner; Ngamanu; Brimson, Steadman; Burton, Bryant, Liolevave, Croker; McCudden, Fa'asumaleaui. Int: Vuna, Sikahale, Owen, Veve. Western: Ioka, Buhse, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Carrie, Rouland; Pere (C), Otukolo, Lenehan, Mafi, Amone, Mokohar. Int: Duggan, O'Callaghan, Oldham, Teapua.

Central 24 (R. Jackson, Z. John, J. McLachlan, A. Moore tries; T. Browne 4 goals) defeated Ipswich 14 (M. Lyons 2, B. Zampach tries; B. Toomaga goal) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Central 12-10. Referee: Jack Ebert.
Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Moore, Madden (C); Szezanowski, Browne, Jackson, John, Jennings, Hubner. Int: Teroi, McLachlan, Leonard, Waiembi. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Lyons, Zampach, Toomaga; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Greinke, Jacks (C), Mack, Foran, Nikotemo, Hau. Int: Holdsworth, Kali, Penquitt, Banditt.

Sunshine Coast 28 (F. Camilleri 2, S. Burns, S. Galeano, L. Polselli tries; C. Hunter 4 goals) defeated Redcliffe 20 (W. Dobson, J. James, L. Nonu, V. Te Whare tries; J. James 2 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 14-10. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Sunshine Coast: Gudgeon, Camilleri, Tonumaip'e'a, Howarth, Galeano; Polselli, Hunter; Vaalepu, Paterson, Hill, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Heenan, Peters, Faatili, Malutua. Redcliffe: Baira, Dobson, Walsh, Te Whare, Nonu; James, O'Sullivan; Watts, Woolf, Wallace, Tawha, Pitama, Bailey (C). Int: Frei, Bayliss-Brow, Purcell, Siegwalt.

Townsville 20 (G. Shibasaki 2, B. Biondi-Odo, K. Faifai Loa tries; M. Wright 2 goals) defeated Brisbane 10 (L. Pulu, C. Williamson tries; T. Hope goal) at Jack Manski Oval.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 14-6. Referee: Matt Gannon.

Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Baker, Shibasaki, Faifai Loa; Wright, Biondi-Odo; Maloney, Hodges, Brown, Hampson, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, McWhirter, Holani, Tamou. Brisbane: Stewart, Lehmann, Ahomana, Lee, Williamson; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Leslie, Hope, Powell, Bradley, McQueen, Pulu. Int: Satrick, Rafter, Betham-Misa, Natapu.

Burleigh 28 (N. O'Meley 2, B. Butler, G. Hamilton, T. Leo, H. Schwass tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) defeated Wynnum 14 (J. Frain, C. Paix, J. Reuben tries; B. Donovan goal) at BMD Kougari Oval.
Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Reuben; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Page-Wilson, Hunt, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Farmer, Frain, Saitau, Hetherington. Burleigh: Toia, Leo, Sauluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Sheldon, O'Neill.

ROUND 13 BYES: Norths, Ipswich, Townsville, Souths Logan, Sunshine Coast Redcliffe 42 (B. Baira 3, J. Boland, S. O'Sullivan, L. Siegwalt, V. Te Whare, J. Walsh tries; J. James 5 goals) defeated Mackay 6 (B. Anderson try; R. Dean goal) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium.
Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 2:35 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 16-6. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Fonua, Takitaki; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Roycroft, Hansen, Radel, Sweet, Shibasaki, Mullany (C). Int: Kerrisk, Pua'avase, Matautia, Honan. Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Dobson, Nonu, Te Whare, Baira; James, O'Sullivan; Watts, Pitama, Bayliss-Brow, Tawha, Frei, Bailey (C). Int: Walsh, Boland, Purcell, Woolf.

Wynnum 18 (J. Stuckey 2, S. Talita tries; B. Donovan 3 goals) defeated Brisbane 16 (K. Bradley 2, R. Philitoga tries; T. Hope 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.
Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 18-6. Referee: Daniel Schwass.
Brisbane: Stewart, Williamson, Bradley, Lee, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Wallis, Hope, Betham-Misa, O'Donnell, Noovao-

McGreal, Pulu. Int: Satrick, McQueen, Nauma, Natapu. Wynnum: Milson, Hupoate, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Talita; Falls, Donovan (C); Martin, Paix, Saitaua, Frain, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Page-Wilson, Parslow, Smith, Hetherington.

Northern 24 (D. Lui, E. Moore, J. Taumoepeau, L. West tries; T. Duffy 4 goals) defeated Burleigh 16 (T. Leo, K. Pere, J. Rogers tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 16-10. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Northern: West, McGavin, Partridge, Chester, Taumoepeau; Lui, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Woodhouse, Casey-Douglas, Lahrs, Bitungane. Burleigh: Toia, Leo, Sauluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Sheldon, O'Neill.

Central 22 (L. Doyle, R. Jackson, Z. John, A. Milford tries; B. Moore 3 goals) defeated Tweed 18 (J. Owen, T. Steadman, J. Vuna tries; L. McGrady 3 goals) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.

Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Tweed 12-6. Referee: Ben Watts.

Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Szepanowski, Barham, Jackson, Doyle, Jennings, Hubner. Int: Moore, McLachlan, John, Waiembi. Tweed: Marks, McGrady, Seiuli, Turner, Ngamanu; McGrady (C), Steadman; Burton, Bryant, Owen, Vuna, Croker, Faasumaleaui. Int: Liolovave, Sikahale, Wright, Veve.

PNG 28 (B. Kelly, C. Lama, J. Rambu, E. Roltinga, S. Wabo tries; J. Mavoko 4 goals) defeated Western 22 (K. Buhse, C. Fenning, T. Otukolo, D. Timms tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Toowoomba Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 9th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: PNG 24-10. Penalties: Western 6-5. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Western: Ioka, Buhse, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Puafisi, Duggan; Pere (C), Otukolo, Lenehan, Mafi, Mokohar, O'Callaghan. Int: Timms, White, Oldham, Teapa. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Roltinga, Wane; Glare, Mavoko; Richard, Rambu, Rop, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Worot, Bandi, Pat, Mire.

ROUND 14

BYE: Redcliffe

Brisbane 24 (R. Philitoga 2, C. Williamson 2 tries; T. Hope 4 goals) defeated Burleigh 20 (C. Geyer, T. Leo, N. O'Meley, C. Toia tries; J. Rogers 2 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-8. Referee: Wyatt Raymond.

Burleigh: Toia, Leo, Sauluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Baker, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Koellner, Geyer, Murray, O'Neill. Brisbane: Wood, Williamson, Thompson, Ahomana, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Wallis, Hope, Betham-Misa, O'Donnell, Noovao-McGreal, Pulu. Int: Satrick, Leslie, Natapu, Hinchey.

Mackay 30 (B. Anderson 2, S. Mullany 2, X. Kerrisk, D. Takitaki tries; R. Dean 3 goals) defeated Ipswich 16 (A. Hau, M. Lyons, B. Roberts tries; B. Roberts 2 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Mackay 20-6. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Fonua, Takitaki; Gill, Dean; Honan, Hansen, Radel, Sweet, Roycroft, Mullany (C). Int: Kerrisk, Arthur, Pua'avase, Bella. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Macumboy, Lyons, Roberts; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Greinke, Inoke, Mack, Foran, Hau, Kali. Int: Jacks (C), Zamech, Makirere, Banditt.

Norths 42 (M. Kaho 2, G. Fai, J. Lipp, T. Niu, B. Paskins, J. Simbiken, M. Teague tries; G. Burns 3, J. Lipp 2 goals) defeated Tweed 10 (B. McGrady, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady goal) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 28-4. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Burns, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Christian, Duffy, Elliott, Fai. Tweed: Marks, McGrady, Seiuli, Turner, Donovan; McGrady (C), Steadman; Burton, Croker, Faasumaleaui, Vuna, Veve, Owen. Int: Kernick, Hudson, Wright, Liolovave.

Townsville 26 (M. Baker, B. Biondi-Odo, R. Rotavisoro, G. Shibasaki, L. Tovo tries; M. Wright 3 goals) defeated Souths Logan 14 (B. Mozer, D. Samoa, J. Smith tries; A. Kelly goal) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Townsville 20-4. Penalties: Townsville 8-6. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Souths Logan: Whittaker, Smith, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Samoa;

Robinson, Kelly; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Taupau, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Tomane. Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Baker, Shibasaki, Riley; Wright, Biondi-Odo; McWhirter, Hodges, Holani, Hampson, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, Gale, Sharp, Halalilo.

Wynnum 28 (C. Paix 2, B. Donovan, K. Saitaua, S. Talita tries; B. Donovan 4 goals) drew with Central 28 (T. Browne, E. Lee, A. Milford, B. Moore, B. Tenza tries; T. Browne 4 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 20-10. Referee: Matt Gannon.

Wynnum: Milson, Hupoate, Enasio, Broadhurst, Talita; Falls, Donovan (C); Hetherington, Paix, Saitaua, Frain, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Page-Wilson, Pascoe, Farmer, Smith. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Szepanowski, Barham, John, Teroi, Farr, Browne. Int: Moore, McLachlan, Reid, Waiembi.

Northern 42 (T. Chester 2, W. Partridge 2, D. Aukafolau, D. Lui, L. West tries; T. Duffy 7 goals) defeated Western 22 (L. Helleur-atiga 2, C. Fenning, M. Puafisi tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Toowoomba Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Northern 18-6. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Western: Ioka, Buhse, Fenning, Helleur-atiga, Schwalger; Puafisi, Duggan; Pere (C), Timms, Lenehan, Mafi, Mokohar, Oldham. Int: Ensby, White, Teapa, White. Northern: West, McGavin, Partridge, Chester, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Bitungane, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Casey-Douglas, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Little, Lui, Cramp, Teutau.

Sunshine Coast 66 (L. Polselli 3, C. Faatili 2, S. Galeano 2, T. Couper, L. Geraghty, C. Hunter, Z. Miles, K. Paterson tries; C. Hunter 9 goals) defeated PNG 8 (A. Max, S. Wane tries) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 32-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Sunshine Coast: Miles, Galeano, Couper, Peters, Lasike; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Faatili, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns. Int: Paterson, Siolo, Sutton, McIndoe. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Max, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Pat, Rambu, Worot, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Rop, Koi, Talin.

ROUND 15

BYE: PNG, Brisbane, Ipswich

Northern 48 (J. Clifford 2, W. Partridge 2, J. Taumoepeau 2, D. Lui, L. West, D. Woodhouse tries; T. Duffy 6 goals) defeated Townsville 0 at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 26-0. Referee: Ben Watts.

Northern: West, Woodhouse, Partridge, Lui, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Bitungane, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: King-Smith, Casey-Douglas, Barnes, Teutau. Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Baker, Shibasaki, Riley; Wright, Biondi-Odo; Maloney, Hodges, McWhirter, Hampson, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, Holani, Tamou, Halalilo.

Central 30 (Z. John, E. Lee, C. Marshall, A. Milford, B. Tenza tries; T. Browne 5 goals) defeated Mackay 18 (S. Mullany, B. Russell, D. Takitaki tries; R. Dean 3 goals) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Mackay 8-6. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Szepanowski, Browne, Leonard, Farr, Farr, Hubner. Int: Moore, McLachlan, Sent, John. Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Fonua, Takitaki; Aupouri-Puketapu, Dean; Honan, Hansen, Radel, McNulty, Roycroft, Mullany. Int: Kerrisk, Russell, Pua'avase, Bella.

Redcliffe 38 (B. Baira 2, W. Dobson, S. Numambo, J. Purcell, J. Wallace, J. Walsh tries; B. Baira 5 goals) defeated Wynnum 8 (S. Talita try; B. Donovan 2 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 20-2. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Dobson, Numambo, Te Whare, Baira; James, O'Sullivan; Watts, Pitama, Boland, Frei, Purcell, Bailey (C). Int: Walsh, Woolf, Wallace, Lolesio. Wynnum: Milson, Hupoate, Enasio, Broadhurst, Talita; Falls, Donovan (C); Hetherington, Paix, Saitaua, Frain, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Page-Wilson, Ward, Farmer, Frei.

Sunshine Coast 52 (S. Galeano 2, F. Camilleri, C. Faatili, L. Geraghty, A. Gudgeon, H. McIndoe, T. Peters, L. Polselli tries; C. Hunter 8 goals) defeated Western 22 (L. Helleur-atiga 2, E. Ioka, F. Schwalger tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 28-10. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Tonumaipe'a, Galeano, Gudgeon; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Peters, Hill, McIndoe, Faatili. Western: White, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Ioka, Schwalger; Puafisi, Duggan; Pere (C), Otukolo, Lenehan, Mafi, Mokohar, O'Callaghan. Int: Timms, Oldham, Buhse, Teapa.

Norths 38 (J. Lipp 2, C. Duffy, M. Kaho, T. Niu, B. Paskins, T. Simpkins tries; J. Lipp 5 goals) defeated Souths Logan 10 (D. Samoa, K. Tempest tries; C. Black goal) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 20-6. Penalties: Souths Logan 9-6. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Souths Logan: Robinson, Andrew, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Samoa; Black, Kelly; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Taupau, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Samuel, Semu, Tomane. Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Christian, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Duffy, Elliott, Fai, Niko.

Burleigh 56 (J. Patston 2, B. Butler, C. Geyer, J. Karapani, C. Murray, K. Pere, J. Rogers, S. Sauluma, H. Schwass tries; J. Rogers 8 goals) defeated Tweed 14 (M. Donovan 2, K. Ngamanu tries; L. McGrady goal) at UAA Park.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 14-8. Penalties: Burleigh 4-2. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Burleigh: Toia, Leo, Sauluma (C), Pere, Karapani; Rogers, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Baker, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Koellner, O'Neill. Tweed: McGrady (C), Ngamanu, McGrady, Turner, Donovan; Steadman, Weaver; Burton, Sikahale, Liolovave, Vuna, Croker, Wright. Int: Hudson, Kernick, Owen, Veve.

ROUND 16

BYE: Central

Northern 20 (R. Derby 3, L. West tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) defeated Mackay 12 (R. Bella, R. Dean tries; K. Aupouri-Puketapu 2 goals) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 10-0. Referee: Matt Gannon.

Northern: West, Derby, Partridge, Lui, Woodhouse; Egan, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Bitungane, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: King-Smith, Casey-Douglas, Lahrs, Teutau. Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Fonua, Takitaki; Dean, Aupouri-Puketapu; Honan, Hansen, Radel, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C), Russell. Int: Kerrisk, McNulty, Pua'avase, Bella.

Sunshine Coast 14 (C. Lewis, T. Peters tries; C. Hunter 3 goals) defeated Wynnum 10 (F. Schwalger 2 tries; B. Donovan goal) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 8-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Wynnum: Milson, Talita, Roache-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan (C); Hetherington, Pascoe, Farmer, Frain, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Bukowski, Ward, Malt, Frei. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, McIndoe, Galeano, Gudgeon; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Peters, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Hill, Faatili, Couper.

Norths 36 (S. Elliott 2, J. Gagan, M. Kaho, K. Moseley, A. Niko tries; J. Lipp 5, A. Niko goals) defeated Townsville 10 (P. Kaufusi, J. Riley tries; B. Biondi-Odo goal) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 24-0. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Townsville: Tovo, Riley, Baker, Shibasaki, Dotoi; Laybutt (C), Biondi-Odo; Holani, Thorburn, Tamou, Hampson, Kaufusi, Tonga. Int: Sharp, Lerch, McWhirter, Maloney. Norths: Lipp, Niko, Paskins, Gagan, Kaho; Christian, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: McGuire, Duffy, Elliott, Fai.

Burleigh 56 (B. Butler, S. Coster, S. Gardiner, G. Hamilton, M. Koellner, J. Patston, P. Politoni, C. Toia, M. Watson tries; G. Hamilton 10 goals) defeated Western 18 (C. Fenning 2, E. Ioka tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at Father Ranger Oval.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 24-0. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Western: White, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Ioka, Buhse; Puafisi, Duggan; Pere (C), Otukolo, Lenehan, Mafi, Amone, Mokohar. Int: Timms, Roulard, White, Teapa. Burleigh: Toia, Watson, Sauluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Sheldon, O'Neill.

Souths Logan 27 (H. Walters 3, E. Quai-Ward, D. Samoa tries; C. Black

2, B. Finnegan goals; B. Finnegan field goal) defeated Brisbane 26 (R. Falaniko 2, C. Williamson 2, T. Thompson tries; T. Hope 3 goals) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 20-12. Referee: Ben Watts.

Souths Logan: Robinson, Smith, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Samoa; Black, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Eggerling, Semu, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Paraia, Samuel, Walters, Fai. Brisbane: Wood, Williamson, Thompson, Ahomana, Falaniko; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Wallis, Hope, Pulu, O'Donnell, Noovao-McGreal, MacDonald. Int: Betham-Misa, Leslie, McQueen, Natapu.

Redcliffe 58 (B. Baira 2, J. Wallace 2, J. Frei, S. Numambo, S. Pitama, J. Purcell, J. Walsh, B. Woolf tries; B. Baira 9 goals) defeated Tweed 12 (H. Croker 2 tries; L. McGrady 2 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 24-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Dobson, Numambo, Te Whare, Baira; O'Sullivan, James; Watts, Pitama, Wallace, Purcell, Frei, Bailey (C). Int: Woolf, Boland, Lewis, Walsh. Tweed: McGrady (C), Harding, Ngamanu, Turner, Donovan; Steadman, Weaver; Burton, Sikahale, Liolevave, Vuna, Croker, Owen. Int: Marks, Wright, Stephenson, Veve.

PNG 28 (A. Max 2, F. Glare, V. Richard, J. Rambu tries; J. Mavoko 4 goals) defeated Ipswich 22 (A. Hau, M. Lyons, D. Ngatuere-Wroe, B. Roberts tries; B. Roberts 3 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 28-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Ipswich: So'ialo, Maumalo, Macumboy, Lyons, Roberts; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Stimson, Jacks (C), Mack, Zampech, Ropata, Hau. Int: Inoke, Kali, Greinke, Clarke. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Max, Wane; Glare, Mavoko; Richard, Rambu, Worot, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Rop (C). Int: Kai, Bandi, Pat, Komati.

ROUND 17

BYE: Burleigh

Northern 34 (T. Chester 2, R. Derby 2, E. Moore, L. West tries; T. Duffy 5 goals) defeated Central 6 (A. Teroi try; T. Browne goal) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 24-0. Penalties: Northern 8-7. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Northern: West, Derby, Partridge, Chester, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Allen, Lui, Lahrs, Bitungane. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); Szeapanowski, Browne, Leonard, Doyle, Farr; Hubner. Int: Moore, Teroi, Farr, Waqa.

Mackay 20 (R. Dean, J. Purdue, J. Smith tries; R. Dean 4 goals) defeated Tweed 14 (B. McGrady, I. Seiuli tries; L. McGrady 3 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Tweed: McGrady (C), McGrady, Ngamanu, Turner, Donovan; Steadman, Weaver; Liolevave, Bryant, Veve, Seiuli, McCudden, Croker. Int: Sikahale, Bryant, Owen, Fa'asuaaleau. Mackay: Burns, Takitaki, Smith, Fonua, Valemei; Purdue, Dean; Mikaele, Hansen, Radel, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C), Mullany (C). Int: Kerrisk, Russell, Honan, Aupouri-Puketapu.

Townsville 44 (B. Biondi-Odo 2, D. Dotoi, N. Halalilo, P. Kaufusi, R. Rotavisoro, G. Shibasaki, L. Tovo tries; L. Tovo 6 goals) defeated Western 12 (C. Fenning, L. Rouland tries; C. Fenning 2 goals) at Tully Showgrounds.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Townsville 26-6. Referee: Ben Watts.

Western: White, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Ioka, Buhse; Puafisi, Duggan; Oldham, Otukolo, Lenehan, Mafi, Rouland, Mokohar. Int: Timms, Amon, White, Teupa. Townsville: Tovo, Rotavisoro, Hampson, Shibasaki, Dotoi; Bourke, Biondi-Odo; Holani, Thorburn, Tamou, Halalilo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Lerch, Brown, Sharp, Gunn-James.

Souths Logan 40 (C. Eggerling 2, E. Quai-Ward 2, P. Petterson-Robati, D. Samoa, K. Tempest tries; B. Finnegan 6 goals) defeated Wynnum 10 (D. Farmer, S. Hopate tries; C. Broadhurst goal) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 22-0. Penalties: Souths Logan 4-1. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Leota, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Samoa; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Mozer, Semu, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Paraia, Walters, Eggerling, Samuel. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Roche-Faimalo, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan (C);

Martin, Paix, Frei (C), Hetherington, Gale, Stuckey. Int: Pascoe, Malt, Saitaua, Farmer.

PNG 20 (F. Glare, C. Lama, A. Max, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 2 goals) defeated Norths 18 (M. Kaho, A. Niko, J. Simbiken, M. Teague tries; A. Niko goal) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Norths: Haydon, Niko, Niu, Paskins, Kaho; Christian, Lipp; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: McGuire, Flack, Elliott, Fai. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Max, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Bandi, Rambu, Worot, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Rop, Richard, Pat.

Ipswich 12 (B. Clarke, M. Lyons tries; B. Roberts 2 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (C. Lasike, T. Peters tries; C. Hunter goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 6-0. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Sunshine Coast: Miles, Gudgeon, Couper, McIndoe, Lasike; Herdegen, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Faatili, Peters, Sutton. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Smith-Shields, Lyons, Roberts; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Greinke, Jacks (C), Mack, Foran, Nikotemo, Hau. Int: Inoke, Ropata, Penquitt, Clarke.

Redcliffe 40 (B. Baira 2, L. Siegwalt 2, E. Anderson, J. Frei, N. Watts tries; B. Baira 6 goals) defeated Brisbane 26 (R. Falaniko 3, R. Philitoga 2 tries; T. Hope 3 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 18-12. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Brisbane: Wood, Falaniko, Thompson, Williamson, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Wallis, Hope, Betham-Misa, O'Donnell, Noovao-McGreal, Pulu. Int: McGrath, Rafter, McQueen, Natapu. Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Anderson, Numambo, Te Whare, Baira; Fineanganofa, James; Watts, Pitama, Wallace, Frei, Purcell, Bailey (C). Int: Woolf, Boland, Lewis, Walsh.

ROUND 18

BYE: Wynnum

Tweed 50 (T. Weaver 2, H. Croker, M. Donovan, T. Harding, L. McGrady, K. Ngamanu, V. Sikahale, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady 7 goals) defeated Souths Logan 10 (R. Ferguson, I. Leota tries; B. Finnegan goal) at Cbus Super Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 3:05 PM. Halftime: Tweed 22-6. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Tweed: McGrady (C), Harding, Donovan, Seiuli, Ngamanu; Steadman, Weaver; Fa'asuaaleau, Bryant, Vuna, Alick, McCudden, Croker. Int: Sikahale, Bryant, Owen, Liolevave. Souths Logan: Andrew, Leota, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Samoa; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Eggerling, Samuel, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Paraia, Sau, Walters, Fai.

Townsville 18 (D. Dotoi 2, K. Faifai Loa, J. Hodges tries; B. Biondi-Odo goal) drew with Burleigh 18 (E. O'Neill, K. Pere, P. Politoni, M. Watson tries; G. Hamilton goal) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 12-4. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Townsville: Tovo, Faifai Loa, Hampson, Shibasaki, Dotoi; Bourke, Biondi-Odo; Brown, Hodges, Tamou, Halalilo, Kaufusi, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, McWhirter, Sharp, Tonga, Lerch. Burleigh: Toia, Watson, Sauliluma (C), Pere, O'Meley; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Sheldon, O'Neill, Mapapalangi.

Sunshine Coast 38 (Z. Miles 2, F. Camilleri, T. Couper, S. Galeano, H. McIndoe tries; C. Hunter 7 goals) defeated Mackay 20 (S. Mullany 2, J. Shibasaki, S. Valemei tries; R. Dean 2 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 18-0. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Mackay: Burns, Valemei, Smith, Fonua, Takitaki; Purdue, Dean; Mikaele, Hansen, Radel, Shibasaki, Roycroft, Mullany. Int: Kerrisk, Russell, Pua'avase, Honan, Gill. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Camilleri, Galeano, Couper, Gudgeon; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Vaalepu, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Peters, Faatili, McIndoe, Sutton, Herdegen.

PNG 42 (J. Lau 3, A. Max, B. Nima, V. Richard, J. Rambu tries; J. Mavoko 7 goals) defeated Central 28 (B. Moore 2, T. Farr; L. Hubner, R. Jennings tries; B. Moore 4 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 18-10. Referee: Tyson Brough.

PNG: Wabo, Nima, Mathias, Max, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Bandi, Rambu, Worot, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Rop (C). Int: Glare, Richard, Pat, Talin, Mire. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Jennings, Lee; Moore, Madden; John, Browne, Leonard, Doyle, Farr; Hubner. Int: Szeapanowski, Sent, Teroi, Waqa, Yegip.

Northern 24 (W. Partridge 2, J. Clifford, R. Denny, J. Taumoepeau tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) defeated Brisbane 16 (T. Hope, A. O'Donnell, R. Philitoga tries; T. Hope 2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Northern 10-6. Penalties: Brisbane 11-3. Referee: Ben Watts.

Brisbane: Wood, Falaniko, Thompson, Williamson, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Betham-Misa, Hope, Pulu, O'Donnell, Noovao-McGreal, McGrath. Int: Rafter, Powell, McQueen, Kegg-King, Leslie. Northern: West, Derby, Partridge, Denny, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Allen, Lui, Bitungane, Ta'ufou, Woodhouse.

Norths 40 (J. Lipp 2, J. Simbiken 2, I. Lealiie, A. Niko, T. Niu tries; A. Niko 6 goals) defeated Redcliffe 36 (V. Te Whare 3, M. Bailey, B. Baira, J. Fineanganofa, S. Pitama tries; B. Baira 4 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Norths 26-10. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Norths: Lipp, Niko, Niu, Lealiie, Kaho; Christian, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: McGuire, Flack, Elliott, Fai, Haydon. Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Anderson, Walsh, Te Whare, Baira; Fineanganofa, James; Watts, Pitama, Wallace, Purcell, Frei, Bailey (C). Int: Woolf, Boland, Symonds, Tawha, Lolesio.

Ipswich 48 (B. Clarke, J. De Groot, R. Foran, K. Foxwell, A. Hau, K. Maumalo, B. Roberts, J. Stimson tries; T. Boyd 8 goals) defeated Western 12 (K. Buhse, K. Duggan tries; C. Fenning 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 24-12. Referee: Jack Ebert.

Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, So'ialo, Lyons, Roberts; Boyd, Foxwell; Stimson, Jacks (C), Greinke, Nikotemo, Foran, Hau. Int: Clarke, Ropata, Mack, Penquitt. Western: Ioka, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Litidamu, Buhse; Rouland, Duggan; Oldham, Otukolo, Lenehan (C), Mafi, Keoller, Mokohar. Int: White, Amon, Cullen, O'Callaghan.

ROUND 19

BYE: PNG

Sunshine Coast 32 (S. Burns, C. Faatili, S. Galeano, T. Peters, K. Sutton tries; C. Hunter 6 goals) defeated Ipswich 16 (C. Mack, L. Maddaford, B. Roberts tries; B. Roberts 2 goals) at South Kolan Recreation Reserve.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 24-6. Penalties: Sunshine Coast 8-4. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Sunshine Coast: Miles, Gudgeon, Peters, Galeano, Camilleri; Polselli, Hunter; Lewis, Heenan, Faatili, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns. Int: Paterson, Siolo, Sutton, McIndoe. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Macumboy, Maddaford, Roberts; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Mack, Jacks (C), Greinke, Nikotemo, Foran, Hau. Int: Clarke, Kali, Penquitt, Inoke.

Souths Logan 32 (G. Vaihu 2, T. Coburn, T. Sailor, D. Samoa, H. Walters tries; B. Finnegan 4 goals) defeated Burleigh 18 (J. Rogers, H. Schwass, M. Watson tries; J. Rogers 3 goals) at Tamborine Mountain Showgrounds.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 12-10. Penalties: Burleigh 6-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Souths Logan: Sailor, Leota, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Samoa; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Paraia, Semu, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Vaihu, Walters, Samuel. Burleigh: Tuimavave, Watson, O'Neill, Pere, O'Meley; Rogers, Hamilton; Mapapalangi, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster (C). Int: Geyer, Murray, Sheldon, Gardiner.

Norths 32 (J. Ahearn, J. Christian, S. Elliott, J. Gagan, M. Kaho, J. Lipp tries; A. Niko 4 goals) defeated Mackay 18 (B. Anderson, H. Roycroft, J. Smith tries; B. Gill 3 goals) at Denison Park.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Mackay 18-16. Penalties: Mackay 8-4. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Valemei, Takitaki; Gill, Hansen; Matautia, Kerrisk, Pua'avase, Shibasaki, Roycroft, Radel. Int: Fogarty, Russell, Sullivan, Bone. Norths: Lipp, Niko, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Christian, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Haydon, Duffy, Elliott, Fai.

Northern 32 (T. Duffy 2, D. Aukafolau, B. Burns, E. Moore, W. Partridge tries; T. Duffy 4 goals) defeated Wynnum 12 (H. Armstrong, B. Frei tries; B. Donovan 2 goals) at John Street Oval.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Northern 12-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Northern: Chester, Derby, Burns, Partridge, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy, Allen, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Little, West, Lui, Bitungane. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Frain, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan; Page-Wilson, Paix, Frei (C), Armstrong, Gale, Pascoe. Int: Bukowski, Stuckey, Saitaua, Hetherington.

Townsville 30 (D. Dotoi 2, N. Brown, G. Shibasaki, T. Thorburn tries; L. Tovo 5 goals) defeated Brisbane 18 (T. McGrath, A. O'Donnell, T. Wood tries; T. Hope 3 goals) at Alec Inch Oval.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 3:45 PM. Halftime: Townsville 16-12. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Brisbane: Wood, Williamson, Thompson, Seve, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Betham-Misa, Hope, Powell, O'Donnell, Rafter, Pulu. Int: McGrath, Noovao-McGreal, McQueen, Kegg-King. Townsville: Tovo, Faifai Loa, Baker, Shibasaki, Dotoi; Wright, Biondi-Odo; Holani, Thorburn, Tamou, Halalilo, Hampson, Brown. Int: Hodges, McWhirter, Sharp, Maloney.

Central 38 (E. Lee 3, K. Farr, L. Hubner, Z. John, B. Moore tries; T. Browne 3, B. Moore 2 goals) defeated Redcliffe 10 (B. Baira, S. Pitama tries; B. Baira goal) at Norm Blanche Oval.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: Central 16-4. Referee: Ben Watts.

Central: Moore, Rothery, Marshall, Farr, Lee; Milford, Madden; Szeapanowski, Browne, Leonard, Doyle, John, Hubner. Int: Moore, Teroi, Jackson, Farr. Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Dobson, Numambo, Anderson, Baira; Woolf, James; Vaipulu, Pitama, Frei, Purcell, Tawha, Bailey (C). Int: Graham, Boland, Lewis, Lisala.

Tweed 34 (M. Donovan, T. Francis, C. Gordon, J. McCudden, K. Ngamanu, T. Steadman, T. Weaver tries; C. Gordon 3 goals) defeated Western 20 (C. Fenning, L. Helleur-atiga, E. Ioka, T. Mokohar tries; C. Fenning 2 goals) at Dalby Leagues Ground.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Tweed 9-6. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Western: Buhse, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Ioka, Taulaga; Rouland, Duggan; Pere (C), Otukolo, Lenehan, Mafi, Keoller, Mokohar. Int: Timms, White, Oldham, Teapua. Tweed: McGrady (C), Francis, Donovan, Gordon, Ngamanu; Steadman, Weaver; Owen, Bryant, Liolelava, Alick, McCudden, Croker. Int: Sikahale, Bryant, Seului, Veve.

ROUND 20

BYE: Sunshine Coast

Northern 46 (B. Burns 2, T. Chester 2, M. Bitungane, T. Casey-Douglas, R. Derby, W. Partridge tries; T. Duffy 7 goals) defeated Western 0 at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 40-0. Penalties: Western 5-4. Referee: Matt Gannon.

Northern: Chester, Derby, Partridge, Burns, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Bitungane, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Ostwald, Casey-Douglas, Kira, Ta'ufo'ou, McGavin. Western: Buhse, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Ioka, Taulaga; Rouland, Duggan; Pere (C), Timms, Lenehan, Mafi, Keoller, Mokohar. Int: Pouli, White, Oldham, Teapua, Kaiser Capewell.

Tweed 26 (M. Donovan 2, J. Alick, T. Francis, C. Gordon tries; L. McGrady 3 goals) defeated Norths 22 (M. Kaho 2, J. Gagan, J. Simbiken tries; A. Niko 3 goals) at Piggabean Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Tweed 20-10. Penalties: Tweed 8-6. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Tweed: McGrady (C), Francis, Donovan, Gordon, Ngamanu; Steadman, Weaver; Owen, Sikahale, Palasia, Alick, McCudden, Croker. Int: Veve, Liolelava, Bryant, Fa'asumaleai. Norths: Lipp, Niko, Haydon, Gagan, Kaho; Wright, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Fai, Simbiken, Elliott, Teague. Int: McGuire, Flack, Johnson, Duffy.

Central 48 (L. Doyle 2, T. Farr 2, K. Farr, Z. John, A. Milford, A. Teroi tries; T. Browne 5, B. Moore 3 goals) defeated Wynnum 12 (B. Frei, J. Stuckey tries; B. Donovan 2 goals) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Central 24-0. Penalties: Central 8-6. Referee: Ben Watts.

Central: Moore, Farr, Marshall, Farr, Lee; Milford, Madden; Szeapanowski, Browne, Jackson, Doyle, John, Hubner. Int: Moore, Donoghoe, Teroi, Waqa. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Talita, Frain,

Schwalger; Broadhurst, Donovan; Page-Wilson, Paix, Saitaua, Frei (C), Gale, Hetherington. Int: Pascoe, Farmer, Stuckey, Malt.

Redcliffe 46 (W. Dobson 2, J. Boland, T. Fuller, S. Pitama, L. Siegwalt, V. Te Whare, B. Woolf tries; L. Siegwalt 6, J. James goals) defeated PNG 14 (B. Kelly, B. Nima, S. Wane tries; C. Lama goal) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 22-0. Penalties: Redcliffe 6-3. Referee: Jordan Morel.

Redcliffe: Fuller, Dobson, Numambo, Te Whare, Lisala; Siegwalt, James; Lolesio, Pitama, Frei, Tawha, Purcell, Bailey (C). Int: Woolf, Boland, Lewis, Graham. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Lama, Max, Wane; Lau, Komati; Richard, Rimbu, Rop, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Morea, Worot, Pat, Talin.

Townsville 40 (G. Shibasaki 2, N. Brown, D. Dotoi, N. Halalilo, E. Hampson, K. Laybutt tries; L. Tovo 6 goals) defeated Souths Logan 22 (T. Coburn, K. Paraia, R. Robinson, T. Sailor tries; B. Finnegan 3 goals) at Jack Manski Oval.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Townsville 22-4. Penalties: Souths Logan 7-6. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Townsville: Tovo, Faifai Loa, Baker, Shibasaki, Dotoi; Bourke, Biondi-Odo; Brown, Hodges, Tamou, Halalilo, Hampson, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, Holani, Maloney, Tonga. Souths Logan: Sailor, Vaihu, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Smith; Robinson, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Smoothy, Semu, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Eggerling, Paraia, Walters, Sefo.

Brisbane 24 (K. Bradley, T. McGrath, R. Philitoga, C. Williamson tries; K. Russell-Smith 3, R. Jacks goals) defeated Burleigh 23 (S. Coster 2, T. Mapapalangi, H. Schwass tries; G. Hamilton 3 goals; G. Hamilton field goal) at Totally Workwear Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 16-10. Penalties: Brisbane 11-8. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Brisbane: Thompson, Williamson, Bradley, Seve, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Betham-Misa, Hope, Powell, O'Donnell, Rafter, Pulu. Int: Natapu, McGrath, Noovao-McGreal, McQueen. Burleigh: O'Meley, Leo, O'Neill, Pere, Watson; Gardiner, Hamilton; Mapapalangi, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Duffy, Innes.

Ipswich 30 (B. Clarke, K. Foxwell, A. Hau, D. Ngatuere-Wroe, B. Roberts tries; B. Roberts 5 goals) defeated Mackay 12 (X. Kerrisk, W. Lauenstein tries; B. Gill 2 goals) at North Ipswich Reserve.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 16-8. Penalties: Mackay 10-9. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Macumboy, Maddaford, Roberts; Ngatuere-Wroe, Foxwell; Stimson, Jacks (C), Greinke, Foran, Nikotemo, Hau. Int: Clarke, Inoke, Kali, Penquitt. Mackay: Burns, Anderson, Smith, Valemei, Lauenstein; Gill, Hansen; Matautia, Kerrisk, Pua'avase, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C), Radel. Int: Fogarty, Bone, Mullany, Bella.

ROUND 21

BYE: Burleigh, Central, Mackay, Souths Logan, Townsville
Northern 38 (J. Clifford 2, T. Chester, E. Child, R. Derby, D. Lui, J. Taumoepeau tries; T. Duffy 4, T. Casey-Douglas goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 18 (F. Camilleri 2, L. Geraghty tries; C. Hunter 3 goals) at Barlow Park.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 12-4. Penalties: Northern 5-4. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

Northern: Chester, Derby, Partridge, Burns, Taumoepeau; Clifford, Duffy; Bitungane, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Child. Int: Lui, Casey-Douglas, Kira, Ta'ufo'ou. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Gudgeon, Couper, Galeano, Camilleri; Polselli, Hunter; Siolo, Heenan, Faatili, Geraghty, Peters, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Pitovao, Sutton, McIndoe.

Redcliffe 46 (T. Fuller 2, B. Woolf 2, W. Dobson, J. Kerr, M. Lisala, L. Siegwalt tries; L. Siegwalt 7 goals) defeated Ipswich 6 (L. Maddaford try; T. Boyd goal) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 22-6. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Josh Eaton.

Redcliffe: Fuller, Dobson, Nonu, Te Whare, Lisala; Siegwalt, James; Watts, Pitama, Kerr, Frei, Purcell, Bailey (C). Int: Graham, Boland, Tawha, Woolf. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Macumboy, Maddaford, Roberts; Boyd, Foxwell; Stimson, Clarke, Greinke, Foran, Nikotemo, Hau. Int: Jacks (C), Inoke, Kali, Ngatuere-Wroe.

Wynnum 34 (K. Falls 2, M. Milson, C. Page-Wilson, O. Pascoe, F. Schwalger tries; B. Donovan 5 goals) defeated Norths 16 (J. Ahearn, T. Niu, M. Teague tries; J. Lipp 2 goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Wynnum 12-5. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Christian, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Elliott, Flack, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Fai, Duffy, Johnson, Niko. Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Enasio, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan; Page-Wilson, Paix, Saitaua, Frei (C), Gale, Stuckey. Int: Allen, Pascoe, Farmer, Malt.

PNG 42 (B. Nima 2, S. Wabo 2, J. Lau, V. Richard, J. Rimbu tries; J. Mavoko 7 goals) defeated Tweed 30 (C. Gordon, L. McGrady, T. Marks, I. Seului, T. Steadman tries; L. McGrady 5 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 22-18. Penalties: Tweed 6-3. Referee: Jordan Morel.

PNG: Wabo, Nima, Mathias, Max, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rimbu, Bandi, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Pat, Worot, Rop. Tweed: McGrady (C), Marks, Seului, Croker, Ngamanu; Gordon, Steadman; Fa'asumaleai, Sikahale, Vuna, Alick, McCudden, Burton. Int: Wright, Bryant, Owen, Liolelava.

Brisbane 26 (J. Betham-Misa, R. Jacks, R. Philitoga, K. Russell-Smith, M. Seve tries; K. Russell-Smith 3 goals) defeated Western 10 (E. Ioka, L. Rouland tries; C. Fenning goal) at Toowoomba Sports Ground.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Brisbane 12-6. Penalties: 10-all. Referee: Ben Watts.

Western: Buhse, Helleur-atiga, Fenning, Ioka, Taulaga; Rouland, Pouli; Pere (C), Timms, Oldham, Amone, Lenehan, Mokohar. Int: Duggan, White, Carswell, Keoller. Brisbane: Thompson, Williamson, Bradley, Seve, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Betham-Misa, Daunt, Powell, O'Donnell, Rafter, Pulu. Int: Natapu, McGrath, Hinchey, McQueen.

ROUND 22

BYE: Redcliffe, Northern, Tweed

Ipswich 32 (B. Roberts 2, K. Kali, D. Macumboy, L. Maddaford, K. Maumalo tries; B. Roberts 4 goals) defeated Burleigh 20 (S. Coster, C. Geyer, J. Karapani, J. Patston tries; G. Hamilton 2 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 10-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Burleigh: O'Meley, Leo, Sauiluma, Pere, Karapani; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Koellner, Patston, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, Murray, Mapapalangi, O'Neill. Ipswich: So'ialo, Maumalo, Maddaford, Lyons, Roberts; Richardson, Ngatuere-Wroe; Kali, Clarke, Greinke (C), Foran, Ropata, Hau. Int: Macumboy, Inoke, Penquitt, Makirere.

Wynnum 36 (K. Falls 2, B. Frei 2, C. Broadhurst, M. Milson tries; B. Donovan 6 goals) defeated Townsville 12 (B. Biondi-Odo, G. Shibasaki tries; L. Tovo 2 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 20-0. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Enasio, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan; Page-Wilson, Paix, Saitaua, Frei (C), Hunt, Stuckey. Int: Allen, Pascoe, Farmer, Malt. Townsville: Tovo, Faifai Loa, Baker, Shibasaki, Dotoi; Bourke, Biondi-Odo; Brown, Hodges, Tamou, Halalilo, Hampson, Laybutt (C). Int: Thorburn, Holani, Maloney, McWhirter.

Norths 40 (S. Elliott, J. Gagan, C. Jenkins, J. Lipp, K. Moseley, B. Paskins, J. Simbiken tries; J. Lipp 6 goals) defeated Central 22 (T. Farr, Z. John, H. Leonard, A. Moore tries; B. Moore 2, T. Browne goals) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Norths 22-10. Referee: Ben Watts.

Central: Moore, Farr, Marshall, Farr, Lee; Milford, Madden; Szeapanowski, Browne, Jackson, Doyle, John, Donoghoe. Int: Moore, Teroi, Leonard, Yegip. Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Wright, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Fai, Flack, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Christian, Duffy, Elliott, Johnson.

Mackay 54 (B. Anderson 2, J. Smith 2, M. Fogarty, B. Gill, D. Pua'avase, H. Roycroft, S. Valemei tries; B. Gill 9 goals) defeated Western 18 (C. Fenning 2, E. Ioka tries; C. Fenning 3 goals) at BB Print Stadium.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Referee: Taylor Worth.

Mackay: Brown, Anderson, Smith, Valemei, Lauenstein; Gill, Burns; Radel, Kerrisk, Pua'avase, Shibasaki, Roycroft, Mullany (C). Int: Fogarty, Russell, Watts, Matautia. Western: Buhse, Cesari, Litidamu, Ioka, Fenning; Rouland, Pouli; Pere (C), Timms, Oldham, Mafi, Lenehan, Mokohar. Int: Duggan, White, Carswell, Amone.

Souths Logan 30 (C. Black, T. Coburn, B. Finnegan, I. Leota, B. Te Kura tries; B. Finnegan 5 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 18 (A. Gudgeon 2,

F. Camilleri, C. Lewis tries; C. Hunter goal) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Souths Logan 18-14. Penalties: Souths Logan 9-6. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Souths Logan: Robinson, Vaihu, Quai-Ward, Tempest, Leota; Black, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Eggerling, Semu, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Paraia, Walters, Samuel, Te Kura. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Gudgeon, McIndoe, Galeano, Camilleri; Polselli, Hunter; Siolo, Heenan, Vaalepu, Lewis, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Faatili, Sutton, Baker.

PNG 46 (J. Rambu 2, S. Wabo 2, I. Alu, F. Glare, B. Nima, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 7 goals) defeated Brisbane 24 (R. Jacks 2, K. Russell-Smith, T. Thompson tries; K. Russell-Smith 4 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 28-0. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

PNG: Wabo, Nima, Mathias, Max, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rambu, Bandi, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Pat, Rop, Kai. Brisbane: Thompson, Williamson, Bradley, Seve, Taibi; Jacks (C), Russell-Smith; Betham-Misa, Daunt, Powell, O'Donnell, Rafter, McGrath. Int: Natapu, Hinchey, Noovao-McGreal, McQueen.

ROUND 23

BYE: Townsville

PNG 46 (J. Lau 2, E. Roltinga 2, B. Kelly, B. Nima, J. Rambu, W. Tau-Loi tries; J. Mavoko 7 goals) defeated Western 12 (E. Pere, D. Timms tries; C. Fenning 2 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 18-6. Referee: Matt Gannon.

PNG: Wabo, Nima, Roltinga, Max, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Glare, Pat, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Talin. Int: Rambu, Alu (C), Worot, Lama, Kai. Western: Buhse, Cesari, Litidamu, Williams, Fenning; Rouland, Pouli; Pere (C), Timms, Oldham, Mafi, Lenehan, Mokohar. Int: Duggan, White, Carswell, Keoller, Amone.

Northern 34 (D. Lui 2, D. Aukafolau, N. Lui-Toso, E. Moore, W. Partridge tries; T. Duffy 5 goals) defeated Burleigh 24 (J. Karapani, E. O'Neill, K. Pere, H. Schwass tries; G. Hamilton 4 goals) at UAA Park.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 3:15 PM. Halftime: Burleigh 12-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.

Burleigh: Innes, Leo, Sauliluma (C), Pere, Karapani; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Baker, Murray, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, O'Neill, Koellner, Mapapalangi, O'Mealy.

Northern: Chester, Derby, Partridge, Burns, Taumoepeau; Lui, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Bitungane. Int: Child, West, Kira, Ta'ufolu, Woodhouse.

Sunshine Coast 42 (T. Couper, S. Galeano, C. Hunter, C. Lewis, H. McIndoe, T. Peters, K. Sutton tries; C. Hunter 7 goals) defeated Norths 16 (J. Ahearn, C. Jenkins, M. Kaho tries; J. Lipp, A. Niko goals) at Bishop Park.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Sunshine Coast 36-0. Referee: Chris Sutton.

Norths: Lipp, Niko, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Wright, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley, Reynolds, Flack, Simbiken, Elliott. Int: Christian, Duffy, Brooks, Simpkins. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Couper, Tonumaipèa, McIndoe, Galeano; Polselli, Hunter; Vaalepu, Paterson, Faatili, Geraghty, Lewis, Burns (C). Int: Heenan, Pitovao, Sutton, Peters, Baker.

Redcliffe 46 (H. Graham 2, S. Numambo 2, W. Dobson, L. Siegwalt, O. Tawha, V. Te Whare tries; L. Siegwalt 7 goals) defeated Mackay 28 (J. Smith 2, B. Anderson, H. Arthur, S. Valemei tries; B. Gill 4 goals) at Kayo Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 28-12. Referee: Ben Watts.

Redcliffe: Fuller, Dobson, Numambo, Te Whare, Lisala; Siegwalt, James; Lolesio, Woolf, Frei, Tawha, Purcell, Pitama. Int: Graham, Boland, Symonds, Lewis, Baira. Mackay: Brown, Anderson, Smith, Valemei, Lauenstein; Gill, Burns; Radel, Kerrisk, Russell, Shibasaki, Roycroft (C), Mullany. Int: Matautia, Fogarty, Watts, Arthur, Schultz.

Central 36 (B. Moore 3, T. Farr 2, E. Lee, A. Milford tries; T. Browne 4 goals) defeated Tweed 24 (O. Bryant, C. Gordon, B. McGrady, L. McGrady tries; L. McGrady 4 goals) at Piggabeen Sports Complex.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Central 16-6. Referee: Tyson Brough.

Tweed: McGrady (C), McGrady, Seiuli, Donovan, Ngamanu; Gordon, Steadman; Burton, Bryant, Vuna, Alick, McCudden, Croker. Int: Fa'asumaleaui, Sikahela, Owen, Liolovave, Marks. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Farr; Lee; Milford, Madden; Szepanowski, Browne, Jackson, Doyle, John, Hubner. Int: Donoghoe, Moore, Teroi, Leonard, Waqa.

Ipswich 24 (J. De Groot, R. Foran, L. Maddaford, J. Makirere, D. Ngatuere-Wroe tries; D. Ngatuere-Wroe, B. Roberts goals) defeated Souths Logan 16 (T. Coburn, R. Ferguson, R. Robinson tries; C. Black 2 goals) at Davies Park (Brisbane).

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Ipswich 8-4. Referee: Lachlan Sutton.

Souths Logan: Robinson, Samoa, Quai-Ward, Vaihu, Leota; Black, Finnegan; Petterson-Robati, Eggerling, Te Kura, Tararo, Coburn, Ferguson (C). Int: Semu, Paraia, Samuel, Tomane, Walters. Ipswich: De Groot, Maumalo, Maddaford, Lyons, Roberts; Jacks (C), Ngatuere-Wroe; Kali, Clarke, Greinke (C), Foran, Nikotemo, Hau. Int: Macumboy, Inoke, Penquitt, Makirere, Richardson.

Brisbane 32 (T. Rafter 2, N. Kegg-King, C. McQueen, R. Philitoga tries; Z. Taibi 6 goals) defeated Wynnum 28 (C. Broadhurst, B. Frei, S. Hopoate, E. Malt, M. Milson tries; B. Donovan 4 goals) at BMD Kougari Oval.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:10 PM. Halftime: Wynnum 22-12. Penalties: Brisbane 7-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.

Wynnum: Milson, Hopoate, Enasio, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan; Page-Wilson, Paix, Saitaua, Frei (C), Hunt, Gale. Int: Allen, Farmer, Malt, Hetherington. Brisbane: Wood, Taibi, Thompson, Rafter, Philitoga; Jacks (C), Natapu; Daunt, Betham-Misa, McGrath, O'Donnell, Pulu, Noovao-McGreal. Int: Chang, Hinchey, Kegg-King, McQueen.

LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	NORTHERN PRIDE	20	17	0	3	3	352	40
2	NORTHS DEVILS	20	13	0	7	3	219	32
3	REDCLIFFE DOLPHINS	20	13	0	7	3	202	32
4	SUNSHINE COAST FALCONS	20	12	0	8	3	159	30
5	PNG HUNTERS	20	12	0	8	3	7	30
6	CENTRAL QUEENSLAND CAPRAS	20	10	2	8	3	22	28
7	BURLEIGH BEARS	20	10	1	9	3	138	27
8	WYNNUM MANLY SEAGULLS	20	10	1	9	3	-14	27
9	Townsville Blackhawks	20	10	1	9	3	-82	27
10	Souths Logan Magpies	20	9	0	11	3	-111	24
11	Brisbane Tigers	20	8	1	11	3	-70	23
12	Mackay Cutters	20	8	0	12	3	-69	22
13	Tweed Seagulls	20	8	0	12	3	-83	22
14	Ipswich Jets	20	6	0	14	3	-190	18
15	Western Clydesdales	20	1	0	19	3	-480	8

STATS LEADERS

TOP TRYSKORERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T
1	MANASE KAHO	Norths	20	19
2	Jordan Lipp	Norths	20	18
3	Josh Smith	Mackay	20	15
4	Will Partridge	Northern	15	14
=5	Brayden McGrady	Tweed	14	13
=5	Judah Rambu	PNG	20	13

TOP GOALKICKERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	G/A	%
1	THOMAS DUFFY	Northern	20	88 / 122	72%
2	Cody Hunter	Sunshine Coast	20	83 / 104	80%
3	Bryce Donovan	Wynnum-Manly	20	68 / 86	79%
4	Lindon McGrady	Tweed	20	64 / 92	70%
5	Jamie Mavoko	PNG	14	58 / 75	77%
6	Riley Dean	Mackay	16	51 / 67	76%

TOP POINTSCORERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T	G	FG	PTS
1	THOMAS DUFFY	Northern	20	4	88	-	192
2	Cody Hunter	Sunshine Coast	20	4	83	-	182
3	Lindon McGrady	Tweed	20	6	64	-	152
4	Bryce Donovan	Wynnum-Manly	20	3	68	-	148
5	Corey Fenning	Western	17	12	43	-	134
6	Jamie Mavoko	PNG	14	2	58	-	124

FINALS WEEK 1

ELIMINATION FINALS

PNG 23 (R. Mathias, B. Nima, J. Rambu, S. Wabo tries; J. Mavoko 3 goals; J. Lau field goal) defeated Wynnum-Manly 8 (C. Broadhurst try; B. Donovan 2 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium.
Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: PNG 16-8. Referee: Tyson Brough.
PNG: Wabo, Nima, Roltinga, Mathias, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Worot, Rambu, Bandi, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu. Int: Glare, Talin, Rop, Mire. Wynnum-Manly: Milson, Hopoate, Enasio, Broadhurst, Schwalger; Falls, Donovan; Page-Wilson, Paix, Stuckey, Frei (C), Hunt, Saitaua. Int: Gale, Pascoe, Malt, Hetherington.

Central 32 (B. Tenza 2, L. Doyle, Z. John, A. Milford, B. Moore tries; T. Browne 4 goals) defeated Burleigh 24 (T. Leo, K. Pere, S. Sauluma, H. Schwass, C. Toia tries; G. Hamilton 2 goals) at Rugby Park Rockhampton.
Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Central 18-4. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Farr; Lee; Milford, Madden; Szepanowski, Browne, Jackson, Doyle, John, Donoghoe. Int: Moore, Teroi, Leonard, Waiembi. Burleigh: Toia, Leo, Sauluma, Pere, O'Meley; Gardiner, Hamilton; Butler, Politoni, Baker, Murray, Schwass, Coster. Int: Geyer, O'Neill, Koellner, Sheldon.

QUALIFYING FINALS

Northern 38 (T. Duffy, M. Kira, A. Little, D. Lui, W. Partridge, J. Taumoepeau tries; T. Duffy 7 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 0 at Barlow Park.
Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Northern 18-0. Referee: Ben Watts.
Northern: Chester, Derby, Partridge, Burns, Taumoepeau; Lui, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Bitungane. Int: Child, West, Kira, Ta'ufu'ou. Sunshine Coast: Miles, Gudgeon, Couper, McIndoe, Galeano; Polselli, Hunter; Pitovao, Paterson, Faatili, Geraghty, Peters, Burns (C). Int: Heenan, Hill, Sutton, Baker.

Norths 46 (J. Christian 2, J. Ahearn, J. Gagan, C. Jenkins, M. Kaho, O. Keeley, B. Paskins, J. Simbiken tries; J. Lipp 5 goals) defeated Redcliffe 18 (M. Bailey, O. Tawha, V. Te Whare tries; L. Siegwalt 3 goals) at Bishop Park.
Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-12. Penalties: Norths 9-6. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Wright, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Fai, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Simpkins, Christian, Duffy, Elliott. Redcliffe: McGrath, Dobson, Numambo, Te Whare, Nonu; Siegwalt, James; Lolesio, Graham, Frei, Tawha, Purcell, Bailey (C). Int: Watts, Fineanganofa, Boland, Lewis.

FINALS WEEK 2

SEMI FINALS

Redcliffe 36 (J. Kerr 2, V. Te Whare 2, M. Bailey, S. Numambo tries; J. James 6 goals) defeated Central QLD 18 (K. Farr, T. Farr; Z. John, E. Lee tries; B. Moore goal) at Kayo Stadium.
Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 24-10. Penalties: Central QLD 9-6. Referee: Tyson Brough.
Redcliffe: McGrath, Dobson, Fineanganofa, Te Whare, Numambo; Casey, James; Lolesio, Pitama, Kerr; Tawha, Purcell, Bailey (C). Int: Woolf, Boland, Frei, Graham, Walsh. Central: Moore, Tenza, Marshall, Farr, Lee; Milford, Madden (C); John, Browne, Jackson, Doyle, Donoghoe, Hubner. Int: Moore, McLachlan, Farr, Waiembi, Leonard.

PNG 24 (B. Nima, J. Rambu, E. Roltinga, W. Tau-Loi, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 2 goals) defeated Sunshine Coast 10 (F. Camilleri, Y. Tonumaipe'a tries; C. Hunter goal) at Sunshine Coast Stadium.
Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: PNG 10-0. Penalties: PNG 10-8. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
Sunshine Coast: Miles, Galeano, Tonumaipe'a, McIndoe, Camilleri; Polselli, Hunter; Siolo, Heenan, Faatili, Geraghty, Pitovao, Burns (C). Int: Paterson, Hill, Sutton, Peters, Couper. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Roltinga, Mathias, Wane; Lau, Mavoko; Richard, Rambu, Bandi, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Glare, Talin, Lama, Rop, Worot.

FINALS WEEK 3

PRELIMINARY FINALS

Redcliffe 17 (T. Fuller, J. Kerr, V. Te Whare tries; J. James, L. Siegwalt goals; J. James field goal) defeated Northern 16 (E. Child, E. Moore, W. Partridge tries; T. Duffy 2 goals) at Barlow Park.
Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Redcliffe 10-6. Penalties: Northern 9-7. Referee: Nick Pelgrave.
Northern: Chester, McGavin, Partridge, Burns, Taumoepeau; Freebairn, Duffy; Little, Schneider (C), Lui-Toso, Moore, Aukafolau, Bitungane. Int: Child, West, Kira, Allen. Redcliffe: Fuller, Dobson, Fineanganofa, Te Whare, Numambo; Siegwalt, James; Lolesio, Woolf, Kerr; Bailey (C), Purcell, Pitama. Int: Boland, Frei, Graham, Casey.

Norths 46 (J. Christian 2, C. Jenkins, O. Keeley, J. Lipp, T. Niu, B. Paskins, J. Simbiken tries; J. Lipp 7 goals) defeated PNG 30 (F. Glare, R. Mathias, A. Max, J. Rambu, S. Wane tries; J. Mavoko 5 goals) at Bishop Park.
Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 2:10 PM. Halftime: Norths 22-12. Penalties: Norths 8-4. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Wright, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Fai, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Simpkins, Christian, Flack, Elliott. PNG: Wabo, Nima, Roltinga, Mathias, Wane; Glare, Mavoko; Worot, Rambu, Bandi, Tau-Loi, Kelly, Alu (C). Int: Lama, Pat, Max, Mire.

NORTHS 34 REDCLIFFE 10

Norths Devils centre Tesi Niu led the way as his team dug deep in an epic Hostplus Cup grand final to beat Redcliffe Dolphins.

An absolute freak on the field, Niu was dangerous every time he had the ball and bagged a double during the 34-10 win to earn himself the Duncan Hall Medal for player of the match.

Despite a fast and furious start from Redcliffe, Norths were first to cross in front of a 7173-strong crowd at Kayo Stadium.

Norths winger Blake Paskins raced down the side and passed to Niu to score the first try of the game 10 minutes in.

Niu was next to score at 16 minutes, overpowering the Redcliffe defence on a second effort at the line, to extend the Devils lead to 12-0.

A Mason Teague pass then fell to ground, and Redcliffe five-eighth Tom Casey - given huge props during finals by captain Max Bailey and Josh Kerr - kicked it through and sped down the field to score, with Jeremiah Simbiken chasing hard without catching.

Next up, Simbiken, with a flick pass as he was tackled, found Jordan Lipp, who crossed for a try before converting himself and taking the score to 18-6.

Just before half-time, a big hit from Jaron Purcell on Jacob Gagan, saw Norths lose the ball and Redcliffe capitalise with Will Dobson crossing in the corner.

Mere minutes into the second half, Niu returned the favour to Paskins and put him over for a try to extend the Norths lead.

Then freaky man Josh Kerr - to continue his run of scoring a try in every Cup game he has played in - chased a Harrison Graham kick-through to ground the ball for four points and James Walsh followed to close the gap a bit more.

But Cup leading try scorer Manase Kaho crossed with confidence to equal the Devils try-scoring record of 21 tries with Derek Fletcher and Campbell Duffy put the icing on the cake for the Devils, scoring under the posts off a mid-air Tuki Simpkins pass. **JORJA BRINUMS, QRL.COM.AU**

Norths 34 (T. Niu 2, C. Duffy, M. Kaho, J. Lipp, B. Paskins tries; J. Lipp 5 goals) defeated Redcliffe 20 (T. Casey, W. Dobson, J. Kerr; J. Walsh tries; L. Siegwalt 2 goals) at Kayo Stadium.
Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Norths 18-10. Penalties: Norths 3-2. Referee: Jarrod Cole.
Norths: Lipp, Paskins, Niu, Gagan, Kaho; Wright, Ahearn; Jenkins, Moseley (C), Simpkins, Keeley, Simbiken, Teague. Int: Christian, Elliott, Duffy, Fai. Redcliffe: Siegwalt, Dobson, Fineanganofa, Te Whare, Numambo; Casey, James; Lolesio, Woolf, Kerr; Bailey (C), Purcell, Pitama. Int: Walsh, Watts, Frei, Graham.

ROUND 1

Mounties RLFC (8) v Illawarra Steelers (4)
 Sat 6 Jul 11:00AM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Wests Tigers (18) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (24)
 Sat 6 Jul 2:00PM at Wests Tigers Centre of Excellence, Concord / Wanngal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (22) v Central Coast Roosters (10)
 Sat 6 Jul 3:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10) v Parramatta Eels (18)
 Sat 6 Jul 3:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Wentworthville Magpies (36) v St George Dragons (0)
 Sun 7 Jul 11:55AM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (34) v Newcastle Knights (12)
 Sun 7 Jul 2:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal

ROUND 2

Parramatta Eels (14) v St George Dragons (20)
 Sat 13 Jul 10:30AM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
 Newcastle Knights (40) v Mounties RLFC (4)
 Sat 13 Jul 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent Centre of Excellence, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
 Central Coast Roosters (14) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (14)
 Sun 14 Jul 11:00AM at Woy Woy Oval, Woy Woy / Darkinjung
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (10) v Wentworthville Magpies (38)
 Sun 14 Jul 11:00AM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 Illawarra Steelers (50) v Wests Tigers (6)
 Sun 14 Jul 2:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (8)
 Mon 15 Jul 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 3

Central Coast Roosters (10) v Wentworthville Magpies (36)
 Sat 20 Jul 11:00AM at Woy Woy Oval, Woy Woy / Darkinjung
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (14) v St George Dragons (20)
 Sat 20 Jul 11:30AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Wests Tigers (14)
 Sat 20 Jul 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Mounties RLFC (20) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (14)
 Sat 20 Jul 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sun 21 Jul 1:45PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Illawarra Steelers (42) v Parramatta Eels (24)
 Sun 21 Jul 3:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal

ROUND 4

Wentworthville Magpies (28) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (0)
 Sat 27 Jul 11:55AM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 St George Dragons (6) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
 Sat 27 Jul 12:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal
 Wests Tigers (16) v Mounties RLFC (16)
 Sun 28 Jul 11:30AM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (12) v Illawarra Steelers (40)
 Sun 28 Jul 12:00PM at Sharks Academy Fields, Cronulla / Dharawal
 Parramatta Eels (18) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
 Sun 28 Jul 1:00PM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
 Newcastle Knights (26) v Central Coast Roosters (22)
 Mon 29 Jul 7:00PM at Newcastle Permanent Centre of Excellence, Broadmeadow / Awabakal

ROUND 5

Central Coast Roosters (0) v Illawarra Steelers (36)
 Sat 3 Aug 12:00PM at EDSACC Oval, Bateau Bay / Darkinjung
 Mounties RLFC (24) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
 Sat 3 Aug 1:00PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngungawal
 St George Dragons (0) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sat 3 Aug 3:15PM at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville / Bidjigal
 Wentworthville Magpies (18) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10)
 Sat 3 Aug 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Wests Tigers (20) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24)
 Sun 4 Aug 2:00PM at Wests Tigers Centre of Excellence, Concord / Wanngal
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (28) v Parramatta Eels (16)
 Mon 5 Aug 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 6

Central Coast Roosters (15) v Wests Tigers (14)
 Sat 10 Aug 12:50PM at Industree Group Stadium, Gosford / Darkinjung
 Illawarra Steelers (16) v Wentworthville Magpies (26)
 Sat 10 Aug 2:00PM at Sid Parrish Park, Unanderra / Dharawal
 St George Dragons (24) v Mounties RLFC (12)
 Sat 10 Aug 3:15PM at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville / Bidjigal
 Newcastle Knights (44) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (14)
 Sun 11 Aug 12:00PM at Newcastle Permanent Centre of Excellence, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (28) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (4)
 Sun 11 Aug 2:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
 Parramatta Eels (14) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (34)
 Sun 11 Aug 1:00PM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug

ROUND 7

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20) v Central Coast Roosters (24)
 Sat 17 Aug 11:00AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (6) v Wentworthville Magpies (40)
 Sat 17 Aug 12:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Mounties RLFC (19) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (18)
 Sat 17 Aug 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Newcastle Knights (16) v Illawarra Steelers (22)
 Sat 17 Aug 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent Centre of Excellence, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
 St George Dragons (22) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (4)
 Sat 17 Aug 3:15PM at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville / Bidjigal
 Wests Tigers (12) v Parramatta Eels (10)
 Mon 19 Aug 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 8

South Sydney Rabbitohs (34) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (6)
 Sat 24 Aug 12:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Parramatta Eels (12) v Newcastle Knights (22)
 Sat 24 Aug 1:30PM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
 Illawarra Steelers (30) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (4)
 Sat 24 Aug 3:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
 St George Dragons (20) v Central Coast Roosters (26)
 Sat 24 Aug 3:15PM at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville / Bidjigal
 Wests Tigers (44) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20)
 Sun 25 Aug 11:30AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
 Wentworthville Magpies (20) v Mounties RLFC (4)
 Mon 26 Aug 7:00PM at NSWRL Centre of Excellence, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal

ROUND 9

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (10)
 Sat 31 Aug 10:00AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Mounties RLFC (28) v Central Coast Roosters (24)
 Sat 31 Aug 11:00AM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Newcastle Knights (20) v Wests Tigers (4)
 Sat 31 Aug 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent Centre of Excellence, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
 St George Dragons (12) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
 Sat 31 Aug 3:15PM at Hurstville Oval, Hurstville / Bidjigal
 Wentworthville Magpies (10) v Parramatta Eels (12)
 Sat 31 Aug 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (0) v Illawarra Steelers (32)
 Sun 1 Sep 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal

ROUND 10

Newcastle Knights (24) v Wentworthville Magpies (28)
 Sat 7 Sep 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent Centre of Excellence, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
 Wests Tigers (14) v St George Dragons (4)
 Sat 7 Sep 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Illawarra Steelers (32) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (6)
 Sat 7 Sep 3:00PM at Ziems Park, Corrimal / Dharawal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (14)
 Sat 7 Sep 3:00PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
 Parramatta Eels (12) v Mounties RLFC (16)
 Sun 8 Sep 4:00PM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (30) v Central Coast Roosters (6)
 Sun 8 Sep 4:30PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal

ROUND 11

South Sydney Rabbitohs (4) v Newcastle Knights (40)
 Fri 13 Sep 6:30PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (14) v Mounties RLFC (34)
 Sat 14 Sep 11:00AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Wests Tigers (14)
 Sat 14 Sep 11:00AM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Illawarra Steelers (40) v St George Dragons (6)
 Sat 14 Sep 4:00PM at Rex Jackson Park, Helensburgh / Dharawal
 Central Coast Roosters (16) v Parramatta Eels (22)
 Sun 15 Sep 9:45AM at Industree Group Stadium, Gosford / Darkinjung
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (6) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (26)
 Sun 15 Sep 11:00AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal

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#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	-/+	PTS
1	WENTWORTHVILLE	11	10	0	1	0	196	20
2	ILLAWARRA	11	9	0	2	0	236	18
3	MOUNTIES	11	7	1	3	0	-19	15
4	NEWCASTLE	11	7	0	4	0	116	14
5	Canterbury	11	6	0	5	0	0	12
6	Parramatta	11	4	0	7	0	-52	8
7	Cronulla	11	4	0	7	0	-84	8
8	St George	11	4	0	7	0	-88	8
9	South Sydney	11	4	0	7	0	-100	8
10	Wests Tigers	11	3	1	7	0	-49	7
11	Manly	11	3	1	7	0	-55	7
12	Central Coast	11	3	1	7	0	-101	7

SEMI FINALS

Wentworthville Magpies (18) v Newcastle Knights (20)
 Sat 21 Sep 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
 Illawarra Steelers (30) v Mounties RLFC (16)
 Sat 21 Sep 4:45PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

GRAND FINAL

Illawarra Steelers 10 (Shae Muhleisen, Bronte Wilson tries; Tayleah Handcock 1/2 goals) defeated Newcastle Knights 6 (Leah Ollerton try; Jessica Gentle 1/1 goals) at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal, Sun 29 Sep, 1:00PM

2024 QRL WOMEN'S BMD PREMIERSHIP

ROUND 1

Souths Logan Magpies (10) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (16)
 Sat 2 Mar 8:00PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
 Western Clydesdales (22) v Central Queensland Capras (18)
 Sat 9 Mar 2:25PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
 Burleigh Bears (28) v Norths Devils (18)
 Sat 9 Mar 3:15PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
 Mackay Cutters (28) v Tweed Seagulls (10)
 Sat 9 Mar 7:00PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Brisbane Tigers (16) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (34)
 Sun 10 Mar 1:05PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

ROUND 2

Central Queensland Capras (22) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (24)
 Sat 16 Mar 5:00PM at Browne Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (18) v Mackay Cutters (26)
 Sat 16 Mar 5:35PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
 Souths Logan Magpies (16) v Tweed Seagulls (32)
 Sat 16 Mar 6:00PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
 Norths Devils (30) v Brisbane Tigers (24)
 Sat 16 Mar 6:30PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
 Western Clydesdales (14) v Burleigh Bears (18)
 Sat 16 Mar 7:00PM at Club Pittsworth, Pittsworth / Giabal

ROUND 3

Tweed Seagulls (20) v Burleigh Bears (16)
 Sat 23 Mar 5:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
 Mackay Cutters (26) v Central Queensland Capras (14)
 Sat 23 Mar 5:15PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Norths Devils (36) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
 Sat 23 Mar 5:30PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (6) v Brisbane Tigers (8)
 Sun 24 Mar 2:35PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
 Western Clydesdales (28) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (4)
 Sun 24 Mar 5:00PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal

ROUND 4

Brisbane Tigers (20) v Western Clydesdales (20)
 Sat 6 Apr 2:20PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (18) v Norths Devils (16)
 Sat 6 Apr 2:20PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (16) v Tweed Seagulls (18)
 Sat 6 Apr 5:30PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
 Central Queensland Capras (0) v Burleigh Bears (0)
 Sun 7 Apr 12:05PM at Rugby Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
 Souths Logan Magpies (16) v Mackay Cutters (26)
 Sun 7 Apr 12:05PM at Davies Park, West End / Yuggera-Turrbal

ROUND 5

Sunshine Coast Falcons (4) v Souths Logan Magpies (54)
 Sat 13 Apr 4:30PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
 Norths Devils (18) v Central Queensland Capras (4)
 Sat 13 Apr 4:30PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
 Brisbane Tigers (10) v Tweed Seagulls (10)
 Sat 13 Apr 5:10PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20) v Burleigh Bears (22)
 Sun 14 Apr 12:05PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
 Western Clydesdales (6) v Mackay Cutters (34)
 Sun 14 Apr 12:05PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal

ROUND 6

Tweed Seagulls (14) v Western Clydesdales (22)
 Sat 20 Apr 12:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
 Burleigh Bears (18) v Souths Logan Magpies (24)
 Sat 20 Apr 2:15PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
 Mackay Cutters (28) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (10)
 Sat 20 Apr 4:00PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Sunshine Coast Falcons (12) v Norths Devils (10)
 Sat 20 Apr 4:15PM at Sunshine Coast Stadium, Bokarina / Kabi Kabi
 Brisbane Tigers (16) v Central Queensland Capras (8)
 Sun 21 Apr 12:05PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal

ROUND 7

Burleigh Bears (22) v Mackay Cutters (10)
 Sat 27 Apr 1:00PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
 Tweed Seagulls (10) v Norths Devils (38)
 Sat 27 Apr 3:00PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung
 Central Queensland Capras (20) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (26)
 Sat 27 Apr 4:00PM at Rugby Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
 Souths Logan Magpies (24) v Brisbane Tigers (12)
 Sat 27 Apr 4:30PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (20) v Western Clydesdales (24)
 Sun 28 Apr 12:05PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka

ROUND 8

Mackay Cutters (22) v Brisbane Tigers (22)
 Sat 4 May 1:00PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara
 Western Clydesdales (18) v Norths Devils (26)
 Sat 4 May 1:25PM at Clive Berghofer Stadium, Toowoomba / Giabal
 Burleigh Bears (22) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (23)
 Sat 4 May 2:15PM at UAA Park, Miami / Yugambeh
 Central Queensland Capras (16) v Souths Logan Magpies (34)
 Sat 4 May 4:00PM at Rugby Park, Rockhampton / Darumbal
 Tweed Seagulls (20) v Wynnum Manly Seagulls (26)
 Sun 5 May 12:05PM at Piggabeen Sports Complex, Tweed Heads / Bundjalung

ROUND 9

Tweed Seagulls (20) v Central Queensland Capras (22)
 Sat 11 May 1:00PM at Tugun RLFC, Bilinga / Yugambeh
 Wynnum Manly Seagulls (14) v Sunshine Coast Falcons (32)
 Sat 11 May 1:20PM at BMD Kougari Oval, Manly West / Quandamooka
 Brisbane Tigers (10) v Burleigh Bears (20)
 Sat 11 May 3:00PM at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal
 Souths Logan Magpies (22) v Western Clydesdales (22)
 Sat 11 May 4:15PM at Logan Metro Sports Park, Crestmead / Yuggera
 Norths Devils (22) v Mackay Cutters (26)
 Sun 12 May 12:05PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal

LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	MACKAY	9	7	1	1	0	86	15
2	BURLEIGH	9	5	1	3	0	27	11
3	NORTHS	9	5	0	4	0	50	10
4	WESTERN	9	4	2	3	0	0	10
5	Sunshine Coast	9	5	0	4	0	-39	10
6	Souths Logan	9	4	1	4	0	42	9
7	Wynnum	9	4	0	5	0	-28	8
8	Brisbane	9	2	3	4	0	-36	7
9	Tweed	9	3	1	5	0	-40	7
10	Central	9	1	1	7	0	-62	3

SEMI FINALS

Norths Devils (36) v Burleigh Bears (12)
 Sat 18 May 2:05PM at Bishop Park, Nundah / Turrbal
 Mackay Cutters (22) v Western Clydesdales (4)
 Sat 18 May 4:05PM at BB Print Stadium, South Mackay / Yuwibara

GRAND FINAL

Mackay Cutters 16 (Jasmine Peters, Sareka Mooka, Alisha Foord tries; Kayla Shepherd 2/4 goals) defeated Norths Devils 6 (Montaya Hudson try; Georgia Hannaway 1/1 goals) at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi; Sat 25 May 2:10PM

QRL JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE GRAND FINALS

U19 (M) MAL MENINGA CUP

Tweed Seagulls 36 (Tyson Ploegsma 3, Zane Harrison, Billy Wellard, Sam Stephenson, Jac Finigan tries; Zane Harrison 4/7 goals) defeated Burleigh Bears 12 (Coby Black, Jett Bryce tries; Coby Black 2/2 goals) at Kayo Stadium, Redcliffe / Kabi Kabi; Sat 25 May 12:05PM

U19 (W) HARVEY NORMAN UNDER 19'S

Mackay Cutters 18 (Jennifer Kimber 2, Mersades Lawson 2 tries; Paige Mooney 1/4 goals) defeated Brisbane Tigers 16 (Tahliya Tavita, Patricia Wani, Kaylah Moloney, Lily Neill tries) at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal; Sat 13 Apr 3:40PM

U17 (M) CYRIL CONNELL CUP

Redcliffe Dolphins 24 (Charlie Dickson, Amare Wynyard, Nate Berrigan, Noah Fien tries; Bond Bradley 4/5 goals) defeated Townsville Blackhawks 10 (Cohen Dittmann, Taakoi Benioni tries; Riley Carbone 1/2 goals) at Totally Workwear Stadium, Coorparoo / Turrbal; Sat 13 Apr 3:40PM

2024 NSWRL LEAGUES CLUBS AUSTRALIA RON MASSEY CUP

ROUND 1

Mounties RLFC (6) v St Marys (24) Sat 16 Mar 5:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Penrith Brothers (0) v Wentworthville Magpies (44) Sat 16 Mar 6:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22) Sat 16 Mar 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Hills Bulls (10) v Glebe Dirty Reds (35) Sun 17 Mar 3:00PM at Hills Grammar, Kenthurst / Bediagal

ROUND 2

Mounties RLFC (30) v Penrith Brothers (22) Sat 23 Mar 7:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (30) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22) Sun 24 Mar 1:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Hills Bulls (6) v Wentworthville Magpies (19) Sun 24 Mar 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 St Marys (48) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24) Sun 24 Mar 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

ROUND 3

Glebe Dirty Reds (44) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (36) Sun 7 Apr 2:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22) v Wentworthville Magpies (18) Sun 7 Apr 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal
 Penrith Brothers (16) v St Marys (24) Sat 8 Jun 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Mounties RLFC (26) v Hills Bulls (18) Sat 6 Jul 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal

ROUND 4 BYES: Canterbury, Ryde-Eastwood, St Marys, Wentworthville
 Mounties RLFC (28) v Glebe Dirty Reds (22) Sat 13 Apr 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Penrith Brothers (24) v Hills Bulls (14) Sat 13 Apr 6:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 5 - MAGIC ROUND

Sun 21 Apr, at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Glebe Dirty Reds (40) v Penrith Brothers (14) 10:00AM
 Mounties RLFC (34) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) 12:00PM
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (31) v Hills Bulls (30) 2:00PM
 St Marys (34) v Wentworthville Magpies (28) 4:00PM

ROUND 6 BYES: Brothers, Mounties, Glebe, Hills
 St Marys (10) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (23) Sat 27 Apr 4:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Wentworthville Magpies (12) Sat 27 Apr 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal

ROUND 7

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (10) v Hills Bulls (24) Sat 4 May 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Wentworthville Magpies (54) v Mounties RLFC (0) Sun 5 May 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 St Marys (34) v Glebe Dirty Reds (18) Sun 5 May 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (6) v Penrith Brothers (24) Sun 5 May 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 8

St Marys (30) v Hills Bulls (10) Sat 11 May 4:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Penrith Brothers (32) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12) Sat 11 May 6:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Wentworthville Magpies (28) v Glebe Dirty Reds (20) Sun 12 May 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (20) v Mounties RLFC (20) Sun 12 May 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 9

Penrith Brothers (22) v Wentworthville Magpies (23) Sat 25 May 4:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Mounties RLFC (32) v St Marys (18) Sun 26 May 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
 Hills Bulls (20) v Glebe Dirty Reds (36) Sun 26 May 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (18) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) Sun 26 May 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 10

Penrith Brothers (22) v Mounties RLFC (18) Sat 1 Jun 5:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v St Marys (32) Sat 1 Jun 5:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Hills Bulls (10) v Wentworthville Magpies (30) Fri 7 Jun 7:00PM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (24) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (20) Mon 10 Jun 2:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 11

St Marys (38) v Penrith Brothers (22) Sat 15 Jun 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v Glebe Dirty Reds (34) Sat 15 Jun 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Hills Bulls (30) v Mounties RLFC (20) Sun 16 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (34) v Wentworthville Magpies (18) Sun 16 Jun 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 12 BYES: Wentworthville, St Marys, Ryde-Eastwood, Canterbury
 Hills Bulls (36) v Penrith Brothers (14) Sun 23 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (8) v Mounties RLFC (22) Tue 25 Jun 7:15PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal

ROUND 13

Glebe Dirty Reds (50) v Penrith Brothers (8) Sat 29 Jun 12:20PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (14) v Mounties RLFC (12) Sat 29 Jun 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Hills Bulls (20) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (24) Sun 30 Jun 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Wentworthville Magpies (20) v St Marys (22) Sun 30 Jun 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 14 BYES: Brothers, Mounties, Glebe, Hills
 Wentworthville Magpies (34) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (4) Sun 7 Jul 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (6) v St Marys (22) Sun 7 Jul 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 15

Wentworthville Magpies (12) v Mounties RLFC (18) Sat 13 Jul 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Penrith Brothers (26) Sat 13 Jul 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (26) v St Marys (28) Sun 14 Jul 11:45AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Hills Bulls (30) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38) Sun 14 Jul 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

ROUND 16

Mounties RLFC (28) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22) Sat 20 Jul 1:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 St Marys (42) v Hills Bulls (6) Sat 20 Jul 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v Penrith Brothers (16) Sat 20 Jul 5:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Wentworthville Magpies (32) v Glebe Dirty Reds (28) Sat 20 Jul 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 17

St Marys (30) v Mounties RLFC (22) Sat 27 Jul 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Hills Bulls (22) v Glebe Dirty Reds (36) Sun 28 Jul 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Penrith Brothers (27) Sun 28 Jul 3:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (38) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24) Sun 28 Jul 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 18

Mounties RLFC (34) v Hills Bulls (24) Sat 3 Aug 3:00PM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (52) v Glebe Dirty Reds (8) Sat 3 Aug 5:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Penrith Brothers (12) v St Marys (44) Sun 4 Aug 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (18) v Wentworthville Magpies (28) Sun 4 Aug 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 19

Penrith Brothers (28) v Mounties RLFC (34) Sat 10 Aug 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 St Marys (34) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20) Sat 10 Aug 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Wentworthville Magpies (60) v Hills Bulls (12) Sat 10 Aug 4:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Glebe Dirty Reds (34) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (18) Sun 11 Aug 1:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 20

Wentworthville Magpies (14) v St Marys (12) Sat 17 Aug 2:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v Mounties RLFC (30) Sat 17 Aug 6:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (66) v Penrith Brothers (14) Sun 18 Aug 11:45AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Hills Bulls (12) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (36) Sun 18 Aug 3:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal

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#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST MARYS	18	15	0	3	2	205	34
2	MOUNTIES	18	11	1	6	2	2	27
3	WENTWORTHVILLE	18	11	0	7	2	189	26
4	GLEBE	18	11	0	7	2	135	26
5	RYDE-EASTWOOD	18	8	1	9	2	-12	21
6	Penrith	18	6	1	11	2	-190	17
7	Canterbury	18	5	1	12	2	-118	15
8	Hills	18	3	0	15	2	-211	10

FINALS WEEK 1 ELIM FINAL: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Glebe Dirty Reds (32) Sat 24 Aug 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug; **QUAL FINAL:** Wentworthville Magpies (22) v Mounties RLFC (12) Sat 24 Aug 5:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

SEMI FINALS MINOR SEMI: Glebe Dirty Reds (36) v Mounties RLFC (18) Sat 31 Aug 12:45PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora; **MAJOR SEMI:** St Marys (10) v Wentworthville Magpies (32) Sat 31 Aug 4:15PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

PRELIMINARY FINAL St Marys (10) v Glebe Dirty Reds (24) Sat 7 Sep 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

GRAND FINAL Glebe Dirty Reds 19 (David Nofolauma 2, Vito Tevaga tries; Daniel Arahu 2/2, Joseph Whitikama Temara Taipari 1/1 goals) Dean Whare 1 field goal) defeated Wentworthville Magpies 6 (Kyle Cassell try; Liam O'Brien 1/1 goals) at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal; Sat 14 Sep 5:00PM

2024 NSWRL SYDNEY SHIELD

ROUND 1 Cabramatta Two Blues (22) v Manly Leagues (26) Sat 16 Mar 1:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Mounties RLFC (22) v St Marys (46) Sat 16 Mar 3:00PM at Aubrey Keach Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Penrith Brothers (24) v Wentworthville United (24) Sat 16 Mar 4:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Moorebank Rams (22) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (36) Sat 16 Mar 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Hills Bulls (22) v Glebe Dirty Reds (26) Sun 17 Mar 1:00PM at Hills Grammar, Kenthurst / Bediagal

ROUND 2 Penrith Brothers (26) v Manly Leagues (10) Sat 23 Mar 4:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Cabramatta Two Blues (4) v Mounties RLFC (62) Sat 23 Mar 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (13) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (34) Sun 24 Mar 11:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Hills Bulls (18) v Wentworthville United (54) Sun 24 Mar 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 St Marys (60) v Moorebank Rams (10) Sun 24 Mar 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

ROUND 3 Glebe Dirty Reds (18) v Moorebank Rams (24) Sun 7 Apr 12:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (32) v Wentworthville United (42) Sun 7 Apr 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal
 Mounties RLFC (20) v Manly Leagues (18) Sat 18 May 1:00PM at Aubrey Keach Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Cabramatta Two Blues (48) v Hills Bulls (18) Sat 18 May 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Penrith Brothers (24) v St Marys (28) Sat 8 Jun 12:45PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 4 BYES: Cabramatta, Wently Utd, St Marys, Ryde-Eastwood, Manly, Moorebank
 Mounties RLFC (26) v Glebe Dirty Reds (18) Sat 13 Apr 1:00PM at Aubrey Keach Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Penrith Brothers (20) v Hills Bulls (22) Sat 13 Apr 4:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug

ROUND 5 - MAGIC ROUND

Sat 20 Apr, at Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Cabramatta Two Blues (22) v Penrith Brothers (28) 10:00AM
 Mounties RLFC (66) v Moorebank Rams (0) 12:00PM
 Manly Leagues (24) v Glebe Dirty Reds (32) 2:00PM
 St Marys (41) v Wentworthville United (12) 4:00PM
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (50) v Hills Bulls (20) 6:00PM

ROUND 6 BYES: Brothers, Mounties, Glebe, Hills
 St Marys (28) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (26) Sat 27 Apr 2:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Manly Leagues (12) v Wentworthville United (20) Sat 27 Apr 2:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Moorebank Rams (14) v Cabramatta Two Blues (44) Sat 27 Apr 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal

ROUND 7 Manly Leagues (28) v St Marys (18) Sat 4 May 10:30AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Moorebank Rams (36) v Hills Bulls (22) Sat 4 May 1:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Cabramatta Two Blues (36) v Glebe Dirty Reds (12) Sat 4 May 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Wentworthville United (16) v Mounties RLFC (22) Sun 5 May 12:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (30) v Penrith Brothers (10) Sun 5 May 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 8 Penrith Brothers (28) v Glebe Dirty Reds (18) Sat 11 May 2:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 St Marys (28) v Hills Bulls (42) Sat 11 May 2:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Wentworthville United (22) v Cabramatta Two Blues (0) Sun 12 May 12:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (30) v Mounties RLFC (6) Sun 12 May 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal
 Manly Leagues (32) v Moorebank Rams (28) Sun 12 May 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug

ROUND 9 Cabramatta Two Blues (34) v St Marys (32) Sat 25 May 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Moorebank Rams (30) v Penrith Brothers (31) Sat 25 May 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal

Wentworthville United (26) v Glebe Dirty Reds (24) Sat 25 May 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Hills Bulls (10) v Mounties RLFC (34) Sun 26 May 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (70) v Manly Leagues (12) Sun 26 May 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 10 Penrith Brothers (0) v Mounties RLFC (24) Sat 1 Jun 3:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Cabramatta Two Blues (16) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) Sat 1 Jun 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Wentworthville United (30) v Moorebank Rams (14) Sat 1 Jun 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Glebe Dirty Reds (52) v St Marys (10) Sun 2 Jun 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Hills Bulls (36) v Manly Leagues (32) Sat 8 Jun 11:30AM at Kellyville Park, Kellyville / Bediagal

ROUND 11 St Marys (30) v Penrith Brothers (28) Sat 15 Jun 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Moorebank Rams (18) v Glebe Dirty Reds (40) Sat 15 Jun 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Cabramatta Two Blues (22) v Hills Bulls (26) Sat 15 Jun 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Mounties RLFC (26) v Manly Leagues (34) Sun 16 Jun 1:00PM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22) v Wentworthville United (50) Sun 16 Jun 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 12 BYES: Cabramatta, Wently Utd, St Marys, Ryde-Eastwood, Manly, Moorebank
 Hills Bulls (18) v Penrith Brothers (14) Sun 23 Jun 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (76) v Mounties RLFC (20) Sun 7 Jul 1:55PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 13 Manly Leagues (28) v Glebe Dirty Reds (36) Sat 29 Jun 12:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Penrith Brothers (28) v Cabramatta Two Blues (20) Sat 29 Jun 4:30PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Moorebank Rams (18) v Mounties RLFC (38) Sat 29 Jun 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Hills Bulls (28) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (24) Sun 30 Jun 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Wentworthville United (23) v St Marys (4) Sun 30 Jun 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 14 BYES: Brothers, Mounties, Glebe, Hills
 Cabramatta Two Blues (29) v Moorebank Rams (28) Sat 6 Jul 5:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Wentworthville United (26) v Manly Leagues (8) Sun 7 Jul 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (32) v St Marys (18) Sun 7 Jul 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 15 Wentworthville United (19) v Mounties RLFC (18) Sat 13 Jul 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (18) v Penrith Brothers (24) Sat 13 Jul 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (20) v Cabramatta Two Blues (22) Sun 14 Jul 10:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Hills Bulls (26) v Moorebank Rams (32) Sun 14 Jul 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Manly Leagues (18) v St Marys (40) Sun 14 Jul 3:00PM at Lionel Watts Reserve, Frenchs Forest / Cammeraygal

ROUND 16 Mounties RLFC (20) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (24) Sat 20 Jul 11:00AM at Aubrey Keach Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Penrith Brothers (32) v Glebe Dirty Reds (38) Sat 20 Jul 1:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 St Marys (42) v Hills Bulls (42) Sat 20 Jul 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Cabramatta Two Blues (10) v Wentworthville United (38) Sat 20 Jul 4:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Manly Leagues (28) v Moorebank Rams (16) Sun 21 Jul 1:30PM at Lionel Watts Reserve, Frenchs Forest / Cammeraygal

ROUND 17 St Marys (12) v Mounties RLFC (18) Sat 27 Jul 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Moorebank Rams (18) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (38) Sat 27 Jul 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Manly Leagues (38) v Cabramatta Two Blues (6) Sun 28 Jul 12:00PM

at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Cromer / Cammeragal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (40) v Hills Bulls (26) Sun 28 Jul 1:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Wentworthville United (14) v Penrith Brothers (32) Sun 28 Jul 1:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

ROUND 18 Mounties RLFC (36) v Cabramatta Two Blues (30) Sat 3 Aug 1:00PM at Aubrey Keach Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 St Marys (50) v Moorebank Rams (22) Sat 3 Aug 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Wentworthville United (46) v Hills Bulls (14) Sat 3 Aug 6:00PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora
 Penrith Brothers (16) v Manly Leagues (24) Sun 4 Aug 1:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (20) v Glebe Dirty Reds (20) Sun 4 Aug 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 19 St Marys (48) v Cabramatta Two Blues (20) Sat 10 Aug 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Moorebank Rams (10) v Penrith Brothers (52) Sat 10 Aug 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (12) v Wentworthville United (40) Sun 11 Aug 11:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Hills Bulls (22) v Mounties RLFC (36) Sun 11 Aug 1:00PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (28) v Manly Leagues (22) Sun 11 Aug 3:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal

ROUND 20 Mounties RLFC (6) v Penrith Brothers (50) Sat 17 Aug 11:00AM at Aubrey Keach Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
 Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (31) v Cabramatta Two Blues (0) Sat 17 Aug 1:00PM at TG Millner Field, Marsfield / Wallumettagal
 Manly Leagues (38) v Hills Bulls (26) Sat 17 Aug 2:15PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Moorebank Rams (16) v Wentworthville United (52) Sat 17 Aug 4:30PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Glebe Dirty Reds (12) v St Marys (44) Sun 18 Aug 10:00AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

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#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WENTY UTD	18	14	1	3	2	231	33
2	RYDE-EASTWOOD	18	11	2	5	2	192	28
3	MOUNTIES	18	11	0	7	2	73	26
4	ST MARYS	18	10	1	7	2	114	25
5	BROTHERS	18	9	1	8	2	81	23
6	Glebe	18	8	1	9	2	27	21
7	Manly	18	8	0	10	2	-60	20
8	Cabramatta	18	6	1	11	2	-138	17
9	Hills	18	6	1	11	2	-184	17
10	Moorebank	18	3	0	15	2	-336	10

FINALS WEEK 1 ELIM FINAL: St Marys (32) v Penrith Brothers (58) Sat 24 Aug 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug; QUAL FINAL: Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (44) v Mounties RLFC (30) Sat 24 Aug 3:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

SEMI FINALS MINOR SEMI: Penrith Brothers (25) v Mounties RLFC (22) Sat 31 Aug 11:00AM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora; MAJOR SEMI: Wentworthville United (38) v Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (22) Sat 31 Aug 2:30PM at Ringrose Park, Wentworthville / Boolbainora

PRELIMINARY FINAL Ryde-Eastwood Hawks (16) v Penrith Brothers (38) Sat 7 Sep 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug

GRAND FINAL Penrith Brothers 43 (Eddie Ene, Dean Kammel, Soakimi Fakaua, Noah Nailagoliva, Luke Philp, Kye Raven, Wayne Baxter tries; Donovan Boney 6/6, Luke Philp 1/1 goals; Siaoisi Sisifa 1 field goals) defeated Wentworthville United 18 (Josh Delailoa, Jaydn Field, Ayden Carling tries; Ayden Carling 3/3 goals) at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanganui; Sat 14 Sep 3:00PM

2024 NSWRL UNDER 21 JERSEY FLEGG CUP

ROUND 1

Penrith Panthers (14) v Sydney Roosters (4)
Sat 9 Mar 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (14) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (16)
Sat 9 Mar 1:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Wests Tigers (38) v Kaiviti Silktails (20)
Sat 9 Mar 2:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Parramatta Eels (6) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28)
Sat 9 Mar 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
Newcastle Knights (18) v Canberra Raiders (30)
Sat 9 Mar 3:30PM at St John Oval, Charlestown / Awabakal
Warriors (10) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (36)
Sun 10 Mar 11:45AM at Navigation Homes Stadium, Pukekohe / Aotearoa
St George Illawarra Dragons (36) v Melbourne Storm (14)
Sun 10 Mar 2:00PM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal

ROUND 2

Canberra Raiders (36) v Wests Tigers (0)
Sat 16 Mar 11:00AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
Kaiviti Silktails (14) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
Sat 16 Mar 11:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
St George Illawarra Dragons (4) v Newcastle Knights (28)
Sat 16 Mar 12:15PM at Sid Parrish Park, Unanderra / Dharawal
Penrith Panthers (22) v Parramatta Eels (0)
Sat 16 Mar 3:15PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (34) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (8)
Sat 16 Mar 4:00PM at Terry Lamb Complex, Chester Hill / Bidjigal
Melbourne Storm (36) v Warriors (10)
Sat 16 Mar 5:00PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (14) v Sydney Roosters (10)
Sun 17 Mar 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal

ROUND 3

Canberra Raiders (44) v Warriors (12)
Sat 23 Mar 12:15PM at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan / Ngunnawal
Parramatta Eels (6) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
Sat 23 Mar 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
St George Illawarra Dragons (50) v Kaiviti Silktails (12)
Sat 23 Mar 3:10PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal
Wests Tigers (38) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18)
Sun 24 Mar 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Newcastle Knights (34) v Melbourne Storm (12)
Sun 24 Mar 2:00PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Penrith Panthers (35)
Sun 24 Mar 2:45PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
Sydney Roosters (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (4)
Sun 24 Mar 3:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 4

South Sydney Rabbitohs (12) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30)
Fri 29 Mar 10:30AM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
St George Illawarra Dragons (30) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (28)
Sat 30 Mar 11:30AM at Michael Cronin Oval, Gerringong / Wodi Wodi
Parramatta Eels (22) v Wests Tigers (24)
Sat 30 Mar 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
Melbourne Storm (36) v Kaiviti Silktails (10)
Sat 30 Mar 4:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
Warriors (8) v Newcastle Knights (18)
Sun 31 Mar 11:30AM at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa
Sydney Roosters (28) v Penrith Panthers (10)
Sun 31 Mar 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (4) v Canberra Raiders (30)
Sun 31 Mar 4:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal

ROUND 5

Melbourne Storm (28) v Wests Tigers (18)
Sat 6 Apr 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
Newcastle Knights (16) v St George Illawarra Dragons (30)
Sat 6 Apr 4:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
Canberra Raiders (22) v Parramatta Eels (16)
Sun 7 Apr 12:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt / Ngunnawal
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (34) v Penrith Panthers (20)
Sat 18 May 11:00AM at Aubrey Keech Reserve, Hinchinbrook / Dharawal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Warriors (10)
Sat 18 May 12:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16) v Sydney Roosters (24)
Sat 18 May 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Kaiviti Silktails (0) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (50)
Sat 27 Jul 10:30AM at Henson Park, Marrickville / Gadigal-Wanngal

ROUND 6

Warriors (16) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20)
Sat 13 Apr 10:45AM at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa
Wests Tigers (31) v St George Illawarra Dragons (22)
Sat 13 Apr 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20)
Sat 13 Apr 1:00PM at Erskineville Oval, Erskineville / Gadigal
Kaiviti Silktails (14) v Penrith Panthers (52)
Sat 13 Apr 1:00PM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
Parramatta Eels (12) v Melbourne Storm (24)
Sat 13 Apr 2:45PM at Crestwood Oval, Baulkham Hills / Bediagal
Canberra Raiders (12) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38)
Sun 14 Apr 12:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt / Ngunnawal
Newcastle Knights (22) v Sydney Roosters (18)
Sun 14 Apr 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal

ROUND 7

Penrith Panthers (18) v Wests Tigers (20)
Sat 20 Apr 11:15AM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
St George Illawarra Dragons (22) v Warriors (28)
Sat 20 Apr 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (22) v Kaiviti Silktails (14)
Sat 20 Apr 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Melbourne Storm (16) v Canberra Raiders (24)
Sat 20 Apr 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
Newcastle Knights (26) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20)
Sun 21 Apr 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
Sydney Roosters (36) v Parramatta Eels (24)
Sun 21 Apr 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (30) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10)
Sun 21 Apr 1:50PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal

ROUND 8

Warriors (28) v Penrith Panthers (20)
Sat 27 Apr 8:00AM at North Harbour Stadium, Albany / Aotearoa
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (60) v Kaiviti Silktails (0)
Sat 27 Apr 11:00AM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
St George Illawarra Dragons (30) v Sydney Roosters (24)
Sat 27 Apr 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20) v Parramatta Eels (26)
Sat 27 Apr 12:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Wests Tigers (28) v Melbourne Storm (24)
Sat 27 Apr 1:20PM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal
Canberra Raiders (30) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (16)
Sun 28 Apr 12:00PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
Newcastle Knights (14) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
Sun 28 Apr 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal

ROUND 9

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v Wests Tigers (10)
Fri 3 May 7:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (12) v Penrith Panthers (32)
Fri 3 May 7:00PM at Windsor Sporting Complex, Windsor / Dharug
Kaiviti Silktails (22) v Parramatta Eels (42)
Sat 4 May 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24) v Canberra Raiders (16)
Sat 4 May 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Melbourne Storm (8) v Sydney Roosters (38)
Sat 4 May 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
Newcastle Knights (14) v Warriors (14)
Sun 5 May 9:30AM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
Sun 5 May 1:50PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal

ROUND 10

Kaiviti Silktails (8) v Canberra Raiders (56)
Sat 11 May 10:00AM at Prince Charles Park, Nadi / Fiji
St George Illawarra Dragons (16) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
Sat 11 May 3:00PM at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Carlton / Bidjigal
Penrith Panthers (0) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (10)
Sat 11 May 4:00PM at Parker Street Oval, Penrith / Dharug
Melbourne Storm (20) v Parramatta Eels (4)
Sat 11 May 4:45PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
Warriors (22) v Sydney Roosters (34)
Sun 12 May 8:00AM at North Harbour Stadium, Albany / Aotearoa
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (27) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (26)
Sun 12 May 11:00AM at HE Laybutt Sporting Complex, Blacktown / Dharug
Wests Tigers (26) v Newcastle Knights (16)
Sun 12 May 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug

ROUND 11 - all clubs by

ROUND 12

Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (22) v Wests Tigers (10)
Fri 24 May 6:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (22) v St George Illawarra Dragons (34)
Fri 24 May 7:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Canberra Raiders (20) v Sydney Roosters (24)
Sat 25 May 11:00AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (8) v Parramatta Eels (26)
Sat 25 May 11:00AM at Erskineville Oval, Erskineville / Gadigal
Newcastle Knights (52) v Kaiviti Silktails (18)
Sat 25 May 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (14) v Penrith Panthers (16)
Sat 25 May 3:15PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
Warriors (28) v Melbourne Storm (24)
Sun 26 May 1:30PM at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa

ROUND 13

Canberra Raiders (56) v Kaiviti Silktails (0)
Sat 1 Jun 12:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt / Ngunnawal
Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (32) v Newcastle Knights (4)
Sat 1 Jun 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (16) v Parramatta Eels (26)
Sat 1 Jun 1:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
South Sydney Rabbitohs (0) v Wests Tigers (52)
Sat 1 Jun 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
Penrith Panthers (38) v St George Illawarra Dragons (12)
Sat 1 Jun 1:20PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
Melbourne Storm (22) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (18)
Sat 1 Jun 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
Sydney Roosters (16) v Warriors (20)
Sun 2 Jun 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 14

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (38) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (14)
Fri 7 Jun 7:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
Kaiviti Silktails (10) v Warriors (16)
Sat 8 Jun 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
St George Illawarra Dragons (16) v Parramatta Eels (20)
Sat 8 Jun 12:00PM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18) v Sydney Roosters (10)
Sat 8 Jun 12:00PM at Henson Park, Marrickville / Gadigal-Wanngal
Wests Tigers (8) v Canberra Raiders (10)
Sat 8 Jun 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
Melbourne Storm (18) v Penrith Panthers (22)
Sun 9 Jun 11:30AM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
Newcastle Knights (26) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
Sun 9 Jun 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal

ROUND 15

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (34) v Melbourne Storm (16)
Thu 13 Jun 5:35PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
Kaiviti Silktails (14) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18)
Sat 15 Jun 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
Wests Tigers (30) v Warriors (16)
Sat 15 Jun 10:55AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal
Parramatta Eels (30) v Sydney Roosters (8)
Sat 15 Jun 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
Newcastle Knights (24) v Penrith Panthers (4)
Sun 16 Jun 11:40AM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal
Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (36) v St George Illawarra Dragons (16)
Sun 16 Jun 11:45AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
Canberra Raiders (30) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (18)
Sun 16 Jun 2:00PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt / Ngunnawal

ROUND 16

Warriors (14) v St George Illawarra Dragons (46)
Sat 22 Jun 8:00AM at North Harbour Stadium, Albany / Aotearoa
Kaiviti Silktails (10) v Melbourne Storm (28)
Sat 22 Jun 9:00AM at Prince Charles Park, Nadi / Fiji
Penrith Panthers (38) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18)
Sat 22 Jun 12:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
Parramatta Eels (16) v Canberra Raiders (18)
Sat 22 Jun 1:00PM at Eric Tweedale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
Sydney Roosters (16) v Newcastle Knights (18)
Sat 22 Jun 1:05PM at Industree Group Stadium, Gosford / Darkinjung
South Sydney Rabbitohs (6) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (34)
Sat 22 Jun 3:25PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
Wests Tigers (12) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (26)
Sun 23 Jun 11:50AM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal

ROUND 17

Warriors (24) v Canberra Raiders (34)
 Sat 29 Jun 10:45AM at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa
 Sydney Roosters (6) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (18)
 Sat 29 Jun 10:45AM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (48) v Kaiviti Silktails (8)
 Sat 29 Jun 11:00AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Wests Tigers (0) v Penrith Panthers (62)
 Sat 29 Jun 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (20) v St George Illawarra Dragons (18)
 Sat 29 Jun 1:00PM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Newcastle Knights (34) v Parramatta Eels (18)
 Sat 29 Jun 1:15PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal
 Melbourne Storm (0) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24)
 Sat 29 Jun 4:45PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri

ROUND 18

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20) v Wests Tigers (16)
 Sat 6 Jul 12:30PM at Henson Park, Marrickville / Gadigal-Wanngal
 Penrith Panthers (36) v Kaiviti Silktails (16)
 Sat 6 Jul 1:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (20) v Melbourne Storm (16)
 Sat 6 Jul 1:30PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Parramatta Eels (46) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (0)
 Sat 6 Jul 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Canberra Raiders (30) v Newcastle Knights (14)
 Sun 7 Jul 12:00PM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (30) v Warriors (6)
 Sun 7 Jul 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Sydney Roosters (24) v St George Illawarra Dragons (34)
 Sun 7 Jul 12:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 19

Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (24)
 Fri 12 Jul 5:45PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 Kaiviti Silktails (8) v St George Illawarra Dragons (38)
 Sat 13 Jul 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
 Penrith Panthers (26) v Canberra Raiders (12)
 Sat 13 Jul 12:00PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
 Parramatta Eels (18) v Warriors (6)
 Sat 13 Jul 1:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10) v Newcastle Knights (26)
 Sun 14 Jul 12:00PM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Melbourne Storm (22)
 Sun 14 Jul 1:00PM at Coogee Oval, Coogee / Gadigal-Bidjigal
 Sydney Roosters (12) v Wests Tigers (13)
 Sun 14 Jul 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 20

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (12) v Parramatta Eels (19)
 Fri 19 Jul 6:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Kaiviti Silktails (4) v Warriors (16)
 Sat 20 Jul 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
 Penrith Panthers (36) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (24)
 Sat 20 Jul 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (8) v Sydney Roosters (28)
 Sat 20 Jul 11:00AM at Redfern Oval, Redfern / Gadigal
 Canberra Raiders (34) v Melbourne Storm (18)
 Sat 20 Jul 12:15PM at Raiders Belconnen, Holt / Ngunnawal
 Newcastle Knights (16) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (40)
 Sat 20 Jul 1:15PM at McDonald Jones Stadium, New Lambton / Awabakal
 St George Illawarra Dragons (28) v Wests Tigers (22)
 Sun 21 Jul 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal

ROUND 21 - all clubs bye

ROUND 22

Warriors (20) v Parramatta Eels (26)
 Sat 3 Aug 10:00AM at North Harbour Stadium, Albany / Aotearoa
 Kaiviti Silktails (22) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (26)
 Sat 3 Aug 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
 Wests Tigers (18) v Sydney Roosters (10)
 Sat 3 Aug 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Penrith Panthers (20) v Newcastle Knights (26)
 Sat 3 Aug 1:00PM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Melbourne Storm (18) v St George Illawarra Dragons (22)
 Sat 3 Aug 3:00PM at AAMI Park, Melbourne / Wurundjeri
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (18) v Canberra Raiders (36)
 Sat 3 Aug 3:00PM at Hammondville Oval, Moorebank / Dharawal
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (58) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (16)
 Sat 3 Aug 5:20PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal

ROUND 23

Canberra Raiders (30) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (10)
 Sat 10 Aug 10:30AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
 St George Illawarra Dragons (22) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (32)
 Sat 10 Aug 11:00AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
 Kaiviti Silktails (8) v Sydney Roosters (36)
 Sat 10 Aug 12:00PM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
 Newcastle Knights (24) v Wests Tigers (14)
 Sat 10 Aug 1:00PM at Newcastle Permanent CoE, Broadmeadow / Awabakal
 Melbourne Storm (16) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (54)
 Sat 10 Aug 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
 Parramatta Eels (30) v Penrith Panthers (14)
 Sat 10 Aug 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 Warriors (22) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (10)
 Sun 11 Aug 8:00AM at Bruce Pulman Park, Takaniini / Aotearoa

ROUND 24

Penrith Panthers (22) v Melbourne Storm (16)
 Thu 15 Aug 5:20PM at BlueBet Stadium, Penrith / Dharug
 Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (36) v Warriors (10)
 Sat 17 Aug 11:00AM at 4 Pines Park, Brookvale / Cammeraygal
 Parramatta Eels (26) v Newcastle Knights (8)
 Sat 17 Aug 3:00PM at Eric Tweeddale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
 Wests Tigers (36) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (20)
 Sat 17 Aug 3:30PM at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, Leumeah / Dharawal
 St George Illawarra Dragons (14) v Canberra Raiders (26)
 Sun 18 Aug 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (62) v Kaiviti Silktails (2)
 Sun 18 Aug 12:00PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 Sydney Roosters (40) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (20)
 Sun 18 Aug 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 25

Warriors (32) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (16)
 Sat 24 Aug 10:00AM at Go Media Stadium, Penrose / Aotearoa
 Canberra Raiders (20) v Penrith Panthers (26)
 Sat 24 Aug 10:30AM at GIO Stadium Canberra, Bruce / Ngunnawal
 St George Illawarra Dragons (10) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (54)
 Sat 24 Aug 11:15AM at Collegians Sports Complex, Figtree / Dharawal
 Wests Tigers (23) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (22)
 Sat 24 Aug 12:00PM at Lidcombe Oval, Lidcombe / Dharug
 Parramatta Eels (28) v Kaiviti Silktails (8)
 Sat 24 Aug 3:00PM at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta / Cabrogal
 South Sydney Rabbitohs (14) v Newcastle Knights (22)
 Sat 24 Aug 3:25PM at Accor Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park / Wanngal
 Sydney Roosters (24) v Melbourne Storm (22)
 Sun 25 Aug 1:15PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

ROUND 26

Kaiviti Silktails (0) v Wests Tigers (32)
 Sat 31 Aug 10:00AM at Churchill Park, Lautoka / Fiji
 Penrith Panthers (58) v South Sydney Rabbitohs (0)
 Sat 31 Aug 11:00AM at St Marys Leagues Stadium, St Marys / Dharug
 Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (28) v Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles (26)
 Sat 31 Aug 12:00PM at Belmore Sports Ground, Belmore / Bidjigal
 Parramatta Eels (40) v St George Illawarra Dragons (10)
 Sat 31 Aug 1:00PM at Eric Tweeddale Stadium, Merrylands / Dharug
 Melbourne Storm (6) v Newcastle Knights (16)
 Sat 31 Aug 2:00PM at Seabrook Reserve, Broadmeadows / Wurundjeri
 Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (20) v Warriors (4)
 Sat 31 Aug 5:20PM at PointsBet Stadium, Woolooware / Dharawal
 Sydney Roosters (40) v Canberra Raiders (22)
 Sun 1 Sep 2:00PM at Wentworth Park, Glebe / Gadigal

LADDER

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CANBERRA	24	18	0	6	2	270	40
2	PENRITH	24	16	0	8	2	243	36
3	CANTERBURY	24	16	0	8	2	202	36
4	NEWCASTLE	24	15	1	8	2	62	35
5	CRONULLA	24	14	1	9	2	247	33
6	Parramatta	24	14	0	10	2	107	32
7	Wests Tigers	24	14	0	10	2	21	32
8	Manly	24	13	0	11	2	96	30
9	Sydney	24	12	0	12	2	107	28
10	St Geo Illa	24	11	0	13	2	-19	26
11	Warriors	24	8	1	15	2	-192	21
12	Melbourne	24	8	0	16	2	-96	20
13	South Sydney	24	7	1	16	2	-372	19
14	Silktails	24	0	0	24	2	-676	4

FINALS WEEK 1

QUALIFYING FINAL

Penrith Panthers (6) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (32)

Sat 7 Sep 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

ELIMINATION FINAL

Newcastle Knights (6) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (22)

Sat 7 Sep 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

SEMI FINALS

MAJOR SEMI FINAL

Canberra Raiders (14) v Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs (15)

Sun 15 Sep 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

MINOR SEMI FINAL

Penrith Panthers (26) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (40)

Sun 15 Sep 3:00PM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Canberra Raiders (18) v Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks (38)

Sat 21 Sep 11:00AM at Leichhardt Oval, Lilyfield / Wanngal

GRAND FINAL

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 14 (Cassius Tia, William Afualo, Ratu Rinakamatries; Cassius Tia 1/3 goals) defeated Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks 6 (Taj Ford try; Riley Pordard 1/1 goals) at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta / Burramattagal; Sun 29 Sep 11:00AM.

NSWRL JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE GRAND FINALS

SAT 27 APR, COMMBANK STADIUM

U19 (M) SG BALL CUP

St. George Dragons 40 (Zachariah Nachar 2, Jesse Williams 2, Corey Ackers, David Afu, Lyric Craft-Te Moananui, Ryan Hutchinson tries; Shadi Hammoud 4/8 goals) defeated Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 18 (Sosaia Kaufusi, Hamish Wilson, Ratu Rinakama, Sosaia Alatini; Alex Conti 1/4 goals)

U19 (W) TARSHA GALE CUP

Illawarra Steelers 24 (Indie Bostock 2, Maria Paseka, Bronte Wilson tries; Chelsea Savill 3/3, Ella Koster 1/1 goals) def Newcastle Knights 12 (Lilly Mcnamara 2, Malaki Poa tries)

U17 (M) HAROLD MATTHEWS CUP

Warriors 34 (Jack Thompson 2, Lennox Tuiloma 2, Ezekiel Davidson-Faaiuso, Boston Krone tries; Kairus Booth 5/7 goals) defeated Western Suburbs Magpies 16 (Phoenix Godinet, Jhevon Lele, Christian Taupau-Moors tries; Heamasi Makasini 2/3 goals)

U17 (W) LISA FIAOLA CUP

Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs 36 (Asha Taumoepeau-Williams 4, Evelyn Roberts 2, Lahnyah Daniel, Aliahana Fuimaono tries; Olivia Vaalele 2/6 goals) def Wests Tigers 0

HULL KR 22 HULL FC 0

Hull KR took home the spoils in their 22-0 win against Hull FC in the derby contest which opened the 2024 season.

The 2024 Super League kicked off in wild fashion. The derby contest between Hull KR and Hull FC saw two send-offs and two sin bins in an intense affair. It was a fast start from Hull KR who gave the ball some air before finding finisher Niall Evalds to make it 4-0. Things went from bad to worse for Hull FC. Herman Ese'ese was sent to the bin for a reckless high tackle then KR doubled their delight through Kelepi Tanginoa. The visitors underlined their dominance with a try late in the half. Mikey Lewis showed off his dazzling feet to go over for 14-0. There was one final flash point in the first half for Hull FC. Franklin Pele was given his marching orders after a swinging arm left them down to 12.

The Rovers took time to make advantage of the card. They went through the front door on several plays before Matt Parcell dived over. In such a feisty affair, both teams ended up losing players. Parcell was binned for Hull KR while Ligi Sao was the second Hull FC player sent off. Hull KR rounded off the dominant win with another four-pointer. They went through the hands again and Evalds had the simple finish.

LEEDS 22 SALFORD 16

Leeds Rhinos won 22-16 in a tight tussle against Salford Red Devils at AMT Headingley Stadium on Friday night.

It was the Red Devils who hit the scoreboard first. Marc Sneyd booted through a penalty goal to make it 2-0. Brodie Croft who switched from the Red Devils to the Rhinos in the off-season helped them level up the score. The halfback was hit high and it saw Ryan Brierley binned then sharpshooter Rhyse Martin stepped up to make it 2-all. Despite the disadvantage Salford went ahead again. The ball was grubbered through and Cade Cust was able to touch down after video referee intervention. Leeds counter-attacked in style. They caught a high kick on the wing before it was swung to Ash Handley who ran the distance for 8-all. Salford nudged again before half-time again. Oliver Partington sold the crowd a dummy then was able to plant the ball down.

Martin showed off all the skills to get the Rhinos back in the contest after the break. He kicked through then Handley was able to corral the ball for his second. It was the Rhinos turn to be down to 12 after Paul Momirovski was binned for a shoulder charge. Sneyd inched them ahead with subsequent penalty goal for 16-14. Next, the Red Devils had their second man binned. Amir Bourouh paid for holding on too long which allowed Martin to kick his fourth goal. The Rhinos took home the win with a late four-pointer. Sam Lisone kept his legs moving and charged over for the 22-16 win.

ST HELENS 40 LONDON 4

St Helens flexed their muscles in a 40-4 win against promoted London Broncos at Totally Wicked Stadium on Friday night.

The Saints have the Broncos a harsh reality check in their first game back in the Super League with a thumping. They were in fine form from the opening whistle. Lewis Dodd was able to finish a break for the first four-pointer then Jack Welsby sliced through to make it 10-0. It was a simple bust from Matty Lees who found an onrushing Alex Warmesley who strode over for the score. Tommy Makinson rounded off a superb first half from the Saints. He took a floating pass and strolled over for 20-0.

The Broncos did start the second half in the perfect manner. They kicked through twice then it ended with Robbie Storey going over. Otherwise, it was one-way traffic. St Helens piled on four tries in the second half to register the biggest win of Round 1. Matt Whitley got himself a double while Jonny Lomax and Daryl Clark got over the stripe in a win as they look to reestablish themselves at the top of Super League.

HUDDERSFIELD 16 LEIGH 8

Huddersfield Giants won 16-8 in their game against Leigh Leopards down at Leigh Sports Village on Friday night.

The Leopards were one of the surprise packets of 2023 and they hoped to take another step towards more silverware in 2024. It was the Giants who had a tough 2023 campaign who struck first in the game. The kick was piloted high and rumbled around before Esan Marsters scored. The hosts responded with their own four-pointer from a kick. It was punched through and Josh Charnley was on hand to touch down for 6-4. The Giants extended their advantage to eight before the break. Adam Milner caught the defense napping and nudged over.

They further added to their advantage in the second. A sublime backline movement ended with Elliot Wallis diving over in the corner for 16-4. Leigh did give their fans some late hope after Tim Briscoe was able to touch down in the corner from another well worked backline move. Huddersfield Giants held on in the final moments and they registered their first win in the 2024 season in the opening weekend.

WIGAN 32 CASTLEFORD 4

Super League Champions Wigan Warriors won 32-4 against Castleford Tigers at Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Saturday night.

The two sides traded penalty goals in the first 10 minutes of the contest. Harry Smith kicked Warriors ahead then Danny Richardson leveled it up for the Tigers. Another shrill of the whistle brought about another penalty goal. Castleford kicked their second through Richardson to make it 4-2. Both teams also found themselves on the wrong side of the officials in the first half. Smith got binned for Wigan then Liam Watts was sent off for the hosts. From there, the Warriors went on a rampage. They leveled it up at 4-all then added two more scores to make it 16-4 at the break.

Patrick Mago gave them back the lead after cleaning up the scraps then he turned provider for Bevan French in the corner. The Warriors continued to make their advantage tell in the second half. Liam Marshall weaved past the defense to make it 20-4. They kept piling on the points in the contest. Kruike Leeming was on the inside to clean up another kick then Marshall scored his second to round it off.

CATALANS 16 WARRINGTON 10

Catalans Dragons kicked off their season with a 16-10 win against Warrington Wolves at Stade Gilbert Brutus on Saturday night.

The visitors were the first on the scoreboard in this game. Wolves kept it alive on last and debutant Arron Lindop provided the acrobatic finish. It was arm wrestle in the first half and the Dragons only found the stripe late in the half. Jordan Abdull put up the kick which Matt Dufty spilled and scooped up the scraps to make it 6-4.

The second half couldn't have started worse for the Dragons. Michael McIlorum was sent off for a shoulder charge. The Dragons despite being down 12 were able to extend their lead. Abdull again was heavily involved as Arthur Mourgue sliced through for 14-4. Running it on last paid dividends again for the Wolves. Former NRL stars Paul Vaughan and Matt Dufty linked up with the latter going over to make it 14-10. Catalans were able to see out the rest of the game for a vital two points. Mourgue piloted through a pair of penalty goals in the second half for the final score.

ROUND 1 SCOREBOARD

Hull KR 22 (N. Evalds 2, M. Lewis, M. Parcell, K. Tanginoa tries; P. Hiku goal) defeated **Hull FC 0** at MKM Stadium.

Date: Thu, 15th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 14-0. Penalties: Hull KR 8-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 20,014.

Hull FC: Walker, Martin, Sutcliffe, Scott, McIntosh; Smith, Brown; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Pele, Okunbor, Sao, Cator. Int: Hoy, Lane, Ashworth, Brown. **Hull KR:** Hiku, Evalds, Opacic, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Hadley, Litten, Whitbread, Tanginoa, Batchelor; Minchella (C). Int: Sue, King, Parcell, Aydin.

Leeds 22 (A. Handley 2, S. Lisone tries; R. Martin 5 goals) defeated **Salford 16** (C. Cust, O. Partington tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 14-8. Penalties: Leeds 11-7. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 15,126.

Leeds: Miller, Roberts, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Donaldson, Goudemand, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Sangaré, Lisone, Bentley, O'Connor. **Salford:** Brierley, Hankinson, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Singleton, Watkins (C), Stone, Partington. Int: Atkin, Shorrocks, Wright, Hellewell.

Huddersfield 16 (E. Marsters, A. Milner, E. Wallis tries; O. Russell 2 goals) defeated **Leigh 8** (T. Briscoe, J. Charnley tries) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-4. Penalties: Leigh 10-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,508.

Leigh: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Moylan, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Hughes, Asiata (C). Int: Norman, Davis, Halton, Nakubuwai. **Huddersfield:** Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Clune, Russell; Hill (C), Milner; Ikahihifo, Murchie, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Golding, English, Wilson, Salabio.

St Helens 40 (M. Whitley 2, D. Clark, L. Dodd, J. Lomax, T. Makinson, A. Walmsley, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 3, T. Makinson goals) defeated **London 4** (R. Storey try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 20-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 14,058.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Lees, Whitley, Sironen, Bell. Int: Mata'utia, Wingfield, Delaney, Davies. **London:** Leyland, Kershaw, Storey, Miloudi, Macani; Campagnolo, Meadows; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebijyi, Parata. Int: Stock, Williams, Waine, Davies.

Wigan 32 (L. Marshall 2, B. French, K. Leeming, P. Mago tries; H. Smith 5, A. Keighran goals) defeated **Castleford 4** (D. Richardson 2 goals) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Sat, 17th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 16-4. Penalties: Castleford 11-8. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 10,117.

Castleford: Hooley, Qareqare, Broadbent, Wood, Senior; Richardson, Miller; Lawler, Horne, Putt, El-Zakhem, Tasipale, Westerman (C). Int: Simm, Watts, Hall, Mustapha. **Wigan:** Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Byrne, Isa, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Cooper, Mago, Leeming, Dupree.

Catalans 16 (J. Abdull, A. Mourgue tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) defeated **Warrington 10** (M. Dufty, A. Lindop tries; J. Drinkwater goal) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 17th February. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 6-4. Penalties: Catalans 7-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,876.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Abdull, Fages; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sims, Séguier, McMeeken. Int: Nikorima, Sironen, Satae, Dezaria. **Warrington:** Dufty, Lindop, King, Wrench, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Musgrove, Currie, Fitzgibbon, Crowther. Int: Vaughan, Philbin, Dudson, Powell.

ROUND 1 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	1	1	0	0	0	36	2
2	WIGAN	1	1	0	0	0	28	2
3	HULL KR	1	1	0	0	0	22	2
4	HUDDERSFIELD	1	1	0	0	0	8	2
5	CATALANS	1	1	0	0	0	6	2
6	LEEDS	1	1	0	0	0	6	2
7	Warrington	1	0	0	1	0	-6	0
8	Salford	1	0	0	1	0	-6	0
9	Leigh	1	0	0	1	0	-8	0
10	Hull FC	1	0	0	1	0	-22	0
11	Castleford	1	0	0	1	0	-28	0
12	London	1	0	0	1	0	-36	0

ROUND 1 SUSPENSIONS

Matt Parcell (HKR)	Grade B Other Behaviour	1 match
Jordy Crowther (WTN)	Grade C Other Behaviour	1 match
Charbel Tasipale (CAS)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Ryan Brierley (SAL)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Ricky Leutele (LGH)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match
Tom Amone (LGH)	Grade C Head Contact	2 matches
Paul Segulier (CAT)	Grade D Head Contact	2 matches
Herman Ese'ese (HUL)	Grade D Head Contact	2 matches
Franklin Pele (HUL)	Grade E Head Contact	3 matches
Ligi Sao (HUL)	Grade D Head Contact	3 matches
Michael McIlorum (CAT)	Grade E Head Contact	4 matches
Liam Watts (CAS)	Grade E Head Contact	4 matches

HULL KR 22 LEEDS 12

Hull Kingston Rovers have continued their unbeaten start to 2024 downing the Leeds Rhinos 22-12 at Craven Park.

It was a bad start for Leeds with new signing Lachie Miller missing the match, withdrawing with a virus but they quickly recovered when they forced a mistake from Peta Hiku at the back. The subsequent time wasting saw him sent to the sin-bin. Leeds capitalised on the extra man advantage when Harry Newman finished off some lovely second phase play for a 6-0 lead. A scrappy period of the game ensued until the final ten minutes until Rovers started making some inroads. Jez Litten's grubber ricocheted off the upright into the waiting arms of Sauaso Sue to level the scores. Just before the break, James Donaldson made high contact on Oliver Gildart and under the new reforms, he was sent to the bin. Litten added the penalty goal for an 8-6 half-time lead.

Six minutes into the second half, second phase play was again the order of the day, this time Rovers shifted the ball across the left hand side. A lovely tip on from Gildart found Ryan Hall who had enough pace to beat the cover defence to the try-line. The Rhinos needed a spark and an early kick inside their own half in the 57th minute found Ash Handley who sprinted away from the cover defence to reduce the gap to within two points. However, more sloppy tackling cost the Rhinos ten minutes later when Sam Lisone was pinned by Jack Smith for a high tackle. On advice from Ben Thaler in the video referee room, he was also dispatched to the sin-bin. Litten's penalty goal extended the margin out to four points. The game was secured in the dying moments when Tyrone May dabbed it on the toe for Hiku to cross and secure their second win on the year.

WARRINGTON 36 HULL FC 10

The Super League's new high tackle reforms have created controversy with Warrington running way convincing 36-10 winners.

The first half was a competitive game and was an arm-wrestle. Warrington crossed for the first try inside the opening five minutes when Danny Walker crossed from dummy half after some poor defence into the middle field. Josh Thewlis added the extras for a 6-0 lead. Lachlan Fitzgibbon was denied moments later when the video ref ruled he knocked the ball on. Midway through the first half, Lewis Martin crossed from a scrum play that was well worked by Tony Smith's men. Darnell McIntosh nailed the kick from the sideline to level the scores at 6-6. The drama began with five minutes to go. Faamanu Brown had a head clash with Ben Currie and was controversially sent off under the new reforms. The decision sparked outrage from everyone within the game. Thewlis added the penalty goal to get Wire up by 8-6 at the break.

The drama continued when Matty Ashton was taken high as he was running down the sideline and a penalty was promptly blown. As replays began to be shown at the ground, the referee referred the decision upstairs as a penalty try. Video referee Liam Moore couldn't overturn the live decision and it was 14-6. Hull wouldn't go down without a fight and Jack Walker showed his pace and crossed with half an hour to go to reduce the gap to four points. Five minutes later, Sam Powell charged over for a soft try out of dummy half for the Wire and any hope of an unlikely victory was quickly extinguished. The Wire would continue their scoring rampage with three tries in the final twenty minutes despite losing Powell to a yellow card in that period. Toby King crossed in the 62nd minute after some enterprising second phase play caught out the tiring defence of Hull to cross in the left corner. James Harrison finished off some incredible second phase play showing cohesion and creative play. Connor Wrench showed some great speed down the right edge in the final moments to get the score out to 36-10.

CATALANS 34 LONDON 0

The London Broncos have tried valiantly in their home opener, but as will be the case in 2024 the class of the opposition simply was too much for them to overcome. Catalans proved too strong winning convincingly 34-0.

It was clear in the early stages that it was going to be a tough slog for the Broncos. Catalans charged ahead inside the first two minutes when Theo Fages showed and goed to cross for the first try of the contest. Eight minutes later, Tariq Sims crashed over from point blank range and it was 10-0 after the opening 15 minutes. Sustained pressure on the London line was defended brilliantly but their fatigue was obvious when they struggled to get out of their own end. Fages again crossed from relatively easy range and with Mourgue's conversion. It was 16-0 at the change of ends.

Eight minutes into the second half, Sims completed his double after getting a lovely pass from Jordan Abdull. Sims ran a great line to cross for the first try of the second half to extend the margin out to 22-0. London's defence showed some resilience, doing a great job to hold Ben Garcia up. Shortly afterwards, Jayden Nikorima crashed over from dummy half to cross and extend the margin to 28. Julien Bosquet wrapped the game up with 10 minutes to go crashing over to make it 34-0. Despite some attacking brilliance late, London couldn't crack the Catalans defence and the passionate home crowd left with a duck egg next to their name in their home opener.

ST HELENS 28 HUDDERSFIELD 0

St Helens have maintained their undefeated start to 2024 after shutting the Huddersfield Giants out by 28-0.

Saints started fast and crossed for their first try after just 10 minutes. A clever Johnny Lomax grubber was grounded by Matt Whitely and the Catalans recruit had his third try in just the opening two games. Mark Percival converted for a 6-0 lead. Percival had a chance to extend the lead with a long range penalty 15 minutes later, but was waved away. Huddersfield had some chances to hit back and reduce the deficit. Adam Swift ran down field but was taken by new recruit Waqa Blake in the corner. A few minutes from the break, Saints collected their second when Sione Mata'utia crashed onto James Bell's pass to score. Percival converted for a 12-0 lead at the half.

Saints crossed 11 minutes after the resumption when Jack Welsby grounded Daryl Clark's well waited grubber. Saints went down to 12 men after Clark was sin binned for a professional foul jaggging Esan Marsters off the ball. Huddersfield threatened the line, but would remain scoreless during the sin bin period and the remainder of the match. Despite being down to 12, Saints finished with a flurry of tries. Welsby turned provider when he broke through before finding Jon Bennison. Morgan Knowles finished off the shutout charging over under the sticks in the closing stages.

SALFORD 26 CASTLEFORD 22

Salford have held on against a fast finishing Castleford side for a 26-22 victory which sees the Red Devils get off the mark for their first victory of 2024.

The Red Devils got the scoring underway inside the opening ten minutes when Marc Sneyd drew in the defence and delivered a wonderful pass to Sam Stone to cross for the opening try. Sneyd converted for a 6-0 lead. Three minutes later, the Red Devils continued their dominance with their second try. Brad Singleton attracted defenders to him, but Cas couldn't wrap the ball up and he found Amir Bourough to cross for their second and a 12-0 advantage. Castleford wouldn't let the fast start by their opponents get to them. In the 22nd minute, Jacob Miller delivered a wonderfully timed pass to Sam Wood who hit the gap superbly. Danny Richardson converted to cut the gap in half. Ten minutes later, the gap was cut to just two points when a shift down the right found points, Jack Broadbent managed to keep his feet in the field of play and ground the ball. Salford delivered a blow on half time when Sneyd put up a bomb and a flying Nene MacDonald jumped up and over Luke Hooley for an amazing try on the half time break to extend the margin to eight.

Eight minutes after the resumption, Sneyd and Stone combined once more. This time it was Sneyd's boot providing the assist, a instinctive grubber was grounded by Stone for his second try of the contest. With 25 minutes to go, George Lawler found a gap, before offloading the Joe Westerman who finished the job and scored. Sneyd added a penalty goal in the final quarter to give Salford a 10 point cushion, and those points would be critical. In the final moments of the game, Liam Horne was scouring around the ruck and collected another well timed offload to reduce the gap to just four points. However, they couldn't rally another attack and they would narrowly lose the match.

****WIGAN 28 LEIGH 6**

The Wigan warriors have returned to the top of the Super League table with a convincing 28-6 win over the Leigh Leopards. Leigh were looking for their first win in Wigan in over 40 years but the drought is set to continue.

Wigan started strongly and got the run of tries they required. First in the ninth minute, a loose pass was cleaned up by Junior Nsemba who beat some horrible defence to score the first try. Leigh worked hard to get back into the game, but a poor mistake coming out of yardage spelled trouble for the visitors. A quick shift left saw Liam Marshall in space before linking up with Jake Wardle to make it 10-0. Another Leigh mistake before the half saw Adam Keighran get through some woeful Leopards defence, Matt Moylan for one (despite the fact he played through injury) wouldn't like to see that on video. Wigan arguably sealed the game on half-time when Pat Mago got through some woeful defence to make it a 22-0 game at the change of ends.

Leigh were much competitive in the second half despite Moylan coming off with injury. John Asiata another who battled on despite clear signs of injury. Kai O'Donnell showed why he'll be hard to replace next year with a strong run after the break, he found Lachie Lam who reduced the gap to 16. Wigan out the final stamp on the game in the 58th minute when Kruiise Leeming capped a brilliant game with a grubber kick try assist for Harvie Hill.

ROUND 2 SCOREBOARD

Hull KR 22 (R. Hall, P. Hiku, S. Sue tries; J. Litten 5 goals) defeated Leeds 12 (A. Handley, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Thu, 22nd February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 8-6. Penalties: Hull KR 11-3. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,879.

Hull KR: Hiku, Evalds, Opacic, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Whitbread, Litten, King, Tanginoa, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Sue, Storton, Aydin, Hall. Leeds: Miller, Roberts, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Sangaré, Ackers, Goudemand, Bentley, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Donaldson, O'Connor, Lisone, Ruan.

Catalans 34 (T. Fages 2, T. Sims 2, J. Bousquet, J. Nikorima tries; A. Mourgue 5 goals) defeated London 0 at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Fri, 23rd February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-0. Penalties: Catalans 6-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 5,102.

London: Leyland, Kershaw, Storey, Miloudi, Macani; Campagnolo, Meadows; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebiji, Parata. Int: Jones, Stock, Williams, Bassett. Catalans: Mourgue, Johnstone, Romano, Ikuvalu, Yaha; Abdull, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: McMeeken, Nikorima, Satae, Dezaria.

Warrington 36 (J. Harrison, T. King, S. Powell, D. Walker, C. Wrench tries; J. Thewlis 6 goals) defeated Hull FC 10 (L. Martin, J. Walker tries; D. McIntosh goal) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 23rd February. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 8-6. Penalties: Warrington 11-10. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 9,431.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Wrench, Ashton; Hayes, Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Holroyd, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Musgrove, Powell, Wood. Hull FC: Walker, Barron, McIntosh, Sutcliffe, Martin; Hoy, Smith; Brown, Brown, Ashworth, Okunbor, Staveley, Lane. Int: Gardiner, Severs, Litten, Balmforth.

St Helens 28 (J. Bennison, M. Knowles, S. Mata'utia, J. Welsby, M. Whitley tries; M. Percival 3, T. Makinson goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th February. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 6,812.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Clune, Russell; Hill, Milner, Ikahihifo, Murchie, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Golding, English, Wilson, Salabio. St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Blake, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Lees, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Mata'utia, Bell, Wingfield, Delaney.

Salford 26 (S. Stone 2, A. Bourouh, N. Macdonald tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) defeated Castleford 22 (J. Broadbent, L. Horne, J. Westerman, S. Wood tries; L. Hooley 2, D. Richardson goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 18-10. Penalties: Castleford 9-6. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,770.

Salford: Brierley, Hankinson, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Singleton, Stone, Watkins, Shorrocks. Int: Atkin, Vuniyayawa, Wright, Hellewell. Castleford: Hooley, Qareqare, Broadbent, Wood, Senior; Richardson, Miller; Lawler, Horne, Putt, El-Zakhem, Tasipale, Westerman. Int: Milnes, Hall, Mustapha, Kibula.

Wigan 28 (H. Hill, A. Keighran, P. Mago, J. Nsemba, J. Wardle tries; A. Keighran 4 goals) defeated Leigh 6 (L. Lam try; D. McIntosh goal) at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Tue, 6th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0. Penalties: Leigh 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,249.

Wigan: Eckersley, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Dupree, Hill, Walters. Leigh: Moylan, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley; Hughes, Lam; Trout, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Dwyer, Hardaker, Pene, Davis.

ROUND 2 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	2	2	0	0	0	64	4
2	CATALANS	2	2	0	0	0	40	4
3	HULL KR	2	2	0	0	0	32	4
4	WIGAN**	1	1	0	0	0	28	2
5	WARRINGTON	2	1	0	1	0	20	2
6	SALFORD	2	1	0	1	0	-2	2
7	Leeds	2	1	0	1	0	-4	2
8	Huddersfield	2	1	0	1	0	-20	2
9	Leigh**	1	0	0	1	0	-8	0
10	Castleford	2	0	0	2	0	-32	0
11	Hull FC	2	0	0	2	0	-48	0
12	London	2	0	0	2	0	-70	0

**NOTE: Wigan and Leigh's match was postponed from February 23 owing to Wigan's participation in the World Club Challenge on the corresponding weekend.

The rescheduled fixture took place in early August. As a result, Wigan and Leigh will appear as having played one less game on all tables up until Round 21.

ROUND 2 SUSPENSIONS

Sam Lisone (LEE)	Grade D Head Contact	3 matches
James Donaldson (LEE)	Grade D Head Contact	2 matches
Liam Sutcliffe (HUL)	Grade D Referee Contact	2 matches

WIGAN 30 HUDDERSFIELD 18

Wigan Warriors followed their World Club Challenge victory against Penrith Panthers with a 30-18 win over a spirited Huddersfield Giants side. Winger Liam Marshall continued his excellent start to the season with a hat trick of tries, with further tries from Bevan French and Tyler Dupree.

Huddersfield lost 28-0 to against St Helens the previous week, and looked like they may be on the receiving end of another heavy defeat, as Wigan raced into an early lead. Liam Marshall opened the scoring after 12 minutes, cutting back in off the wing, wrong footing two defenders in the process. Bevan French extended Wigan's lead, combining well with Adam Keighran, who dummied, then offloaded, to put French through to score. A slick passing move in the 22nd minute put Marshall through for his second score of the night, extending Wigan's lead.

But Huddersfield came roaring back into the game, scoring two tries either side of half time. The first came following a brilliant pass from Adam Clune, which cut out two Huddersfield attackers to find Elliot Wallis, who dived to score in the corner. When Esan Marsters managed to miraculously offload the ball, despite the attentions of four Wigan defenders, to allow Adam Swift to score in the corner, Huddersfield were well and truly in the game at 18-10. The two sides then traded scores to set up an exciting finish. Liam Marshall completed his hat trick, before Jack Murchie picked Keighran's pocket in a contest for a high kick, to bring Huddersfield back into the contest with 10 minutes to play. But Wigan were too strong for the Giants, and when Tyler Dupree powered over from close range in the 75th minute, Huddersfield's resistance was broken. Harry Smith added the last of his 5 goals to complete a 30-18 victory for the Warriors.

ST HELENS 12 LEIGH 4

St Helens overcame a resolute Leigh side in a physical game, which saw controversy on and off the pitch. Leigh Leopards forward John Asiata sin binned after 41 seconds for targeting the legs of Sione Mata'utia, and Leopards' Director of Rugby, Chris Chester, was involved in a heated altercation with a St Helens fan after the match.

Asiata, who was also criticised for his tackle technique in a fiery Challenge Cup clash against Saints last season, was criticised by Saints coach, Paul Wellens, after the game was passionately defended by Leigh Head Coach, Adrian Lam. St Helens opened the scoring in the 30th minute, with Jack Welsby getting on the end of Matt Whitley's offload to score. Mark Percival missed the conversion, meaning the Saints led 4-0 at half time.

But Leigh struck back early in the second half, registering their first score in the 46th minute. Following a sharp break from full-back Gareth O'Brien, the Leopards moved the ball wide to veteran Zak Hardaker who beat the Saints' desperate goal line defence to level the scores at 4-4. But the deadlock only lasted 5 minutes, when Lewis Dodd beat two defenders in his own half, before releasing Tommy Makinson. Makinson still had plenty to do but was able to evade the chasing defence from 40 metres out to give Saints the lead, his momentum taking him over the line despite the valiant efforts of O'Brien. Mark Percival converted the try from in front of the posts, which gave the Saints a 10-4 lead. Brad Dwyer was shown a late yellow card for holding down in the tackle, which gave Percival the chance to add a further 2 points with the boot, and effectively end Leigh's hopes. Leigh's night was made worse by losing Asiata and Tom Briscoe to injury, which makes them doubts for Leigh's next fixture, at home against Leeds Rhinos, where they will be hoping to register their first win of the season. St Helens maintain their 100% start to the season, and host Salford Red Devils in their next fixture.

WARRINGTON 30 CASTLEFORD 8

Castleford Tigers' search for a first Super League win continued, as Sam Burgess' Warrington side eased to a 30-8 victory, helped by two tries from Matty Ashton.

Castleford took an unexpected early lead in the 10th minute, with Josh Simm finishing off a flowing move which saw the Tigers strike from deep inside their own half. But Warrington took the lead through Matty Ashton's first try, diving acrobatically to score following a brilliant miss pass from Matt Duffy. Stefan Ratchford converted the try, his first of 5 successful goals. Ashton extended Warrington's lead with a carbon copy finish, diving for the corner again, before Joe Philbin added another try before half time, finishing a flowing move which started inside the Wolves' half, with the hosts leading 20-4 at half time, following a Ratchford penalty on half time.

It took Warrington less than 2 minutes to open their account in the second half. After shifting the ball through hands from right to left, Matt Duffy stepped back inside, against the grain, beating 2 defenders to score under the posts. Castleford briefly threatened to fight back, through Innes Senior's try, which featured a remarkable pass from Danny Richardson who punched the ball overhand, like an overhead tennis smash, out to centre Sam Wood, who put Senior in for a simple finish in the corner. But any fleeting hopes of a comeback were extinguished thanks to Josh Thewlis's closing try. Warrington turned over the ball after Castleford lost possession, trying to force an opportunity. Thewlis took in Ben Currie's superb, backhanded offload to score the final try of the game. Warrington's victory moved them up to 3rd in the table, with 2 wins from 3 games, Castleford remain winless, following defeats to Salford and Wigan.

SALFORD 17 HULL FC 10

Salford upset the odds to register their second win of the season, beating Hull Kingston Rovers at the Salford Stadium. Marc Sneyd inspired the Red Devils with his metronomic kicking game, scoring four goals from four attempts and a drop goal.

Salford has been expected to struggle this season, having suffered from a number of high-profile departures, including losing influential pair Andy Ackers and Brodie Croft to Leeds Rhinos, but Paul Rowley's men continued their strong start to the season. Despite losing their star full back, Ryan Brierley in the warmup, Salford took the lead, after a tense opening 15 minutes. After Marc Sneyd dabbed a kick in goal, winger Deon Cross raced in to beat Jez Litten to the ball and open the scoring. Salford extended their lead in the 35th minute, this time in the right-hand corner, through their other winger, Chris Hankinson. Hankinson did well to collect Cade Cust's misdirected pass, which bobbed on the ground before Hankinson stooped to collect the ball and score. Sneyd converted both tries, and Salford led 12-0 at half time.

Sneyd extended Salford's lead to 16-0 by adding two further penalties before Hull KR's fought back. Cross was sin binned for obstruction, after preventing Joe Burgess from taking a quick 20 metre restart. Mikey Lewis found Peta Hiku, who made the most of KR's numerical advantage to score. But, with regular goal kicker Jez Litten off the field, stand in James Bachelor missed the conversion. But Hiku then received a yellow card of his own, this time for dissent, just as Cross returned to the field of play. Jez Litten gave Hull KR hope of completing the turnaround, with a try in the 65th minute. With the Robins still down to 12 men, Kelepi Tanginoa broke through the Salford line to put Litten in the clear. Litten then converted his own try, to reduce Salford's lead to just 6 points. Fittingly, Marc Sneyd scored the final point of the game. A strong carry from Ben Hellewell put Salford into position, and Sneyd coolly slotted the ball between the posts, his drop goal giving Salford a 17-10 victory.

LEEDS 18 CATALANS 10

Ash Handley continued his superb start to the season, scoring two tries as Leeds Rhinos maintained their 100% home record, beating Catalans Dragons 18-10 at AMT Headingley.

Injuries and suspensions to Leeds' forward pack left the Rhinos short on power in the front row, and at times the contest resembled a cruiserweight fighting a heavyweight in a boxing match, with the Rhinos playing expansive rugby, taking risks in their own half to counteract Les Dracs' physical advantage. The opening exchanges were dominated by the French side, not helped by a string of errors by Leeds - including Lachlan Miller dropping the kick off to put Leeds under pressure right from the start. But Leeds' defence held firm, typified by a brilliant tackle from Brodie Croft, which dislodged the ball with the Catalans in a dangerous pressure. Having soaked up significant pressure, it was the Rhinos who opened the scoring in the 27th minute through Ash Handley. Handley collected a pinpoint kick from Croft, showing some neat footwork in the process, controlling the kick before touching the ball down. Leeds extended their lead further before half time through England Centre, Harry Newman. The Video Ref judged that Harry Newman has grounded the ball, in the face of significant pressure from the Catalans defence.

In trying to prevent the try, Tariq Sims made contact with Newman's head, and Leeds were awarded a penalty try and Sims was yellow carded. Rhyse Martin missed the conversion, put kicked the penalty from in front of the posts to give Leeds a 10-0 lead against the run of play. Arthur Mourgue gave the Dragons a lifeline, converting a penalty before half time, before Catalans' superior physicality appeared to be taking its toll. Tevita Satae scored from a power play, barging over on the last play after a dummy from hooker Alrix Da Costa. Justin Sangare was then sin binned for the Rhinos after a high shot on Da Costa. But the Dragons' own ill discipline came back to haunt them, with Jordan Dezaia receiving a yellow card for a high tackle on Brodie Croft, meaning the two sides played 5 minutes with 12 men each. The Rhinos sealed victory, with another try which began in their own half. Man of the match Brodie Croft ran the ball on the 5th tackle, working the ball wide to Luis Roberts, whose attempted kick through was deflected by a Catalans hand. Leon Ruan broke through, before the ball was worked to Handley who scored in the corner, with Martin kicking the conversion to complete the scoring. Romain Navarette received a late yellow card, which ended the Catalans hopes of a fight back, and Leeds' rope-a-dope was complete, ending the Dragons' perfect start to the season.

HULL FC 28 LONDON 24

London battled valiantly before ultimately falling short of victory, in the battle of the winless sides, against Hull FC. FC looked on course for a comfortable win, when leading 16-4 at half time, but a spirited London side made them work for the points.

London took the lead through James Meadows, before Hull FC struck back. Tries from Nick Steveley, Matty Russell and Lewis Martin put Hull FC firmly in control, despite a sin bin for Russell reducing them to 12 men for a period.

After the break, London began to turn the game in their favour. Off season signing Lee Kershaw pulled the first try back, before Hakim Miloudi got on the end of Leyland's grubber kick through to close the gap to 2 points, with the score at 16-14. But Hull FC wrestled the initiative back through a converted Fa'amanu Brown's converted try, and looked likely winners at this stage. But a second try for Hakim Miloudi gave London a lifeline, again collecting Leyland kick through, and the game seemed destined for golden point when Robbie Storey levelled the scores. But Hull FC sealed the win thanks to a late try from Morgan Smith, taking two points from a game which was scrappy at times, but utterly enthralling. London may run missed conversions, with only scoring with 2 from 5 attempts, and Hull FC winning by a 4 point margin. Hull FC will be hoping to build on this result, although they face a daunting away trip to the south of France to play the Catalans Dragons, while London's wait for a first win may continue, as they host defending Super League and World Club Challenge holders, Wigan Warriors.

ROUND 3 SCOREBOARD

St Helens 12 (T. Makinson, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 2 goals) defeated **Leigh 4** (Z. Hardaker try) at **Totally Wicked Stadium**.

Date: Fri, 1st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 4-0. Penalties: St Helens 9-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 13,028.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Mata'utia, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Mbye, Bell, Wingfield, Delaney. Leigh: O'Brien, Briscoe, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Moylan, Lam; Hughes, Dwyer; Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata. Int: Norman, Davis, Nakubuawai, Trout.

Warrington 30 (M. Ashton 2, M. Dufty, J. Philbin, J. Thewlis tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) defeated **Castleford 8** (I. Senior, J. Simm tries) at **Halliwell Jones Stadium**.

Date: Fri, 1st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 20-4. Penalties: Warrington 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 8,483.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Ratchford, Ashton; Hayes, Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Holroyd, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Musgrove, Powell, Wood. Castleford: Hooley, Simm, Broadbent, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Lawler, Horne, Mustapha, El-Zakhem, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Putt, Hall, Kibula, Johnson.

Wigan 30 (L. Marshall 3, T. Dupree, B. French tries; H. Smith 5 goals) defeated **Huddersfield 16** (J. Murchie, A. Swift, E. Wallis tries; O. Russell 2 goals) at **DW Stadium**.

Date: Fri, 1st March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-4. Penalties: Huddersfield 11-7. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 15,357.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Dupree, Isa, Farrell, Ellis. Int: Mago, Byrne, Hill, Forber. Huddersfield: Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Russell, Clune; Hill, Milner; Ikahihifo, Murchie, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Golding, English, Wilson, Salabio.

Leeds 18 (A. Handley 2, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 3 goals) defeated **Catalans 10** (T. Satae try; A. Mourgue 3 goals) at **AMT Headingley Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 2nd March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 10-2. Penalties: Leeds 7-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 14,168.

Leeds: Miller, Roberts, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Sangaré, Ackers, Goudemand, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Holroyd, O'Connor, McDonnell, Ruan. Catalans: Mourgue, Johnstone, Romano, Ikuvalu, Yaha; Abdull, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia. Int: Séguier, Nikorima, Satae, Dezaria.

Salford 17 (D. Cross, C. Hankinson tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) defeated **Hull KR 10** (P. Hiku, J. Litten tries; J. Litten goal) at **Salford Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 2nd March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-0. Penalties: Salford 9-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 5,036.

Salford: Atkin, Hankinson, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Singleton, Stone, Watkins, Shorrocks. Int: Morgan, Vuniyayawa, Wright, Hellewell. Hull KR: Hiku, Burgess, Opacic, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Hadley, Litten, Whitbread, Tanginoa, Batchelor, Minchella. Int: Sue, King, Parcell, Luckley.

Hull FC 28 (F. Brown, L. Martin, M. Russell, M. Smith, N. Staveley tries; D. McIntosh 4 goals) defeated **London 24** (H. Miloudi 2, L. Kershaw, J. Meadows, R. Storey tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at **MKM Stadium**.

Date: Sun, 3rd March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 16-4. Penalties: London 9-8. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 10,066.

Hull FC: Walker, Russell, McIntosh, Tuimavave, Martin; Smith, Brown; Ashworth, Houghton (C), Sao, Okunbor; Staveley, Lane. Int: Brown, Bullock, Charles. London: Leyland, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Campagnolo, Meadows; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Jones, Parata. Int: Macani, Stock, Williams, Rogers.

ROUND 3 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	3	3	0	0	0	72	6
2	WIGAN	2	2	0	0	0	42	4
3	WARRINGTON	3	2	0	1	0	42	4
4	CATALANS	3	2	0	1	0	32	4
5	HULL KR	3	2	0	1	0	25	4
6	SALFORD	3	2	0	1	0	5	4
7	Leeds	3	2	0	1	0	4	4
8	Huddersfield	3	1	0	2	0	-34	2
9	Hull FC	3	1	0	2	0	-44	2
10	Leigh	2	0	0	2	0	-16	0
11	Castleford	3	0	0	3	0	-54	0
12	London	3	0	0	3	0	-74	0

ROUND 3 SUSPENSIONS

Konrad Hurrell (STH)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match
James Bentley (LEE)	Grade B Striking	1 match
Jack Brown (HUL)	Grade B Throw/Lift	1 match
Adam Milner (HUD)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match

WARRINGTON 22 HULL KR 20

Life under Sam Burgess continues to improve for Warrington after a narrow 22-20 win over Hull KR away from home.

Warrington opened the scoring after seven minutes when Matt Dufty schemed around before finding George Williams who beat some flimsy Rovers goal-line defence to crash over. Josh Thewlis added the extras for a 6-0 lead. Seven minutes later, Wire extended their lead when Leon Hayes delivered a clever kick into the in-goal which was spilled by Peta Hiku. Matty Ashton was jolly on the spot to collect the scraps and a 10-0 lead for the visitors. Fortunately for the home crowd, Rovers woke up three minutes later and found their first try when Tyrone May outlept Dufty to cross for a great individual try. At the 25 minute mark, the left edge of Mikey Lewis and Oliver Gildart combined to send Ryan Hall sprinting away down the sideline and Rovers gained the lead for the first time courtesy of Jez Litten's boot to lead 12-10. James Batchelor spilled a golden opportunity in the 32nd minute that would prove costly for the home side. Six minutes later, the Wire capitalised and Toby King crossed out wide after some great lead up work from Lachlan Fitzgibbon. Warrington weren't finished before the break when Connor Wrench toed the ball ahead and won the race to the loose ball to lead 18-12 at the break.

Rovers started strongly in the second half and got the rewards in the 57th minute. Lewis broke some fragile Wire defence with a rainbow pass to Hall before he kept the play alive with a miraculous ball to Gildart to cross. Five minutes later, the same set play worked on the right when May delivered a magic ball to Tom Opacic who crossed out wide and Rovers held a 20-18 lead. Dufty stole victory for the visitors inside the final 10 minutes when he broke through off a scrum play to secure the Wire's third straight win.

WIGAN 60 LONDON 22

The London Broncos tough initiation back into the grind of Super League football continued with a 60-22 loss to the defending champions Wigan.

A tough challenge was made harder early when an unforced error from London gave Wigan possession. They immediately capitalised and crossed after shifting the ball fast and efficiently to find Jacob Wardle who crossed for the opening try. Five minutes later, Abbas Miski charged across from dummy half and it was a quick fire 10-0 lead after 10 minutes. London were able to hit back four minutes later, Oliver Layland stepped through some defenders before finding Jacob Jones to give London some much needed points on the board and cut the margin to 4. But a team like Wigan were always going to pose a threat. Tyler Dupree crashed over three minutes later after a tenacious effort to get the ball to the ground. Ten minutes later, Harvie Hill made an impact with his first touch to crash over the top of some would be tacklers for a try, making the score quickly blow out to 22-4. London would get the final try of the half, Lee Kershaw finishing off acrobatically in the left corner making it a 22-10 half-time deficit for the home side.

London miraculously scored first in the second half, a misfielded kick was recovered by Rhys Kennedy who found Jordan Williams to crash over and cut the gap to six. Rob Butler was sent to the sinbin for a dangerous tackle, Adam Keighran added two points to extend the margin to eight. The Warriors took full advantage of the 12-man Broncos side, crossing for two tries courtesy of a dummy half dart by Brad O'Neill in the 49th minute and Patrick Mago in the 54th minute from short range and the game quickly fell out of London's grasp. Zach Eckersley added his name to the scorer's list after backing up a break on the hour mark. Ryan Hampshire added another five minutes later, breaking through some pedestrian and fatigued London defence. London added a try in the final ten when Kershaw again finished off spectacularly in the corner before two quick ones from Hill and Keighran saw the Warriors put 60 on London for the third time since 2013.

SALFORD 24 ST HELENS 20

Salford have overcome a 20-6 victory to defeat a 12 man St Helens side by 24-20 at Totally Wicked Stadium winning at St Helens for the first time in 44 years.

Both sides were guilty of making mistakes in the early going. But it was Salford's mistakes in their own end that proved most costly after ten minutes. From a scrum win, St Helens shifted the ball left and the ever dangerous Jack Welsby sprinted past the cover defence to score the opening points of the evening. Mark Percival's conversion attempt was unsuccessful. Eight minutes later, Saints were in again. Some simple shape saw Sione Mata'utia bust through the line before finding Lewis Dodd who sprinted away to add a second try on the board. Percival's conversion attempt bounced off the left hand upright and the score remained at 8-0. Salford slowly began to work their way back into the contest and got their reward at the 24 minute mark after Saints failed to recover the kickoff. The ball began to move across the backline and Deon Cross got the ball with plenty of work to do, but he beat the sliding cover defence from Saints and crossed for the visitors. Marc Sneyd added the extras from touch and the margin was cut significantly down to just two points. With just 5 and a half to go until the break, Johnny Lomax schemed around the field before finding a man in Percival who crashed over to score. He converted his own try for a 14-6 lead to the Saints at the break.

The second half started horrifically for Saints when Percival was given a red card for a forceful head high tackle off the ball. Saints edge defence held firm early in the send off period and held out several Red Devil raids. Despite being down to 12, Dodd crossed for his second try in the 58th minute with a dummy and run, fully capitalising on a controversial forward pass call against Salford. Dodd converted his own try and it was 20-6. Salford did hit back 17 minutes from time when Nene MacDonald crashed his way over down the right hand side where Saints were vulnerable in defence. Sneyd converted for an eight point gap. Salford continued to close the gap when Chris Atkin stepped his way past some would-be defenders to crash over with 11 minutes to play. Tim Lafai showcased his silky skills delivering a miraculous flick pass which found Cross in the last five minutes to give the Salford Red Devils a narrow lead. Sneyd's conversion gave the Red Devils a four point lead. Saints had chances to win it late, but put the ball down in the critical moments to spill the chances of victory.

HUDDERSFIELD 50 CASTLEFORD 8

The Huddersfield Giants have compounded Castleford's woes by piling on the points in a 50-8 massacre of the Tigers at the Jungle.

The Giants crossed for the opening try inside 7 minutes when Adam Swift crossed for the first of his two tries in the corner after some slick hands. Oli Russell added the extras for an early 6-0 lead. This was soon doubled when Adam Clune chipped over the top and regathered for the visitors to cross for a second try in fifteen minutes, with Russell's conversion it was 12-0 rather quickly. Castleford hit back when Innes Senior crossed after 25 minutes when he showcased his power to cross down the left edge. Luke Hooley's kick hit the post and it remained a tight contest at 12-4. But, Huddersfield showed their class late in the half to extend their lead. Sam Halsall crossing in the corner for the visitors (33rd minute) with Russell's kick missed. This was made up for a penalty goal by Russell three minutes later for an 18-4 lead. Sam Hewitt crossed before the half to make the score 24-4.

Senior crossed for the Tigers ten minutes after the resumption after showcasing some stepping and skill to put the ball down for the home side. Hooley's kick was again narrowly wide to reduce the gap to 16 but that was as close as they got. Huddersfield ran in five tries in the last 20 minutes of play with Leroy Cudjoe crossing for a double while further tries for Swift, Halsall (adding to their first half tries) and Naiqama crossing to add some further salt into the wound for the Castleford Tigers looking for their first win of the season. That being said, there are still some major question marks for the side as they look to avoid the relegation battle yet again in 2024.

LEEDS 22 LEIGH 16

The Leeds Rhinos have come back from 16-0 down away from home to pull out a 22-16 win over the Leigh Leopards.

Leigh opened the scoring early despite early Leeds pressure on their own line. It was a well worked set move in the 13th minute which allowed Gareth O'Brien to burst through a gap down the left hand side to put Leigh up 4-0. The conversion attempt was waved away. Seven minutes later, the Rhinos were made to pay for conceding a seven tackle set. Zak Hardaker set his team up brilliantly before later in the set, the Aussie trio of Matt Moylan, Lachie Lam and Kai O'Donnell combined brilliantly for a move we saw end in points galore for Leigh last season. A crash ball from Lam to O'Donnell and the big backrower crashed over to score. Moylan finally gave Leigh a successful conversion in 2024 to lead 10-0. Leeds continued to make mistakes and the Leopards had the class to cross for their third try. Umyla Hanley crossed on his home debut finishing off a silky backline play, and the Rhinos were shellshocked conceding three tries in 14 minutes and trailed 14-0. Moylan added a penalty goal as Leeds discipline continued to let them down to extend the deficit to 16. Tom Amone was denied a try for a double movement just before the break, but it was still a handy 16-0 lead at the break.

Rohan Smith's men started stronger in the second half and it was a good ball from Brodie Croft to Rhys Martin who ran over the top of Moylan to score for the Rhinos in the 48th minute. He duly converted his own try and the gap was cut to just 10 points. Leeds were starting to gain ascendancy, Andy Ackers broke through a few moments later and following a shift, O'Brien ended up in the sin-bin for a professional foul to reduce Leigh to 12 men. Just past the hour mark, they made the Leopards pay for going down to 12 when Matt Frawley crossed for a great individual try with a dummy and run to cross under the posts. Leeds continued their charge off the next set when Martin toed ahead, Ash Handley secured it and found Paul Momirovski who got it on back inside to Handley to level the scores at 16 all. Martin's kick just missed and we remained level. Leeds recovered quickly and it was again another move down the left edge where Martin, Croft and Handley combined to send the winger away for his second and put the Rhinos in front by six points. To further compound the collapse, Lam was carried off in the 71st minute with a lower leg injury. Justin Sangare was sin-binned for Leeds after repeated foul play penalties, but Leigh lacked direction late without Lam on and Leeds were able to survive and hang on for a tenacious comeback victory.

CATALANS 26 HULL FC 12

Catalans have rebounded from last week's loss to Leeds with a 26-12 win over Hull FC at home.

The Dragons crossed after barely any time at all. Theo Fages turned Mike McMeekan on an unders play and he broke through before finding Jayden Nikorima and after 36 seconds of play, the Dragons had a 6-0 lead. Ten minutes later, they added a second try when Nikorima this time turned provider with a lovely short pass to Matthieu Laguerre to slide over. Abdull's two conversions gave the home side a nice 12-0 cushion. Hull were competitive and made Catalans earn their victory, fighting back in the 18th minute courtesy of Fa'amanu Brown. Brown finished off a clever little grubber kick that failed to be taken care of by the Dragons and touched down for the visitors to cut the lead in half. Arthur Mourgue added a penalty goal five minutes from time. The penalty also resulted in Jack Ashworth being yellow carded for a high tackle to give the home side an eight-point lead (14-6).

Hull FC again started strong in the second half and got rewarded. Jack Walker finished off a bizarre movement when the pass was touched by Catalans but came off the head of a Hull player. The ball landed in Walker's arms for a fair try and with the sideline conversion, it was well and truly game on. However, the second half from there was all Catalans as they added two tries to run away comfortable winners. First, Mourgue added to his tally of points with a solo piece of brilliance. Receiving the ball 5 or so metres away from the line, he broke through a handful of tackles to cross and put the margin beyond two scores (58th minute). The match was sealed 11 minutes from time when Fages delivered a peach of a pass to Tom Davies to secure a 26-12 verdict.

ROUND 4 SCOREBOARD

Warrington 22 (M. Ashton, M. Dufty, T. King, G. Williams, C. Wrench tries; J. Thewlis goal) defeated **Hull KR 20** (O. Gildart, R. Hall, T. May, T. Opacic tries; J. Litten 2 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Thu, 7th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-12. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 9,524.

Hull KR: Hiku, Evalds, Opacic, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Hadley, Litten, Whitbread, Tanginoa, Batchelor; Minchella (C). Int: Sue, King, Parcell, Luckley. **Warrington:** Dufty, Thewlis, King, Wrench, Ashton; Williams (C), Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Holroyd, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Crowther, Musgrove, Powell.

Huddersfield 50 (L. Cudjoe 2, S. Halsall 2, A. Swift 2, A. Clune, S. Hewitt, K. Naiqama tries; O. Russell 7 goals) defeated **Castleford 8** (I. Senior 2 tries) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Fri, 8th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 24-4. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 7,040.

Castleford: Hooley, Simm, Mellor, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Lawler, Horne, Namu, Johnson, Tasipale, Westerman (C). Int: Broadbent, Putt, Hall, Vete. **Huddersfield:** Connor, Halsall, Marsters, Naiqama, Swift; Russell, Clune; Hill, Golding, Ikahihifo, Murchie, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Lolohea, Yates (C), Wilson, Salabio.

Leeds 22 (A. Handley 2, M. Frawley, R. Martin tries; R. Martin 3 goals) defeated **Leigh 16** (U. Hanley, G. O'Brien, K. O'Donnell tries; M. Moylan 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 8th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-0. Penalties: Leigh 12-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,794.

Leigh: O'Brien, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Moylan, Lam (C); Hughes, Dwyer, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Amone. Int: Norman, Davis, Trout, Nakubuwai. **Leeds:** Miller, Roberts, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Goudemand, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Holroyd, O'Connor, Sangaré, Ruan.

Salford 24 (D. Cross 2, C. Atkin, N. Macdonald tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) defeated **St Helens 20** (L. Dodd 2, M. Percival, J. Welsby tries; L. Dodd, M. Percival goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 8th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 14-6. Penalties: St Helens 7-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 11,548.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Blake, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Mata'utia, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Mbye, Bell, Wingfield, Delaney. **Salford:** Brierley, Hankinson, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Singleton, Stone, Watkins (C), Shorrocks. Int: Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Wright, Hellewell.

Wigan 60 (H. Hill 2, T. Dupree, Z. Eckersley, R. Hampshire, A. Keighran, P. Mago, A. Miski, B. O'Neill, J. Wardle tries; A. Keighran 10 goals) defeated **London 22** (L. Kershaw 2, J. Jones, J. Williams tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-10. Penalties: London 11-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,116.

London: Miloudi, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Rogers, Lovell (C), Jones, Stock. Int: Butterworth, Butler, Williams, Walker. **Wigan:** Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Eckersley; Hampshire, Farrimond; Thompson, O'Neill, Dupree, Isa, Farrell (C), Mago. Int: Hill, Nsemba, Chan, Forber.

Catalans 26 (T. Davies, M. Laguerre, A. Mourgue, J. Nikorima tries; A. Mourgue 3, J. Abdull 2 goals) defeated **Hull FC 12** (F. Brown, J. Walker tries; D. McIntosh 2 goals) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 9th March. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-6. Penalties: Catalans 8-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,140.

Catalans: Nikorima, Davies, Ikuvalu, Laguerre, Johnstone; Abdull, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Sims, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Mourgue, Séguier, Satae, Dezaria. **Hull FC:** Walker, Russell, Tuimavave, McIntosh, Martin; Smith, Brown; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Sao, Okunbor, Staveley, Lane. Int: Ashworth, Bullock, Gardiner, Hoy.

ROUND 4 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	3	3	0	0	0	80	6
2	ST HELENS	4	3	0	1	0	68	6
3	CATALANS	4	3	0	1	0	46	6
4	WARRINGTON	4	3	0	1	0	44	6
5	LEEDS	4	3	0	1	0	10	6
6	SALFORD	4	3	0	1	0	9	6
7	Hull KR	4	2	0	2	0	23	4
8	Huddersfield	4	2	0	2	0	8	4
9	Hull FC	4	1	0	3	0	-58	2
10	Leigh	3	0	0	3	0	-22	0
11	Castleford	4	0	0	4	0	-96	0
12	London	4	0	0	4	0	-112	0

ROUND 4 SUSPENSIONS

Jack Ashworth (HUL) Grade C Head Contact 2 matches
 Mark Percival (STH) Grade D Head Contact 2 matches

WIGAN 22 SALFORD 12

Defending champions, Wigan Warriors, continued their unbeaten start to the Super League season, but were made to work hard by a results Salford Red Devils side, who continue to pre-season predictions of doom.

Late tries from Jake Wardle and Bevan French eventually sealed a win for Wigan, but this does no justice to the late drama that unfolded. The game started in gruelling fashion, with Salford applying early pressure, but remained scoreless for the first 39 minutes, until Liam Marshall opened the scoring for Wigan the last play before half time. Wigan worked the ball to Jai Field 20 metres out, who threaded a deft grubber kick through for Marshall to collect and touch down in the corner.

Wigan then extended their lead early in the second half, a score which looked like it may end Salford's chances. Another flowing passing move, this time from left to right, saw the ball worked out to Abbas Miski, who dived in for a simple finish in the corner. Harry Smith kicked the conversion from the touchline to extend to score to 0-10. But Paul Rowley's Salford side have demonstrated their fighting spirit, and they refused to give up in this game, boosted by a shock win against St Helens the previous weekend. Marc Sneyd has been instrumental in their good early form, and it was through his boot that they grabbed a lifeline in this game. Salford worked their way to 20 metres from goal, which gave Sneyd an excellent position to kick through for Sam Stone to gather and score under the posts, with Sneyd making no mistake with the conversion. Salford then took an unexpected lead, threatening another famous upset. Another Sneyd kick, this time hoisted into the air near the left touchline, saw Abbas Miski spill the ball, under pressure from Ethan Ryan. The ball dropped into the grateful hands of Tim Lafai, who touched down to level the scores, with Sneyd's conversion putting Salford 12-10 ahead. Salford appeared set for victory, when Smith received a yellow card, reducing Wigan to 12 men for the closing stages, taking out Ryan Brierley off the ball as Salford threatened to extend their lead. But after inspiring Salford, it was Sneyd who played a hand in their defeat. Under the face of Wigan pressure, Sneyd attempted a short drop out, which David Nofaluma dropped. Jake Wardle scooped up the loose ball and ran in unopposed to score the decisive try, which was converted by Adam Keighran. Bevan French scored a late try, which Keighran converted, to extend Wigan's final margin of victory to 12-22, but it was Sneyd's moment of madness in the 76th minute which finally swung the game in their favour.

ST HELENS 18 LEEDS 8

A second half blitz from St Helens was enough for them to take the points in a pulsating encounter at AMT Headingley, in which the Rhinos demonstrated, simultaneously, how far they have come, and how far they still have to go if they wish to challenge for honours this season.

Leeds started the game fast, showing the best of what Rohan Smith is trying to build, displaying their speed, agility, and handling skills, as well as a defensive intensity which put the Saints on the back foot. Lachie Miller, in particular, impressed, dodging several tackles, and giving Leeds momentum with his runs from full back. Leeds nearly took the lead in the opening minutes, with a try saving tackle from Lewis Dodd denying Harry Newman, after a flowing Rhinos move. But Leeds did open the scoring in the 10th minute, through rookie winger Luis Roberts. A good passing move from left to right ended with a looping pass from the influential Brodie Croft out to winger Roberts. St Helens appeared to have numbers on hand, but Roberts' inside step against the grain took three defenders out of the game, allowing him to open the scoring, with Rhysie Martin adding the conversion. Leeds then extended their lead to 8-0, through the boot of Martin, who

kicked a simple penalty from 35 metres out. But the introduction of James Bell from the bench for St Helens swung the momentum in their favour, and Saints scored in the 35th minute to give themselves a lifeline. After a passage of play in which St Helens won the arm wrestle and became increasingly dominant, the Leeds defence did not deal with a high kick to the left corner from Lewis Dodd. The ball found its way into the hands of Waqa Blake, who burrowed his way over to score. Jonny Lomax's conversion from the touchline meant Leeds went in 8-6 ahead at half-time, but it was the Saints who had the momentum.

The two sides traded spells of pressure at the beginning of the second half, but it was Saints who eventually added the first score of the second half. This time it was St Helens' turn to move the ball from left to right, with slick passing and a brilliant final cut pass from Lomax exploited a gap in the Leeds defence, which allowed Jon Bennison to score in the corner after 57 minutes, with Lomax again converting from the touchline. The Rhinos then compounded this score with back-to-back errors. Lachie Miller, who had been so impressive in the first half, put too much on his kick off and the ball sailed out on the full. The Saints took full advantage of the field position through replacement hooker, Moses Mbye. With the Leeds defence scrambling, he picked up the ball at dummy half and threw an outrageous dummy, which opposite number Jarrod O'Connor bought hook, line, and sinker, creating a gap for him to dive over, under the posts. Lomax made mistake with the extras, extending Saints' lead to an unassailable 8-18.

HULL KR 24 HUDDERSFIELD 12

Hull Kingston Rovers got their season back on track, following back-to-back defeats in the earlier rounds, overcoming the Huddersfield Giants, who continue to show signs of improvement despite this defeat.

Hull KR broke the deadlock in the third minute with a move from the base of a scrum 20 metres out. Full back, Niall Evalds, joined the attacking line before quickly moving the ball out to the right wing for Joe Burgess to score in the corner, to give the Robins a 0-4 lead. They extended their lead in the 23rd minute, but this time it was their defence which earned the try, rather than their flowing attack. With Huddersfield in possession pinned near their own try line, three Hull KR defenders met Sam Halsall and pushed him back behind his own line. Halsall lost the ball in the contact, which allowed Jez Litten to touch the ball down for an opportunistic score, which gave Rovers a 0-8 lead at half time.

Hull KR threatened to blow the Giants away in the second half, starting with Petr Hiku's try in the 43rd minute. Star man, Mikey Lewis, chipped a kick into the right centre's channel, and Hiku was able to out jump the Huddersfield defence to collect and score, with Litten adding his first conversion of the game. Hiku then extended KR's lead, largely thanks to Evalds, who broke brilliantly from deep after a slick passing move in Hull KR's own half. Evalds pass inside to Hiku was touched by the flailing hand of Tui Lolohea, who was scrambling back for the Giants, but he could only knock the ball down. Hiku was able to collect the loose ball and score, with Litten adding the extras to extend their lead to 0-20. When Ryan Hall scored in the 62nd minute, after more excellent play from Niall Evalds, Huddersfield looked like they could sink without a trace, but head coach Ian Watson can take heart from the fact his side did not capitulate. Huddersfield scored their first try from a brilliant Naiqama line, cutting in from the right centre position to exploit a gap in the Hull KR defence to score under the posts in the 66th minute. Then Adam Swift stepped inside the covering defence to add Huddersfield's second try, in the 76th minute, and whilst it was too late for Hull KR to be worried about throwing away their lead, it showed the resilience in the Huddersfield side. Jake Connor converted both scored to give the scoreline a respectable feel, with Hull KR winning 12-24.

LEIGH 54 HULL FC 4

If Leigh Leopards were guilty of throwing away a lead against Leeds Rhinos in the previous round, they were never in danger of doing so against Hull FC, cruising to an impressive 6-54 victory at the MKM stadium, consigning the Airlie Birds to a fourth defeat of the season.

Leigh wasted no time in opening the scoring, working the ball through hands from left to right, releasing Umyla Hanley to score the first try of the game in the corner in the 4th minute. This was followed by an acrobatic score in the left-hand corner by Josh Charnley, after good work from Ricky Leutele to draw in 2 Hull FC defenders before offloading. Matt Moylan kicked the first of 9 goals to make the score 0-10. But when Hull FC scored in the 11th minute, it appeared that the game would be a real contest. After a quick play the ball 20 metres from the Leigh line, a Tex Hoy dummy broke the Leigh defensive line, with the Australian going over for FC's first score. But Leigh hit back definitively, with back-to-back tries before the 20-minute mark. Ricky Leutele scored his first try of the game, evading the Hull FC covering defence with a smart inside step before touching down. Powerhouse forward, Robbie Mulhern extended Leigh's lead, crashing onto a short pass from hooker Brad Dwyer to score from close range, with Moylan converting both tries. Leigh scored again before half time, through ex-Hull FC player, Ben McNamara. A neat passing move but second-row Kai O'Donnell into space, who seemed destined to score. A brilliant covering tackle from full-back, Hoy, only delayed the inevitable, with Leigh scoring from the next play, giving them a 4-34 lead at half time, after a Moylan penalty on the stroke of the internal.

The second half was one to forget for Hull FC, and Oliver Holmes took just eight minutes to open the scoring. Ben McNamara tipped back an offload, into the hands of Holmes, who scored under the posts. Holmes added his second try of the game in the 53rd minute, after Zak Hardaker's smart offload put Ben McNamara through. His inside ball released Holmes, who showed a smart turn of pace to finish off from 30 metres out. Moylan scored his first try of the night, capitalising on some passive Hull FC defending to run in unopposed. Moylan then turned provider for Leutele, releasing the centre for his second score of the game to round off a 4-54 win for the Leopards. Hull FC's experienced head coach, Tony Smith, will have serious concerns about his side's lack of fight going into their Challenge Cup game against Huddersfield next weekend.

CATALANS 40 CASTLEFORD 14

A week after conceding 50 points against Huddersfield - a defeat which Castleford Head Coach, Craig Lingard described as embarrassing - the Tigers produced a creditable, if ultimately fruitless, display in the South of France, losing 40-14 to a superior Catalans Dragons side.

Realistically, winless Castleford held little hope for a victory, but after Lingard's public criticism of his side, they had to produce a better display in Perpignan. And whilst the Dragons were comfortable winners, there were some signs of fight from Castleford. Catalans Dragons fullback, Arthur Mourgue opened the scoring for Les Dracs after 15 minutes, throwing a cute dummy before ghosting over the line. Jordan Abdull extended their lead, producing a near carbon copy of Mourgue's try, again dummieing on almost the same square of grass and cutting inside to score. Mourgue converted Abdull's try to give Les Dracs a 10-0 lead, the first of six successful conversions. Castleford struck back in the 34th minute, through forward Joe Westerman. Westerman took in a pass close to the line and barged through to exploit a hole in the defence, going down to score under the posts, with the extras added by Rowan Milnes. Catalans hit back immediately, working the ball wide from a scrum, with the influential Mourgue releasing Tom Johnstone to dive into the corner. Mourgue converted the try to give the Dragons a 16-6 lead at half time.

It did not take the side from Perpignan long to extend their lead in the second half, more slick passing from Les Dracs shifted the ball from right to left, before a smart final pass from Mourgue released centre, Mathieu Laguerre, to score. Another decisive pass from Mourgue put Tom Davies over in the right corner for the fifth Catalans try of the night, both of which were converted by Mourgue, extending the lead to 28-6. But Castleford refused to lie down, and registered their second try of the night, with another set play from the base of the scrum, working the ball out to Josh Simm, who showed good pace to run in, in the corner in the 55th minute. The faint hopes of a Castleford fightback were quickly extinguished, however, when a smart pass from Theo Fages released Matt Ikuvalu to score from close range. Cesar Rouge then got his first try of the game, diving over from dummy half. Mourgue's conversion made the score 40-10. Castleford registered the final score of the game, Simm collecting a neat kick through from Milnes to make it 40-14, but it was scant consolation in another heavy defeat. Catalans are now joint top of the table, with four wins from five, whilst the Tigers stay winless, saved from the bottom spot only on points difference.

WARRINGTON 58 LONDON 4

Warrington Wolves continued Sam Burgess' impressive start to life as a head coach, running in comfortable 4-58 winners against the league's bottom side, London Broncos.

Matt Dufty's first try was the pick of the scores, as he collected an attempted kick through by Hakim Miloudi, before racing 85 metres to score. Warrington opened the scoring in this one-sided contest through young forward, Adam Holroyd, his first try for Warrington. Stefan Ratchford added the conversion, before Josh Thewlis dived into the corner to extend Warrington's lead. Adam Holroyd scored his second of the game, latching onto a pass from Connor Wrench, with Ratchford kicking the goal to extend the Warrington lead to 0-18. Paul Vaughan was held up over the line as Warrington threatened again, before London opened their account through Hakim Miloudi, who dived over in the corner to score, but was unable to convert his own try. But Miloudi went from hero to villain shortly after, as his attempted kick through was picked up by Dufty. Dufty showed electric pace to escape the London defence and never looked likely to be caught as he raced home to score from deep within his own half, Ratchford added the conversion to give Warrington a 24-4 lead at half time.

Things went from bad to worse immediately in the second half for London, who surrendered possession deep in their own half from the restart, allowing Thewlis to go over to score. A steady trickle of tries then became a deluge, as Thewlis crossed for his second try of the game, before going in again in the corner for his hat trick. Ratchford converted both tries to maintain his perfect record of seven from seven. Prop forward James Harrison got in on the act, picking up a deflected kick through before beating the last defender to score his first try of the game. Matt Dufty then completed his hat trick in the 65th minute, bringing up Warrington's half century in the process, with Ratchford's conversion taking the score to 52-4. Ratchford grabbed a try for himself in the 72nd minute, picking up the ball after Paul Vaughan's attempted offload hit the deck. Ratchford dummied a pass to the wing, before cutting through the resulting gap to score from close range, adding another conversion to his personal tally of 22 points of Warrington's 58. London pushed for a late consolation, but Warrington's defence held firm and the Wolves took a comfortable two points. London's wait for a first win continues and based on today's evidence, it could be a long one. Sterner tests lie ahead for Warrington, but Sam Burgess can be happy with his start to life as a coach.

ROUND 5 SCOREBOARD

Wigan 22 (B. French, L. Marshall, A. Miski, J. Wardle tries; A. Keighran 2, H. Smith goals) defeated Salford 12 (T. Lafai, S. Stone tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Thu, 14th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 4-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 6,087.

Salford: Brierley, Nofaluma, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Dixon, Bourouh, Vuniyayawa, Stone, Watkins, Shorrocks. Int: Ryan, Wright, Foster, Dudson. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Byrne, Isa, Farrell, Ellis. Int: Dupree, Mago, Hill, Forber.

St Helens 18 (J. Bennison, W. Blake, M. Mbye tries; J. Lomax 3 goals) defeated Leeds 8 (L. Roberts try; R. Martin 2 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 8-6. Penalties: Leeds 8-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 15,284.

Leeds: Miller, Handley, Martin, Newman, Roberts; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Bentley, Smith. Int: Holroyd, Edgell, O'Connor, Goudemand. St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Blake, Bennison; Lomax, Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Lees, Whitley, Mata'utia, Knowles. Int: Batchelor, Mbye, Bell, Wingfield.

Hull KR 24 (P. Hiku 2, J. Burgess, R. Hall, J. Litten tries; J. Litten 2 goals) defeated Huddersfield 12 (K. Naiqama, A. Swift tries; J. Connor 2 goals) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 8-0. Penalties: Hull KR 7-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 5,428.

Huddersfield: Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Halsall; Russell, Clune; Hill, Milner, Ikahihifo, Murchie, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Lolohea, Yates, Rushton, Wilson. Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella. Int: King, Parcell, Luckley, Tanginoa.

Leigh 54 (O. Holmes 2, R. Leutele 2, J. Charnley, U. Hanley, B. McNamara, M. Moylan, R. Mulhern tries; M. Moylan 9 goals) defeated Hull FC 4 (T. Hoy try) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 30-4. Penalties: Leigh 4-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 10,227.

Hull FC: Hoy, McIntosh, Tuimavave, Sutcliffe, Tindall; Smith, Brown; Ese'ese, Houghton, Sao, Okunbor, Staveley, Lane. Int: Pele, Scott, Brown, Gardiner. Leigh: O'Brien, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Moylan, McNamara; Norman, Dwyer; Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Trout, Nakubuwai, Holmes, Davis.

Catalans 40 (J. Abdull, T. Davies, M. Ikuvalu, T. Johnstone, M. Laguerre, A. Mourgue, C. Rougé tries; A. Mourgue 6 goals) defeated Castleford 14 (J. Simm 2, J. Westerman tries; R. Milnes goal) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 16th March. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 16-6. Penalties: Catalans 5-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 8,159.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Ikuvalu, Laguerre, Johnstone; Abdull, Fages; McMeeken, Garcia, Navarrete, Sims, Séguier, Sironen. Int: Bousquet, Rougé, Dezaria, Maria. Castleford: Broadbent, Simm, Tasipale, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Lawler, Horne, Hall, Martin, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Hooley, Robb, Kibula, Vete.

Warrington 58 (M. Dufty 3, J. Thewlis 3, A. Holroyd 2, J. Harrison, S. Ratchford tries; S. Ratchford 9 goals) defeated London 4 (H. Miloudi try) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 24-4. Penalties: London 3-2. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 3,324.

London: Walker, Kershaw, Bassett, Miloudi, Macani; Campagnolo, Meadows; Butler, Butterworth, Rogers, Lovell, Jones, Parata. Int: Williams, Kennedy, Leyland, Stock. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Wrench, Ashton; Ratchford, Hayes; Harrison, Powell, Vaughan, Holroyd, Philbin, Crowther. Int: Musgrove, Bullock, Whitehead, Wood.

ROUND 5 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WARRINGTON	5	4	0	1	0	98	8
2	WIGAN	4	4	0	0	0	90	8
3	ST HELENS	5	4	0	1	0	78	8
4	CATALANS	5	4	0	1	0	72	8
5	HULL KR	5	3	0	2	0	35	6
6	LEEDS	5	3	0	2	0	0	6
7	Salford	5	3	0	2	0	-1	6
8	Huddersfield	5	2	0	3	0	-4	4
9	Leigh	4	1	0	3	0	28	2
10	Hull FC	5	1	0	4	0	-108	2
11	Castleford	5	0	0	5	0	-122	0
12	London	5	0	0	5	0	-166	0

ROUND 5 DISCIPLINARY

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LEEDS 26 CASTLEFORD 6

Castleford Tigers were left to rue not making the most of their first half dominance, as the Leeds Rhinos registered a comfortable win in the opening fixture of the Super League Rivals Round.

After a scoreless first half, in which the Tigers forced 5 goal line dropouts, Leeds were able to turn the tables, thanks to two tries each for Lachie Miller and Paul Momirovski, extending Castleford's winless streak to 6 games. Castleford had the first opportunity to open the scoring, in the 6th minute, after James Bentley was penalised for interference at the ruck. Danny Richardson chose to kick from goal from just inside the Leeds half, and struck the upright, with the ball bouncing back into play. Through a combination of Liam Watts' strong running and Jacob Miller's kicking, Castleford pinned Leeds back, but they lacked the killer instinct needed to break down a resolute Leeds defence. Then, in the second half, Leeds hit back.

In the 42nd minute, Brodie Croft picked up the ball 10 metres out and chipped the ball towards the right corner. Castleford failed to deal with the hanging kick and Rhinos' centre Paul Momirovski was able to touch the ball down at full stretch to open the scoring. 9 minutes later, Momirovski extended Leeds' advantage, finishing off a slick move. Hooker, Andy Ackers, ran from dummy half before passing to Croft, whose clever inside pass released James McDonnell. With only Castleford full-back Jack Broadbent left to beat, McDonnell took the right option and passed to Momirovski, who ran in a simple try. Rhyse Martin converted both scores to give the Rhinos a 12-0 lead, before Richardson kicked a goal line drop-out out on the full, handing Martin a simple opportunity to extend Leeds' lead to 14-0 with a penalty under the sticks, in the 63rd minute. Lachie Miller scored his first try for Leeds in the 65th minute. The Tigers defence failed to deal with another kick, this time from Matt Frawley on the left wing, which Ash Handley tapped back for Miller to pick up and score. Castleford scored their first points of the night, after Matt Frawley failed to deal with a hanging kick from Richardson. Josh Simm reacted fastest and collected to score, with Richardson adding the extras. But it was Leeds and man of the match, Miller, who had the last say, scoring the pick of the night's tries. Miller passed to Brodie Croft, who dummied to pass right before cutting back inside, through a gap in the Tigers' line. He timed his pass well to find Miller who scored in front of the travelling Rhinos fans, who had braved torrential rain to watch their side register fourth win of the season, moving them up to 6th place. Winless Castleford remain in 11th place, ahead of London on point difference.

HULL KR 34 HULL FC 10

A six-try, first half blitz from Hull KR ensured they won the second Hull derby of the season, extending Hull FC's miserable start to the year.

Tries inside the first 20 minutes from Niall Evalds, Joe Burgess and Mikey Lewis meant the Robins were always in control, as they registered their fourth win of the season. Evalds opened the scoring for the Robins in the 12th minute. Tyrone May's burst of pace from gummy half allowed him to release England international Lewis. Evalds timed his support run from full back to perfection to score from Lewis' pass. Evalds then turned creator, playing a crucial role in the build up to the Robins' next two tries. Evalds provided the final pass for winger Joe Burgess to score KR's second in the right-hand corner in the 16th minute. His involvement in their next score was more spectacular. Evalds fielded a kick 30 metres from his own try line, before breaking through the Hull FC defensive line. His inside pass found Mikey Lewis, who still had plenty to do, forty metres from the FC line. Lewis evaded 3 FC defenders and touched down to effectively guarantee KR the win after 20 minutes. FC coach Tony Smith will be particularly disappointed with their attempts to stop both Evalds and Lewis, who broke through too easily. The Robins stuck from deep again for their next try, through James Batchelor. A quick

passing move from left to right put Petr Hiku through a gap in the FC defence. Hiku's pass 40 metres from the line allowed Batchelor to run in unopposed. Another slick passing move ended with Hiku getting on the scoresheet himself. The Robins again worked the ball from left to right with Hiku giving the ball to Burgess, who passed back inside to Hiku to score. Joe Burgess scored his second of the game on the stroke of half time to give KR a 28-0 lead at half time, with Jez Litten converting just two of six first half tries.

But Hull FC refused to go down without a fight, and they scored the first try of the second half through Jayden Okunbor, who charged down a Mikey Lewis kick before collecting the ball to score from 40 metres out, with Darnell McIntosh converting. Three minutes later, Hull FC scored again to give their fans a glimmer of hope, moving the ball from left to right to Cameron Scott, who touched down, making the score 28-10. It was Hull KR, however, who scored the final try of the night, through Kelepi Tanginoa. Tanginoa burst through another weak defensive effort to score his second try of the season and ensure the points, and bragging rights, went back to East Hull.

ST HELENS 12 WIGAN 4

A pulsating encounter at a sold out Totally Wicked Stadium saw St Helens end Wigan Warriors' 15 match winning run, claiming a 12-4 victory in a brutal Good Friday encounter, which moves the Saints to the top of the table.

The first half saw the two sides locked in a physical battle, with neither side willing to make a mistake which could be decisive. Saints came closest to opening the scoring in the 8th minute, with Jai Field producing a try saving tackle to stop Lewis Dodd, who had broken through the Wigan line after a smart offload from Alex Walmsley. It was Wigan who cracked first, allowing St Helens to take a narrow 2-0 lead through the boot of Mark Percival in the 25th minute. Wigan forward, Tyler Dupree, was then fortunate to only receive a yellow card after he was punished for dangerous use of his elbow on Matty Lees whilst carrying the ball into a tackle. On another day, Dupree could easily have seen red, but Wigan held firm with 12-men to trail by just 2 points at the interval.

But Wigan roared back in the second half, to score the game's first try through Bevan French. French escaped a tackle before kicking into the in-goal area. He was able to beat the scrambling St Helens defence to collect his own kick and touch down. However, further ill-discipline from the Wigan pack provided the game's decisive moment and swung the game in St Helens' favour. Wigan forward, Liam Bryne, was sent off after his shoulder made direct contact with Mark Percival's tackle, who was visibly groggy after the tackle and failed his Head Injury Assessment. Saints made their numerical advantage count, scoring two late tries to swing the game in their favour. The first was scored by Tommy Makinson, who outjumped Wigan fullback Jai Field to collect Lewis Dodd's hanging kick to score. Powerhouse centre, Konrad Hurrell then finished another quick passing move, holding off the attention of three Wigan defenders to score the game's final try, which was his 100th career try. Saints were deserved winners in a game between the best two teams in the competition. Whilst Wigan were on the wrong end of the result on this occasion, it seems almost inconceivable that they will not have opportunities to avenge this result in the showpiece games at the end of the season.

CATALANS 32 WARRINGTON 24

Catalans Dragons overcame the Warrington Wolves in a thoroughly entertaining match at the Halliwell Jones stadium, to go joint top of the Super League Table.

This was the Dragons' second win over the Wolves this season, the only games they have lost this season, and both have been gripping contests. Les Dracs started fast, scoring 3 tries in the first 12 minutes to give Warrington a mountain to climb. Tom Davies showed good strength to finish off a passing move, handing off Warrington winger, Matty Ashton, to score in the corner. Warrington doubled their

advantage in the 8th minute, with Jordan Abdull taking advantage of some confusion around the ruck, scampering through a gap in the Warrington line on halfway. He kicked through for Tom Johnstone to chase, and the flying winger was able to beat fullback, Matt Dufty, to the ball and score Les Dracs' second try. Benjamin Garcia then powered on to a short pass from hooker Michael McIlorum to score their third try in the 12th minute. Jordan Abdull kicked all three conversions to extend their lead to 18-0 and it appeared to be a long way back for Sam Burgess' men. But Warrington struck back after 27 minutes, through Zane Musgrove, who showed great agility to twist out of a tackle and score from close range. Warrington then scored a second try in quick succession, thanks to quick thinking from Ashton. A looping pass from George Williams was collected by Ashton near the touchline. With the tryline in sight, Ashton chose to selflessly pass the ball back inside to Toby King, who gathered cleanly to score. Josh Thewlis was on target with both conversions, meaning Les Dracs lead 18-12 at halftime.

Catalans threatened to open the scoring in the 44th minute, when McIlorum was held up thanks to a brilliant tackle from Adam Holroyd, and they did not have to wait long, scoring off the next tackle. A high kick to the touchline was acrobatically kept in play by Johnstone, who knocked the ball back in play for Cesar Rouge to score, converted by Abdull. Johnstone then turned scorer after a strong run and pass from Abdull allowed Arthur Romano to put Johnstone in to score in the corner. There was some controversy, however as the final pass looked as it may have drifted forward. Abdull missed the kick, meaning the score was 28-12. Warrington showed their character again, scoring two quick tries to give themselves a lifeline. Prop forward, James Harrison, barged over from close range for the first, before a brilliant sidestep from George Williams baffled the Wolves defence, allowing him to score under the posts. Thewlis kicked both to set up a tense finish, with Catalans leading 28-24. But Warrington were unable to find a score to level the game and it was Les Dracs who scored the final points of the game. Abdull again chipped through for Johnstone to contest in the air. Johnstone again won the duel, knocking the ball down for Abdull to collect and score, meaning a gripping encounter finished Warrington 24 Catalans 32.

SALFORD 32 LEIGH 22

The Salford Red Devils continued to defy pre-season predictions of doom, overcoming Leigh Leopards in an entertaining encounter at the Salford Community Stadium, despite Umyla Hanley, son of the immortal Ellery Hanley, scoring his second consecutive hat trick.

Salford opened the scoring through Ryan Brierley, who was making his 300th career appearance. They had been previously denied a penalty try, after Brierley was pulled back by Lachlan Lam, trying to reach a Sneyd grubber kick. But the incident did see Lam receive a yellow card and Sneyd kicked the penalty to give Salford an early lead. Brierley then took advantage of some static defending to go through a gaping hole in the defensive line to score the game's first try, with Sneyd kicking the extras. Leigh then scored their first of the game once Lam had returned to the field of play to bring them back to a full playing complement. A nice passing move put Hanley in to score a simple try in the right corner. Marc Sneyd has been in fantastic form this season and was again influential in Salford re-establishing their control over the game. He ran at the line, dummied a couple of times to draw in the defence, before passing to Cade Cust, whose inside ball back to Brierley allowed him to run through the gap created by Sneyd to score his second of the game. At this point, Leigh looked to be in trouble, and Salford's turned their continued pressure into points again in the 36th minute, through winger Ethan Ryan. Salford moved the ball out to Ryan on the left wing, who cut back inside, avoiding two tackles, to score Salford's third try of the game. Brierley was again at the heart of the action before the end of the half, but this time for the wrong reasons, pushing Hanley into touch as he attempted to chase down a kick, which saw Brierley receive a yellow card, and Matt Moylan kick the ensuing penalty to narrow the deficit to 20-6 at half time.

Salford drew first blood in the second half, through Marc Sneyd, who scored from close range after Salford kept the ball alive well. Lachlan Lam appeared to have given Leigh a lifeline, scoring in the 60th minute after a nice passing move, which he started, opened up the Salford defence. When Leigh scored the next try of the game in the 69th minute, it appeared that a comeback may be on. Matt Moylan's brilliant, looping pass found Hanley in the corner to score his second of the game. Another Salford try thanks to a Marc Sneyd kick, however, effectively ended any hopes of a famous win for the Leopards. Sneyd hoisted the ball high towards the left wing, and the Leigh defence were unable to deal with the loose ball. Eventually, it bounced up into the hands of Ethan Ryan who touched down for his second try of the game, which Sneyd converted to give them a 32-16 lead. Leigh scored the game's final try in the 77th minute, with Moylan again showcasing his excellent vision, chipping to the right corner, and over the grasping hands of Ryan, for Hanley to collect and complete his hat trick, but it was too late for Leigh who succumbed to a fourth defeat of the season. Salford's 32-22 win moves them up to 7th in the table with four wins, level with Leeds, Hull KR, Wigan, and Warrington, and very much in the play-off hunt at this early stage.

HUDDERSFIELD 26 LONDON 6

Huddersfield took the points in the final game of rival's round with a 26-6 victory at the Cherry Red Records stadium, thanks to a virtuoso performance from Tui Lolohea.

London came into the game winless, after 5 straight defeats to open the season, while Huddersfield had two wins from their opening 5 fixtures. London took an unexpected lead in the 11th minute, through a penalty try. Bill Leyland kicked through and turned the Huddersfield defence. Leyland looked favourite to get to the loose ball and score, when he was brought down by Huddersfield centre, Kevin Naiqama, with Leyland kicking the extras to give London a 6-0 lead. But the Giants hit back in the 23rd minute. Tui Lolohea kicked through, but Alex Walker seemed to have the situation under control before a wicked bounce evaded him. Jake Bibby was able to pick up and score an easy try to get Huddersfield on the board. Tui Lolohea was again involved in Huddersfield's second try, with inside pass to releasing the powerful Esan Marsters who crashed over to score. With Huddersfield building more pressure on the London line, the Broncos tried a short goal line drop out, which they did not regather. From the ensuing set, Lolohea's jinking run bamboozled the London defence, before he spread the ball out to Adam Swift to finish acrobatically in the corner. However, Huddersfield's wasteful kicking from the tee ensured London still had plenty to play for in the second half. Huddersfield missed all 3 kicks, which left the door open for London by keeping them within one score.

Huddersfield struck first in the second half, through playmaker Adam Clune. Good play from dummy half by Ashton Golding, gave Clune the ball 10 metres out. His dummy fooled Leyland, allowing him to step through the line and score. Tui Lolohea took over kicking duties and kicked Huddersfield's first goal of the night to make the score 18-6. Another failed short drop out gave Lolohea the simplest of kicks to extend Huddersfield's lead to 20-6 in the 51st minute, meaning London needed to score 3 tries to win the game. Lolohea was at the heart of everything good that Huddersfield did, and his kick allowed Sam Halsall to out jump Jarred Bassett and score in the 61st minute, which Lolohea successfully converted. Whilst Huddersfield continued to press, London showed resilience to hold out without conceding anymore points. However, they were visibly tiring and unable to offer any real attacking threat. The Broncos wait for a first win goes on, whilst Huddersfield registered their third win of the season, ending the weekend in 8th place.

ROUND 6 SCOREBOARD

Leeds 26 (L. Miller 2, P. Momirovski 2 tries; R. Martin 5 goals) defeated Castleford 6 (J. Simm try; D. Richardson goal) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Thu, 28th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 0-all.

Penalties: Leeds 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 9,026.

Castleford: Broadbent, Simm, Hodson, Wood, Senior; Richardson, Miller; Lawler, McShane, Watts, El-Zakhem, Mellor, Westerman. Int: Horne, Hall, Vete. Leeds: Miller, Roberts, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, Bentley, Martin, Smith. Int: Lisone, O'Connor, McDonnell, Goudemand.

Hull KR 34 (J. Burgess 2, J. Batchelor, N. Evalds, P. Hiku, M. Lewis, K. Tanginoa tries; J. Litten 2, M. Lewis goals) defeated Hull FC 10 (J. Okunbor, C. Scott tries; D. McIntosh goal) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 28-0. Penalties: Hull KR 6-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,150.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Parcell, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa. Hull FC: Hoy, McIntosh, Scott, Sutcliffe, Martin; Smith, Brown; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Ashworth, Okunbor, Sao, Lane. Int: Pele, Brown, Gardiner, Charles.

St Helens 12 (K. Hurrell, T. Makinson tries; J. Lomax, M. Percival goals) defeated Wigan 4 (B. French try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 2-0. Penalties: St Helens 8-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 17,980.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Lees, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Mata'utia, Batchelor, Mbye, Wingfield. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Byrne, O'Neill, Thompson, Isa, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Leeming, Dupree.

Catalans 32 (T. Johnstone 2, J. Abdull, T. Davies, B. Garcia, C. Rougé tries; J. Abdull 4 goals) defeated Warrington 24 (J. Harrison, T. King, Z. Musgrove, G. Williams tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 18-12. Penalties: Warrington 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,240.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton; Williams (C), Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Holroyd, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Musgrove, Crowther, Powell. Catalans: Rougé, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Abdull, Tison; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sims, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Sironen, Satae, Dezaria.

Salford 32 (R. Brierley 2, E. Ryan 2, M. Sneyd tries; M. Sneyd 6 goals) defeated Leigh 22 (U. Hanley 3, L. Lam tries; M. Moylan 3 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Salford 20-6. Penalties: Salford 5-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 6,177.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Mellor, Wright, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Bourouh, Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Shorrocks. Leigh: O'Brien, Hanley, Hardaker, Chamberlain, Charnley; Moylan, Lam; Norman, Dwyer, Mulhern (C), O'Donnell, Hughes, Trout. Int: Nakubuwai, Davis, Baxter, McNamara.

Huddersfield 26 (J. Bibby, A. Clune, S. Halsall, E. Marsters, A. Swift tries; T. Lolohea 3 goals) defeated London 6 (O. Leyland try; O. Leyland goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 9-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 2,300.

London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Stock, Lovell (C), Jones, Parata. Int: Butler, Williams, Butterworth, Makin. Huddersfield: Marsters, Halsall, Bibby, Naiqama, Swift; Lolohea, Clune; Yates (C), Deakin, Wilson, Murchie, Livett, Cudjoe. Int: Greenwood, Golding, Rushton, Ikahihifo.

ROUND 6 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	6	5	0	1	0	86	10
2	CATALANS	6	5	0	1	0	80	10
3	WARRINGTON	6	4	0	2	0	90	8
4	WIGAN	5	4	0	1	0	82	8
5	HULL KR	6	4	0	2	0	59	8
6	LEEDS	6	4	0	2	0	20	8
7	Salford	6	4	0	2	0	9	8
8	Huddersfield	6	3	0	3	0	16	6
9	Leigh	5	1	0	4	0	18	2
10	Hull FC	6	1	0	5	0	-132	2
11	Castleford	6	0	0	6	0	-142	0
12	London	6	0	0	6	0	-186	0

ROUND 6 SUSPENSIONS

Tyler Dupree (WIG)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Justin Sangare (LEE)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Paul Vaugan (WTN)	Grade C Dang, Throw/Lift	2 matches
Matty Lees (STH)	Grade C Head Contact	2 matches
Liam Byrne (WIG)	Grade E Head Contact	4 matches

WIGAN 40 LEIGH 12

Wigan Warriors got back to winning ways in the Battle of the Borough, following their Good Friday defeat against title rivals St Helens, comfortably seeing off Leigh Leopards 40-12.

While Leigh owner, Derek Beaumont fired off missives criticising the club's social media coverage from the director's box, his side continued to fire blanks on the pitch as they continue their wait for a second win of the season. Wigan did not take long to open the scoring, working the ball to the right wing for Abbas Miski to dive in and score the game's opening try in the 8th minute, thanks to a pinpoint final pass from Jai Field. Field was then caught high by Matt Moylan, who received a yellow card in the 11th minute, reducing the Leopards to 12 men. It was no surprise, therefore, when Wigan extended their lead in the 16th minute. However, the try scorer was a surprise, as Willie Isa collected a smart kick through to score his first try in three years. Field's influence on the game continued to grow and his break released Bevan French, who collected his own kick through, thanks in part to a kind bounce, to add Wigan's third. A sharp break from dummy half from Kruiise Leeming put Wigan in again, with Leeming finding Harry Smith to score a simple fourth Wigan try in the 29th minute. Smith kicked 2 of the first 4 conversions to give Wigan a 20-0 lead on the half hour mark. To this point, Leigh had struggled to get a foothold in the game, but Moylan's return from the sin bin lifted them, and he played an important hand in the Leopards first score of the night. Moylan kicked through for Charnley to chase. The ex-Wigan man showed good footballing skills to poke the bouncing ball through with his toe, which allowed Ricky Leutele to pick up and score. Moylan converted to make the score 20-6 in Wigan's favour at half time.

Any brief glimmer of hope Leigh had of mounting a comeback were extinguished in the 46th minute when Wigan scored the first try of the second half. Harry Smith intercepted 5 minutes from his own line, and offloaded well to Field, whose lightning pace saw him go the distance to score. Wigan then extended their lead in the 52nd minute, after Bevan French was denied by the video referee earlier in the set. French had stepped inside, wrong footing the defence, but was held up whilst trying to ground the ball. Wigan then spread the ball wide to the right, finding Adam Keighran who dived into the corner to score. Junior Nsembe then scored his first Super League try, finishing from close range after finding a gap in the Leigh defence. Smith converted 2 of these three tries to make the score 36-6. Charnley scored a consolation try for Wigan in the left-hand corner, which was converted by Moylan, before Liam Marshall added the final points of the night after good work from Jake Wardle to release him. Wigan's win keeps them in touch with the leading group, whilst Leigh remain entrenched in the bottom half. With a significant number of players off contract at the end of the season, it may not be long before Beaumont turns his ire to shortcomings on the field.

CASTLEFORD 36 SALFORD 24

Castleford produced the shock result of the weekend, picking up their first win of the season at home to Salford, thanks to an awesome foursome from Innes Senior.

Salford will be left wondering how they snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, having led 24-18 in the second half. Salford opened the scoring through an early Sneyd penalty, before full back Ryan Brierley scored the first try of the night in the 12th minute, after being released by winger Deon Cross, with Marc Sneyd kicking the extras. Castleford soon struck back, thanks to a brilliant solo effort from Innes Senior, who scored his first of four tries. He evaded the Salford defence deep in his own half, running 75 metres to score, despite a valiant last-ditch effort from Brierley which nearly stopped him. With Salford hooker Amir Borough sin binned for a tip tackle on Alex Mellor, Castleford took advantage when Salford's defence were slow to react to a quick play the ball, and Samy Kibula put Sam Hall in to score from close range. When Jacob Miller kicked for Innes Senior to collect for his second try in the 32nd minute, the Tigers looked comfortable, leading 18-8. Salford gave themselves hope on the stroke of half-time, however, through Tim Lafai's try after 38 minutes, thanks to quick hands from Sneyd and Brierley, with Sneyd converting to reduce the deficit to 18-14 at half time.

Salford struck first in the second half, to re-establish their lead, thanks to a brilliant try from Nene McDonald. McDonald picked up the ball 30 metres from his own line, and none of the Castleford defence were able to match him for pace, as he went in to score, with Sneyd adding the extras to give Salford a slender 20-18 lead. Salford then capitalised on some weak Castleford defence, to further extend their lead through Brierley, and looked well placed to claim a fifth win of the season. But Castleford, and Innes Senior, had different ideas, and it was Senior's second try from his own half which turned the tide, as he brushed off two Salford defenders to score from 50 metres out in the 57th minute. And when Brad Martin showed a good turn of pace and strength to score from a similar distance, in the 60th minute, the Tigers were back in the lead. Danny Richardson added a late penalty, before Innes Senior scored in the corner; this time from close range, to make it four tries on the night and seal the points for the Tigers. Their victory leaves London as the only winless team in Super League and moves the Tigers above Hull FC into 10th. Results elsewhere mean that Salford remain in 6th place, on 8 points from 7 games.

WARRINGTON 34 LEEDS 8

Warrington Wolves went back to the top of the Super League temporarily, after securing a 34-8 win at AMT Headingley.

Whilst the final margin of victory suggests an uneven contest, Leeds were in the game for large parts and were partly the architects of their own downfall, making several errors, particularly in the first half. Leeds took the lead in the 9th minute, thanks to a pinpoint kick from Matt Frawley, which allowed Harry Newman to outjump the Warrington defence to score. Leeds nearly extended their lead thanks to a spectacular effort from Ash Handley who broke from near his own line. Handley stepped inside and out to turn the chasing Warrington defence around and looked set to score. Equally spectacular, however, was the covering effort from Matty Ashton, who stopped Handley five metres short and dragged him into touch. Warrington then levelled the scoring in the 18th minute, when a slick passing move from left to right found Matty Nicholson, who showed great strength and determination to hold off Paul Momirovski and score. The Wire then took the lead in the 30th minute, as England captain George Williams danced through two tackles to score, after good play from Ben Currie and Matt Dufty. Stefan Ratchford kicked the conversion to put Warrington 10-4 ahead. When forward Joe Bullock crashed over from close range in the 37th minute, Warrington had made the Rhinos pay for several sloppy errors to lead 16-4, with Ratchford kicking 2 goals from 3 attempts.

But when Leeds opened the scoring in the second half, it appeared that the game was not over. Receiving the ball 15 metres from the Warrington line, Brodie Croft ran to the short side, before playing a perfect kick through for Luis Roberts to collect and score in the right corner. Leeds then thought they had scored again through Paul Momirovski, after a deft kick through to the left touchline from stand-in centre, Rhysie Martin. The try was overruled for a double movement, which frustrated the Leeds faithful, but was correct by the letter of the law. Warrington did not need another warning and proceeded to put the game to bed in emphatic fashion. First, hooker Danny Walker scooted over from dummy half at close range, the latest in a pattern of tries that Leeds have conceded in this manner and is something coach Rohan Smith needs to address. Then, in the 73rd minute, Williams threatened to offload the ball, before running and passing to Dufty with a no look pass, who burrowed over the line to kill off any threat of a Leeds fightback. With Leeds trying to force a way back into the game, Josh Thewlis intercepted a Croft pass and broke clear to score. Ratchford, having converted all but the first try, kicked his fifth goal of the night from the touchline to round off the scoring. Warrington's win continues an impressive start to the season, which has seen them fall to just two defeats, home and away against Catalans Dragons. As ever with Warrington, they must now prove they can keep the pace with the competition's favourites, St Helens and Wigan to win silverware. For Leeds, this defeat is another reminder of the gulf of quality between them and the competition's top sides, leaving them in 7th place. Whilst they were not expected to be challenging for the top spot, hopes of competing for silverware appear to be drifting away, following an early Challenge Cup exit, much earlier than fans would expect after a significant investment in the playing squad over the close season.

HULL KR 50 LONDON 10

A Matt Parcell hat-trick of tries and 18 points from star man Mikey Lewis ensured Hull Kingston Rovers ran out comfortable winners against the London Broncos.

Whilst London took an early lead, they never looked to be in with a chance against a strong KR side, and their wait for a first Super League win continues for another week. The first try of the night was scored by London's Sam Davis, after a clever kick through from full back Alex Walker, in the fourth minute of the game. But their lead lasted less than 5 minutes, when Matt Parcell scored Hull KR's first try of the night. London tried a short goal line drop out, but only succeeded in knocking the ball down to Parcell, who scored a simple try from less than 10 metres out. Mikey Lewis added the conversion to give KR a 6-4 lead, which they never looked like relinquishing. After taking the lead, Hull KR turned on the style, blitzing the London defence with 6 further tries before half time. James Batchelor scored from close range, after a neat offload from Tyrone Maty to extend their lead in the 19th minute, before Kelepi Tanginoa took in a neat inside pass from Niall Evalds to score a simple try. Ryan Hall took advantage of some sloppy defending to score the Robins' fourth try, picking up the ball at dummy half and running down the blindsides to score effectively unopposed. Mikey Lewis then scored a great try of his own, stepping through the London defence on halfway before rounding London fullback, Walker to score under the posts. Parcell scored his second of the night, getting on the end of a break from Niall Evalds to add KR's sixth try of the night. Petr Hiku dummied his way through the line from 10 metres out to add the final try of the half, which gave Hull KR a 40-4 lead, with Lewis kicking 6 from 7.

Hiku turned creator as KR opened the scoring in the second half, with James Batchelor scoring his second try of the game. Hiku broke through the line and faced with the attentions of the covering defender Illies Macani, chose to unselfishly pass to Batchelor for an easy score. Macani did, however, manage to get himself on the scoresheet, after London took advantage of a loose ball in midfield, with Davis picking up before passing to Leyland, who found Macani. The winger still had plenty to do but had enough pace to score in the corner after a 40-metre run, with Leyland adding the conversion. It was fitting, though, that Hull KR scored the final try of the night, and it was Matt Parcell who scored to complete his hat trick. Parcell picked up the ball from dummy half and put Lewis through a gap in the defence. Lewis passed the ball back inside to Parcell, cutting London's full back out of the defence, and he scored under the posts, with Lewis converting to make the final score 50-10.

HUDDERSFIELD 56 HULL FC 22

Hull FC's woeful start to the 2024 season continued, as the Black and Whites suffered another drubbing at the hands of Huddersfield Giants.

Two weeks after losing 50-6 against the Giants at the MKM Stadium, Huddersfield again ran in a half century, this time registering a 56-22 win, a performance which saw the Giants score seven first half tries. Former Hull FC winger Adam Swift opened the scoring in the first minute, diving over in the corner after Matty English pushed through a gap in the defence, finding Connor who offloaded to Swift to score. At this stage though, the eventual margin of victory was not clear, as the teams traded scores in an entertaining opening period. Hull FC hit back through Liam Sutcliffe's first try of the season, in the 9th minute, before Swift gave Huddersfield the lead again in the 15th minute, after Esan Marsters was quickest to react to a fumble by Hull FC's Lewis Martin, to send Swift away to score. Jack Murchie extended Huddersfield's lead in the 20th minute, collecting a deft kick through from Adam Clune before Sutcliffe got his second to give FC hope. Teenager Jack Charles showed some of his promise, chipping through for Sutcliffe to collect and score, cutting the Giants' lead to 8 points. But by the time the two teams went in for half time, the game was effectively over as a contest. First, the evergreen centre, Leroy Cudjoe, exposed a defensive weakness on the Hull FC right edge, providing the assist for Esan Marsters to score in the 29th minute. Adam Swift then completed a first half hat trick in the 32nd minute, with Cudjoe again providing the assist for his winger. At this point, Hull FC's inexperience line up, which included three teenagers, began to look ragged and Luke Yates took advantage, barging his way over to mark his 150th appearance with a try. On the stroke of half time, Jake Connor broke through the line, releasing Kevin Naiqama to score, with Connor kicking 6 conversions from 7 attempts to give Huddersfield a 40-10 lead at half time.

Hull FC opened the scoring in the second half through Fa'amanu Brown, who went over from dummy half, but they never looked like getting back into the game, as Huddersfield scored two tries through a quickfire Tui Lolohea double. For the first, he won a foot race with Hull FC fullback Tex Hoy, to score in the corner. For his second try, Lolohea had Jake Bibby to thank, as he selflessly passed for Lolohea to score on the inside. Jake Connor converted the first of the double, and Lolohea converted his own try for the second. In the interim period, Hull FC's day went from bad to worse, as Ligi Sao was sin binned following a late shot on Connor. Hull FC scored a late consolation try through Franklin Pele in the 74th minute, but a second sin bin for Sao, meant Hull FC's afternoon went from bad to abject disaster. Jake Bibby added insult to injury adding the final try of the game with the last play, thanks to some quick footwork and a burst of pace. The kick was missed, meaning Huddersfield completed a comfortable 56-22 win. The win moves Huddersfield up to 8th place, with three wins from their first six and puts them what is developing to be a three team in a mini league, with Leeds and Salford, battling it out for the final play-off place in 6th. On the other hand, Hull FC now face a battle to win over their own fans, as the side left the field to a chorus of boos from the few hardy souls who remained.

CATALANS 14 ST HELENS 8

Catalans Dragons came out on top in the top of the table clash at the Stade Gilbert Brutus, defeating a St Helens side fresh off their derby day win against Wigan.

It was an intense, physical battle in the South of France, but strong a strong defensive effort from Alrix Da Costa and a tackle of the season contender from Arthur Mourgue laid the platform for a famous Catalans win. The opening exchanges of the game were every bit as intense as expected, with both sides trading strong defensive sets. Catalans came closest to opening the scoring in the opening 10 minutes, through free scoring winger Tom Johnstone. After an injection of pace from Jordan Abdull and quick hands from Artur Romano, Johnstone dived for the corner. But a good defensive effort from Saints centre, Konrad Hurrell, meant Johnstone bounced the ball and the Saints escaped a dangerous situation. After absorbing a period of Catalans pressure, Saints then broke, after a clever kick and chase from Jack Welsby. Winger Tommy Makinson looked destined to score, but the ball bounced wickedly and evaded him, although Saints kept the ball. Saints forced a goal line drop out, which the Catalans kicked short, and Saints regained possession. They worked the ball out to Bennison who appeared to have scored in the left corner but stepped into touch in the process. Saints' pressure eventually told through, helped by a series of Catalans knock-ons, which gave Saints field position. From the base of a scrum, having previously tried the same move but used Sione Mata'utia for the final pass, this time Jonny Lomax passed behind Mata'utia to Welsby for a simple score. Despite losing influential playmaker, Jordan Abdull, to injury in the 23rd minute, Les Dracs began to gain field position of their own and took the lead in the 31st minute. Mike McMeeken crashed over, following a short pass out of dummy half by Alrix Da Costa, who was a key part of the Dragons' defensive effort in the first half. Arthur Mourgue added the conversion to give Les Dracs a 6-4 lead. But the Saints were not finished and struck on the stroke of half time through Tommy Makinson. A phase of play which started with a penalty to Saints 10 metres from their own line culminated with a slick passing move found Konrad Hurrell in space deep in the Catalans half. Hurrell released Makinson, who drove for the line. There was an air of controversy about the score, which was given on the field, without consulting the video referee, with the Catalans players arguing the ball was not grounded. Lomax missed both of his conversion attempts, meaning Saints took a slender two-point lead into half time with the score at 8-6.

Catalans injury problems mounted, as they lost Tom Johnstone early in the second half, following a worrying clash of heads with a teammate, whilst tackling Jack Welsby. Johnstone was out cold after the impact, but thankfully was able to walk from the field of play. Saints were denied the first try of the second half, after a wonderful tackle from Mourgue held up Lewis Dodd when he seemed certain to score. The two sides traded sets without breaking through, until Lomax dropped pass 10m out, handing Catalans an excellent opportunity. Catalans worked the ball out to Matt Ikuvalu who cut through the Saints defence to score and give Les Dracs the lead. There was a question of obstruction in the build-up, but the Video Referee believed there was insufficient evidence to overrule the on-field decision to award the try. Mourgue converted the score, with some help from the post, to give Catalans a

12-8 lead, heading into the final 15 minutes. The intensity of the game continued, and tempers threatened to fray late on after an altercation between McMeeken and St Helens youngster, George Delaney. The incident culminated in a Catalans penalty 40 metres from goal. But Mourgue was on target with 65 minutes to go, to give the home side a 6-point lead. Despite some late pressure from the Saints, the side from Perpignan held firm and registered a famous win. Perhaps most heartening for the game of Rugby League as a whole, was the key role played by the Dragons' spine of French players, in Mourgue, Fages, Rogue and Da Costa, who marshalled the team brilliantly in Abdull's absence. The win returned Les Dracs to the summit of the Super League table, with 6 wins from 7 games, with St Helens remaining in fourth on 10 points. This was a statement performance from a side who wish to go one better than last year's Grand Final defeat.

ROUND 7 SCOREBOARD

Wigan 40 (J. Field, B. French, W. Isa, A. Keighran, L. Marshall, A. Miski, J. Nsemba, H. Smith tries; H. Smith 4 goals) defeated Leigh 12 (J. Charnley, R. Leutele tries; M. Moylan 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Thu, 4th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 20-6. Penalties: Leigh 7-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 10,308.

Leigh: O'Brien, Hanley, Hardaker; Leutele, Charnley; Moylan, Lam (C); Norman, McNamara, Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Nakubuwai, Davis, Dwyer, Chamberlain. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Hill, Isa, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Leeming, Nsemba, Chan.

Castleford 36 (I. Senior 4, S. Hall, B. Martin tries; D. Richardson 6 goals) defeated Salford 24 (R. Brierley 2, T. Lafai, N. Macdonald tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Fri, 5th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 18-14. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,967.

Castleford: Broadbent, Simm, Hodson, Wood, Senior; Richardson, Miller; Hall, McShane, Watts, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Westerman (C). Int: Horne, Namu, Martin, Kibula. Salford: Brierley, Nofaluma, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Wright, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Vuniyayawa, Atkin, Shorrocks, Mellor.

Hull KR 50 (M. Parcell 3, J. Batchelor 2, R. Hall, P. Hiku, M. Lewis, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Lewis 7 goals) defeated London 10 (S. Davis, I. Macani tries; O. Leyland goal) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 5th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 40-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 10,201.

Hull KR: Evalds, Senior, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Luckley, Tanginoa, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Whitbread, Storton, Reynolds, Hall. London: Walker, Bofo, Storey, Miloudi, Macani; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Stock, Lovell, Jones, Parata. Int: Butler, Makin, Hughes, Hoyes

Warrington 34 (J. Bullock, M. Dufty, M. Nicholson, J. Thewlis, D. Walker; G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) defeated Leeds 8 (H. Newman, L. Roberts tries) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 16-4. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 12,297.

Leeds: Miller, Roberts, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Holroyd, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Lisone, McCormack, O'Connor, Goudemand. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Wrench, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams (C), Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Crowther, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Powell, Bullock, Holroyd, Wood.

Huddersfield 56 (A. Swift 3, T. Lolohea 2, J. Bibby, E. Marsters, J. Murchie, K. Naiqama, L. Yates tries; J. Connor 7, T. Lolohea goals) defeated Hull FC 22 (L. Sutcliffe 2, F. Brown, F. Pele tries; J. Charles 3 goals) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 40-10. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 9,631.

Hull FC: Hoy, McIntosh, Scott, Sutcliffe, Martin; Charles, Smith; Ese'ese, Brown, Pele, Okunbor, Sao, Lane (C). Int: Brown, Cator; Laidlaw, Moy. Huddersfield: Connor, Bibby, Marsters, Naiqama, Swift; Lolohea, Clune; English, Milner, Wilson, Murchie, Cudjoe, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Greenwood, Ikaiahifo, Rushton.

Catalans 14 (M. Ikuvalu, M. McMeeken tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) defeated St Helens 8 (T. Makinson, J. Welsby tries) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 9:05 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-6. Penalties: Catalans 6-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,724.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Ikuvalu, Romano, Johnstone; Abdull, Fages; McMeeken, Da Costa, Navarrete, Sims, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Laguerre, Rougé, Satae, Maria. St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Mata'utia, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Delaney, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles. Int: Batchelor, Mbye, Bell, Wingfield.

ROUND 7 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CATALANS	7	6	0	1	0	86	12
2	WARRINGTON	7	5	0	2	0	116	10
3	WIGAN	6	5	0	1	0	110	10
4	HULL KR	7	5	0	2	0	99	10
5	ST HELENS	7	5	0	2	0	80	10
6	HUDDERSFIELD	7	4	0	3	0	50	8
7	Salford	7	4	0	3	0	-3	8
8	Leeds	7	4	0	3	0	-6	8
9	Leigh	6	1	0	5	0	-10	2
10	Castleford	7	1	0	6	0	-130	2
11	Hull FC	7	1	0	6	0	-166	2
12	London	7	0	0	7	0	-226	0

ROUND 7 SUSPENSIONS

Sam Luckley (HKR)	Grade C Dang. Throw	1 match
Amir Borough (SAL)	Grade B Dang. Throw	1 match
Ligi Sao (HUL)	Grade B Dang. Throw	1 match
Jack Brown (HUL)	Grade B Dang. Throw	1 match

WIGAN 36 CASTLEFORD 14

Wigan Warriors defeated the Castleford Tigers for the second weekend in a row, after last weekend's 60-6 cup win, but the Tigers but up more of a fight in this game.

Wigan needed two tries each from Ryan Hampshire and Liam Marshall to see off Castleford, 36-14. Wigan opened the scoring through Bevan French, after 8 minutes, with quick hands from right to left eventually finding Liam Farrell, who broke through the line. He engaged full back, Jack Broadbent, for just long enough to create the space to pass to Bevan French to score, with Adam Keighran kicking the conversion. But Castleford struck back in the 19th minute, after Wigan's attacking kick bobbed around, the Tigers reacted quickest, and new signing Louis Senior raced ninety metres to score under the posts, with Rowan Milnes levelling with the conversion. The scores remained level until the 35th minute, when Harry Smith's clever chip over the defence found Marshall, who touched down in the corner. But a Milnes penalty right on the stroke of half time meant the Tigers were very much in the game, with Wigan leading 12-8 at half time.

However, Ryan Hampshire's quickfire double at the start of the second half gave Wigan a comfortable lead. His first try came after Bevan French broke the line, before passing inside for Hampshire to score under the posts. The second came thanks to some quick thinking from Liam Marshall, who kicked back inside from the left wing, which Hampshire collected to score under the posts for a second time, with both tries converted by Harry Smith. Liam Marshall then grabbed his second try of the game, getting on the end of a lovely looping pass from Liam Farrell to score in the corner, which Smith converted to give Wigan a dominant 30-8 lead. Abbas Miski put the game well out of reach, scoring in the corner after collecting Bevan French's kick through, with Smith again converting. Rowan Milnes scored a late consolation for the Tigers, collecting his own kick through after Harry Smith failed to deal with the bouncing ball, but it was too late for the Tigers to mount a comeback. Wigan remain in the running for silverware on all fronts, with twelve points from their opening seven games. Castleford remain on one win, with only Hull FC and London Broncos below them in the table.

HUDDERSFIELD 30 LEEDS 24

Huddersfield Giants produced a stirring second half comeback, twice overturning a 12-point deficit, to shock Leeds Rhinos at AMT Headingley.

Leeds looked set for victory at half time, and again at the midway point in the second half, before Huddersfield's rousing comeback. Leeds had the best of the opening exchanges and looked like a side who had enjoyed a 10-day break between games. Huddersfield, on the other hand, were slow out of the gates, and Leeds opened the scoring in the 16th minute. Lachie Miller fielded a Huddersfield kick, and appeared to be pinned in the corner, near the Leeds line. But some sharp footwork saw him escape the Huddersfield, setting up a Leeds break, which was finished by Paul Momirovski after a strong run from Rhysie Martin. Leeds then extended their lead in the 32nd minute, taking advantage of Giants loose forward Luke Yates being sent to the sin bin for a high tackle. Returning winger, David Fusitu'a picked up Brodie Croft's pinpoint grubber kick to score in the corner. Rhysie Martin was on target with both conversions to give Leeds a 12-0 lead. Jake Connor's penalty goal on the stroke of half time got Huddersfield on the scoresheet, meaning Leeds led 12-2 at half time, and Huddersfield raced out of the blocks after half time, scoring their first try through the impressive Esan Marsters. Marster's combination with Adam Swift was electric and they consistently troubled the right edge of the Leeds defence.

In the act of defending Marsters' try, both right centre, Harry Newman, and right winger, David Fusitu'a, seemed to pick up injuries,

with both limping back into position for the restart. Huddersfield took full advantage of this, quickly shifting the ball to their left wing, with Adam Swift breaking the line and racing deep into the Leeds half. Whilst Swift was denied, Leeds only delayed the inevitable, as Huddersfield worked the ball right to Elliot Wallis, who dived in to score in the corner. Connor kicked one of the two conversions to level the scores at 12-12, and Fusitu'a and Newman were both substituted, forcing Leeds to reshuffle their backs. The change seemed to spark Leeds into life, and they quickly scored two tries to re-establish their lead. First, Momirovski, now playing on the right wing, scored his second of the game after a quick passing move. Then Matt Frawley found substitute Jarrod O'Connor, who burst through a gap in the Huddersfield defence to score in the 55th minute. Martin kicked both goals and, at this stage, Leeds looked like they would take home the points. But a late four try salvo from the Giants stunned Leeds. First, after Marsters barrelled through the Leeds defence once again, Adam Swift picked up the ball from dummy half to score in the corner, taking advantage of some sloppy Leeds defence. The Giants then took advantage of Leeds' paper-thin right edge once again, with Marsters and Swift combining again, before Swift offloaded to Harvey Livett for a simple try. Huddersfield levelled the scores in the 70th minute, after a brilliant pass from Adam Clune found Jake Connor, whose quick hands tipped the ball on to Kevin Naiqama, who stepped inside to score. However, Jake Connor missed the conversion, to mean Leeds were still in the game. However, with 5 minutes left to play, Lachie Miller inexplicably attempted a short goal line drop out, which failed to go the required ten metres. This gave Huddersfield an easy penalty from in front of the posts, which Connor converted to give them a late lead. Clune's late interception try was the cherry on the cake for the Giants, who thoroughly deserved the win. The defeat was met with a mixture of shock and resignation by the few Rhinos fans who remained in the stands at the end of the game, and there was a smattering of boos. Huddersfield's win opens a 2-point gap with Leeds, whose season is running out of steam before the first May bank holiday. Having invested heavily in the off season, Rohan Smith's position may come under pressure if results do not improve quickly.

ST HELENS 58 HULL FC 0

St Helens bounced back from their cup defeat against Warrington to put a beleaguered Hull FC side to the sword.

The Saints ran in ten tries in a dazzling performance, consigning Hull FC to a seventh defeat of the season. Tommy Makinson opened the scoring for Saints in the fourth minute, taking in a short pass from Konrad Hurrell and diving into the right corner to score, with Mark Percival adding the conversion. Saints were then when Sione Mata'utia took in a smart inside pass to break the line, before finding Jonny Lomax to run in to score from twenty metres out, with Percival again adding the extras. Waqa Blake was the next to score, in the 27th minute, after a great offload from Matt Whitley found Jack Welsby, who passed to the winger to score in the corner. James Bell then crashed over from close range to add Saints' fourth, with Percival maintaining his 100% record, to make the score 24-0 at half time. FC's defence parted in front of the forward's eyes, and he raced through to score.

The half time break did not help Hull FC, who were never in the contest. Saints quickly scored the first try of the second half, through Joe Batchelor. Percival then grabbed a try from himself, getting on the end of a flowing passing move from right to left to score. Percival scored one of the two conversions, as the Saints extended their lead to 34-0. Powerhouse centre, Konrad Hurrell, ran in virtually unopposed to score Saints' next try, which Percival converted, before Curtis Sironen exposed the same defensive weakness to brush off four defenders to score. Waqa Blake scored his second of the night in the right-hand corner, after Percival delayed his pass long enough to draw in the FC defence, before finding the winger in acres of space for a simple run in. Jack Welsby scored the Saints' final try of the night, joining the attacking line with two Hull FC defenders drawn to the lead runners. Jon Bennison, taking over the kicking duties from Percival,

was successful with the conversions for the final three tries, to make the score 60-0. St Helens will be pleased to have bounced back so comprehensively from their cup defeat last weekend. For Hull FC, if performances stay at this level, it is hard to see where their next win comes from.

WARRINGTON 16 LEIGH 14

Warrington Wolves produced a second half comeback to survive a scare against strugglers Leigh Leopards, eventually winning 16-14.

Leigh produced a much-improved performance, and pushed the Wolves close, but a 70th minute try from Matty Nicholson sealed a home win for the Wolves. Leigh started the game in red hot fashion, opening the scoring through winger Josh Charnley in the third minute. Charnley produced a trademark diving finish in the corner to mark his 350th career appearance with a try, after a slick passing move. However, Lachlan Fitzgibbon struck back for Warrington in the 21st minute, latching on to Leon Hayes' grubber to score. Josh Thewlis added the extras to give Warrington a 6-4 lead. Leigh took the lead before half time, with a try from Ben McNamara. Leigh identified a mismatch in defence, with winger Umyla Hanley outjumping Leon Hayes to tip the ball back to Zak Hardaker. Hardaker found McNamara whose try was confirmed by the video referee. Moylan kicked his only goal of the night, something Leigh would live to regret at full time. This score meant Leigh led 10-6 at half time.

The Leopards then extended their lead in the 48th minute, with Ricky Leutele scoring the first try of the second half. Having shifted the ball from left to right, Josh Charnley passed the ball back inside to centre, Leutele, to give Leigh a 14-6 lead, and apparent control of the game, but Moylan's missed conversion kept Warrington in touch. Warrington pulled a try back through Matt Dufty, after a Moylan knock on gave them the ball near halfway. Thewlis converted to put Warrington back within two points and set the stage for Nicholson's spectacular match sealing try. With the ball deep inside Warrington territory, Matt Dufty released Thewlis who broke deep into Leigh territory. Nicholson kept up in support and was released by Thewlis, before holding off the covering defence to score and seal the victory for Warrington. Leigh will hope to take the momentum from a better performance forward in their search for a second win of the season. Warrington's win keeps them in touch with the top of the table, level on points with St Helens and Wigan on twelve points, and two points behind leaders Catalans Dragons.

SALFORD 12 LONDON 4

Salford Red Devils overcame a spirited London side, to seal a narrow win at the Cherry Red Records Stadium.

London have been on the wrong end of some heavy home defeats this season and, although favourites Salford eventually ran out winners, the margin of victory was much closer than many expected. It was the Broncos who took an early lead. Oli Leyland, who has been one of the standout players in a difficult season for London, looped a pass over the Salford defence for winger Illies Macani to score in the corner, with the conversion missed. This gave London a 4-0 lead in the 18th minute. Salford responded quickly, through second rower Kallum Watkins. Influential Red Devils full back, Ryan Brierley, broke London's defensive line, and Watkins showed good pace to get up to support Brierley, who found the veteran to score. Marc Sneyd made no mistake from the kicking tee to give Salford a slender lead.

Salford started the second half strong, extending their lead in the 44th minute, after Marc Sneyd's brilliant, long-distance pass to the left wing found Deon Cross to score in the corner. Sneyd was again on target with the conversion, scoring the game's final points in the 44th minute. A tense closing period followed in which both sides attempted to strike a decisive blow, with Salford having a try ruled out by the video referee. Hakim Miloudi's break at late in the game saw the Broncos advance fifty metres down field, but Macani's chip ultimately found a Salford player's hands and the game ended with a Salford win.

The win keeps Salford in touch with the top six, with five wins from their first eight games, and opens up a 2-point gap with Leeds in eighth. For London, their wait for a first win of the season continues, but they can be proud of a resilient performance. If they can continue to perform like that, it will surely come soon.

CATALANS 36 HULL KR 6

Play off hopefuls Hull Kingston Rovers travelled to the south of France to face the Catalans Dragons, with the two sides on having experienced contrasting fortunes in the cup last weekend.

The Robins came into the game fresh from avenging last year's final defeat, by knocking out Leigh, whereas the Dragons were beaten heavily at home by Huddersfield. Catalans hooker Michael McIlorum opened the scoring for Les Dracs, touching down after 7 minutes, crashing over from dummy half, despite pressure from two Hull KR defenders. Artur Mourgue added the extras to open up a 6-0 lead. Joe Burgess got the Robins back into the game, scoring his side's first try in the 11th minute. The Robins moved the ball from left to right and found Burgess on the wing. Burgess showed all of his strength to hold off two Catalans defenders to score in the corner. Ben Reynolds added the extras to level the scores. Matt Ikuvalu put the Dragons back in the lead, scoring in the 18th minute. The side form Perpignan moved the ball to the left wing, to find winger Tom Davies in space. Davies had Ikuvalu on the inside, with Ikuvalu running in unopposed to score. Mourgue missed the conversion to keep Hull KR within four points. The Catalans extended their lead in the 25th minute, through a flying finish from winger Tom Davies. The Dragons worked the ball wide to Davies, who carried the ball in one handed, before leaping into the corner to score. Mourgue was off target from the touch line, meaning the Dragons led 14-6. Catalans were now beginning to turn the screw on the KR defence, and a six again granted them good field position in opposition territory. The pressure eventually told when French forward, Jordan Dezaria, muscled his way over from score range. Mourgue was on target from in front of the posts to extend their lead to 20-6. At this stage, the Dragons were running riot, and scored again in the 21st minute. Mourgue attacked the line, passing to Artur Romano. Romano found Theo Fages, who ran in to score a brilliant try, with Mourgue kicking the conversion to put Catalans in a dominant 20-point lead at half time, despite some late Hull KR pressure.

The two sides traded sets in a tense start to the second half, with KR keen not to make a mistake which may but the Dragons out of touch, and Catalans reluctant to open the door to KR. But the Robins were reduced to twelve men, as Matty Storton was penalised for a crusher tackle on Tom Johnstone. The Robins held strong though, not conceding during the 10 minutes that Storton was off the field. But the Catalans eventually broke through KR's resolute defence, with a brilliant Mourgue pass finding Romano, who passed to Tom Johnstone to score in the corner, and put the game beyond KR's reach. Mourgue hit the post from the conversion, meaning the score stayed at 30-6 with 9 minutes to go. Tariq Sims scored the game's final try in unusual circumstances, charging down Tyrone May's attempted kick through, before kicking the ball thirty metres forward, before touching down to seal a fine win after an excellent performance from the French side. Mourgue added a simple final conversion, making the final score 36-6. The victory gives Catalans a 2-point lead at the top of the table, with just one defeat from their opening eight games. Defeat for Hull KR means they drop back from the top four, remaining on ten points, level with Huddersfield and Salford.

ROUND 8 SCOREBOARD

Huddersfield 30 (A. Clune, H. Livett, E. Marsters, K. Naiqama, A. Swift, E. Wallis tries; J. Connor 3 goals) defeated **Leeds 24** (P. Momirovski 2, D. Fusitu'a, J. O'Connor tries; R. Martin 4 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-2. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,128.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Newman, Momirovski, Roberts; Croft, Frawley, Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Lisone, Nicholson-Watton, O'Connor, Goudemand. Huddersfield: Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; English, Milner, Greenwood, Cudjoe, Livett, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Wilson, Rushton, Ikahihifo.

St Helens 58 (W. Blake 2, J. Batchelor, J. Bell, K. Hurrell, J. Lomax, T. Makinson, M. Percival, C. Sironen, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 6, J. Bennison 3 goals) defeated **Hull FC 0** at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 24-0. Penalties: St Helens 8-2. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 10,488.

St Helens: Bennison, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Welsby, Lomax (C); Mata'utia, Mbye, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Bell, Sironen, Delaney, Davies. Hull FC: Moy, McIntosh, Litten, Sutcliffe, Martin; Charles, Smith; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Pele, Lane, Scott, Cator. Int: Gardiner, Jebson, Balmforth, Laidlaw.

Wigan 36 (R. Hampshire 2, L. Marshall 2, B. French, A. Miski tries; H. Smith 4, A. Keighran 2 goals) defeated **Castleford 14** (R. Milnes, L. Senior tries; R. Milnes 3 goals) at DW Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 12-8. Penalties: Wigan 7-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 13,029.

Wigan: French, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Smith; Thompson, Leeming, Dupree, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Cooper, Mago, Hill, Eckersley. Castleford: Broadbent, Senior, Hodson, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Watts (C), Horne, Hall, Tasipale, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: Robb, Martin, Kibula, Hindmarsh-Takyi.

Salford 12 (D. Cross, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) defeated **London 4** (I. Macani try) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 6-4. Penalties: London 7-5. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 2,450.

London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Miloudi, Macani; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Butler, Lovell (C), Jones, Stock. Int: Parata, Williams, Makin, Tison. Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Mellor, Vuniyayawa, Wright, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Atkin, Shorrocks, Dixon, Dudson.

Warrington 16 (M. Dufty, L. Fitzgibbon, M. Nicholson tries; J. Thewlis 2 goals) defeated **Leigh 14** (J. Charnley, R. Leutele, B. McNamara tries; M. Moylan goal) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 10-6. Penalties: Warrington 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 10,443.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Wrench, Ashton; Williams, Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Philbin, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Crowther. Int: Bullock, Ratchford (C), Powell, Vaughan. Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; McNamara, Lam (C); Amone, Davis, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Trout. Int: Hughes, Norman, Dwyer, Holmes.

Catalans 36 (T. Davies, J. Dezaria, T. Fages, M. Ikuvalu, T. Johnstone, M. McIlorum, T. Sims tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) defeated **Hull KR 6** (J. Burgess try; B. Reynolds goal) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 26-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,583.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Rougé, Fages; Bousquet, McIlorum, Navarrete, Sims, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Nikorima, Sironen, Satae, Dezaria. Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; Reynolds, May; Whitbread, Litten, King, Hadley, Batchelor; Minchella (C). Int: Parcell, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa.

ROUND 8 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	CATALANS	8	7	0	1	0	116	14
2	ST HELENS	8	6	0	2	0	138	12
3	WIGAN	7	6	0	1	0	132	12
4	WARRINGTON	8	6	0	2	0	118	12
5	HULL KR	8	5	0	3	0	69	10
6	HUDDERSFIELD	8	5	0	3	0	56	10
7	Salford	8	5	0	3	0	5	10
8	Leeds	8	4	0	4	0	-12	8
9	Leigh	7	1	0	6	0	-12	2
10	Castleford	8	1	0	7	0	-152	2
11	Hull FC	8	1	0	7	0	-224	2
12	London	8	0	0	8	0	-234	0

ROUND 8 SUSPENSIONS

Mike McMeeken (CAT)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Michael McIlorum (CAT)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
	+ Grade B Trips	1 match

ST HELENS 13 HUDDERSFIELD 12

Huddersfield Giants, who have been in excellent form recently, threatened to pull off an upset in the first game of the weekend. However, they ultimately suffered a heart-breaking defeat against St Helens, thanks to a late Jonny Lomax drop goal.

Huddersfield took an early lead, through ex-Saints man, Kevin Naiqama. Huddersfield worked the ball left for Adam Swift, who was tackled close to the St Helens line. But the field position allowed Tui Lolohea to hoist a cross-field kick towards the right touchline. The ball was contested in the air, and eventually dropped to Harry Rushton, who played a simple pass for Naiqama to score. Jake Connor added the extras to give Huddersfield a 6-0 lead. The Giants quickly extended their lead, through in-form winger, Adam Swift. Swift brushed off a Saints tackle deep in his own half, after a half break from Connor. Swift then kicked forward for Tui Lolohea to chase. But both Lolohea and Waqa Blake, covering in defence, missed the bouncing ball and Swift was first to react to touch down. Connor made no mistake with the conversion to give the Giants a 12-0 lead. The Giants were 12 points behind against Leeds in last week's win, but it was their turn to throw away a lead. Tommy Makinson got the Saints back into the game. Huddersfield were attacking the Saints line, but Makinson read their move to perfection and intercepted. No one got close to stopping him, and the Saints veteran ran in 60 metres to score. Percival converted to reduce the Giants' lead to 6 points, with the score at 12-6 at half time.

St Helens scored first in the second half, in controversial circumstances. Morgan Knowles appeared to lash out at Connor, who was stood at marker. Connor turned to complain to the referee, who did not stop the game, and Saints hooker Daryl Clark nipped through the gap to score from dummy half. Connor continued to remonstrate with the officials after the try was awarded, but the decision stood. Percival was on target with the conversion to level the scores. And Saints pinched the points in the final minute of the game. Saints had the ball in the Huddersfield half, and Lomax attempted a drop goal. The Giants charged the kick down, but then stopped as there was confusion over who should retain possession. In the pause, Lomax seized his second chance, kicking the goal and securing the points for the Saints. The result puts them back to the top of the Super League table, on 14 points from 9 games. Huddersfield drop out of the play off places into 7th place, two points behind Salford Red Devils.

HULL KR 26 WIGAN 10

Hull KR bounced back from their heavy defeat at the hands of the Catalans Dragons, by producing one of the shock results of the round. The Robins outclassed champions Wigan, in a game which featured a sensational 100 metre try from an unlikely source.

Hull KR took the lead in the 6th minute, as Sasuao Sue crashed his way over from close range. Mikey Lewis kicked the conversion to make the score 6-0. The Robins had soon extended their lead, through Oliver Gildart, who dummed 10 metres out before holding off the Wigan defence to score. Lewis missed the kick meaning the Robins led by 10. Wigan came into the game as favourites, but it was the Robins who were dominating, and they extended their lead from long range in the 30th minute. Peta Hiku broke the Wigan on his own 30 metre line and broke toward halfway. He passed inside to Niall Evalds, who took the ball deep into the Wigan half, before passing back to Hiku who saw off Liam Marshall to score a brilliant try, which Lewis converted to make the score 16-0.

Wigan scored first in the second half, to show that they should not be written off. A strong carry from Ethan Havard set up a good position under the posts, which gave Bevan French the space to loop a brilliant pass, over the grasping hands of Ryan Hall, out to Miski on the wing to score in the corner. Keighran missed the conversion.

Wigan threatened to score again, with a Jake Wardle kick into the in-goal area somehow evading several Wigan attackers. But Hall re-established the Robins' dominance, by scoring the game's decisive try. Lewis bounced off a tackle from French before finding Gildart. Gildart's pass released Hall, and the powerful winger is almost unstoppable from close range. Then Kelepi Tanginoa scored the standout try of the night. With Wigan attacking the KR line, the ball hit the ground inside the Robins' 10 metre line, coming backwards off Hall's hand. Everybody stopped, except Tanginoa, who picked up the ball, and set off on a mammoth sprint for the line. The prop appeared to be running through treacle as he approached the Wigan line but had just enough in the tank to make it over the line. Liam Farrell scored the final try of the night in the 75th minute, but by this stage the game was over. Hull KR were deserved winners, and victory solidifies their place in the top six. The Robins are now level on points with Wigan and Warrington, just two points behind joint leaders, St Helens and Catalans Dragons.

CASTLEFORD 40 LONDON 0

Castleford Tigers secured their second win of the season, with a routing victory over bottom side London Broncos. London appeared to be moving in the right direction in last week's narrow defeat against Salford. But a heavy defeat at the Jungle means they stay firmly rooted to the bottom of the table.

Castleford only needed two minutes to open the scoring, as Jacob Miller scored the first of their seven tries. Miller found new signing, Tex Hoy, who broke the line on halfway. Hoy then returned the ball to Miller, who ran in unopposed to score from 30 metres out. Rowan Milnes scored the first of six successful conversions to make the score 6-0. Milnes then added Castleford's second try, reacting quickest to Paul McShane's grubber kick through from close range in the 25th minute. McShane turned from creator to scorer almost immediately, scoring in the 28th minute. McShane scored s trademark try from dummy half, reacting to a gap in the London defensive line. Milnes kicked both goals to make the score 18-0 before the half hour mark. The Tigers were on a roll, and they added two more scores before half time. First, in a near carbon copy of Miller's first try, Hoy again exploited a weakness on London's right wing. He broke the line and passed inside, this time to Alex Mellor who was in support. Castleford's final try before half time came down the same with, this time through winger, Innes Senior. The London right edge over committed on the inside, which gave Senior space. He handed off the desperate attempted try from James Meadows to score. Milnes was on target with both conversions to make the score 30-0 at half time.

Castleford's domination continued in the second half, and they took just three minutes to open the scoring after the break. With the ball deep in London territory, Miller floated a brilliant kick over the top for Innes Senior to collect for a simple finish, with Milnes adding the conversion off the touchline. Castleford's final try of the night came after 50 minutes, this time through Louis Senior on Castleford's right edge. Senior picked up Milnes' deft kick through and touched down in the corner to round off the corner, as Milnes missed his only unsuccessful kick of the night.

LEIGH 30 CATALANS 2

Leigh Leopards backed up a narrow defeat against Warrington, in which they produced a much-improved performance, to record a huge victory over the Catalans Dragons. Leigh had won just once this season, having suffered from a number of injuries to high profile players, but were the much stronger side and registered a famous victory over an out of sorts Catalans side.

The first half was tight, with the sides trading sets until the Leopards broke the deadlock in the 26th minute. Tom Astone picked up a bouncing ball deep in his own half and carried the ball beyond halfway before being caught by the retreating defence. However, the Leopards worked the ball wide to winger Josh Charnley on the next play and he scored a simple try to open the scoring, which Matt Moylan converted.

Arthur Mourgue kicked a penalty before half time to reduce the deficit to four points, making the score 6-2 at half time. But Les Dracs were about to be blown away by a rampant Leigh display in the second half.

Leigh extended their lead in the 46th minute through Kai O'Donnell. Leigh had a play the ball 10 metres out, near to the left-hand touchline. They played the ball down the blindside, with Moylan and Lachlan Lam exchanging passes, before putting O'Donnell over for a try. The next try came down Leigh's right-hand side and was, again, the product of smart work by Lam. Leigh worked the ball from left to right before Lam looped a brilliant pass over the top for Umyla Hanley to score. O'Donnell scored his second of the night, after an inside pass put hooker Brad Dwyer into space. Dwyer is always a threat in open field, and he ran through the Catalans defence, before releasing O'Donnell to score. Influential forward, John Asiata, was back in the Leigh side following an injury, and he created the final score of the night. He burst through a tackle before offloading to Moylan who ran in to score. Moylan converted all five tries, to make the score 30-2 to Leigh and cap off a dominant win.

SALFORD 17 WARRINGTON 12

Salford Red Devils came out on top of a tight encounter against Warrington Wolves, in a game marred by a serious injury to young Warrington playmaker, Leon Hayes. Sam Burgess confirmed after the game that Hayes had suffered a dislocated ankle and was set for a lengthy spell on the sidelines. The game was a thoroughly absorbing contest and featured several contentious calls by the video referee.

Salford opened the scoring in the 10th minute, through Tim Lafai, thanks in part to some weak Warrington defence. Lafai picked up the ball 30 metres out and brushed off a weak Warrington tackle. The defence appeared to have him covered, but they were unable to bring Lafai down, as he somehow crashed his way over the line, handing off three attempted tackles in the process. The usually reliable Marc Sneyd missed the kick, meaning Salford led by four points. Warrington soon hit back, through prop forward James Harrison. Danny Walker was quick out of dummy half, picking up the ball and running through a gap in the Salford defence. He released Harrison who brushed off an attempted tackle to score from close range. Stefan Ratchford made no mistake with the conversion to give Warrington the lead after 17 minutes. Warrington then extended their lead, through England captain George Williams. Walker was involved again, playing the ball quickly and passing to Williams who chipped through. Salford full back, Ryan Brierley, will be disappointed with his effort in defence. He seemed to switch off while chasing the ball into the in-goal area, unaware that Williams was bearing down on him. Williams managed to get to the ball ahead of Brierley, who should have dealt with the kick, to score. The on-field call to award the try was crucial, as the video referee has insufficient evidence to overturn it, despite the ball appearing to leave Williams' hand during the grounding. Salford struck back before half time, thanks to some quick thinking from stand-in hooker, Joe Mellor. Salford has a play the ball on the Wigan line and Wigan's markers appeared to switch off. This allowed Mellor to pick up the ball and dive over in one motion, grounding the ball next to the posts. Sneyd added an easy conversion to level the scores. The game seemed to be drifting to half-time with the scores level, but Sneyd showed all his experience, kicking a drop goal on the stroke of half time to give Salford a narrow 11-10 lead.

The second half was a tight affair, with both sides afraid to make a decisive mistake. Sneyd turned down a kickable penalty which could have given Salford a three-point lead, electing to run the ball instead. Salford were unable to score from the resulting play. Warrington elected to kick the goal when they received a penalty in 10 metres from the Salford line, and Ratchford was on target to give the Wolves a one-point lead. Paul Vaughan then had a try controversially ruled out by the video referee, which may have put Warrington in an insurmountable lead. But it was Salford who eventually scored the game's decisive try, again with the help of the video referee. Nene McDonald broke down the line and kicked in goal for the Salford

players to chase. The video referee ruled that Brierley had been tackled without the ball and rightly awarded Salford a penalty try. Sneyd kicked the extras to make the final score 17-12 and continue Salford's strong start to the season. The Red Devils were expected to struggle by many, but find themselves in the top six after nine games. The defeat is only Sam Burgess' second as Warrington head coach, but they remain in the mix at the top of the table, just two points behind the leaders.

LEEDS 18 LONDON 12

Strugglers Hull FC hosted Leeds Rhinos, in desperate need of an upturn in form. Hull FC have conceded more than 50 points on four occasions this season and are currently without a head coach. Leeds were looking for a lift having thrown away two 12 point leads the previous week against Huddersfield.

Leeds set the scene early, forcing Morgan Smith out of play with the first carry of the game. But it was Hull FC who opened the scoring in the 7th minute. Jack Walker broke the Leeds line 30 metres out, finding Morgan Smith in support to touch down and open the scoring. Jack Charles kicked the conversion to give Hull FC a 6-0 lead. However, Leeds debutant Riley Lumb marked his first appearance with a brilliant try. Leeds worked the ball out to Lumb, 30 metres out. Lumb stepped inside, beating two Hull defenders before rounding full back, Jack Walker, to score. Rhyse Martin added the extras to level the score. The game as an error strewn, but entertaining contest with Walker, in particular, shining for Hull FC. Luis Roberts thought he had given the Leeds, but his diving finish was ruled out by the video referee. The Rhinos did extend their lead shortly before half time, and it was debutant, Lumb, who got his second. He got on the end of Brodie Croft's kick through to touch down to score. Rhyse Martin added the conversion to give Leeds a 12-6 lead on the stroke of half time.

Leeds extended their lead in the 52nd minute, through captain Cameron Smith. Croft registered his 12th try assist of the season, as his short pass put Smith through the line for a close range try. Rhyse Martin scored a simple conversion to extend Leeds' lead to 12 points. However, Hull FC struck back immediately from the kick off. A mix up between Matt Frawley and Alfie Edgell saw Leeds spill the kick off. From the resulting possession, Lewis Martin went in to score in the corner after a flowing passing move. Jack Charles converted from the touchline to narrow Leeds' advantage to six points. While the intensity of the game remained, the quality deteriorated, as both teams continued to make errors. Hull FC looked more likely to score an equalising try, but they were unable to break Leeds' resistance and the game ended with a Leeds win. Interim Hull coach, Simon Grix, will be hoping they can carry through this much improved performance into their upcoming fixtures. Debutant Riley Lumb was the one bright spark for Leeds in a turgid performance.

ROUND 9 SCOREBOARD

St Helens 13 (D. Clark, T. Makinson tries; M. Percival 2 goals; J. Lomax field goal) defeated Huddersfield 12 (K. Naiqama, A. Swift tries; J. Connor 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Thu, 25th April. **Kickoff:** 8:00 PM. **Halftime:** Huddersfield 12-6. **Penalties:** Huddersfield 4-3. **Referee:** Liam Moore. **Crowd:** 9,888.

St Helens: Bennison, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Welsby, Lomax; Mata'utia, Mbye, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor; Knowles. **Int:** Clark, Bell, Sironen, Delaney. **Huddersfield:** Connor, Swift, Bibby, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Wilson, Milner, Greenwood, Cudjoe, Rushton, Yates. **Int:** Golding, English, Ikahihifo, Halsall.

Castleford 40 (I. Senior 2, P. McShane, A. Mellor, J. Miller, R. Milnes, L. Senior tries; R. Milnes 6 goals) defeated London 0 at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Fri, 26th April. **Kickoff:** 8:00 PM. **Halftime:** Castleford 30-0. **Penalties:** London 6-5. **Referee:** Jack Smith. **Crowd:** 6,996.

Castleford: Hoy, Senior, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Watts, McShane (C), Westerman, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. **Int:** Horne, Hall, Robb, Martin. **London:** Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Stock, Lovell (C), Jones, Parata. **Int:** Adebisi, Williams, Makin, Tison.

Hull KR 26 (O. Gildart, R. Hall, P. Hiku, S. Sue, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Lewis 3 goals) defeated Wigan 10 (L. Farrell, A. Miski tries; A. Keighran goal) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 26th April. **Kickoff:** 8:00 PM. **Halftime:** Hull KR 18-0. **Penalties:** Hull KR 4-3. **Referee:** Tom Grant. **Crowd:** 9,945.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). **Int:** Parcell, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa. **Wigan:** Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Dupree, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. **Int:** Havard, Cooper, Mago, Leeming.

Leigh 30 (K. O'Donnell 2, J. Charnley, U. Hanley, M. Moylan tries; M. Moylan 5 goals) defeated Catalans 2 (A. Mourgue goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th April. **Kickoff:** 8:00 PM. **Halftime:** Leigh 6-2. **Penalties:** Catalans 7-3. **Referee:** Aaron Moore. **Crowd:** 7,321.

Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; McNamara, Lam; Amone, Davis, Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. **Int:** Norman, Holmes, Asiata (C), Dwyer. **Catalans:** Mourgue, Davies, Ikuvalu, Romano, Johnstone; Rougé, Fages; Séguier, Da Costa, Navarrete, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). **Int:** Laguerre, Nikorima, Satae, Maria.

Salford 17 (R. Brierley, T. Lafai, J. Mellor tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) defeated Warrington 12 (J. Harrison, G. Williams tries; S. Ratchford 2 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th April. **Kickoff:** 3:00 PM. **Halftime:** Salford 11-10. **Penalties:** 6-all. **Referee:** James Vella. **Crowd:** 5,910.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Ormondroyd, Mellor, Vuniyayawa, Wright, Watkins (C), Partington. **Int:** Cust, Shorrocks, Dixon, Dudson. **Warrington:** Dufty, Thewlis, King, Ratchford (C), Russell; Williams, Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. **Int:** Philbin, Crowther, Bullock, Powell.

Leeds 18 (R. Lumb 2, C. Smith tries; R. Martin 3 goals) defeated Hull FC 12 (L. Martin, M. Smith tries; J. Charles 2 goals) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. **Kickoff:** 3:00 PM. **Halftime:** Leeds 12-6. **Penalties:** Hull FC 7-1. **Referee:** Liam Rush. **Crowd:** 10,505.

Hull FC: Walker, Martin, Chamberlain, Sutcliffe, Tindall; Smith, Charles; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Brown, Lane, Sao, Cator. **Int:** Pele, Gardiner, Moy, Aydin. **Leeds:** Miller, Lumb, Momirovski, Martin, Roberts; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Goudemand, Smith (C). **Int:** O'Connor, Lisone, Ruan, Edgell.

ROUND 9 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	9	7	0	2	0	139	14
2	CATALANS	9	7	0	2	0	88	14
3	WIGAN	8	6	0	2	0	116	12
4	WARRINGTON	9	6	0	3	0	113	12
5	HULL KR	9	6	0	3	0	85	12
6	SALFORD	9	6	0	3	0	10	12
7	Huddersfield	9	5	0	4	0	55	10
8	Leeds	9	5	0	4	0	-6	10
9	Leigh	8	2	0	6	0	16	4
10	Castleford	9	2	0	7	0	-112	4
11	Hull FC	9	1	0	8	0	-230	2
12	London	9	0	0	9	0	-274	0

ROUND 9 SUSPENSION

None

WIGAN 30 CATALANS 8

Round 10 in Super League got underway with a repeat of last season's Grand Final, as Wigan Warriors hosted the Catalans Dragons. The result ended the same way, as Wigan ran out comfortable winners.

However, at half time, not many would have predicted the final margin of victory, as a tight game played out. The opening 18 minutes passed without a score, until Arthur Mourgue opened the scoring with a penalty for Les Dracs, after Wigan were caught offside in front of the posts. Julian Bousquet then quickly added the game's first try, crossing in the 21st minute. Bousquet collected a short pass from Alrix Da Costa to score from close range, with Mourgue on target again to give the side from Perpignan an 8-0 lead. However, Wigan soon hit back through forward, Luke Thompson. Thompson took on a short pass 15 metres from the line and burst through a gap, sliding the last few meters over the line to score, after a desperate attempt to bring him down. Harry Smith added the conversion to close the gap to two points at half time.

The Cherry and Whites came out red hot after half time and took an early lead in the second half, thanks to a brilliant piece of invention from Harry Smith. Smith received the ball 20 metres from the Catalans line. Noticing full-back Mourgue out of position, Smith chipped over the top and collected his own kick to give Wigan the lead for the first time. He added a simple conversion to make the score 12-8. Adam Keighran scored Wigan's next try, but the brilliance came in the build-up. First, Harry Smith found Jai Field, who stepped the on-rushing Catalans defender. This bought him the space to find Jai Field. Field then sent a looping pass, which cut out three defenders, to Keighran who scored in the right corner. Smith made no mistake with the conversion, adding his third of five conversions on the night. Wigan's fourth try of the night was a historic one for Liam Farrell, who touched down for his 150th career try. Wigan worked the ball from right to left, before centre, Jake Wardle, passed back inside for Farrell to touch down. Abbas Miski rounded off the scoring for Wigan, but the try was created by another brilliant piece of vision led to a kick and chase. Bevan French had the ball deep in Wigan territory, but noticed Mourgue was again out of position. His kick downfield was picked up by Field, but he was brought down by Cesar Rouge 20 metres from the line. However, no other Catalans defenders had matched field for pace, so when he played the ball to Abbas Miski, the winger was able to run in unopposed. Smith maintained his 100% record from the kicking tee to round off the scoring, and Wigan moved joint top of the Super League table, with a game in hand on the competition.

SALFORD 18 HUDDERSFIELD 16

Salford Red Devils secured a vital win against fellow play-off contenders Huddersfield Giants. The Giants, who recently staged a thrilling comeback against Leeds Rhinos, threatened to repeat the trick. Salford raced into a lead, but three late tries from the Giants threatened to snatch victory in an ill-tempered game. Huddersfield will rue a missed conversion from Jake Connor, which would have levelled the game.

Nene Macdonald opened the scoring with a brilliant interception try in the eighth minute. With Huddersfield on the attack, Macdonald read Tui Lolohea's pass to perfection, stepping out of the defensive line, and intercepting the ball. Macdonald ran 70 metres unopposed to score the first try of the night. Marc Sneyd, who recently signed a new contract with the Red Devils, converted the try to give Salford a 6-0 lead. Macdonald then played a huge part in Salford's second try, continuing his dazzling form. Kallum Watkins offloaded to Macdonald just inside Salford's half, before Macdonald broke through the line into open space. He unselfishly passed inside to Ethan Ryan, who ran in unopposed to score Salford's second of the night. Sneyd was again on target with the conversion to open up a 12-point lead after 20 minutes, with no further score before half time. However, Salford were reduced to 12 men after Ryan Brierley received a yellow card for a high short on Kevin Naiqama just before the interval.

Salford appeared to be running away with the game when they added the first score of the second half. Macdonald came into centre field from his centre to play the ball at dummy half, as Salford put pressure on the Giants line. Reacting quickest to a gap in defence, Macdonald dived over from close range to increase Salford's lead. Sneyd kicked his third of the night to make the score 18-0 after 49 minutes. Things appeared to be going from bad to worse for Huddersfield shortly after. In the 60th minute, Elliot Wallis received a red card for a headbutt on Tim Lafai. However, Salford went down to 12 men for a second time in the match, after Chris Atkin was adjudged to have tackled a Huddersfield player off the ball and received a yellow card. This sparked the Giants into life, as they threatened to pull off a remarkable comeback. Adam Swift scored their first try, his 10th try in 10 consecutive games, after Huddersfield worked the ball out to their left wing. However, Connor crucially missed the kick from the touchline. Tui Lolohea then produced a piece of magic in the 75th minute set up a grandstand finish. He chipped over the top of the advancing Salford line and collected his own kick to score near the posts. Connor was successful this time to make the score 18-10 with 5 minutes remaining. When Jake Bibby then dived into the corner in the 79th minute, it seemed like the Giants may pull off the impossible. Jake Connor added the extras to close the gap to two points with just seconds to play. However, they were unable to find the final score they required, and Salford held on for a crucial victory to hold onto their place in the top six. Huddersfield now sit four points from sixth place, down in eighth spot.

LEEDS 46 LONDON 8

Leeds Rhinos made a statement, after last week's disjointed win over Hull FC, beating bottom side, London Broncos, 46-8 at Headingley. Leeds coach, Rohan Smith, made a statement with his selection, dropping off season recruit, Matt Frawley, in favour of rookie, Jack Sinfield. 19-year-old Sinfield, son of Leeds legend Kevin Sinfield, repaid Smith's faith by winning man of the match for his performance.

Brodie Croft opened the scoring for Leeds, bursting through the middle of the London defence 30 metres out and racing over to score. Rhyse Martin added the extras to give Leeds an early lead. The Rhinos were soon further ahead, thanks to some brilliance from full back, Lachie Miller. Miller fielded a Broncos kick 5 metres from his own line, but broke up field, leaving several London defenders for dead. Once in the London half, he rounded covering defender, Rhys Kennedy, with ease to leave the try line begging. Miller unselfishly passed inside to Ash Handley, who was arriving at pace, 30 metres from the line. Handley will never score an easier try as he went in unopposed under the sticks, with Martin adding a simple conversion. The Broncos, who lost 40-0 against Castleford last week, did manage to get on the scoresheet this week. After a Leeds error handed them the initiative, they forced several repeat sets in the Leeds half. Ethan Natoli eventually took advantage of a weak attempted tackle from Brodie Croft to crash over to score. Croft was injured in the process, perhaps contributing to the missed tackle, and did not return for Leeds. Ollie Leyland missed the conversion to make the score 12-4 after 27 minutes. Leeds quickly re-established their dominance, however, and grabbed two more quick tries before half time. First, second rower, James McDonnell, picked up a short kick to the right-hand corner from Andy Ackers to stretch Leeds' into a 12-point lead. Then Luis Roberts touched down in the same corner, after a quick passing move through several pairs of hands exploited the narrow London defence. Martin kicked the second of the two conversions to give Leeds a comfortable 22-4 lead at half time.

The Rhinos needed just two minutes to open the scoring at the beginning of the second half. A sharp pass from Sinfield found Miller, who again unselfishly passed inside, eschewing an opportunity to score, instead setting up forward Mikael Goudemand for his first Rhinos' try. Sinfield then bagged a try of his own. Andy Ackers broke the London line from dummy half, and with just the full-back to beat, passed inside for Sinfield to run in 20 metres unopposed to score under the posts. Martin added both conversions to extend the lead to 30 points. London did score a second try shortly after, thanks to a brilliant offload from Alex Walker. After Handley failed to deal with a high kick, London got the ball back and worked it to Walker, in the right centre position. With two Leeds defenders around him, he somehow managed to free an arm to offload, backhanded, to

Robbie Storey who touched down in the corner. Leyland missed his second conversion of the night. Leeds rounded off the night's scoring with two tries from unlikely sources. The first came through crowd-favourite, Sam Lisone. Leeds captain, Cameron Smith, found Lisone with a short pass and he went over from close range. His front-row partner, Sam Lisone, scored Leeds' final try of the night. Sangare took in a brilliant offload from Andy Ackers, shone in Croft's absence, to score the simplest of tries. Martin successfully converted both to make the final score 46-8. Remarkably, in the face of severe criticism, the Rhinos now find themselves just two points off the leading group in Super League. The weekend's results mean the top six are all level on 14 points, with Leeds just behind in seventh, on 10 points. However, the Rhinos now face back-to-back away trips to Catalans and St Helens which could define their season. London remain bottom of the pile, winless from their opening 10 and conceding, on average, just over 39 points a game.

WARRINGTON 24 HULL FC 6

Josh Thewlis scored 20 points for Warrington Wolves in their comfortable win over Hull FC. However, the game was overshadowed by a post-game altercation between Warrington head coach, Sam Burgess, and Hull Director of Rugby, Richie Myler.

A mix up with the team sheets saw Warrington lose an interchange, and Hull FC decline the Wolves' request to change Connor Wrench's name to Adam Holroyd without penalty. This led to an exchange of words post-match, and Burgess being caught on camera bumping shoulders with Myler in the tunnel. Former half-back, Myler, is significantly smaller than Burgess, and that discrepancy was also reflected on the field, with Warrington among Super League's front runners, whilst Hull FC have won just once this season. Warrington needed less than 10 minutes to open the scoring through Thewlis. Wire worked the ball from left to right, with full back, Matt Dufty, passing to Thewlis, who stepped inside from the wing to beat the covering defence and score. Thewlis then kicked a difficult conversion to give them an early 6-0 lead. Returning half-back, Josh Drinkwater, then set up the next try for Warrington. Drinkwater, who will leave the club at the end of the season and playing in his first game since round three, ghosted through the line before sending in England captain, George Williams to score. Thewlis was again on target with the conversion to make the score 12-0 at half-time.

Thewlis then grabbed two quick tries at the beginning of the second half to secure his hat trick. The first came from another Dufty pass. This time, he looped the ball over three defenders to find Thewlis. Thewlis then cut back against the grain again, this time arcing his run 15 metres, past five defenders, in field to score. His third score of the night came in the 54th minute. Dufty again played a role, with his strong run taking Warrington into a strong position on their left-hand side, close to the Hull line. This gave the Wolves the space they needed to work the ball from left to right again, with the ball ending up in Thewlis' hands for a simple try in the corner. He kicked both goals to take his personal tally to 20 points for the match. Tom Briscoe scored a consolation try, his first since returning to Hull FC from Leigh Leopards. Briscoe got on the end of a brilliant cut pass from returning half-back, Jake Trueman, who returns to the FC side after nine months out injured. FC have improved from their nadir a few weeks ago, when losing 58-0 to St Helens, but with just one win so far this season and no permanent head coach, a bad year doesn't show much sign of getting any better.

HULL KR 40 ST HELENS 20

Hull KR secured their second statement in as many weeks, beating St Helens 40-20 at Craven Park. Fresh off the back of a 26-12 home win against reigning champions, Wigan Warriors, Hull KR produced another impressive win to underline their status as a force to be reckoned with.

Tyrone May opened the scoring for the Robins, the first of seven different KR try scorers. Mikey Lewis, who shone in White and Red, chipped the ball through, and May collected on the full to score under the posts. Lewis converted a simple kick with ease. But the Saints struck back in the 12th minute, through Jack Welsby. Welsby received the ball from NRL bound, Lewis Dodd, and somehow managed to wriggle through the KR defence,

who seemed to have plenty of cover, going 20 metres to score. Mark Percival kicked the tricky conversion to level the scores. Saints were reduced to 12 men in the 16th minute though, as Morgan Knowles was sin binned for a high tackle. Hull KR soon made their numerical advantage count, as Mikey Lewis scored in the 18th minute. Sauaso Sue broke a tackle in his own half, before offloading to Elliot Minchella, who passed inside to Lewis to finish under the posts, before converting his own try. Saints, at this stage, appeared to be up for the fight, as they pulled a try back whilst still playing with 12 men. A brilliant piece of vision from Johnny Lomax created the try, as his miss pass cut out two Hull KR defenders and allowed Waqa Blake a clear run into the corner. However, Percival was off target, meaning KR retained a two-point lead. With Knowles back from the sin bin, St Helens then took the lead, with Konrad Hurrell barging over from close range in the 28th minute. Percival was again off target, meaning it was Saints who now possessed a two-point lead, with the score 14-12. But the Robins scored again before half-time to re-establish their dominance. Mikey Lewis' flat pass found Kelepi Tanginoa. Tanginoa scored a 100 metre try against Wigan last week, and again showed his quick feet as he burst through the line. He passed outside to new recruit, Jack Broadbent, who scored his first try for the Robins. Lewis missed his only conversion of the night, meaning it was KR who lead 16-14 at the break.

The second half was a less even affair, with KR out scoring Saints by four scores to one. Petr Hiku opened the scoring in the 48th minute. Petr Hiku took in a sensational inside all to run in from close range, with Lewis adding the extras. KR hooker, Jez Litten, popped up on the wing to score the Robins' next try, after Saints had failed to deal with a high kick. Litten gratefully took in a pass from Broadbent to score in the corner. Saints threatened to fightback, as Hurrell grabbed his second of the game in trademark fashion. The big centre is almost unstoppable from close range, and he powered over from 10 metres out to give Saints a lifeline. But any hope of a comeback was quickly extinguished by two tries in the last 10 minutes from the Robins. First, the talismanic Lewis put forward Dean Hadley in for a simple try under the posts. Then Lewis looped a pass out to the wing for Ryan Hall to score in the corner. Hall's try moves him to within just one of Danny Maguire's all time Super League try scoring record of 247 tries. KR's win is their sixth in seven games and moves them into the group of six sides who are all tied for top spot on 14 points.

LEIGH 28 YORK 28

Leigh Leopards and Castleford Tigers played out a remarkable draw at the Leigh Sports Village, with neither side able to find a win after a period of golden point extra time. Both sides are locked together in the table on two wins each, and they shared the honours on the field after a tight encounter.

A last gasp try from Castleford's Louis Senior allowed Rowan Milnes an opportunity to level the scores in the last minute, which he coolly took, slotting the conversion from the touchline. A draw does not benefit either side, as they drift further from play-off contention with more than a third of the season gone. Louis Senior opened the scoring for Castleford, thanks to an interception try. With Leigh pressing, Matt Moylan attempted a miss pass to put Leigh in for a score on the left-hand side. However, Senior read the play, intercepting the pass, and racing 80 meters to score the first try of the game. Milnes missed the goal from the touchline to give the Tigers an early 4-point lead. Tex Hoy then extended Castleford's lead, showing great strength to touchdown. The Tigers worked the ball from right to left, eventually finding Hoy on 10 metres line. He power over defender, Zak Hardaker, to score and extend Castleford's lead. Milnes was on target this time, making the score 10-0. However, the return of Leigh's Edwin Ipape from injury began to turn the tide in the Leopards favour. Ipape played an important role in the first try, breaking the line and passing to Moylan in space. Moylan passed to Lachlan Lam, who drew the full back before returning the ball to Moylan to score Leigh's first try, which Moylan then converted. Ipape then scored a fortuitous try himself, as his attempted kick through from close range hit the face of a Castleford defender and bounced back for the hooker to collect and score, with Moylan again on target to give Leigh the lead for the first time. Leigh then grabbed another try right on the stroke of half time, to take control of the game. Ricky Leutele offloaded

to Moylan, who then found Charnley 10 metres out on Leigh's left-hand side. Charnley powered over the covering defence to extend the Leopards' lead. Moylan then added a difficult kick to make the score 18-10 at half time.

At this stage, Leigh appeared to be running away with the game, and they grabbed the first try of the second half. Leutele was the scorer this time, as the Leopards made the most of a play the ball near the Tigers' line, working the ball to the left for Leutele to score a simple try, with Moylan converting to give Leigh a 24-10 lead. However, Castleford struck back, thanks to more good play from Hoy. He broke through the left edge of the Leigh defence on hallway, before passing back inside to Sam Wood to score. Milnes was on target with the conversion to reduce the gap to eight points. Lachlan Lam's 69th minute try appeared to have put the game to bed, as it extended Leigh's lead back to 12 points with just 11 minutes remaining. Importantly, Lam touched down in the left-hand corner, giving Moylan a difficult conversion, which he missed, giving Castleford just enough time to complete a thrilling comeback. First, Innes Senior scored in the left corner, after a brilliant pass from Hoy, which Milnes coolly converted from the touchline, to reduce the gap to six points. Then Castleford worked the ball to the right edge, where Louis Senior produced an acrobatic, diving finish to bring the Tigers to within two points in the 78th minute. Up stepped Milnes, seemingly unburdened by the pressure of the situation, to calmly slot the conversion. Leigh came closest to breaking the deadlock in extra time, as they missed with two drop-goal attempts. First, Moylan hit the post, before Lam fired wide and a thoroughly engrossing match was drawn.

ROUND 10 SCOREBOARD

Wigan 30 (L. Farrell, A. Keighran, A. Miski, H. Smith, L. Thompson tries; H. Smith 5 goals) defeated Catalans 8 (J. Bousquet try; A. Mourgue 2 goals) at DW Stadium.

Date: Thu, 2nd May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 8-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 14,481.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Byrne, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Havard, Mago, Leeming, Dupree. Catalans: Mourgue, Yaha, Laguerre, Romano, Johnstone; Nikorima, Abdull; Bousquet, Da Costa, Navarrete, Sims, McMeeken, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Sironen, Rougé, Satae.

Salford 18 (N. Macdonald 2, E. Ryan tries; M. Sneyd 3 goals) defeated Huddersfield 16 (J. Bibby, T. Lolohea, A. Swift tries; J. Connor 2 goals) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Fri, 3rd May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 10-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,843.

Huddersfield: Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Wilson, Milner, Greenwood, Rushton, Halsall, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Ikahihifo, Bibby, Salabio. Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Ormondroyd, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Cust, Wright, Shorrocks, Dudson.

Leeds 46 (B. Croft, M. Goudemand, A. Handley, S. Lisone, J. McDonnell, L. Roberts, J. Sangaré, J. Sinfield tries; R. Martin 7 goals) defeated London 8 (E. Natoli, R. Storey tries) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 3rd May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 22-4. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 13,259.

Leeds: Miller, Handley, Roberts, Martin, Lumb; Croft, Sinfield; Sangaré, O'Connor, Oledzki, McDonnell, Goudemand, Smith (C). Int: Lisone, Ruan, Edgell, Ackers. London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Tison; Kennedy, Davis, Adebij, Lovell (C), Jones, Stock. Int: Makin, Meadows, Butler; Natoli.

Warrington 24 (J. Thewlis 3, G. Williams tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated Hull FC 6 (T. Briscoe try; J. Charles goal) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 3rd May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-0. Penalties: Warrington 4-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 8,680.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Lindop; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Philbin, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Holroyd, Powell, Wood. Hull FC: Walker, Briscoe, Chamberlain, Sutcliffe, Martin; Smith, Charles; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Sao, Lane, Scott, Cator. Int: Trueman, Pele, Brown, Aydin.

Hull KR 40 (J. Broadbent, D. Hadley, R. Hall, P. Hiku, M. Lewis, J. Litten, T. May tries; M. Lewis 6 goals) defeated St Helens 20 (K. Hurrell 2, W. Blake, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 2 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 16-14. Penalties: Hull KR 4-1. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 10,171.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Broadbent, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Parcell, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa. St Helens: Welsby, Ritson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Lomax (C), Dodd; Mata'utia, Mbye, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Clark, Bell, Sironen, Delaney.

Leigh 28 (J. Charnley, E. Ipape, L. Lam, R. Leutele, M. Moylan tries; M. Moylan 4 goals) drew with Castleford 28 (L. Senior 2, T. Hoy, I. Senior, S. Wood tries; R. Milnes 4 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-10. Penalties: Leigh 6-2. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 8,035.

Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; McNamara, Lam; Amone, Dwyer; Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Holmes, Davis, Ipape, Brogan. Castleford: Hoy, Senior, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Watts, McShane (C), Westerman, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: Horne, Hall, Robb, Martin.

ROUND 10 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	9	7	0	2	0	138	14
2	WARRINGTON	10	7	0	3	0	131	14
3	ST HELENS	10	7	0	3	0	119	14
4	HULL KR	10	7	0	3	0	105	14
5	CATALANS	10	7	0	3	0	66	14
6	SALFORD	10	7	0	3	0	12	14
7	Leeds	10	6	0	4	0	32	12
8	Huddersfield	10	5	0	5	0	53	10
9	Leigh	9	2	1	6	0	16	5
10	Castleford	10	2	1	7	0	-112	5
11	Hull FC	10	1	0	9	0	-248	2
12	London	10	0	0	10	0	-312	0

ROUND 10 SUSPENSIONS

None

WARRINGTON 20 HULL KR 8

Round 11 in Super League got underway with a contest between two of the competition's in form sides. Both Hull KR and Warrington have Challenge Cup semi-finals on the horizon, and it is the Wolves who will go into their game on the back of a win. Their victory was largely down to a dominant first half performance, in which Warrington could have put the game beyond doubt much sooner.

Warrington opened the scoring after six minutes, through centre Toby King. With a central play the ball, 30 meters from goal, the Wire exploited a hole in the left edge of the KR defence, working the ball out to Matty Ashton on the wing. Ashton then passed back inside to his centre, King, who touched down to open the scoring. Josh Thewlis kicked the conversion to give Warrington a six-point lead. They extended their lead after 11 minutes, and Hull KR's right-edge defence was becoming a real problem. This time, the move was almost identical, however it was King who passed outside to Ashton. Ashton went for the corner, but in the process, KR winger Joe Burgess was deemed to have hit Ashton high when attempting to stop the try, which forced Ashton's foot into touch. A penalty try was, therefore, awarded, giving Thewlis a simple kick in front of the posts, which he did not miss. The game was threatening to run away from KR at this point, as Warrington another try down their left edge in the 26th minute. King was on the scoresheet again, stepping through three attempted tackles from 20 metres out to score his second of the game, with Peta Hiku singled out for criticism for his defensive effort. Thewlis made no mistake with the conversion to extend the Warrington lead to 18-0. Warrington missed several golden opportunities to extend their lead during the course of the half, and they were left to rue these missed opportunities when KR scored before halftime to cut the deficit and give themselves a foothold in the game. Mikey Lewis engaged the line then found Kelepi Tanginoa, who offloaded well to full-back Niall Evalds. Evalds then passed to Jack Broadbent, who stepped inside the full-back to score his second try in as many weeks. Lewis missed the conversion, to make the score 18-4 at halftime.

The Robins looked like a new side after the break and opened the scoring in the second half through Mikey Lewis. Lewis' attempted kick through was blocked and bounced back into the half-back's hands. He then scooted around the edge of the Warrington defence to score in the left corner. Crucially, the kick was missed, meaning KR remained 10 points behind. This breathing space allowed Warrington to keep KR at arm's length. After scoring their second, the Robins never really threatened to overturn the deficit. A late penalty following a failed short drop out attempt by Hull KR meant Warrington added two points with the last kick of the game. KR were left ruing missing the opportunity to top the Super League table for the first time in their history.

ST HELENS 60 CASTLEFORD 4

A blow-out scoreline in St Helens' favour belies a topsy turvy contest which was in the balance for large parts of the contest. The game was influenced by two red cards which changed the complexion of the match. St Helens eventually emerged victorious, thanks to a Waqa Blake hat trick, and eight tries in 28 minutes in the second half.

Saints rushed into an early lead through Sione Mata'utia. Castleford full-back, Tex Hoy, was unable to deal with a Lewis Dodd kick through, which then bounced back into the arms of Mata'utia, who touched down. The kick was missed, and Saints lead 4-0 in the 4th minute. However, Saints were soon reduced to 12 men, after Tommy Makinson received a red card for a high shot on Hoy. The incident occurred in the build up to Innes Senior having a try ruled out by the video referee. But the Saints then extended their lead. Playing the ball near halfway, Jonny Lomax attacked the blindside and passed to Mark Percival. Percival then passed back inside to Lomax, who saw off the attentions of several Castleford defenders before barging over Hoy to score in

the left corner. Percival's missed conversion made the score 8-0 to Saints. Castleford scored their first try of the night just before halftime. After a slick move from left to right, Innes Senior succeeded where brother Louis failed, holding off two defenders to score in the right-hand corner in the 38th minute. The conversion was missed, which meant the scoreline at half time was 8-4 in Saints' favour. Few could have predicted what would happen next at this stage.

Saints started the second half fast, and Daryl Clark was instrumental in their first try. He scooped the ball up from dummy half in his own half and broke the Tigers' defensive line. Clark then, unselfishly, passed inside to Jack Welsby, rather than attempting to beat last-man Hoy, and Welsby went in to score under the posts. Percival was on target with the kick. The game then swung decisively in Saints' favour, as Castleford were also reduced to 12 men. Liam Horne was rightly sent off for a dangerous tip tackle, which opened the door for Saints to strike. First, Percival got onto the end of a clever Lomax kick through, and reacted fastest when the covering Castleford defender dropped the ball in-goal. Then, having broken 30 metres downfield, Konrad Hurrell put in Blake for his first try of the night. Hurrell repeated the trick a few minutes later, breaking through on halfway. This time he passed inside to Welsby who went over for another Saints score. James Bell then grabbed a quickfire brace. His first came after Castleford failed to deal with another kick. Lomax picked up the bouncing ball and passed outside to Bell for a simple score. Then Bell sidestepped through a broken Castleford line to score from 10 metres out. At this point, Castleford were falling apart. Blake produced an acrobatic finish to score his second of the night, leaping over the covering Castleford defence to touch down in the corner. Percival then crashed through a gaping hole in the Castleford line on halfway, before passing inside to Lewis Dodd to score the simplest of tries. There was just enough time for Blake to complete his hat trick with the last action of the game, diving into the corner after collecting another Hurrell pass. Percival kicked eight conversions and one penalty on the night to round off the scoring at 60-4. Castleford head coach, Craig Lingard, spoke furiously in his post-match press conference. He will have some work to do to pick up his broken players after such a spectacular second half capitulation.

LEIGH 40 SALFORD 12

Josh Charnley scored the 300th try of his career as Leigh brushed aside the Salford Red Devils, boosting their faint hopes of making the play-offs in the process. It has been a difficult few weeks for Leigh, as a number of their star players have announced they will leave the club at the end of the season. Head coach, Adrian Lam, is also being linked with a move away. However, this result is a statement from a side which has underperformed so far this season.

Umyla Hanley, one player who has agreed an extended deal to stay at the club, opened the scoring for Leigh after six minutes. Matt Moylan skirted across the Salford line 20 metres out, before finding Hanley, who had cut in from his wing. Hanley's angled run allowed him to stroll through a gap in the Salford line to score. Moylan converted to make the score 6-0. Moylan was again involved in the second try, with his pass from right to left, finding Lachlan Law, whose pinpoint kick to the corner was picked up by Charnley to score in the 13th minute. Moylan added the extras to give Leigh a 12-point lead. Salford struck back soon after, as Ryan Brierley collected a good offload from veteran, Kallum Watkins, to score after 20 minutes. But Hanley's second try of the game restored Leigh's cushion going into half time. Hanley took in a brilliant, looped pass from Lam to score in the corner. The second half was a much more one-sided affair, as the Leopards turned on the style and put Salford to the sword. Charnley's 300th career try was one to remember, as he collected the ball 20 metres from his own line. He swatted off the attempted Salford tacklers and raced through to score and etch his name in the record books in the process. Although Ryan Hall will soon surpass Danny McGuire as Super League's all time leading try scorer, it is surely only a matter of time before Charnley holds the record.

Matt Davies scored Leigh's next try in the 48th minute, collecting a dab through to score from close range. Brad Dwyer then scored from a trademark scoot from dummy half, bursting through the line to dive over under the posts from 10 metres out. Dwyer then turned provider for Lam, scooting from dummy half again before putting Lam over to score. Zak Hardaker took over kicking duties from Moylan, and kicked four from four in the second half, as Leigh stretched out into an unassailable lead. Tim Lafai scored Salford's second try late on, stepping around Hardaker and running 30 metres to score, but it was too late for a Salford comeback, as Leigh won 40-12. Leigh remain seven points behind sixth placed Salford, however it moves them up to three wins and they appear to be a side with real momentum. Having finished fourth last year, they are capable of sustaining a play-off push and could be outsiders this year.

WIGAN 48 HUDDERSFIELD 6

Wigan Warriors comfortably saw off a Huddersfield Giants side whose own play-off aspirations appear to be stumbling. The Giants were a side with real momentum, however a narrow defeat to St Helens, followed by losses against Salford and Wigan means they have work to do to remain competitive. Liam Marshall's hat trick of tries secured the points for the Cherry and Whites.

A frantic opening period saw Wigan forward, Liam Byrne, receive a yellow card in the first minute, for a high tackle from the first tackle of the game. However, Wigan still raced into an early lead, as Liam Marshall intercepted before racing 80 metres to score after two minutes. Harry Smith kicked the extras to give Wigan a 6-0 lead. The Giants struck back after 14 minutes, with a spectacular try of their own. Elliot Wallis picked up the ball deep in his own half and set off on a mazy run which saw him beat half of the Wigan side single-handedly, before turning on the after burners to score under the posts. This would be the only time the Giants were level, however, as Wigan dominated the rest of the game. Bevan French scored his first try of the night, dummying his way through the Huddersfield line 30 meters from the try line to score a brilliant try. Marshall then bagged his second try of the night, stepping inside off his wing to finish off a flowing move from right to left which involved Smith, French and Jai Field. Field then created French's second try of the night, setting off left, before turning around and running right, timing his pass to perfection, to allow French run onto the ball at pace to score.

Liam Marshall completed his hat trick in the 65th minute, thanks to a flowing Wigan move from inside their own half. Kruike Leeming, who was impressive throughout, offloaded to French who attacked the line, before passing to Field. Field then found Liam Farrell, who passed the ball to Jake Wardle. Wardle then found Marshall who ran in from distance to score. A brilliant French offload, out of the back of his hand whilst in the tackle, gave Leeming an easy finish to score his first try of the night in the 68th minute, before a late Abbas Miski double rounded off the scoring for Wigan, after Huddersfield's Esan Marsters was given a yellow card for a trip on French. French exploited this gap fully, by creating Miski's first try with a brilliant miss pass. Wigan then went the length of the field to score their final try. Field broke before finding French. French looked set to score himself, however, an ankle tap from Leroy Cudjoe brought him down. Huddersfield's defence could not recover though, and Miski dummied the last defender before cruising home to score. Smith kicked 8 from the tee, including one penalty, to make the final score 48-6.

CATALANS 26 LEEDS 0

Catalans Dragons comfortably beat a depleted Leeds Rhinos to get their season back on track. The Dragons had struggled in recent weeks, however their win over the Rhinos keeps them level at the top of the table. Leeds' side is missing several key players, after an unfortunate run of injuries. They will be disappointed with their defeat in Perpignan, though, having beaten Les Dracs at Headingley earlier in the season. Two late tries from the Catalans side gave the scoreline a deserved gloss, after Leeds battled hard in a tense game.

Tom Davies scored the only try of a tight first half. Leeds dropped the ball 20 metres from their own line, which gave Les Dracs excellent field position. They only needed one tackle of the set of six to work the ball out to Davies on the right wing, who touched down in the corner. Arthur Mourgue added the extras to give Catalans a 6-0 lead, before adding a penalty in the 19th minute to give Les Dracs an 8-0 lead at half time.

Whilst Leeds were competitive, they lacked a cutting edge and will hope the break provided by the Challenge Cup semi-finals next weekend will help them to get some key personnel back on the field. It was only a matter of time before the Dragons extended their lead, through their other flying winger, Tom Johnstone. With Leeds attacking the Dragons' line, Johnstone intercepted a pass from young half-back, Jack Sinfield, and went 80 metres to score, with Mourgue adding the extras. Mourgue then produced a spectacular try of his own, stepping through the Leeds line before rounding the full back to score after 77 minutes. He converted his own try to give Les Dracs a 20-0 lead. There was still time for one final Dragons try, through Alrix Da Costa, who darted over to score from dummy half, after playing the ball close to the line.

LONDON 34 HULL FC 18

Rugby League fans everywhere, apart from those in West Hull, rejoiced as everyone's second favourite team, London Broncos, won their first game of the season. Winless from the opening and on the receiving end of some heavy defeats, London show great resilience in remaining competitive each week. They finally got their rewards, overcoming Hull FC, whose own season goes from bad to worse.

After a scoreless opening 20 minutes, Hull FC drew first blood, as Herman Ese'ese opened the scoring. He held his run well, before receiving an inside pass, using his momentum to crash over the line under the posts. Jack Charles added the extras to give Hull a 6-0 lead. However, London struck back immediately with a converted try of their own to level the scores. Hakim Maloudi was instrumental, evading tackles in his own half, before breaking through. He then found Alex Walker to finish off the try. London then shot themselves in the foot immediately from the restart. FC capitalised on London dropping the ball, and Jake Trueman scored to put the Black and Whites back in control. However, the Broncos quickly regrouped, and went from six points behind to four points ahead at half time. James Meadows scored the first of the two tries, powering over the line from close range. James Meadows added the extras to level the scores. A quick passing move from London then released Robbie Storey into a space to score. However, Leyland missed this time, making the score 16-12 to London at half-time.

There was no let up in the intensity in the second half, as the two sides went toe-to-toe. Hull FC's new singing, Yusuf Aydin, added FC's third converted try of the game. But London soon took full control, scoring 18 unanswered points. After Hull were reduced to 12 men, after a late Jordan Lane tackle, Jarred Bassett's mazy run allowed him to touch down in the left corner. Then Lee Kershaw scored in the 62nd minute, after a lengthy review by the video referee. Leyland's conversion gave London a 10-point cushion. Leyland has been London's stand out player this season, and it was fitting that he rounded off the scoring with the game's final try. He intercepted the ball in midfield, before touching down in the 69th minute. He added the extras to make the score 34-18, and the London players embraced in joy at the final whistle. Whilst their relegation appears inevitable, they have shown they are capable of competing in Super League and thoroughly deserved their win.

ROUND 11 SCOREBOARD

Warrington 20 (T. King 2 tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated Hull KR 8 (J. Broadbent, M. Lewis tries) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Thu, 9th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-4. Penalties: Warrington 6-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 8,578.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Musgrove, Crowther, Powell. Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Broadbent, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Tanginoa, Batchelor (C), Hadley. Int: King, Parcell, Storton, Brown.

St Helens 60 (W. Blake 3, J. Bell 2, J. Welsby 2, L. Dodd, J. Lomax, S. Mata'utia, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 8 goals) defeated Castleford 4 (L. Senior try) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Fri, 10th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-4. Penalties: St Helens 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 7,869.

Castleford: Hoy, Senior, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Watts, McShane (C), Westerman, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: Horne, Griffin, Robb, Eseh. St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Lomax (C), Dodd; Mata'utia, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Bell. Int: Mbye, Wingfield, Delaney, Stephens.

Leigh 40 (J. Charnley 2, U. Hanley 2, M. Davis, B. Dwyer, L. Lam tries; Z. Hardaker 4, M. Moylan 2 goals) defeated Salford 12 (R. Brierley, T. Lafai tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 10th May. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Leigh 16-6. Penalties: Leigh 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 8,103.

Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; McNamara, Lam (C); Amon, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Trout. Int: Dwyer, Davis, Hughes, Chamberlain. Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Cust, Ormondroyd, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Bourouh, Vuniyayawa, Hellewell, Hankinson.

Wigan 48 (L. Marshall 3, B. French 2, A. Miski 2, K. Leeming tries; H. Smith 8 goals) defeated Huddersfield 6 (E. Wallis try; J. Connor goal) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 12-6. Penalties: Wigan 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,334.

Huddersfield: Connor, Halsall, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Wilson, Milner; English, Rushton, Cudjoe, Yates (C). Int: Greenwood, Hewitt, Golding, Ikahihifo. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Byrne, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Havard, Mago, Leeming, Dupree.

Catalans 26 (A. Da Costa, T. Davies, T. Johnstone, A. Mourgue tries; A. Mourgue 5 goals) defeated Leeds 0 at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 8-0. Penalties: Catalans 5-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 9,546.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Nikorima, Abdull; Navarrete, McIlorum (C), Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, McMeeken. Int: Da Costa, Rougé, Satae, Maria. Leeds: Miller, Edgell, Roberts, Martin, Handley; Frawley, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor; Sangaré, McDonnell, Goudemand, Smith (C). Int: Ackers, Lisone, Ruan, Johnson.

London 34 (J. Bassett, L. Kershaw, O. Leyland, J. Meadows, R. Storey, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland 5 goals) defeated Hull FC 18 (Y. Aydin, H. Ese'ese, J. Trueman tries; J. Charles 3 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 16-12. Penalties: Hull FC 3-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 3,225.

London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Tison, Adebijyi, Lovell (C), Natoli, Stock. Int: Butler, Bienek, Jones, Makin. Hull FC: Walker, Briscoe, Scott, Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Charles; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Aydin, Lane, Sao, Cator. Int: Pele, Smith, Jebson, Chan.

ROUND 11 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	10	8	0	2	0	180	16
2	ST HELENS	11	8	0	3	0	175	16
3	WARRINGTON	11	8	0	3	0	143	16
4	CATALANS	11	8	0	3	0	92	16
5	HULL KR	11	7	0	4	0	93	14
6	SALFORD	11	7	0	4	0	-16	14
7	Leeds	11	6	0	5	0	6	12
8	Huddersfield	11	5	0	6	0	11	10
9	Leigh	10	3	1	6	0	44	7
10	Castleford	11	2	1	8	0	-168	5
11	Hull FC	11	1	0	10	0	-264	2
12	London	11	1	0	10	0	-296	2

ROUND 11 SUSPENSIONS

Tommy Makinson (STH)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Liam Horne (CAS)	Grade C Dang. Throw/Lift	1 match
Liam Byrne (WIG)	Grade C Head Contact	2 matches

CASTLEFORD 30 HULL FC 22

Round 12 in Super League got underway with three Friday night games, including a battle between two of the league's struggling sides. Hull FC succumbed to a tenth consecutive defeat, going down 30-22 to a Castleford Tigers side who are just beginning to find their feet.

Although the final scoreline was tight, there was always a sense that the Tigers were holding FC at arm's length. Castleford made a fast start, opening the scoring through Liam Horne after just six minutes. Joe Westerman broke through the centre of the FC defence on halfway, before passing inside to Horne for a simple score, with Rowan Milnes making no mistake with the kick. The Tigers' next score which came in the ninth minute, was an absolute peach. With the ball inside the Tigers' 20, they worked the ball out to winger, Jason Qaraqare who offloaded inside to Tex Hoy. When Hoy was faced with the Hull full-back, Logan Moy, he chipped the ball over his head, chasing it down to collect and score a brilliant try against his former club. Milnes was on target again to make the score 12-0. However, a Castleford mistake close to their own line let the Airlie Birds back into the game. Innes Senior dropped a simple pass 10 metres from his own line to gift the ball to Hull. From the resulting play the ball, a brilliant looping pass from Jake Trueman found Harvey Barron on the wing who touched down to cut the deficit. Ben Reynolds added the extras to reduce Castleford's lead to six points. The sides then exchanged scores before half-time, in an engaging contest. Castleford struck first through Milnes in the 31st minute. Milnes dabbled in goal, and Liam Sutcliffe appeared to have the situation under control. However, he inexplicably fumbled the ball, gifting Milnes a try on a plate, which he duly converted. However, he quickly atoned for his error, intercepting a pass and running 80 metres to score just before half-time. The conversion was missed, however, meaning the Tigers lead 18-10 at the break.

The Tigers struck first in the second half with Qaraqare grabbing his first try of the night. The Black and Whites defence was unable to deal with a Milnes kick. Sylvester Namu picked up the loose ball, before finding Qaraqare to score in the corner, with Milnes again on the target with the boot. Hull were unable to deal with Milnes' kicking game, and another pinpoint grubber allowed Corey Hall to score their fifth try of the night. Milnes added the extras and the Tigers appeared to be out of sight. However, FC showed some fighting spirit, and grabbed two late scores to give the Tigers fans some late nerves. On loan Wigan Warriors man, Tiaki Chan, scored the first after taking in a good offload from Sutcliffe before powering over to score. Sutcliffe was involved again in their final score, passing the ball out wide to Harvey Barron. Barron kicked inside from the wing, allowing Jake Trueman to touch down and score in the 74th minute. Reynolds kicked both conversions to restore some pride for FC, but, in truth, they were well beaten as they continue their hunt for just a second win of the season.

LEIGH 16 HUDDERSFIELD 10

Leigh Leopards' resurgence continues, as they registered a fourth win of the season against Huddersfield Giants. The two sides' seasons appear to be heading in opposite directions at the moment.

A good run of form had propelled Huddersfield into playoff contention, however, a run of defeats and a difficult month ahead means they face an uphill battle to remain in contention for the top six. Leigh, on the other hand, have won three in their last four games as they attempt to drag themselves back into playoff contention. This was a tight encounter, with both sides scoring two tries a piece, ultimately, the Leopards' superior goal-kicking won them the encounter. Josh Charnley opened the scoring for the Leopards after 11 minutes. Leigh played the ball 10 metres away from the Huddersfield posts, and worked the ball through hands before finding Charnley to touchdown in the corner, with Matt Moylan adding the extras from the touchline. Moylan added two points from a penalty, with Olly Russell receiving a yellow card for a high shot, before the Leopards extended their lead further before half-time. Receiving the ball from dummy half 20 metres out, Edwin Ipape ran back against the grain to score in the face of some soft defence, with Moylan adding the extras. However, two Leigh yellow cards before halftime changed the complexion of the game after half-time, with Leigh leading 14-0.

With Russell back on the field, and Leigh down to 11, Huddersfield scored the first try of the second half through Sam Hewitt. Hewitt took in a short pass to crash over and give the Giants a foothold in the game, however, the conversion was missed, meaning the Leopards remained 10 points ahead. Moylan added another penalty in the 69th minute, to extend their lead back to 12 points. The Giants scored the final try of the game in the 77th minute, through Kevin Naiqama, but it was too little too late. Naiqama latched onto a clever kick-through to score, but the Giants were consigned to another defeat. Leigh remain five points off sixth place, but they have momentum and should not be written off from the play-off picture just yet.

WIGAN 26 SALFORD 6

Three first half tries from the Wigan Warriors ensured a comfortable victory against the Salford Red Devils. Wigan's victory means they stay level with Saints and Warrington at the top of the Super League table, having played a game less than their nearest rivals.

The Warriors only needed 10 minutes to open the scoring, as Adam Keighran went over to score. A break from Keighran provided support for a break from Abbas Miski to score. Keighran returned to kicking duties, and promptly kicked five from five, including four conversions and a penalty. Young prospect, Junior Nsemba, scored his second Super League try of the season in the 16th minute. Nsemba barged over Marc Sneyd, showing all of his power, as he went over to score after a powerful run. Marc Sneyd received a green card after the incident, much to the chagrin of the Salford coaching staff. Wigan took full advantage of Salford being a man down, through Brad O'Neill in the 24th minute. Brad O'Neill produced a powerful run to crash over, with his try being confirmed by the video referee. Keighran kicked all three conversions to give Wigan an 18-0 lead at half-time. Remarkably, Wigan produced a perfect half in possession, completing at 100% in a dominant display.

Former Wigan forward, Oliver Partington, scored Salford's only try of the half in the 46th minute, but Wigan were in complete control of the game. Keighran kicked a penalty to the 64th minute to extend Wigan's lead to 20-0. Bevan French produced a moment of magic late in the game, going it alone from the base of the scrum to add Wigan's final score of the night in the 78th minute, with Keighran kicking the extras to make the final score 26-8. Wigan's side was depleted by injury and suspension coming into the game. They produced a polished performance with a weakened side to keep up their title charge. With two games against Warrington to come, first in the league, then in the Challenge Cup final, the Super League season is moving into its decisive weeks.

ST HELENS 40 LEEDS 10

Leeds Rhinos' head coach, Rohan Smith, faced open dissent amongst the travelling Rhinos faithful, as his side slumped to another heavy defeat. A vocal section of the Leeds crowd were chanting for Smith to be sacked at the end of the game as Leeds' season threatens to come off the rails. Saints, on the other hand, were good value for their win as they look to keep up with Super League's leading pack.

Leeds actually took the lead early on, with winger Ash Handley scoring another try-of-the-season contender. The Rhinos chipped over the top deep in their own half, with Handley catching the kick and racing deep into the Saints half. He was tackled but received the ball from the resulting tackle and touched down in the corner. But that was as good as it got for the Rhinos, as Saints dominated the rest of the contest. Sione Mata'utia scored Saints' first try of the night after 21 minutes, after Curtis Sironon controversially had a try disallowed after 13 minutes. An error from Matt Frawley gave Saints the ball back. This allowed Mata'utia to take in a pass from Konrad Hurrell to score. Mark Percival kicked the extras to level the scores at 6-6. Moses Mbye scored the next try of the game, right on the stroke of half-time, taking in a good offload to score from close range. Percival again kicked the goal, to give the Saints a narrow 12-6 lead at half-time, but the second half was a rout by the Saints. They needed just five minutes to open the score in the second half. Sironon offloaded to Clark near the line, and he dived over to score.

Lachie Miller than failed to deal with a towering kick from Lewis Dodd for the next Saints score. With the ball hanging in the Merseyside sky, Jack Welsby outjumped Miller to pick his pocket and extend Saints' lead. Percival made no mistake with either conversion. Leeds struck back through Luis Roberts after 58 minutes, but in reality, Leeds never looked like getting back in the game. Saints had time to run in three more tries before full-time. First, Curtis Sironon crashed onto a pass to score from 10 metres out. Then, a brilliant Jack Welsby pass put Tommy Makinson in for his 200th try. Percival broke through in the 71st minute, before passing inside to Welsby to complete the scoring. Percival ended with six goals from a possible seven as the Saints won at a canter to return to the top of Super League.

WARRINGTON 16 CATALANS 8

Sam Burgess' Warrington Wolves side underlined their title hopes with a famous win in the South of France. The Wire withstood a barrage of Catalans Dragons' pressure before showing their killer instinct to win a pulsating contest. The win keeps Warrington very much in the race for the Super League title race, ahead of two crucial games back-to-back against Wigan.

A tense first half passed by without either side registering a decisive blow. A penalty each, one for Arthur Mourgue, and one for Josh Thewlis, meant the two sides went in for half-time with the score at 2-2. However, an injury to Catalans hooker, Alrix Da Costa proved decisive, weakening the Dragons' attack, with forward, Ben Garcia filling in at nine for the rest of the game.

But the game came alive in the second half, thanks to some brilliance from Matt Dufty after 44 minutes. Dufty got a quick play the ball near the Catalans line and threw a deft pass, allowing George Williams to score from close range. Brilliant defence from Warrington then denied Arthur Romano, with the referee deeming he was held up on the field and insufficient evidence for the video ref to overturn the decision and award the try. A Thewlis penalty in the 53rd minute extended their lead, before Matty Ashton then scored the game's decisive try. A smart flick from centre, Toby King, got the ball to Ashton in space and he made no mistake, touching down in the corner. A try from Tom Davies in the 74th minute proved to be scant consolation for the Dragons, who lost ground in the race for the title. After a series of clunky performances, they need to find a way to improve in attack if they want to stay in the race for the title.

HULL KR 64 LONDON 14

London Broncos produced the surprise result of the last Super League round, defeating Hull FC to claim their first victory of the season. However, there was to be no repeat of their heroics this week, as Hull KR produced a clinical display.

The Robins ran in 11 tries in their biggest victory of the season. London can be pleased with their second-half effort. At 46-0 down at halftime, there was a possibility that they may be on the wrong end of the heaviest-ever Super League defeat. However, they salvaged a modicum of pride with three second-half tries, losing the second half 18-14. Hull KR were actually on the back foot in the opening exchanges. But that soon changed, as Jack Broadbent scored the first try of the game after six minutes, going over in the right corner after a good break from Matt Parcell. KR kicked 10 of 11 attempts at goal, with Mikey Lewis kicking the first nine, and Danny Richardson kicking KR's final conversion of the game. Broadbent added his second, scoring in the same corner as his first effort. Niall Evalds was instrumental in both tries and Hull KR's next two, as they scored from four consecutive sets. Peta Hiku grabbed the third try of the game after 12 minutes. He ran onto a reverse flick pass from Evalds to crash over. Evalds then scored the try of the game as KR passed the ball through six pairs of hands, after an initial break from Hiku. The ball arrived in Evalds' hands, and he ran over to score under the sticks. KR extended their lead in the 19th minute, as Jesse Sue broke through before finding Parcell with an offload. After a relative try-scoring drought of 11 minutes, Rovers were in again as Dean Hadley barged over after taking in an underarm pass from Tryone May. Evalds got his second of the game after taking in a pass from Sam Luckley. Luckley then got on the scoresheet himself, charging through a one-on-one tackle to score, to give Hull KR a 46-0 lead at halftime.

London scored first in the first half after Tyrone May failed to field the kick-off. The Broncos then caught the Robins offside at the scrum and, after electing for another one, Alex Walker found a gap in the line to score. The Robins were not to be denied for long though, and soon had 50 points on the board. Luckley grabbed his second try of the game for another score from close range. Eight minutes later, Mikey Lewis scored another KR try, starting and finishing a move himself. But London started to grow into the game, as KR's intensity admittedly dropped. A smart move through hands saw Illiess Macani go over to score for the Broncos. Lewis added his second of the game, after providing good support to Jai Whitbread's strong carry, before London hit back with the final try of the game. Jarred Bassett went over, capitalising on a poor defensive read from Peta Hiku, to round off the scoring and consign London to an eleventh defeat of the season. With results going their way, Hull KR move up to fourth, going level on points with Catalans, and opening a two-point gap on Salford in sixth place.

ROUND 12 SCOREBOARD

Castleford 30 (C. Hall, L. Horne, T. Hoy, R. Milnes, J. Qareqare tries; R. Milnes 5 goals) defeated Hull FC 22 (H. Barron, T. Chan, L. Sutcliffe, J. Trueman tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 18-10. Penalties: Castleford 6-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 8,269.

Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, McShane (C); Griffin, Horne, Hall, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Westerman. Int: Watts, Namu, Hill. Hull FC: Moy, Briscoe, Scott, Sutcliffe, Barron; Trueman, Reynolds; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Aydin, Lane, Sao, Fash. Int: Ashworth, Smith, Jebson, Chan.

Leigh 16 (J. Charnley, E. Ipape tries; M. Moylan 4 goals) defeated Huddersfield 10 (S. Hewitt, K. Naiqama tries; O. Russell goal) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 14-0. Penalties: Huddersfield 12-10. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,385.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, Wallis, Naiqama, Marsters, Halsall; Russell, Clune; Hill, Deakin, Yates (C), Murchie, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Golding, Rushton, Wilson, Ikahihifo. Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Chamberlain, Leutele, Charnley; Hardaker, Lam (C); Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Trout. Int: Hughes, Norman, Dwyer, McIntosh.

St Helens 40 (J. Welsby 2, D. Clark, T. Makinson, S. Mata'utia, M. Mbye, C. Sironen tries; M. Percival 6 goals) defeated Leeds 10 (A. Handley, L. Roberts tries; R. Martin goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 12-6. Penalties: St Helens 6-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 11,367.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Lomax (C), Dodd; Mata'utia, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Batchelor, Bell. Int: Mbye, Delaney, Davies, Stephens. Leeds: Miller, Russell, Newman, Roberts, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, O'Connor, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Ackers, Lisone, Goudemand, Nicholson-Watton.

Warrington 16 (M. Ashton, G. Williams tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated Catalans 8 (T. Davies try; A. Mourgue 2 goals) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: 2-all. Penalties: Catalans 6-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 9,440.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Abdull, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Nikorima, Séguier, Satae, Dezaria. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton;

Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Musgrove, Powell, Wood.

Hull KR 64 (J. Broadbent 2, N. Evalds 2, M. Lewis 2, S. Luckley 2, D. Hadley, P. Hiku, M. Parcell tries; M. Lewis 9, D. Richardson goals) defeated London 14 (J. Bassett, I. Macani, A. Walker tries; O. Leyland goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 46-0. Penalties: London 5-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 3,750.

London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Miloudi; Kennedy, Tison, Adebijyi, Lovell (C), Natoli, Stock. Int: Butler, Davis, Bienek, Jones. Hull KR: Evalds, Broadbent, Hiku, Batchelor, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Tanginoa, Hadley, Minchella (C). Int: King, Luckley, Storton, Richardson.

Wigan 26 (B. French, A. Keighran, J. Nsemba, B. O'Neill tries; A. Keighran 5 goals) defeated Salford 6 (O. Partington try; M. Sneyd goal) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-0. Penalties: Salford 6-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,087.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Shorrocks, Wright, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Foster, Hankinson, Mellor, Dudson. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Cooper, O'Neill, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Havard. Int: Mago, Leeming, Dupree, Hill.

ROUND 12 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	12	9	0	3	0	205	18
2	WIGAN	11	9	0	2	0	200	18
3	WARRINGTON	12	9	0	3	0	151	18
4	HULL KR	12	8	0	4	0	143	16
5	CATALANS	12	8	0	4	0	84	16
6	SALFORD	12	7	0	5	0	-36	14
7	Leeds	12	6	0	6	0	-24	12
8	Huddersfield	12	5	0	7	0	5	10
9	Leigh	11	4	1	6	0	50	9
10	Castleford	12	3	1	8	0	-160	7
11	Hull FC	12	1	0	11	0	-272	2
12	London	12	1	0	11	0	-346	2

ROUND 12 DISCIPLINARY

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Huddersfield 24 Hull FC 18

Round 13 in Super League got underway with two Friday night games, including a battle between two of the league's struggling sides. Hull FC succumbed to an eleventh consecutive defeat, going down 24-18 to a Huddersfield Giants side who are desperately clinging on to their slender play-off hopes.

Huddersfield coach, Ian Watson, came under severe criticism after last week's defeat against Leigh and was forced to defend his record with the Giants. However, this result and, more importantly, performance, will have done little to assuage the doubters. For Hull FC, it represents an improvement on the ritual humiliations they experienced earlier in the season, but it was another game where they only really started to play once their opponent had one eye on the post-match showers. Huddersfield only needed 9 minutes to take a lead as Jake Bibby went over to open the scoring. A good pass from Adam Clune was tipped on by Kevin Naiqama and into the hands of Bibby. Bibby headed for the corner before stepping inside at the last moment to evade the covering defence to score. Olly Russell was on target with the conversion as the Giants took a 6-0 lead. Hurling prop, Seb Ikahihifo, was the next to cross the line for the Giants as they stretched their lead. Tui Lolohea set off towards the posts 10 metres out, before passing on to Leroy Cudjoe, whose crash ball found Ikahihifo to go over from close range. Russell was again on target to stretch the Giants' lead by six points. However, the next score came for the Black and Whites, as Herman Ese'ese, fresh from being cleared of an allegation of verbal abuse, pegged the Giants back in the 34th minute.

Ese'ese received the ball under the sticks from Ben Reynolds and barged through three Huddersfield defenders to score. The extras were added by Reynolds, however, a penalty on the stroke of half-time from Russell meant the Giants went into the sheds with a 14-6 lead. The Giants again struck first in the second half, and it was again Bibby who scored a simple try in the corner, after good hands from Lolohea. Lolohea was again involved in the next try. This time, working the ball to Esan Marsters on the left side, who passed to Sam Halsall to score in the other corner. Russell missed both kicks, however, to give FC a glimmer of hope, with the scoreline at 22-6. Russell added another penalty after 70 minutes, to extend the Giants' lead, but then Hull found some fight. First, a brilliant offload from Ligi Sao found young full-back, Logan Moy, to score from close range. Then Cameron Scott broke away after Huddersfield failed to deal with a Ben Reynolds kick-through on halfway to give the Giants some late jitters. Reynolds kicked both conversions to reduce the deficit to just six points, however, as the final score came in the 78th minute, FC ran out of time to really worry the Giants. The win keeps Huddersfield in touch with the top six, four points behind Salford Red Devils with six wins from their opening 13. Hull FC will struggle to challenge Castleford, who are currently five points ahead in 10th place. FC face a huge task to avoid the wooden spoon.

Leeds 32 Castleford 4

Leeds Rhinos got their season back on track with a comfortable win over Castleford Tigers. In truth, the 28-point margin of victory flattered the Tigers somewhat, with the Rhinos wasting a number of good opportunities to extend their lead further.

It only took Leeds 10 minutes to open the scoring, and they had already had a try disallowed before that. Ash Handley touched down in the left-hand corner, after a slick set play from the base of a scrum 10 metres out. Leeds' spine of Matt Frawley, Brodie Croft and Lachie Miller finally clicked, with all three playing a part in the move. Rhyse Martin, who was flawless with the boot-kicking five from five, added the extras. Brodie Croft was next to score for the Rhinos, crossing the line after 23 minutes. Croft showed right, then stepped left, before throwing a dummy to score a brilliant solo try under the posts and put the Rhinos further ahead. Rhyse Martin added a penalty for Leeds before half time to give them a deserved 14-0 lead, that could have been bigger.

St Helens 24 Catalans 12

Two of Super League's leading pack met at the Totally Wicked Stadium on Friday, hoping to strike a decisive blow in the race for the top spot. St Helens came out on top in a pulsating contest, which proved to be the archetypal game of two halves.

Catalans dominated the opening proceedings, but were unable to capitalise on their field position, leaving the door open for Saints to pinch the game. After spending the first 10 minutes effectively camped in the Saints half, Catalans opened the scoring in the 11th minute, through Wakefield-bound, Tom Johnstone. Johnstone has not quite rediscovered his best form this season in a misfiring Catalans attack. However, he was on hand to finish a flowing move from right to left, gratefully collecting a Jordan Abdull kick-through to touch down in the left-hand corner. Mourgue kicked the extras, with both him and Percival converting every try, to give Les Dracs a 6-0 lead. However, powerhouse centre, Konrad Hurrell pegged them back on the half-hour mark, to bring Saints back to parity. After good hands from the Saints moved the ball from left to right, Welsby offloaded inches from the ground to Hurrell, who ran in unopposed to score. Franck Maria was sin-binned for a high shot in the 35th minute, however, neither side added to the score as they went in level at half-time. But, with Maria still off the field, Saints took full advantage after the break, as Sione Mata'utia went over after two minutes in the second half. Dodd kicked to the corner and somehow managed to get to his own kick before Catalans full back, Cesar Rogue. Dodd batted the ball back to Mata'utia who scored an easy try.

At this point, Saints had the bit between their teeth and it wasn't long before they had extended their lead further. Moses Mbye found the man of the match, Jack Welsby, who broke the Catalans' line. Faced with just Rogue, he passed the ball out to Tommy Makinson, who way well be a Catalans player next year, to score in the corner in the 48th minute. Saints effectively put the game to bed in the 65th minute thanks to a try from prop, Matty Lees. Daryl Clark played the ball two yards out, under the posts, and dabbled in goal. Lees was quickest to react and scored the Saints' fourth of the night, and his first of the season. Catalans' Julian Bousquet barged over in the 74th minute to cause some nerves for the Saints, however, it was too late for them to set up a grandstand finish. The win keeps Saints on top of the table on 20 points, with only points difference separating them from the Wigan Warriors. Back-to-back defeats mean Catalans drop four points behind Saints and Wigan, into fifth place on 16 points. They are now closer to seventh than the top.

Wigan 19 Warrington 8

The marquee fixture of the round, and a dry run of next weekend's Challenge Cup final, did not disappoint, as the two sides produced a thrilling encounter to whet the appetite for next weekend.

A much-changed Warrington squad, featuring nine changes from the previous weekend, and four debutants, nearly produced a huge shock against a relatively strong Wigan side. Wigan coach, Matt Peet, may live to regret not rotating his side, as Adam Keighran was sent off, meaning he now risks a ban for the final. The young Warrington side raced into an early lead in the game. After Stefan Ratchford, one of the few experienced Warrington players on show, kicked an early penalty, debutant Arron Lindop went over for the game's opening try. Centre, Lindon, latched onto a clever kick from Josh Drinkwater to touch down near the left touchline. Ratchford missed the kick, which meant that Warrington led 6-0. They soon extended their lead, with Drinkwater turning from creator to scorer. Wigan will question their defence for the try, as Drinkwater's kicked through and hit the padding on the post. Nobody seemed to react to the bounce of the ball, and Drinkwater was able to jog through to score from his own kick. Ratchford made no mistake this time, as Warrington took an unexpected 12-0 lead. But Wigan soon roared back, and Drinkwater was involved again. This time, though, he was being brushed aside by Wigan's rising star, Junior Nsemba. Nsemba ran through Drinkwater like he wasn't there to get Wigan's first score. On current form, it won't be long before he is attracting the attention the England selectors, and possibly suitors in the NRL. Nine minutes later, Wigan were level. Harry Smith sent a brilliant looping pass over the top of the Warrington defence into the arms of prolific winger, Liam Marshall. There is no stopping Marshall from that range, and he produced an acrobatic finish in the corner, which Keighran brilliantly converted from the touchline. Wigan were soon in the lead, thanks to the dynamic combination of Bevan French and Kruike Leeming. Smith found French, who burst through a gap in the retreating Warrington line on halfway. French then passed back inside, unselfishly, with the full-back committed for Leeming to race over from 20 metres out after 34 minutes. Crucially, the scoring was not quite complete for the half, as Smith added a one-pointer on the stroke of half-time, which would prove to be the winning point.

The second half was a tense exchange, with neither side able to break through the other's defence. That is until Keighran received his red card in the 69th minute. Lindop took the ball into contact, and as he was being tackled by Nsemba, Keighran's shoulder made contact with his head. The referee deemed that there was insufficient mitigation, as Keighran had not attempted to wrap his arm and issued a straight red. Keighran now faces a nery wait to see whether the Match Review Panel issues him with a suspension which would rule him out of Wigan's date at Wembley. Stefan Ratchford's late try narrowed the scoreline to a one-point margin, however, Wigan were able to hold on for the narrowest of wins. Despite the defeat, Warrington have arguably drawn first blood in the psychological contest, with their young side pushing Wigan to the wire. Whatever happens, it sets the Challenge Cup final up beautifully.

Frawley, who has received some criticism for his performances this season, crossed for the first Leeds try of the second half. Receiving the ball on the left-hand side, he dummied and powered over the line to score in the 42nd minute. Rhyse Martin then grabbed the first of his two tries, crashing onto a short ball from Frawley to score from close range. Elie El-Zakhem crossed for the Tigers to temporarily reduce the deficit and spoil Leeds' clean sheet, but there was never any sustained hope of a Castleford fightback. Martin completed the scoring for Leeds, running a brilliant line to a pass from Croft, bursting through the Tigers' defence on halfway and scoring a fantastic try. Leeds now have a forgiving run of fixtures which can help them push back towards the top six, assuming they are able to take advantage. Castleford are stuck in no man's land, better than the bottom two, but way off the top six.

HULL KR 12 LEIGH 0

Leigh Leopards were left rueing their own profligacy as they suffered a first defeat in five and a major setback in their attempt to claw their way back into the fight for the top six.

After a slow start, to the season, the Leopards were just beginning to build some momentum. However, defeat leaves them seven points off sixth place and with a mountain to climb in the second half of the season. Hull KR, on the other hand, continue their march up the Super League table. Their ninth win of the season moves them into third place, just two points off Wigan and Saints ahead of them. A tense encounter was settled by two tries from KR, with one in each half. However, the scoreline does not tell the full tale of the game. A combination of excellent KR defence and the Leopards wasting as many as six opportunities to score meant the Leopards were left wondering what might have been. Tom Opacic, fresh from the birth of his child, capped a memorable week by opening the scoring. Tyrone May found Mikey Lewis on the left hand side, who passed to Opacic close to the line. The Leigh defence appeared to have the situation under control, however, Opacic rolled his way through the attempted tackle and somehow managed to get the ball down. Lewis kicked the conversion to give KR a 6-0 lead at half-time.

Niall Evalds, arguably Super League's signing of the season, scored the game's second and final try in the 70th minute. With the Robins deep in Leigh territory, they produced three successive offloads in the tackle, with Evalds eventually going over to score. Lewis made no mistake with the conversion and Hull KR won a tense but entertaining contest.

SALFORD 34 LONDON 4

Salford climbed back into the top six with a 34-4 win over the London Broncos, but the final score didn't reflect the true nature of London's battling performance, as they stuck with Salford for large parts of the game.

Salford thought they had their first try in the 15th minute when MacDonald caught a high kick and scored, but Oli Partington was offside. Just three minutes later, the Broncos were disappointed as Oli Leyland's kick found Lee Kershaw, but James Meadows was offside. Video referee James Vella had a busy day, checking another potential Broncos try in the 27th minute, but referee Liam Rush ruled it out due to a double movement. London made life difficult for Paul Rowley's team throughout the first half. The Broncos had two of three disallowed tries, with only Sam Stone's try separating the sides at halftime. Stone crashed onto a short ball from Sneyd to score from close range, with Sneyd adding the extras to give Salford a 6-0 lead.

Salford's second try came in the 49th minute when Marc Sneyd spotted Cross in space and picked him out with a precise kick for an easy score. The floodgates opened, and three minutes later Lafai burst through the middle and offloaded to MacDonald to finish the job. London had their chances but dropped the ball twice near the line. Instead, another Sneyd kick allowed Lafai to score, and Sneyd showed more quick thinking when he stumbled in front of goal but rolled over to offload to Wright for another try. With five minutes left, Sneyd and Lafai combined again for Salford's final try, but the Broncos had the last word as Miloudi scored at the end. London remain locked on with Hull FC on two points at the bottom of the table, although the Broncos' points difference is much worse than FC's. Salford return to the top six, after temporarily dropping out over the course of the weekend. They face a difficult trip to Warrington the week after the cup final, although that may be the perfect time to face Sam Burgess' men.

ROUND 13 SCOREBOARD

Huddersfield 24 (J. Bibby 2, S. Halsall, S. Ikahihifo tries; O. Russell 4 goals) defeated Hull FC 18 (H. Ese'ese, L. Moy, C. Scott tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) at John Smith's Stadium.
Date: Fri, 31st May. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 14-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 4,102.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, Bibby, Marsters, Naiqama, Halsall; Russell, Clune; Hill, Deakin, Yates (C), Rushton, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Golding, Wilson, Ikahihifo, Connor.
Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Scott, Sutcliffe, Briscoe; Trueman, Reynolds; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Sao, Lane, Chan, Aydin. Int: Fash, Ashworth, Smith, Litten.

St Helens 24 (K. Hurrell, M. Lees, T. Makinson, S. Mata'utia tries; M. Percival 4 goals) defeated Catalans 12 (J. Bousquet, T. Johnstone tries; A. Mourgue 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 31st May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: St Helens 4-2. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 11,088.

St Helens: Welsby (C), Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Mbye, Dodd; Delaney, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Mata'utia, Bell. Int: Paasi, Davies, Royle, Stephens. Catalans: Rougé, Davies, Ikuvalu, Laguerre, Johnstone; Fages, Abdull; Navarrete, Mourgue, Dezaria, Sims, Bousquet, Garcia (C). Int: Nikorima, Satae, Castano, Maria.

Wigan 19 (K. Leeming, L. Marshall, J. Nsemba tries; A. Keighran 3 goals; H. Smith field goal) defeated Warrington 18 (J. Drinkwater, A. Lindop, S. Ratchford tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 19-12. Penalties: Warrington 9-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,181.

Warrington: Taylor-Wray, Lindop, Wrench, Tai, Thewlis; Ratchford (C), Drinkwater; Bullock, Powell, Wood, Holroyd, Tupaea, Whitehead. Int: Musgrove, Green, Nicholson, Hartill. Wigan: Hampshire, Douglas, Keighran, Eckersley, Marshall; French (C), Smith; Havard, O'Neill, Byrne, Nsemba, Walters, Ellis. Int: Mago, Leeming, Dupree, Hill.

Hull KR 12 (N. Evalds, T. Opacic tries; M. Lewis 2 goals) defeated Leigh 0 at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 6-0. Penalties: Leigh 7-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,899.

Hull KR: Evalds, Broadbent, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: King, Parcell, Luckley, Tanginoa. Leigh: Hardaker, Hanley, Chamberlain, Leutele, Charnley; Moylan, Lam (C); Amone, Ipape, Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Norman, Dwyer, McIntosh, Baxter.

Leeds 32 (R. Martin 2, B. Croft, M. Frawley, A. Handley tries; R. Martin 6 goals) defeated Castleford 4 (E. El-Zakhem try) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 14-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 14,529.

Leeds: Miller, Edgell, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, O'Connor; Goudemand, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Lisone, Sangaré, Johnson, Nicholson-Watton. Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Hall, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Westerman. Int: Watts, Putt, Namu, Robb.

Salford 34 (T. Lafai 2, D. Cross, N. Macdonald, S. Stone, S. Wright tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) defeated London 4 (H. Miloudi try) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 6-0. Penalties: London 8-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,843.

Salford: Hankinson, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Shorrocks, Wright, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Foster, Mellor, Connell, Dudson. London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Bienek, Lovell (C), Adebijyi, Jones. Int: Butler, Stock, Williams, Tison.

ROUND 13 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	13	10	0	3	0	217	20
2	WIGAN	12	10	0	2	0	201	20
3	HULL KR	13	9	0	4	0	155	18
4	WARRINGTON	13	9	0	4	0	150	18
5	CATALANS	13	8	0	5	0	72	16
6	SALFORD	13	8	0	5	0	-6	16
7	Leeds	13	7	0	6	0	4	14
8	Huddersfield	13	6	0	7	0	11	12
9	Leigh	12	4	1	7	0	38	9
10	Castleford	13	3	1	9	0	-188	7
11	Hull FC	13	1	0	12	0	-278	2
12	London	13	1	0	12	0	-376	2

ROUND 13 DISCIPLINARY

Tyler Dupree (WIG) Grade D Head Butt 3 matches
Adam Keighran (WIG) Grade D Head Contact 3 matches

WIGAN 10 CASTLEFORD 8

The Super League season entered its second half as round 14 began this weekend. Recently crowned Challenge Cup champions, Wigan Warriors, got the job done against the Castleford Tigers.

However, they were potentially feeling the effects of their celebrations as they made heavy weather of their victory. On another day, Castleford may have pinched the points against a less-than-fluent Wigan side. Wigan took an early lead after seven minutes through winger, Liam Marshall. Harry Smith was involved in the build-up drawing in the Castleford defence 20 metres out before passing left to centre, Jake Wardle. Wardle showed quick hands to find Marshall, who ran in from 10 metres out. Smith missed the kick, however, to restrict Wigan's lead to four points. However, Castleford were level before half-time, thanks to a try from mid-season signing, Tex Hoy. Hoy went clean through a gaping hole in the Wigan defence deep in his own half. He ran 70 metres, rounding Bevan French, before touching down to score. The conversion was missed, meaning the two sides went into half-time level at 4-4.

Castleford then took an unexpected lead after 50 minutes, as Rowan Milnes kicked a tricky penalty to put the Tigers into a two-point lead. Milnes then extended the Tigers' lead to four points with a second penalty, this time from around 40 metres out, in the 59th minute. At this point, Wigan looked like they could slip to an unexpected post-Challenge Cup defeat. But the Tigers' lead did not last long, as Wigan struck back two minutes later, with Liam Marshall going in to score another try. A brilliant break from Bevan French, who twisted and turned his way deep into the Castleford half, gave Wigan an excellent field position. French was eventually stopped, but from the next play, Wigan scored again, through the same combination on their left-hand side. This time, however, Wardle's final pass was tipped up in the air by a Castleford defender, before the ball bounced into the grateful arms of Marshall. The kick was missed, meaning the scores remained level. Wigan would get the last laugh, though. Their winning points came from the boot of Smith, whose radar had been off target all night until the decisive kick. Wigan won a penalty in the 65th minute, which was not the easiest kick Smith had that night. However, he made no mistake, slotting the ball between the posts and earning two points for the Warriors, who went, temporarily, back to the top of the Super League table outright, with St Helens still to play.

HULL FC 18 LEEDS 10

Hull FC finally recorded their second win of the Super League season, overcoming a lacklustre Leeds Rhinos side at the MKM Stadium.

FC have looked punch-drunk at times this season, suffering 11 consecutive defeats in all competitions before the game against Leeds. However, they produced a much-improved performance to secure a well-earned win. Leeds lacked cohesion in attack and commitment in defence as they suffered a defeat which put further pressure on under-fire head coach, Rohan Smith. The opening exchanges of the game were tense with neither side able to break the deadlock. Both sides had efforts ruled out by the referee before the first try of the game was eventually scored just before halftime. It was FC who took the lead, through youngster Lewis Martin. Martin, who signed a new deal with Hull in the week, took in a looping pass from half-back, Jake Trueman, before powering over to score from close range in the 37th minute. The try was converted from the touchline by Ben Reynolds to give FC a 6-0 lead. FC then scored a second with the last play of the half, to knock the stuffing out of the Rhinos side. Leeds were too passive in defence, particularly close to their own line. Rookie hooker, Denive Balmforth, took full advantage of this, barging over from dummy half to score, despite the presence of four Leeds defenders who really should have done more to prevent the score. Reynolds was again on target to give the Black and Whites a 12-point lead at half-time.

FC then scored their third try in 10 minutes either side of half-time to drive the final nail into the Rhinos' coffin. Carlos Tuimavave, returning from an extended injury lay-off, somehow escaped two Leeds tacklers near the Rhinos' line, before passing inside to Cameron Scott who went over to score, with Reynolds again kicking the goal. This gave Hull FC an 18-0 lead after 46 minutes and gave Leeds a mountain to climb. And although the Rhinos improved, they could not reach the summit to record a win. They scored two tries in the game's closing stages to give FC something to think about, but it would prove to be too little too late. Ash Handley scored Leeds' first try after 56 minutes. The Hull defence failed to deal with a Brodie Croft kick through and Handley touched down in the

SALFORD 25 WARRINGTON 14

The Warrington Wolves did suffer a cup hangover, however, slumping to a third consecutive defeat against a Salford Red Devils side who continue to defy expectations this season.

The match began with both teams trading sets, but Warrington gradually gained territory through strong forward runs. A deft Warrington kick and chase nearly trapped Salford's Chris Hankinson in-goal, but he offloaded to Ethan Ryan, who made a quick break. Soon after, Sam Stone found a gap in the Warrington defence, linking up with Nene Macdonald to score a brilliant first try. Tim Lafai's interception almost led to a second try, but hesitation allowed Warrington's scrambling defence to get back and prevent the try. But a penalty for a strip on Stone enabled Sneyd to kick his side into an 8-0 lead. Salford's dynamic play continued with Sneyd and Lafai combining to send Deon Cross sprinting down the left wing, scoring another brilliant try. Sneyd, central to Salford's attacks, finally scored after Kallum Watkins' offload to Ryan, who drew Dufty before releasing Sneyd to score under the posts. Sneyd's conversion and a drop goal on the stroke of half-time gave Salford a commanding 19-0 lead.

The second half nearly began perfectly for Salford, but Hankinson's try was disallowed for obstruction. This shifted momentum briefly as Warrington's Tai scored after a Stefan Ratchford chip kick, which was confirmed after a lengthy video referee review. Warrington added a second try due to a Watkins error, as his attempted tip pass was collected by Toby King, who released Matty Ashton to score a simple try. But Salford's resolve held firm and they would score more points before the game was over. Sneyd's precise kick allowed Cross to execute a spectacular dive for his second try, which Sneyd converted from the touchline. Tai added a consolation try for Warrington, but Salford secured a crucial win in their hunt for the play-offs.

HULL KR 32 HUDDERSFIELD 6

Veteran winger, Ryan Hall, broke the Super League try scoring record, as he scored two tries in Hull KR's victory over the Huddersfield Giants.

Hall passes former team-mate as the competition's all-time leading try-scorer. He will return to the Leeds Rhinos next year to end his career. KR registered a comfortable 32-6 victory to increase the pressure on under-fire Huddersfield coach, Ian Watson. The first half did not give many clues the how the game would end. It was the Giants who took the lead in the game in the seventh minute, through departing centre, Esan Marsters. Marsters intercepted a Tyrone May pass, 30 metres from the Huddersfield line, before running 70 metres to open the scoring. The conversion was missed, to give the Giants a 4-0 lead. Olly Russell then kicked a penalty for the Giants in the 20th minute to extend their lead to six points. However, a yellow card in the 27th minute for Huddersfield's Adam Milner allowed KR back into the game. Peta Hiku scored for the Robins in 33 minutes, the first of two tries on the night, to give the Robins a foothold in the game. Hiku collected a kick-through from May, after good work from Mikey Lewis to give KR a strong position. Lewis added the extras to level the scores. May then grabbed a try of his own to give KR the lead. Taking the ball 40 metres out in the right-hand channel, May passed the ball out to Hiku, who passed back inside to Joe Bachelor, who worked the ball back to May to finish off a flowing team move. Lewis missed the conversion, meaning KR led 10-6 at half-time.

The second half was a more one-sided affair, as the Robins ran in 22 unanswered points. Matt Parcell scored the first try of the half in the 44th minute. It was another brilliant passing move from the Robins as Parcell passed to Dean Hadley, who immediately returned the ball to Parcell, who scooted over to score. Mikey Lewis was on target with the conversion, his first of four successful second-half conversions. Hiku scored his second of the night before Hall's record-breaking double rounded off the scoring. Hiku finished off another flowing move from deep in their own half, as the ball passed through the hands of Lewis, May and Niall Evalds, before Hiku stepped inside Giants full-back, Tui Lolohea, to score a brilliant try. Andre Savelio received a red card for the Giants for an off-the-ball incident with Elliot Minchella, meaning the Giants finished the game with 12 men. Hall scored his first try after 71 minutes, picking up a grubber kick from Lewis to dive into the corner and score. He then added his second score after crashing onto a pass from Lewis, stepping in off his left foot and producing a turn of pace which belied his advancing years to score from 20 metres out. KR's win keeps them in third place, two points behind joint leaders, Wigan and St Helens. For Huddersfield, defeat sees them lose more ground in the race for the play-offs, sitting four points behind sixth place.

corner to give the Rhinos a sliver of hope. Rhyse Martin missed the conversion to make the Rhinos' task harder. Harry Newman dived into the corner in the 77th minute to ask one last question of the FC defence, with Martin on target this time to reduce the deficit to eight points. However, despite a late yellow card for Tom Briscoe to reduce FC to 12 men, Leeds could not drag themselves level in the game.

LEIGH 10 CATALANS 2

Leigh Leopards continued their improved run of form as they attempt to overcome the odds to claim a place in Super League's top six.

A slow start to the season had left the Leopards well adrift of the leading pack, but an upturn in their recent form has fans believing that they may be able to perform the unimaginable. For the Catalans Dragons, this was the latest in a run of underwhelming performances from a side whose attack is struggling to click. Les Dracs actually took the lead in the game, with Arthur Mourgue scoring a penalty after 17 minutes. However, these would be the only points they scored on a difficult night for the side from Perpignan. Matt Moylan levelled the scores with a penalty of his own in the 30th minute following a high shot of Leigh forward, Tom Amone, in front of the posts, 20 metres from goal. Canterbury Bulldogs-bound Amone won the man of the match award for a herculean display in the forward pack, and it was Amone who scored the only try of the night in the 33rd minute. Hooker, Brad Dwyer played the ball quickly before finding Amone, who barged his way through the Catalans' defence from close range to score. Moylan kicked the goal to give Leigh an 8-2 lead at half-time.

The second half was an engrossing, if low-scoring contest, as the Catalans' attack could not find a way through a resolute Leigh backline. The only points of the half came from the boot of Moylan, whose penalty in the 56th minute gave the Leopards an unassailable lead. Leigh visit Leeds on Friday night knocking that a win will take them within one point of the Rhinos in seventh place. With the Catalans now in sixth, the Dragons may be looking over their shoulder nervously with a determined Leigh side building momentum behind them.

ST HELENS 52 LONDON 6

There were no surprises in the final game of the weekend. St Helens returned to the top of the Super League table, with their superior points difference took them above arch-rivals Wigan.

The game was played at the Twickenham Stoop, as nearly 5,000 fans watched London go down to a heavy defeat against a superior Saints side, thanks to a Daryl Clark hat trick. Saints opened the scoring in the seventh minute of the game through Waqa Blake. Blake jumped highest to take in a kick from Moses Mbye to score in the right-hand corner. Blake then grabbed his second score of the night after 16 minutes as the Saints began to dominate. Mbye was the provider again, this time he fired a pass which cut out two Saints attackers to find Mbye on the wing to score. Mark Pervical kicked both goals to give Saints a 12-0 lead. Lewis Dodd scored the next try of the game, as Mbye again played a role, dummying his way through the London line on halfway before releasing Sione Mata'utia. He then passed inside to Dodd to score under the posts. Provider turned scorer next, as Mbye scored a try of his own in the 25th minute. Receiving the ball around 15 metres from the London line, he dummyed to create a space before crawling over the line on his knees, with two London defenders on his back, to score. Pervical was again on target for both tries to extend Saints' lead to 24-0 at half-time.

The second half started in electric fashion, with Clark scoring his hat-trick in eight minutes to put the result beyond any doubt. The first came from a brilliant offload from James Bell, which allowed Clark to run in from 20 metres out. They repeated the trick five minutes later, with Bell breaking through the London line and passing inside for Clark to score his second after 50 minutes. Welsby laid on the third for Clark, after a good break by Mata'utia, with Clark running 30 metres unopposed to complete a quickfire hat trick. Pervical converted all three tries to give the Saints a 42-0 lead. Konrad Hurrell was next to get in on the action, with a try in the 70th minute. Hurrell is nearly unstoppable when crashing onto the ball at speed, and London could not stop the Tongan wrecking ball from scoring from close range. Pervical missed his only kick of the night, to provide the only blemish on his perfect record for the night. However, he soon made up for it by scoring the last Saints try of the night. The centre reacted fastest to get on the end of a grubber kick-through from Dodd to score. He converted his own try to take his personal tally of points to 20 points and give his side a 52-point lead. For all their shortcomings, the one thing this London side does have is spirit and they managed to avoid being nilled in the last minute. Winger, Lee Kershaw, collected a kick through with the last play of the game to score and salvage a modicum of pride for London, with Leyland adding the conversion to make the final score 52-6.

ROUND 14 SCOREBOARD

Wigan 10 (L. Marshall 2 tries; H. Smith goal) defeated **Castleford 8** (T. Hoy try; R. Milnes 2 goals) at *The Jungle, Castleford*.

Date: Fri, 14th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 6,965.

Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Watts (C), Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: Putt, Namu, Robb, English. Wigan: French, Miski, Eckersley, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Smith; Cooper, O'Neill, Thompson, Walters, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Byrne, Mago, Leeming, Hill.

Hull KR 32 (R. Hall 2, P. Hiku 2, T. May, M. Parcell tries; M. Lewis 4 goals) defeated **Huddersfield 6** (E. Marsters try; O. Russell goal) at *Sewell Group Craven Park*.

Date: Fri, 14th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 10-6. Penalties: Hull KR 9-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 9,304.

Hull KR: Evalds, Broadbent, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; Lewis, May; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Parcell, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa. Huddersfield: Lolohea, Halsall, Naiqama, Marsters, Bibby; Russell, Clune; Hill, Milner; Greenwood, Hewitt, Rushton, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Wilson, Ikahihifo, Savelio.

Salford 25 (D. Cross 2, N. Macdonald, M. Sneyd tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) defeated **Warrington 14** (R. Tai 2, M. Ashton tries; J. Drinkwater goal) at *Halliwel Jones Stadium*.

Date: Fri, 14th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 19-0. Penalties: Salford 4-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 9,257.

Warrington: Dufty, Tai, King, Wrench, Ashton; Ratchford (C), Drinkwater; Musgrove, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Holroyd, Currie. Int: Harrison, Bullock, Powell, Wood. Salford: Hankinson, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Wright, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Shorrocks, Dudson, Wilson, Lewis.

Hull FC 18 (D. Balmforth, L. Martin, C. Scott tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) defeated **Leeds 10** (A. Handley, H. Newman tries; R. Martin goal) at *MKM Stadium*.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 12-0. Penalties: Hull FC 7-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,166.

Hull FC: Moy, Briscoe, Tuimavave, Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Reynolds; Ese'ese, Smith, Sao, Lane, Scott, Fash (C). Int: Ashworth, Balmforth, Aydin, Chan. Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, O'Connor; Goudemand, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Holroyd, Lisone, Sangaré, Johnson.

Leigh 10 (T. Amone try; M. Moylan 3 goals) defeated **Catalans 2** (A. Mourgue goal) at *Stade Gilbert Brutus*.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 8-2. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,480.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Rougé, Fages; Dezaria, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sironen, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Nikorima, Da Costa, Navarrete, Satae. Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; O'Brien, Lam (C); Amone, Ipape, Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Norman, Davis, Chamberlain, Dwyer.

St Helens 52 (D. Clark 3, W. Blake 2, L. Dodd, K. Hurrell, M. Mbye, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 8 goals) defeated **London 6** (L. Kershaw try; O. Leyland goal) at *Twickenham Stoop Stadium*.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 24-0. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,600.

London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Tison, Bienek, Lovell (C), Natoli, Jones. Int: Stock, Williams, Adebiji, Waine. St Helens: Welsby (C), Makinson, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Mbye, Dodd; Delaney, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Mata'utia, Bell. Int: Paasi, Davies, Royle, Stephens.

ROUND 14 TABLE

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1	ST HELENS	14	11	0	3	0	263	22
2	WIGAN	13	11	0	2	0	203	22
3	HULL KR	14	10	0	4	0	181	20
4	WARRINGTON	14	9	0	5	0	139	18
5	SALFORD	14	9	0	5	0	5	18
6	CATALANS	14	8	0	6	0	64	16
7	Leeds	14	7	0	7	0	-4	14
8	Huddersfield	14	6	0	8	0	-15	12
9	Leigh	13	5	1	7	0	46	11
10	Castleford	14	3	1	10	0	-190	7
11	Hull FC	14	2	0	12	0	-270	4
12	London	14	1	0	13	0	-422	2

ROUND 14 DISCIPLINARY

Ethan Natoli (LON) Grade C Dang. Contact 1 match
Rhys Kennedy (LON) Grade B Dang. Contact 1 match

HULL KR 13 CASTLEFORD 12

The round opened up on Thursday night, as strugglers Castleford Tigers took on Hull KR. However, the logic of the league table was nearly turned on its head, as the Tigers pushed KR close, before succumbing to a late defeat, thanks to a Jez Litten Drop Goal.

It was the Tigers who opened the scoring in the 13th minute, as Sam Wood scored the first try of the night. Rowan Milnes has been instrumental in Castleford's upturn in performance recently, and his dinked kick allowed Wood to outjump the KR defence and score in the left-centre channel. Milnes scored the conversion to give Castleford an early 6-0 lead. The Robins were soon level though, as Tom Opacic touched down less than five minutes later. Though Opacic scored the try, it was created by another brilliant piece of play by Mikey Lewis, who jinked his way through the Tigers' defence before passing inside for Opacic to score. Lewis was on target with the conversion to level the scores. Rovers were soon ahead, as influential loose forward, Elliot Minchella, touched down for their second try in quick succession. Litten broke through a broken Castleford defensive line on halfway from dummy half and took the ball deep into Castleford territory. He passed the ball to Minchella, who then weaved inside and outside of the covering defence, tying them in knots and scoring from 15 metres out. Lewis was on target again as KR took a 12-6 before halftime.

The score remained at 12-6 until midway through the second half, until the Tigers dragged themselves back into the contest. However, they should have been level before the 59th minute, as Sylvester Namo dropped the ball when trying to ground it with the line begging. Milnes eventually restored parity, dummied his way through Robins' defensive line from close range, before kicking a simple conversion. With the scores level, both sides went in search of the game's decisive score, however, it would be KR who found it via a drop goal from Litten with four and a half minutes to play. The win keeps KR in third place in the Super League table, and very much in contention for the top two. Defeat does little to change Castleford's position, they remain in 10th place, as the bottom four in Super League all lost over the weekend.

WIGAN 36 LONDON 0

It feels strange to ask the question, when is a 36-0 defeat not a bad result? But we may have found the answer at the DW Stadium on Friday night, as the Wigan Warriors beat the London Broncos without ever getting out of second gear. With the bookies setting the handicap mark at around +43 for London before the game, avoiding a cricket score seems to be a victory in itself.

Wigan youngster, Jack Farrimond, was the star of the show, as he grabbed two tries and kicked all six goals, in a memorable appearance for the talented young player. Farrimond helped himself to the first two tries of the game, with his first coming in the third minute. The first was a piece of brilliance as he stepped inside the onrushing Lee Kershaw, before ghosting between two London defenders to go over from around 30 metres out. The second showed his smarts as a support player, as he kept pace with Junior Nsemba as he powered through the London line, before passing inside to Farrimond to run in unopposed, as two of Wigan's brightest talents combined in the 13th minute. Wigan soon extended their lead, this time through Super League's leading try scorer, Liam Marshall. Although Marshall touched the ball down, the try was created by a wonderful, bullet pass from Bevan French, which must have travelled 20 metres through the air as it cut out four London defenders, to find Marshall on the wing. Marshall had the simple job of jogging in from 20 metres and touching the ball down.

London appeared to have scored a try of their own after 66 minutes, however, French hooker, Ugo Tison dropped the ball under little pressure to deny him a score. And Wigan immediately made them pay, as Abbas Miski scored in the next few minutes. French was again

the creator, this time sending one of his trademark passes out to the other wing for Miski to collect and score. The pass may have been less spectacular this time, but the outcome was the same, as Wigan led 24-0 at half-time. London restricted Wigan to 12 points in the second half, with Wigan scoring two tries through centre, Jake Wardle. Farrimond played a big part in the first, again breaking through the London defence with a brilliant pass on halfway before passing inside to Wardle in support, who scored under the posts. Wigan's final try came in the 55th minute, as they caught London cold from the base of the scrum. London, inexplicably, chose to make a substitution with Wigan packing down for the scrum under the posts, 10 metres out. As the substitute tried desperately to get back into the defensive line on the far side, Wigan worked the ball to Wardle, who scored a simple try. The win means Wigan open up a two-point lead at the top of the table. With a game in hand, they are ominously placed to lift more silverware this year.

LEEDS 18 LEIGH 10

In the week they parted company with head coach, Rohan Smith, the Leeds Rhinos produced their best performance in months to see off playoff hopefuls, Leigh Leopards, and keep their own hopes of making the top six alive. However, in truth, it feels almost secondary to the moving and emotional tributes to Rob Burrow which took centre stage on the night.

A full house, including 80 of Burrow's former teammates made the trip to Headingley to observe a wonderful celebration of Burrow's life. It was a true mark of the man that so many people wanted to share in the moment and it must be a great comfort to his family that he gave so many people so much joy. The Rhinos players were clearly fired up by the occasion and their half-backs scored all three tries on the night in a fitting tribute to Burrow. Brodie Croft, who was visibly emotional in both his celebrations and his post-match interview, did his best impression of Burrow to open the scoring for Leeds. Receiving the ball 15 metres out, Croft stepped, dummied and then burst his way to the line, just touching the ball down on the whitewash at full stretch. He then let out a visceral roar of celebration before making a number seven gesture at the camera in honour of Burrow. Rhyse Martin kicked the conversion to give Leeds a 6-0 lead. Croft then produced another spectacular effort to extend Leeds' lead. This time he received a short pass from Lachie Miller inside his own 20-metre line, before turning on the afterburners and running almost the full length of the pitch to score. No Leigh defenders could get near him for past as he scored his, and Leeds' second of the night.

Martin missed the conversion, however, he was on target with a subsequent penalty to give Leeds a 12-0 lead at half-time. Leeds then extended their lead in the 49th minute, fittingly through the man wearing number seven, Matt Frawley. Frawley has come in for some criticism in recent weeks, however, he produced one of his best performances in a Leeds shirt on Friday. A half break by Miller allowed him to pass the ball to young winger, Alfie Edgell, who ran a smart inside line to cut through the defence. He passed inside to Frawley for a simple touchdown. Martin's goal gave Leeds an 18-0 lead. However, Leeds were fielding a weakened side, thanks to six absences due to the symptoms of concussions, and they began to tire as Leigh grew into the game late on. Matt Moylan gave the Leopards in the 57th minute as he touched down to reduce the deficit. The try came from a scrum 10 metres out, under the Leeds posts. When the ball came out of the scrum, Lachlan Lam found Matt Moylan who stepped through the line to score. However, he missed the conversion, reducing the deficit to 14 points. When Ipape broke through the Leeds line from close range it appeared that Leigh may have a route back in the game, but Leeds' defence held firm. The Rhinos clung on for an 18-10 win, in a game which was a perfect tribute to Burrow. Burrow's wife, Lindsay and two of their children were applauded off the field, through a guard of honour made by both sides, at the end of the game and there was not a dry eye left in the house.

There's only one Rob Burrow.

WARRINGTON 24 HULL FC 18

Hull FC came into their game against defeated Challenge Cup finalists, Warrington Wolves, full of confidence, following their second win of the season in the previous round. However, they fell just short of securing another Super League scalp, as Sam Burgess' Warrington side nicked the win in the last minute to break FC's hearts. The win breaks a three-game losing run for the Wolves and steadies a ship which seemed to be entering choppy waters.

Warrington took the lead after six minutes, through centre, Toby King. After Paul Vaughan was stopped near the Hull line, Warrington worked the ball to their left wing, where full-back, Matt Dufty, juggled and then offloaded to King who touched down to score. Josh Thewlis kicked the first of four successful conversions to give Warrington a 6-0 lead. Despite being behind, Hull were largely the better side in the next phase of the game, in part thanks to a yellow card to Adam Holroyd on the half-hour mark. However, after wasting several good positions, found themselves 12-0 down before half-time. With Warrington attacking down the Hull right, Dufty threw a one-two with half-back, George Williams, before stepping his way past several Hull defenders to score a brilliant solo try. Thewlis added the conversion and FC were 12-0 down at half-time.

However, an interception try from young hooker, Denive Balmforth gave them hope. Balmforth read the play perfectly to intercept on halfway. He then broke towards the line with an open field in front of him. By the end, he looked like he was running pulling a cart to the try line, however, he had just enough legs to make it to the line. Ben Reynolds kicked his first of three successful conversions to cut the deficit back to 6 points. When Danny Walker burrowed over from close range for Warrington to restore a 12-point lead, it appeared that Warrington had finally established a decisive lead. However, this is a different FC side from the one which fell to so many humiliating defeats in the early part of the season. Liam Sutcliffe handed them a lifeline after 61 minutes, which sparked FC into life. Sutcliffe picked up a neat grubber kick from Balmforth to touchdown. Then, FC's Tom Briscoe brought them level with just 10 minutes to play. Hull worked the ball from left to right from the base of a scrum under the posts and quick hands from full-back, Logan Moy, put Briscoe in to score in the corner. With the scores level, the stage was set for a grandstand finish, and it was Warrington who emerged with the points, although in controversial circumstances. With Hull in FC possession near the Warrington line, a Warrington hand appeared to touch the ball, before it landed in the FC attacker's hands, before the last tackle was completed. The touch was missed by the officials, meaning a turnover was given, rather than a repeat set, and a potential FC shot for a drop goal. Instead, Warrington took the ball up to the other end of the field and set up their own drop goal attempt, through George Williams. The field goal attempt was charged down, but the ball landed with Dufty, who stepped his way through the broken defensive line to score the decisive try late on and break FC's hearts.

CATALANS 22 HUDDERSFIELD 18

The Catalans Dragons finally registered another win in what was a textbook game of two halves. Defeat leaves Huddersfield Giants with just one win in eight games in all competitions, and heads coach, Ian Watson, facing major questions over his future.

After 25 minutes, it appeared that the Dragons were cruising to victory, with four tries on the board and a healthy 22-0 lead. However, whatever Watson said at half-time nearly pulled off the shock comeback of the weekend, before the Giants fell agonisingly short. Catalans opened the scoring through departing winger, Tom Davies. Theo Fages' kick across the field was taken acrobatically by Matt Ikuvalu, who then offloaded to Romain Navarette. Navarette passed to Davies on the right wing, who dived into the corner to score a well-worked try. Arthur Mourgue missed the kick from the touchline, as the Catalans took an early lead in the second minute. They only needed five minutes to extend their lead, with Fages turning from creator to scorer. Jordan Abdull's kick-through bounced off the padding on the

goalpost into the grateful arms of Fages, who had reacted fastest to the deflection. Fages touched down for a simple try and Mourgue kicked the conversion to give Les Dracs a 10-point lead. A fast start threatened to become a rout in the 14th minute when Arthur Romano touched down for their third try in quick succession. A quick play the ball close to the line allowed Abdull to find Romano, who stepped in from his left foot to send the defence the wrong way to score. Abdull was beginning to pull the strings from half-back, as Catalans scored their final points of the night. Abdull's chip to the wing was collected by Tom Johnstone, who touched down in the corner. Mourgue converted all three of these quickfire tries to give the Dragons a 22-0 lead.

Watson was reported to have called the first half a total mess and torn into his players at half-time. Whatever he said appeared to have an immediate impact as the Giants went about building their way back into the game. They got their rewards in the 55th minute as Harry Rushden, who was their standout player on the night, brushed off some weak Catalans defence to score from close range. Olly Russell scored his first of three goals from three attempts to reduce the deficit to 16 points. When Ashton Golding scored the Giants' next try four minutes later, a seemingly hopeless situation had turned into a fightback. A brilliant move saw Golding collect a chip over the top of the Catalans defence with their full-back out of position. Golding touched down and Russell added the extras to bring the Giants back within 10. Huddersfield's next try was a remarkable one, which may have brought a tear to the eye of Warrington-bound try scorer, Luke Yates. Adam Milner broke through a gap and passed back inside to Yates. The ball then hit Yates square in the face before bouncing through a gap in the defence. Yates somehow kept his composure, collected the ball and touched down for a remarkable try, which was confirmed with the help of the video referee. However, the Giants were unable to complete a most remarkable of comebacks and, with every side ahead of them, apart from St Helens, winning on the weekend, this result may end their playoff hopes. For the Dragons, the win consolidates their place in the top six after a poor run of form. They are two points ahead of Leeds in seventh.

SALFORD 20 ST HELENS 18

Salford Red Devils produced the shock result of the round, in the only game of the weekend where the lower-placed side won the game. Man of Steel contender, Marc Sneyd, was once again Salford's inspiration, as they completed a league double over St Helens for the first time in 60 years, tightening their grip on a play-off spot in the process.

Salford coach, Paul Rowley, has been heavily linked with a move to Leeds in recent days, however, his side showed no signs of the speculation getting to them in another brilliant display. It was St Helens who took the lead in the game in the sixth minute, through James Bell. Bell was the first person to get on the end of a neat kick-through from Jack Welsby to open the scoring, with Percival adding the extras to give the Saints a six-point lead. However, Salford were soon back in the game, thanks to a Deon Cross try in the 17th minute. A high shot by Konrad Hurrell gave Salford a good field position and they did not waste the opportunity. A quick tap penalty from Joe Mellor got the Red Devils on the front foot before Mellor exchanged a quick one-two of passes with Shane Wright before putting Cross in to score in the corner. The excellent Sneyd kicked the goal to level the scores. Sneyd was instrumental in Salford's second try, this time with the boot. Cross got on the end of Sneyd's pinpoint kick, which was perfectly weighted, to score Salford's second of the game, with Sneyd off target this time. Cross then tackled Jon Bennison into touch to save a near-certain try and keep the score at 10-6 to Salford at half-time.

But the Saints would come fighting back after half-time, scoring the first points of the half after 53 minutes. Curtis Sironen was the scorer, getting on the end of a Lewis Dodd pass to burst through the line and score, with Percival again on target. But Salford soon took the lead again in a topsy turvy encounter, this time through the evergreen Kallum Watkins, after Sneyd's towering kick had caused chaos in the Saints' defence. Sneyd missed the target once more, meaning

Salford led by just two points. A Percival penalty levelled the scores before the Saints thought they might have won the game. This time Percival scored the try, running onto a Sironen offload at pace to put Saints in front. However, he missed the crucial conversion which left the door ajar for Salford to nick the points. And they did not need a second invitation, thanks to a piece of magic from Ethan Ryan. Ryan burst down the right wing with just minutes left to play and passed to Chris Hankinson, who fought his way over the line to score. Sneyd kicked the conversion and sparked jubilant scenes amongst the Salford players and fans. The victory was a well-deserved win for one of Super League's perennial over-achievers and a perfect end to a brilliant weekend of Super League action.

ROUND 15 SCOREBOARD

Hull KR 13 (E. Minchella, T. Opacic tries; M. Lewis 2 goals; J. Litten field goal) defeated Castleford 12 (R. Milnes, S. Wood tries; R. Milnes 2 goals) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Thu, 20th June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 12-6. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 7,897.

Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Wood, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Westerman (C), Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: Hall, Namu, Robb, English. Hull KR: Evalds, Broadbent, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Brown, Hadley, Tanginoa, Minchella (C). Int: King, Luckley, Storton.

Leeds 18 (B. Croft 2, M. Frawley tries; R. Martin 3 goals) defeated Leigh 10 (E. Ipape, M. Moylan tries; M. Moylan goal) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 21st June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 12-0. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 17,535.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, McCormack, Edgell; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, O'Connor, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Eseh, Johnson, Goudemand. Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; Chamberlain, Lam (C); Amone, Ipape, Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Norman, Davis, Dwyer, Pene.

Wigan 36 (J. Farrimond 2, J. Wardle 2, L. Marshall, A. Miski tries; J. Farrimond 6 goals) defeated London 0 at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Fri, 21st June. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 24-0. Penalties: Wigan 6-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 14,280.

Wigan: French, Miski, Eckersley, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Farrimond; Mago, O'Neill, Byrne, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Havard, Leeming, Hill, Walters. London: Walker, Kershaw, Storey, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Meadows; Bienek, Davies, Stock, Lovell (C), Adebijiyi, Jones. Int: Tison, Williams, Hughes, Waine.

Warrington 24 (M. Dufty 2, T. King, D. Walker tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated Hull FC 18 (D. Balmforth, T. Briscoe, L. Sutcliffe tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-0. Penalties: Hull FC 3-2. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 10,083.

Hull FC: Moy, Briscoe, Tuimavave, Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Reynolds; Eselese, Smith, Aydin, Scott, Lane, Sao. Int: Fash (C), Ashworth, Gardiner, Balmforth. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Holroyd, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Bullock, Powell, Wood.

Catalans 22 (T. Davies, T. Fages, T. Johnstone, A. Romano tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) defeated Huddersfield 18 (H. Rushton 2, A. Golding tries; O. Russell 3 goals) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 22-0. Penalties: Catalans 3-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 8,254.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Abdull, Fages; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sims, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Nikorima, Satae, Dezaria, Maria. Huddersfield: Lolohea, Halsall, Marsters, Naigama, Wallis; Russell, Clune; Hill, Milner, Greenwood, Hewitt, Rushton, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Wilson, Savelio, Ikahihifo.

Salford 20 (D. Cross 2, C. Hankinson, K. Watkins tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) defeated St Helens 18 (J. Bell, M. Percival, C. Sironen tries; M. Percival 3 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 10-6. Penalties: St Helens 9-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 5,724.

Salford: Hankinson, Ryan, Macdonald, Stone, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Wright, Lewis, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Vuniyayawa, Shorrocks, Dudson, Connell. St Helens: Welsby (C), Bennison, Hurrell, Percival, Blake; Mbye, Dodd; Delaney, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Mata'utia, Bell. Int: Paasi, Davies, Royle, Stephens.

ROUND 15 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	14	12	0	2	0	239	24
2	ST HELENS	15	11	0	4	0	261	22
3	HULL KR	15	11	0	4	0	182	22
4	WARRINGTON	15	10	0	5	0	145	20
5	SALFORD	15	10	0	5	0	7	20
6	CATALANS	15	9	0	6	0	68	18
7	Leeds	15	8	0	7	0	4	16
8	Huddersfield	15	6	0	9	0	-19	12
9	Leigh	14	5	1	8	0	38	11
10	Castleford	15	3	1	11	0	-191	7
11	Hull FC	15	2	0	13	0	-276	4
12	London	15	1	0	14	0	-458	2

ROUND 15 SUSPENSIONS

Emanuel Waine (LON)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match
Sione Mata'utia (STH)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match
Elliot Wallis (HUD)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match
Arthur Romano (CAT)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Michael McIlorum (CAT)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match

WIGAN 24 LEIGH 6

Wigan Warriors won 24-6 against Leigh Leopards down at the Brick Community Stadium on Friday night.

The result gives Wigan a four-point cushion at the top of the Super League ladder heading into the final countdown. Their first points came from the boot after Robbie Mulhern was binned for a high shot. Adam Keighran raised the flags to make it 2-0 for the hosts. The Warriors made use of the man advantage and got their first four points. They swung the ball to the left and found a lingering Bevan French who strode away.

Leigh held out for the rest of the half to only be down eight. The visitors struck first after the break to get back into the game. It was a smart piece of play from Brad Dwyer. He scooped up the ball, feigned to pass then wrestled his way over for 8-6. Wigan produced something special to take the advantage to six. They swept the ball left and Liam Marshall flew high and created a typical wingers finish. French electrified the game and pushed it out to 18-6. He found space through the middle, kicked for himself and touched down for his 11th of the season.

The Warriors added one final party piece late in the contest. Jake Wardle sliced through then found Liam Farrell inside to stroll over.

CASTLEFORD 8 ST HELENS 6

Castleford Tigers won 8-6 against the ailing St Helens side at the Totally Wicked Stadium on Friday night.

It is a big result for the Tigers who move further away from the relegation spot on the Super League ladder. For St Helens, they remain in the trio of teams who are on 22 points chasing for spots in the top four. The first half was a tense affair between the two sides. Chances were at a premium as the two sides scrapped for the points. St Helens broke the deadlock just before half-time. Sam Royle sliced through the Tigers line and gave the Saints a 4-0 half-time lead.

Royle was involved again to earn St Helens a penalty for a strip close to the line. Mark Percival stepped up and converted for 6-0. The Tigers did break down the Saints in the second half. The backline move opened up space and Innes Senior touched down. Castleford levelled things up from the tee. George Delaney clipped Muizz Mustapha high which allowed Rowan Milnes to raise the flags. The Tigers were getting profit from their high kicks all night and an error from Jack Welsby offered them the win. Milnes had the kicking duties again. He piloted through the penalty to make it 8-6 Castleford and author a huge upset.

WARRINGTON 48 HUDDERSFIELD 0

Warrington Wolves won 48-0 against a lowly Huddersfield Giants side at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

The Wolves started the onslaught early in the contest. Paul Vaughan kept his legs pumping and rolled over the try-line. Next, it was a precise kick from Josh Drinkwater which found Toby King in wide open space to touch down for 12-0. Warrington went right for their third score of the first half. Matt Dufty engaged the line before he sent Connor Wrench across the stripe.

The second half was a procession for the Wolves who had five different tryscorers in the huge win which has them in the top four. Drinkwater got the party started finishing off a chain of passes to make it 24-0 then George Williams stabbed through a kick for Matty Nicholson to score. The Wolves just lunged forward on their prey and piled up points. Williams dinked in a kick which Dufty charged onto for 36-0. Stefan Ratchford was the next to get a four-pointer after he streamed away on the left wing from another Dufty pass. The icing on the cake for the Wolves whomping was Rodrick Tai. The hosts swung the ball to the right and the winger strolled over.

LEEDS 17 LONDON 16

Leeds Rhinos fought back to win 17-16 against London Broncos at AMT Headingley Stadium on Saturday night.

The Broncos had a galloping start after a long range try which ended with debutant Josh Rourke slicing through. Leeds responded with a four-pointer of their own. It was a simple backline move that saw Ash Handley stroll over. The visitors hit the lead with some fabulous football. A superb flick pass opened up space for Paul Momirovski to make it 10-6. London took a lead just before half-time with a pair of scores. Rhys Kennedy burrowed over then Iliess Macani dived over in the corner.

Rhyse Martin levelled things up for Leeds Rhinos after the forward steamed onto a ball and weaved his way to the line. James Meadows had a shot at field goal which falconed his own team mate then Brodie Croft had one charged down to sent the game into extra time. It was the Rhinos who took the win in extra time. Croft drilled a field goal to make it 17-16 for the hosts.

CATALANS 15 HULL KR 14

Catalan Dragons won 15-14 against Hull KR in their game at Sewell Group Craven Park on Saturday afternoon.

The Dragons got off to a hot start trying to become only the second time to win at Craven Park in the 2024 season. Alrix Da Costa ducked between the Hull KR defenders to scoot over for Catalan Dragons to make it 6-0. A high tackle close to the line allowed the Dragons to stretch their advantage to eight. Arthur Mourgue piloted the kick over. It was all Catalan in the first half. Theo Fages weaved through the Hull KR defence before he slung it to Tom Johnstone to go over.

Hull KR needed a response early in the second half. They gave the ball air on the left and Jack Broadbent finished off the move. Next, Hull KR went to their right to get over the line. The ball ended up Joe Burgess who shrugged off a defender and scored to bring it back to 14-12. They levelled up the game with ten remaining. Jordan Abdull didn't make the distance from a dropout and Mikey Lewis kicked the goal for Hull KR. Hull KR had Craven Park rocking while the Dragons were reeling after giving up a 14-point lead but neither side could break the deadlock in regulation, so we're off to Golden Point.

Catalans extinguished the comeback late in Golden Point. Theo Fages piloted over the field goal for a 15-14 win where all the points were scored at the north end.

SALFORD 22 HULL FC 20

Salford Red Devils won 22-20 against relegation threatened Hull FC at Salford Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Red Devils made it a winning milestone for Marc Sneyd who passed 300 appearances in Super League. They were the first on the scoresheet. It was swift hands on the left which ended with Deon Cross going over in the corner. Hull FC struck back from a simple scrum play on the half hour mark. Ben Reynolds sliced through the line to make it 6-4 for the visitors. Salford tied the game up right on the break after Sneyd chipped through and one of the chaser's was taken out by Tom Briscoe who was sin binned. The milestone man stepped up to raise the flags after the siren as the two sides went into the break at 6-6.

The hosts took advantage of the man advantage after the break. A high kick was plucked out of the air by Ryan Brierley to touch down. Salford made it 18-6 in the blitz after the break. They kept the ball alive on the right and Chris Hankinson went over for the four-pointer. Hull FC worked their way back into the contest through Denive Balmforth scurrying over from dummy half after a check from the video referee. The hosts stretched their lead twice in the second half from the tee. Sneyd piloted through a pair of penalty goals for five goals on Sunday. The visitors kept working their work back into the contest. Jordan Lane scored from a kick then Lewis Martin dived over in the corner to bring them within two.

This set up for Reynolds to send the game to Golden Point. The five-eighth studied the kick but couldn't bend it between the posts and Salford took the points.

ROUND 16 SCOREBOARD

Castleford 8 (I. Senior try; R. Milnes 2 goals) defeated St Helens 6 (S. Royle try; M. Percival goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 4-0. Penalties: St Helens 7-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 9,808.

St Helens: Welsby, Blake, Davies, Percival, Ritson; Lomax (C), Dodd; Delaney, Mbye, Lees, Sironen, Royle, Bell. Int: Paasi, Burns, Vaughan, Stephens. Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Mustapha, Lawler; El-Zakhem, Westerman (C). Int: Watts, Robb, English.

Warrington 48 (J. Drinkwater, M. Dufty, T. King, M. Nicholson, S. Ratchford, R. Tai, P. Vaughan, C. Wrench tries; S. Ratchford 8 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-0. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,760.

Warrington: Dufty, Tai, Wrench, Ratchford, King; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Holroyd, Powell, Whitehead. Huddersfield: Connor, McGowan, Halsall, Bibby, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Ikahihifo, Milner; Greenwood, Rushton, Livett, Yates (C). Int: Deakin, Wilson, Savelio, Salabio, Billington.

Wigan 24 (B. French 2, L. Farrell, L. Marshall tries; A. Keighran 4 goals) defeated Leigh 6 (B. Dwyer try; M. Moylan goal) at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 8-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 16,053.

Wigan: French, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Farrimond, Smith; Cooper, O'Neill, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Havard, Mago, Dupree, Walters. Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley; O'Brien, Lam (C); Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Chamberlain, Trout. Int: Pene, Dwyer, Hughes, Asiata.

Leeds 17 (A. Handley, R. Martin, P. Momirovski tries; R. Martin 2 goals; B. Croft field goal) defeated London 16 (R. Kennedy, I. Macani, J. Rourke tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 16-10. Penalties: London 5-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 12,958.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, O'Connor; Goudemand, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Ackers, Lisone, Eseh, Sangaré. London: Rourke, Kershaw, Bassett, Storey, Macani; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Bienek, Lovell (C), Adebiji, Jones. Int: Tison, Williams, Natoli, Stock.

Catalans 15 (A. Da Costa, T. Johnstone tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals; T. Fages field goal) defeated Hull KR 14 (J. Broadbent, J. Burgess tries; M. Lewis 3 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-0. Penalties: Catalans 3-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,579.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Broadbent, Hall; May, Lewis (C); Sue, Litten, King, Hadley, Tanginoa, Whitbread. Int: Minchella, Parcell, Luckley, Storton. Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Ikuvalu, Romano, Johnstone; Fages, Abdull; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Rougé, Dezaria, Satae.

Salford 22 (R. Brierley, D. Cross, C. Hankinson tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) defeated Hull FC 20 (D. Balmforth, J. Lane, L. Martin, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Salford 8-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 3,910.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Watkins (C), Hankinson, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Lewis, Wright, Stone, Partington. Int: Bourouh, Vuniyayawa, Shorrocks, Dudson. Hull FC: Moy, Briscoe, Tuimavave, Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Reynolds; Ese'eese, Houghton (C), Aydin, Kirby, Lane, Sao. Int: Fash, Gardiner, Balmforth, Chan.

ROUND 16 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	15	13	0	2	0	257	26
2	ST HELENS	16	11	0	5	0	259	22
3	WARRINGTON	16	11	0	5	0	193	22
4	HULL KR	16	11	0	5	0	181	22
5	SALFORD	16	11	0	5	0	9	22
6	CATALANS	16	10	0	6	0	69	20
7	Leeds	16	9	0	7	0	5	18
8	Huddersfield	16	6	0	10	0	-67	12
9	Leigh	15	5	1	9	0	20	11
10	Castleford	16	4	1	11	0	-189	9
11	Hull FC	16	2	0	14	0	-278	4
12	London	16	1	0	15	0	-459	2

ROUND 16 SUSPENSIONS

Brad O'Neill (WIG)	Grade B Dang. Throw/Lift	1 match
James Harrison (WTN)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Moses Mbye (STH)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match

WARRINGTON 30 LEEDS 18

The Warrington Wolves have won three games on the bounce after a dominant first half to defeat the Leeds Rhinos by 30-18.

Warrington started with early field position and crashed over for the opening try of the contest. A well weighted grubber kick from George Williams was grounded first by Matty Ashton and the Wire had an early 6-0 lead after just two minutes. That lead was extended minutes later thanks to another Wire try. Danny Walker took off from dummy half through some amateur defence before linking up with Matt Dufty and the Wolves were already out to a 12-0 lead. Leeds quickly responded in front of new acting coach Brad Arthur and were looking to stay competitive. Fortunately, they were next to score thanks to David Fusitu'a. Brodie Croft delivered a well-weighted cross-field kick, and it was caught spectacularly by Fusitu'a to get the margin back to eight points. The rest of the first half was a slug fest, but four minutes before the break. The Wire struck with brutal efficiency. Dufty crossed (36th minute) after weaving his way through some poor defence. Roderick Tai added another before the half-time siren after Jack Sinfield nailed kick which was ricochet to Tai to make the scores 24-4 at the break.

Leeds responded well to start the second half with two tries in the opening 10 minutes of the second stanza. Lachie Miller crossed to give the Rhinos life, before Williams' sin-binning gave newfound energy to the Rhinos. This saw Ned McCormack cross for his maiden SL try and cut the gap further. But, the Rhinos failed to execute and Warrington capitalised crossing through Tom Whitehead to put the game beyond doubt. A late try to Paul Momirovski did little to help Leeds' cause with Arthur having work to do in his limited cameo to try and get the Rhinos into semi-finalists.

WIGAN 16 ST HELENS 12

Wigan have continued St Helens' recent Super League collapse after dropping their third game in a row following a 16-12 loss this evening.

Matty Lees was yellow carded for high contact in the first set of the game. The decision looked incredibly harsh as the Wigan player was slipping and stayed down waiting for the video ref intervention. Despite the controversial start, the Saints were able to hang on and keep their line in tact. After the roughening up period, Saints responded well and crossed for the first try after 19 minutes. Some creative work around the ruck from Daryl Clark put Curtis Sironen through a hole before finding Harry Robertson in space before linking up with Jack Welsby to make it 6-0. Wigan responded efficiently and thoroughly three minutes later. A well worked set play to the left edge saw Zach Eckersley into space before passing to his support man in Jake Wardle to level the scores at the break.

The second half began in a tense affair, as both sides tried to gain ascendancy. St Helens responded strongly and got themselves back in front. Johnny Lomax again hit a short ball to Sironen who stood in the tackle before finding Waqa Blake who touched down in the corner to make it 12-6 with just over 20 to play. Wigan again responded with dynamic force to level the scores. Eckersley was causing chaos, he again stood in the tackle as Saints couldn't tackle him and he was almost over the line. But, from the next play the Warriors levelled the scores. Some interchanging passing saw the ball end up with Adam Keighran cross to make it 12-12. The Warriors crossed to win the game with 12 and a half to go after a well worked move to the right edge. Eckersley was the hardest man to tackle all night, having eight tackle breaks and two line-breaks. After looking so damaging, he was rewarded with a try of his own that secured another win for Wigan as they charge towards the minor premiership.

CASTLEFORD 34 LONDON 20

The Castleford Tigers have recorded back-to-back victories, downing the hapless London Broncos away from home today.

Cas had all the early running, crossing for the game's opening two tries inside the first ten minutes. Tex Hoy has found himself at home since departing Hull FC and crossed for the first try after just four minutes. Hoy crossed for an individual try when he scooped the ball out of dummy half and caught London asleep at the wheel to score. Five minutes later, the run continued when the halves and Hoy combined to send Innes Senior away down the sideline to score in the corner to make it 12-0. London responded well and were next to score after 23 minutes. A cross-field kick from Oliver Leyland couldn't be defused and Josh Rourke was there to take the ball and score, this reduced the gap to just eight points. The Tigers added two quick tries before the break to put the game seemingly out of London's reach. Alex Mellor crossed for the first of his two tries after 29 minutes after hitting a great hole from a scrum. Cas were having strong success down their left edge and went there again as Senior was able to capitalise and cross for his second try and it was 22-4. The Broncos were on the ropes but fortunately for them, they crossed for a try before the break to stay in the contest. Leyland again turned provider with a lovely pass to Will Lovell to cut the gap to 14 at the break.

The Tigers started strongly in the second half, adding the hammer blows after 53 minutes. Jacob Miller was carving up and set up another try with a clean break before finding Mellor to score. Miller had his fourth try-assist of the game and Mellor had his second try. Two minutes later, Rowan Milnes backed up another break down the left edge to make the score 34-8. London added two consolation tries in the last twenty to make the score competitive. Marcus Stock crossed with twenty to go. Stock had the ball stripped from him legally, but he was able to win the race to the loose ball. After several replays, he video referee awarded the try for the London interchange forward. Lewis Bienek crossed with ten to go crashing through some soft defence to reduce the gap to 14 points.

HULL KR 24 HULL FC 10

The Hull Derby has ended in triumph for Rovers with a 24-10 win over Hull FC.

Rovers opened in flying style. A brilliant out the back pass from Matt Parcell sent Sauaso Sue over the line after just four minutes. The front rower crashed his way over, beating several defenders on his way to the line to lead 6-0. The hot start continued just nine minutes later. Mikey Lewis joined the scorers sheet after Parcell continued causing havoc around the play the ball. Once again scheming around the ruck, the Aussie hooker timed his offload to Lewis perfectly to cross the stripe and it was looking like a repeat of earlier this season. It was soon giving the black and whites PTSD when Matty Storton crossed in the seventeenth minute of action. Another brilliant dart from Parcell gave Rovers quick ruck speed. This gave Rovers momentum and Tyrone May was able to link up with Storton to cross and the Rovers were keeping pace with the clock after 18 minutes. Fortunately, Hull FC stemmed the bleeding for the remainder of the first half and it remained 18-0 as the teams enjoyed a rest. Clearly what Simon Grix said struck a nerve with the black and whites as they crossed for two quick tries in the second half to reduce the gap.

A well worked set play to the left saw the opening try of the half. Lewis Martin was on the end of a sweeping move which saw him touch down in the corner. FC quickly got a second, capitalising on Joe Burgess' sin-binning for a professional foul. Jordan Lane and Ligi Sao linked up to break the Rovers line. From the ensuing play, Logan Moy then crossed and after a lengthy video referral, the try was given and the gap was eight. Despite their best efforts, the black and whites couldn't strike. Elliott Minchella sealed the deal for Rovers in the game's dying moments. Ryan Hall broke away down the right and kicked back in field. An awful mix-up allowed Minchella to touch down and seal a win for Rovers by 24-10.

LEIGH 20 HUDDERSFIELD 16

It was a controversial affair in Leigh as the Leopards did just enough to down Huddersfield by 20-16 who themselves capped off a dramatic week after the dismissal of Ian Watson.

Huddersfield had that new coach bounce early with Luke Robinson's men crossing for the first try after just six and a half minutes. A well worked move down the left edge caught the Leigh defence asleep and it was Elliott Wallis who crossed untouched to give the Giants a 4-0 lead. It took Leigh a while to warm into the contest despite some near misses. From a scrum move in attacking territory, the Leopards struck back after 26 minutes of action. Umayya Hanley drew in some shaky edge defence to find Darnell McIntosh to cross in the right corner and it remained level after Matt Moylan's missed conversion. Moylan atoned for the miss when he added a penalty shot after a high shot from Harry Rushton and it remained 6-4 at the break.

The second half started well for the Giants as Jake Connor split the shaky Leigh defence to restore the lead for Huddersfield back to two points. The refereeing entered the spotlight in the second half, after Leigh thought they got the ball back from a penalty kick. But in an officiating blunder, the touch judge waved a kick for touch out, despite the ball not bouncing over the sideline.

CATALANS 20 SALFORD 0

Catalans have put a week of controversy behind them to shut out the Salford Red Devils by 20-0 at home. The club had sacked Sio Siua Taukeiaho, Jayden Nikorima and Damele Diakhate after allegedly skipping training and club events to attend a concert.

The home side started strongly and crossed for first points in bizarre fashion. A clearing kick by César Rougé was ricochet into a Salford player before Bayley Sironen picked the ball up on half-way. Sironen ran to the 30m line before giving a suspect pass back to Rougé to cross for the opening try after six minutes of play. The conversion attempt by Arthur Mourgue was successful and things looked promising from the home side's point of view. Five minutes later, the Dragons shifted the ball to the left edge and came up with yet another try. A Rougé cross-field kick was collected by Fouad Yaha, who then kicked the ball back in field. The ball was cleverly scooped up by Arthur Romano who crossed for the first of his two tries. Despite having to go upstairs, the video referee quickly gave the green lights to the Dragons' centre. Mourgue converted for 12-0. After a back and forth affair for the remainder of the first half. Catalans decided to play some expansive football in Salford's end and crossed for their third of the opening forty. Ben Garcia stood in the tackle and offloaded to Chris Satae. He managed to find a pass to Mike McLorum who shifted it again to the right and a clever Rougé grubber found Romano to cross for his second of the half and the Dragons led 18-0 at the change of ends.

An early second half penalty saw the Dragons extend their margin to 20 points in the second half and that's where it stayed. Salford didn't offer much in attack throughout the second half and despite a near miss, they didn't allow Catalans to cross the line for the remainder of the second half. The Devils remain in the top six with critical matches to come in their season. Tempers erupted further after 55 minutes after a dangerous tackle from Chris Hill, this saw the front rower and Jack Hughes (for flaring the situation up) binned and we were 12 v 12, Moylan added a penalty goal to level the scores. It wasn't that way for long with Andre Savelio sent off with 20 to go after a high shoulder charge to the head of Robbie Mulhern. Despite being down to 11, Connor put the Giants in front with a penalty goal with 17 to go and Leigh had to act quickly. Lachie Lam got through a half-gap before unloading to Kai O'Donnell who ran the best part of 15 metres to restore the lead back in favour of the Leopards. The Leopards sealed the deal with 10 to go when Zak Hardaker crossed following brilliant lead-up work by Moylan. The Giants managed a consolation try with Wallis awarded a penalty try following a professional foul by Hughes. Despite the late efforts, Huddersfield couldn't get the last play to stick and had to settle for another loss.

ROUND 17 SCOREBOARD

Warrington 30 (M. Dufty 2, M. Ashton, R. Tai, T. Whitehead tries; S. Ratchford 5 goals) defeated **Leeds 18** (D. Fusitu'a, N. McCormack, L. Miller, P. Momirovski tries; R. Martin goal) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Thu, 11th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 24-4. Penalties: Warrington 7-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,471.

Warrington: Dufty, Lindop, Tai, Ratchford, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Holroyd, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Crowther, Powell, Whitehead. **Leeds:** Miller; Fusitu'a, Momirovski, McCormack, Handley; Croft, Sinfield; Oledzki, O'Connor; Eseh, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Ackers, Lisone, Goudemand, Edgell.

Castleford 34 (A. Mellor 2, I. Senior 2, T. Hoy, R. Milnes tries; R. Milnes 5 goals) defeated **London 20** (L. Bienek, W. Lovell, J. Rourke, M. Stock tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Kuflink Stadium.

Date: Fri, 12th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 22-8. Penalties: London 6-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,050.

London: Rourke, Kershaw, Bassett, Storey, Macani; Leyland, Meadows; Kennedy, Davis, Bienek, Lovell (C), Adebijoyi, Jones. Int: Tison, Butler, Natoli, Stock. **Castleford:** Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Mustapha, El-Zakhem, Lawler, Westerman (C). Int: Watts, Robb, Johnson, English.

Wigan 16 (Z. Eckersley, A. Keighran, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 2 goals) defeated **St Helens 12** (W. Blake, J. Welsby tries; M. Percival 2 goals) at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Fri, 12th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: St Helens 5-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 20,152.

Wigan: Eckersley, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Farrimond, Smith; Havard, Thompson, Dupree, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Byrne, Mago, Hill, Walters. **St Helens:** Robertson, Ritson, Percival, Davies, Blake; Welsby, Lomax (C); Delaney, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Bell, Paasi. Int: Vaughan, Stephens.

Hull KR 24 (M. Lewis, E. Minchella, M. Storton, S. Sue tries; M. Lewis 4 goals) defeated **Hull FC 10** (L. Martin, L. Moy tries; L. Sutcliffe goal) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-0. Penalties: Hull KR 10-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 15,392.

Hull FC: Moy, Briscoe, Tuimavave (C), Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Charles; Ese'ese, Smith, Aydin, Lane, Sao, Gardiner. Int: Fash (C), Litten, Balmforth, Chan. **Hull KR:** Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Hadley, Storton, Tanginoa, Minchella (C). Int: Opacic, Litten, Whitbread, Brown.

Leigh 20 (Z. Hardaker, D. McIntosh, K. O'Donnell tries; M. Moylan 3, Z. Hardaker goals) defeated **Huddersfield 16** (E. Wallis 2, J. Connor tries; J. Connor 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 6-4. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,160.

Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, McIntosh, Leutele, Hardaker; O'Brien, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Trout. Int: Pene, Asiata (C), Hughes, Dwyer. **Huddersfield:** Connor, McGowan, Bibby, Halsall, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Hill, Milner, Greenwood, Hewitt, Rushton, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Wilson, Savelio, Rogers.

Catalans 20 (A. Romano 2, C. Rougé tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) defeated **Salford 0** at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Catalans 18-0. Penalties: Catalans 6-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 7,750.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Yaha; Rougé, Fages; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, Séguier, Satae, Dezaria. **Salford:** Brierley, Ryan, Stone, Hankinson, Cross; Atkin, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Lewis, Wright, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Bourouh, Vuniyayawa, Shorrocks, Dudson.

ROUND 17 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	16	14	0	2	0	261	28
2	WARRINGTON	17	12	0	5	0	205	24
3	HULL KR	17	12	0	5	0	195	24
4	ST HELENS	17	11	0	6	0	255	22
5	CATALANS	17	11	0	6	0	89	22
6	SALFORD	17	11	0	6	0	-11	22
7	Leeds	17	9	0	8	0	-7	18
8	Leigh	16	6	1	9	0	24	13
9	Huddersfield	17	6	0	11	0	-71	12
10	Castleford	17	5	1	11	0	-175	11
11	Hull FC	17	2	0	15	0	-292	4
12	London	17	1	0	16	0	-473	2

ROUND 17 SUSPENSIONS

Andre Savelio (HUD)	Grade D Head Contact	2 match
Sam Hewitt (HUD)	Grade D Punching	2 match
Edwin Ipape (LGH)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Adam Keighran (WIG)	Grade B Dang. Throw	1 match

HUDDERSFIELD 16 SALFORD 8

Huddersfield Giants won 16-8 against Salford Red Devils at John Smith's Stadium on Friday night.

The opening exchanges between the two sides were tight and points were at a premium in this contest. Huddersfield Giants were first on the scoreboard after ruck interference. Jake Connor stepped up and booted the goal for a 2-0 lead. The Red Devils had the first four-pointer of the game just before the break. Joe Mellor scurried across from dummy-half to make it 6-2 at the break.

The visitors had the opportunity to extend their lead to six but decided to take a quick tap which didn't end up in points. They were made to pay for that decision quickly. Sam Halsall snaffled an intercept and showed enough speed to get over the line. Salford were offered another chance from the tee on the hour mark. This time, Marc Sneyd piloted it through to give them an 8-6 lead. Huddersfield tied it up again after Brad Singleton was pinged for a high shot. The forward was binned and Connor kicked the goal. The Giants almost made them pay immediately but Aiden McGowan was held up over the line by the defence. They did make use of the extra man soon enough. Adam Milner had the defenders retreating and earned the whistle. Connor kicked his third penalty of the night for 10-8 Giants. Huddersfield confirmed the win late on through Milner magic again. He spied a gap in the defence and scooted over.

WARRINGTON 24 ST HELENS 10

Warrington Wolves beat St Helens 24-10 to move into second at Totally Wicked Stadium on Friday night.

The Wolves are in equal second with Hull KR and remain one win behind Wigan Warriors at the top of the ladder. Warrington were in rhythm early in the contest and spread the ball wide to Matty Ashton who dived over in the corner. Next, Matt Dufty showed off his impressive speed to make it 12-0. The fullback spied a gap and blitzed through for the score. The Wolves were reduced to 12 after a heavy collision between James Harrison and Noah Stephens saw the former sent off.

St Helens made use of the extra man early. Agnatius Paasi steamed onto a Jonny Lomax pass to dive over after being checked by the video referee. The drama continued as Warrington were reduced to eleven players after Matty Nicholson was pinged for a professional foul close to the line. Sam Royle provided instant impact for the Saints. The interchange man stepped past the defence and scored to make it 12-10. The Wolves weren't to be denied on this night. Adam Holroyd and Nicholson both got over the stripe to give them a vital 24-10 win.

LEIGH 36 LONDON 6

Leigh Leopards won 36-6 against the lowly London Broncos at Leigh Sports Village Stadium on Friday night.

The Leopards have won back-to-back games as they cement themselves in the Super League mid table. Their first score came from a kick wide which was fumbled into the path of Darnell McIntosh to touch down. Leigh kept surging forward for points. Tom Amone charged over then Ricky Leutele dived over in the corner to make it 16-0. It was one-way traffic in the first half. Lachlan Lam started the move then an interchange of passes saw Matt Davis stroll over.

The onslaught continued in the second half. Lam and Leutele combined then the latter kicked through for Josh Charnley to go over. London Broncos got on the board on the hour mark. A high kick was plucked out of the air by Josh Rourke to dive over for 28-6. The Leopards added a pair of scores late to round off a dominant win. Lam finished off a break to score then Jack Hughes found a way across for 36-6.

HULL FC 24 WIGAN 22

Hull FC created a buffer at the bottom after their 24-22 win against Wigan Warriors at MKM Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The hosts have a four-point gap to last place London Broncos after one of the upsets of the Super League season. Hull FC struck first on a bright afternoon. The kick fumbled into the path of Jack Walker who strolled over. The Warriors responded with their own four-pointer. Fullback Zack Eckersley drove them downfield and provided the final pass for Liam Marshall to score. Hull FC restored their lead from a scrum play. The pass from Jake Trueman found Liam Sutcliffe to slice through. They extended their advantage just before half-time. Trueman provided it from the boot this time and found a leaping Davy Litten for 18-6 at the break.

Helping their cause was a sin bin to Wigan Warriors interchange player Tyler Dupree who was pinged for a tip tackle. Hull FC took advantage of the bin to start the second half. An offload out the back allowed Denive Balmforth to step past the defense to make it 24-6. The Warriors showed championship resolve to get themselves back in the contest. Bra O'Neill pinballed off defenders to get one back. Next, Litten was binned for a high tackle on Wigan's Jack Farrimond then Marshall ran into acres of space to get his second. The Warriors brought it back to 24-22 from a long range break. Jack Wardle started the move which ended with Eckersley to go over. Hull FC held on in the closing stages and secured a precious two points in their chase to avoid relegation.

HULL KR 20 LEEDS 12

Hull KR won 20-12 against Leeds Rhinos in their game at AMT Headingley Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Robins move to equal second alongside Warrington Wolves after a big win which has them primed for finals football. It was the Rhinos who were the first to get on the scoreboard. Hull KR made a mess of a kick and Rhyse Martin was there to pounce for 6-0. Neither side were able to get any further points in the first half in an important game for both teams. David Fusitu'a had a prime chance to extend the Rhinos lead but had the ball bounce off his knee and over the dead ball line. Hull KR were able to get on the board from their own winger. It was a wrap around play which saw Ryan Hall go over.

That spurred on the visitors to take their first lead of the contest. It was a dogged run from Mikey Lewis to plunge over the line for 10-6. Leeds snatched back the lead from a truly weird passage of play. The kick bounced, hit the underside of the crossbar then Lachlan Miller picked up the spoils. Hull KR provided a late surge which got them the win in this game. First, Jai Whitbread was on the spot to give them a 16-12 lead. Jez Litten put the icing on the cake for the Robins. He threw a dummy then sliced through to stroll over.

CASTLEFORD 24 CATALANS 18

Castleford Tigers won 24-18 against Catalans Dragons down at The Jungle, Castleford on Sunday afternoon.

The result puts Catalans Dragons into the pack of teams on 22 points in the chase for another finals appearance. It was a windy weekend in England and high kicks were the order of the day. Adam Milnes kick was misjudged by Arthur Mourgue which allowed Liam Horne to pounce. The Tigers continued to attack from their own end. Innes Senior broke free down the wing then passed inside for Jacob Miller to make it 12-0. Castleford were in full flow in front of their home crowd. Another break opened up the Dragons and allowed Horne to get his second of the afternoon. The Dragons did get on the scoreboard before the break. It came from another high kick and Tom Johnstone was able to rise highest to score.

Buoyed by that score, Dragons further reduced the deficit after the break. The ball was given to Matt Ikuvalu who showed strength to slam it down. Catalans leveled the game with their third try of the game. Mourgue sliced through the defense and went over for 18-all. The Tigers shook off their worries and got a match winner from Tex Hoy. He took the ball back inside on the angle and gave them a 24-18 win.

ROUND 18 SCOREBOARD

Huddersfield 16 (S. Halsall, A. Milner tries; J. Connor 4 goals) defeated Salford 8 (J. Mellor try; M. Sneyd 2 goals) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th July. Kickoff: 7:45 PM. Halftime: Salford 6-2. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,119.

Huddersfield: Connor, McGowan, Halsall, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Hill, Milner; English, Bibby, Cudjoe (C), Rushton. Int: Golding, Russell, Salabio, Rogers. Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Hankinson, Cross; Cust, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Partington, Wright, Watkins (C), Shorrocks. Int: Atkin, Dudson, Wilson, Bullock.

Warrington 24 (M. Ashton, M. Dufty, A. Holroyd, M. Nicholson tries; J. Drinkwater 2, S. Ratchford 2 goals) defeated St Helens 10 (A. Paasi, S. Royle tries; M. Percival goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-0. Penalties: Warrington 7-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,135.

St Helens: Robertson, Blake, Vaughan, Percival, Ritson; Welsby, Lomax (C); Lees, Clark, Paasi, Sironen, Bell, Mbye. Int: Bennison, Dodd, Royle, Stephens. Warrington: Dufty, Lindop, Tai, Ratchford (C), Ashton; Williams, Drinkwater; Vaughan, Powell, Harrison, Holroyd, Nicholson, Currie. Int: Whitehead, Walker, Musgrove, Yates.

Leigh 36 (T. Azone, J. Charnley, M. Davis, J. Hughes, L. Lam, R. Leutele, D. McIntosh tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals) defeated London 6 (J. Rourke try; O. Leyland goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 19th July. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Leigh 22-0. Penalties: London 8-6. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 6,677.

Leigh: Hardaker, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley; O'Brien, Lam; Azone, Dwyer, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Trout, Brogan, Hughes, Davis. London: Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Tison; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebisi, Stock. Int: Waine, Bienek, Parata, Campagnolo.

Hull FC 24 (D. Balmforth, D. Litten, L. Sutcliffe, J. Walker tries; J. Charles 4 goals) defeated Wigan 22 (L. Marshall 2, Z. Eckersley, B. O'Neill tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Hull FC 18-4. Penalties: Hull FC 4-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,771.

Hull FC: Walker, Briscoe, Litten, Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Charles; Ese'ese, Smith, Sao (C), Lane, Chamberlain, Aydin. Int: Gardiner, Balmforth, Laidlaw, Vuniyayawa. Wigan: Eckersley, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Farrimond, Smith; Havard, O'Neill, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Byrne, Mago, Dupree, Walters.

Hull KR 20 (R. Hall, M. Lewis, J. Litten, J. Whitbread tries; M. Lewis 2 goals) defeated Leeds 12 (R. Martin, L. Miller tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 6-0. Penalties: Leeds 7-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 14,555.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Eseh, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: O'Connor, Lisone, Donaldson. Hull KR: Broadbent, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Hadley, Opacic, Storton, Minchella (C). Int: Litten, Luckley, Whitbread, Tanginoa.

Castleford 24 (L. Horne 2, T. Hoy, J. Miller tries; R. Milnes 4 goals) defeated Catalans 18 (M. Ikuvalu, T. Johnstone, A. Mourgue tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 18-6. Penalties: Castleford 4-3. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,331.

Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Mustapha, Lawler, El-Zakhem, Westerman (C). Int: Watts, Namu, Robb, Johnson. Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Johnstone; Rougé, Abdull; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sims, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Da Costa, Satae, Dezaria, Aispuro-Bichet.

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5	CATALANS	18	11	0	7	0	83	22
6	SALFORD	18	11	0	7	0	-19	22
7	Leeds	18	9	0	9	0	-15	18
8	Leigh	17	7	1	9	0	54	15
9	Huddersfield	18	7	0	11	0	-63	14
10	Castleford	18	6	1	11	0	-169	13
11	Hull FC	18	3	0	15	0	-290	6
12	London	18	1	0	17	0	-503	2

ROUND 18 SUSPENSIONS

James Harrison (WTN) Grade D Head Contact 2 matches

LEEDS 34 HUDDERSFIELD 6

Brad Arthur has his first win as Leeds coach courtesy of a 34-6 win over the Huddersfield Giants away from home.

It was a fast and furious start for the visitors who crossed for the first try of the contest after just two minutes of play. It was a clever cross-field kick which was well taken by Ash Handley who outleapt the opposing winger to cross for the first try after just two minutes of play. The Giants answered back just minutes later. A clever grubber was awfully defused by Lachie Miller which allowed Aidan McGowan to level the scores after 11 minutes. Five minutes later, the Rhinos thought they had a second but they were denied via a double movement spotted by Liam Moore in the video box. The game went into a lull right up to the half hour mark. A routine bomb defusal went awfully wrong for Jake Connor which saw him ice-skating in the in-goal and Harry Newman grounded the ball for a Rhinos lead. This was added to before the break when Matt Frawley backed up in support after Miller broke through some poor edge defence and it was 18-6 at the break.

The second half then entered into a slow start as both sides jostled for field position and overall ascendancy. Huddersfield were made to pay for their aggressiveness in defence when the Rhinos shifted it left and Handley crossed for his second just before the hour mark. The Rhinos added two later tries in the second half to put the exclamation point on what was a dominant display away from home. The first came with 13 to go as Brodie Croft got his way through some horrific goal line defence to put the game beyond the reach of the Giants. This was followed through Miller's effort with six minutes to play. Sam Lisone might face the wrath of the MRC following a nasty incident where he appeared to use his elbow illegally.

WARRINGTON 40 WIGAN 4

The Warrington Wolves have inflicted Wigan with their biggest Super League defeat since Rd 20 2022 with a 40-4 win over the reigning premiers.

The visitors got off to a strong start when they crossed for the first try after just two minutes of action. A clever Matt Dufty grubber was grounded just in time by Arron Lindop to give the Wire an early advantage. This didn't last long as Wigan were keen on impressing their 15,000 strong crowd. A clever cross-field kick was hauled in by Liam Marshall and the gap was just two points. Despite the early resistance, Warrington were on fire in the opening 40 minutes of action. A short ball to Adam Holyrod put him into space and it was 12-4 to the Wire after 20 minutes. Wigan didn't go down quietly trying their best to play free-flowing football but a cut-out pass by Farrimond was intercepted by Matty Ashton who raced away to make it 18-4 at the change of ends.

The second half didn't make things better for the Warriors. Dufty delivered a cracking pass to Lindop who had some clear space to work with and he beat the chasing defenders to score after 43 minutes. Dufty's pass selection was on song with another brilliant pass to Ashton who crossed in the corner and Wigan were in all sorts. Despite Wigan trying all they could with the football, their chances were coming unstuck and leading to Wire tries. Yet another intercept was thrown as Thewlis sprinted 90 metres to cross for the Wire. Roderick Tai added further salt into the wound late with a cracking individual try, Tai was able to beat some ragged Warriors defenders to put quite the exclamation point on what was a dominant Wire victory.

HULL KR 40 LONDON 16

A Mikey Lewis hat-trick has guided Hull KR to a commanding 40-16 victory over the struggling London Broncos.

Hull KR started with a flurry, posting the game's first three tries in the space of 15 minutes. Sauaso Sue got the scoring underway after five minutes when he charged over from close range to give Rovers a dream start. Seven minutes later, Rovers crossed for their second when Ryan Hall crossed after leaping highest to take a Lewis cross-field kick and it was 10-0 early. Lewis joined in crossing for the first of his three with a great individual effort and it was all one way traffic at Craven Park. To London's credit, they did well to stem the bleeding and were able to get one prior to the half-time break. It was a scintillating and rampaging individual effort by Lewis Bienek to cross down the right edge to give the Broncos some life going into the break.

London had a new lease of energy and cut the gap further just after the break. A terrific short pass to Josh Rourke sent him on his way and the gap was remarkably cut to just six. However, Rovers were quickly awoken after the London ambush and soon had their commanding lead back. Matt Parcell crossed after 56 minutes thanks to a crazy passage of play and a horrific kick defusal. Two quick tries to Lewis and Tanginoa put the margin beyond doubt before London added a consolation try with three minutes to play courtesy of Ilies Macani. The night however belonged to Rovers' cheeky and clever half who crossed late to seal his hat-trick and man of the match performance.

LEIGH 46 ST HELENS 4

Leigh have placed further pressure on embattled St Helens coach Paul Wellens with a 46-4 massacre of the Saints at home, subjecting the Saints to five losses on the trot.

The Leopards opened proceedings early as they capitalised on a St Helens yellow card to Mark Percival. Umayya Hanley gave Leigh a dream start over the Saints after just 16 minutes. A well worked move caught the Saints edge short and it was Hanley who crossed out wide for the hosts. On the 23-minute mark, Leigh had a second try when Tom Amone crashed over for a 12-0 cushion. With Saints back to 13, Leigh were finding holes through their recently fragile defence and it wasn't long before they posted try number three. Matt Moylan's Crossfield kick wasn't defused at the back, and Darnell McIntosh crossed to extend Leigh's healthy lead.

St Helens had one of those moments where they had to score and didn't when Waqa Blake came back in-field instead of going for the corner and a golden chance was squandered before the break. McIntosh broke away down the right just before the break and was in space. He came back inside to find several support players and went to the other side of the ground and Kai O'Donnell crossed to give Leigh a commanding half-time cushion. St Helens started the better and despite almost giving up a try, they went coast to coast to give themselves a chance early in the second stanza. Harry Robertson picked up and errant Leigh pass and sprinted away. The young fullback then kicked across the field to a wide open Ben Davies to score a cracking try. Johnny Lomax was sent to the bin for a late high tackle and Leigh ran riot. A late second half double to Josh Charnley and a cracking try to Lachie Lam put more salt into the Saints wound in a disastrous effort. More questions will be asked about Paul Wellens' future as the Saints' finals chances appear on life support.

SALFORD 30 CASTLEFORD 22

The Salford Red Devils have bounced back after two straight defeats to record a 30-22 win over the Castleford Tigers at home.

Salford thought they crossed for the first try of the contest after eight minutes of play. Deon Cross was able to finish off a brilliantly executed backline play to put the Red Devils, but the last pass was called forward. A clever grubber from Jacob Miller turned the game on its head when Jason Qareqare won the race to the ball and crossed first for Castleford against the run of play after 14 mins. Salford hit back despite a shaky start and it was Nene MacDonald who made Cas pay with a strong determined run to get Salford back on level terms. MacDonald was denied a second minutes later after knocking the ball on in a tightly contested contest. Salford soon got the lead back, capitalising on the yellow card given to Liam Horne. A well worked scrum play caught Cas out and it was Ryan Brierley who broke the spirit of the Tigers to give the Red Devils a 12-6 lead at oranges.

Castleford were first to score after the intermission when Qareqare crossed for his second try of the match. A quick set of hands caught the Red Devils out and the flying Fijian got himself a double to tie us up. On the 55 minute mark, former Parramatta back-rower Elie El-Zahem took a gamble running out of dummy half, but it paid off when he ran 30 metres to score a cracking individual try. Castleford's aggressiveness soon came back to bite when a pass was intercepted by Ethan Ryan. Ryan was able to beat the fast moving cover to level the scores. The conversion put Salford in the lead by 18-16. The Tigers' defensive tactics came under further fire when Sylvester Namu was given 10 in the bin for high contact. Oliver Partington and Chris Hankinson scored to put the game out of reach for the Tigers. A last ditch consolation try to Luis Johnson added some score-board respectability for the struggling Tigers.

CATALANS 24 HULL FC 16

Sam Tomkins' return to Catalans was overshadowed by two first half send-offs in Catalans unconvincing 24-16 victory over Hull FC.

It was the Dragons who crossed after 3 minutes and it was a scrappy effort at that. A banana kick from Tomkins wasn't marked and it was then kicked ahead by Michael McLorum. The Dragons hooker then won the race to the loose ball to score first. Tariq Sims was sent off by Liam Rush after making direct contact to the head and picking the injured player up. The black and whites capitalised on the extra man advantage and were beginning to work over the Dragons. This saw some space out-wide for Carlos Tuimavave to cross in the right corner. The match saw it's second sensation when Tomkins was taken high in a forceful tackle by Ligi Sao and he joined Sims in the dressing sheds via the red card. Tomkins capped his return with a solo try after 22 minutes to restore the lead for the home side. The home side added a penalty goal to head into the sheds with a two possession lead. Catalans stayed in the sheds for a little too long, as Hull ambushed the home side right out of the gates. A break exposed the Dragons defence and despite Tomkins knocking down the support pass, Jack Walker was on the spot to make it 14-12.

Ben Garcia led by example with a brilliant try, supporting the strong bust by Julien Bosquet when he was on the spot to collect the prop's offload to touch-down underneath the posts. Tom Davies put the match beyond doubt with his try outside, capping off a resilient team victory having played a significant portion a man down. Hull got consolation with a late try to Lewis Martin, but they fell agonisingly short to lose by 8 points.

ROUND 19 SCOREBOARD

Leeds 34 (A. Handley 2, B. Croft, M. Frawley, L. Miller, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 5 goals) defeated **Huddersfield 6** (A. McGowan try; J. Connor goal) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Thu, 25th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 18-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 6-1. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,924.

Huddersfield: Connor, McGowan, Halsall, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Hill, Milner, English, Bibby, Cudjoe (C), Rushton. Int: Golding, Russell, Salabio, Rogers. **Leeds:** Miller, Handley, Newman, Momirovski, Edgell; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Eseh, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Bentley, O'Connor, Lisone, Donaldson.

Hull KR 40 (M. Lewis 3, R. Hall, M. Parcell, S. Sue, K. Tanginoa tries; D. Richardson 6 goals) defeated **London 16** (L. Bienek, I. Macani, J. Rourke tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 26th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 16-6. Penalties: Hull KR 8-6. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 9,585.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; Richardson, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Storton, Batchelor (C), Hadley. Int: Parcell, Luckley, Tanginoa, Brown. **London:** Rourke, Miloudi, Natoli, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebijiyi, Jones. Int: Parata, Tison, Stock, Bienek.

Leigh 46 (J. Charnley 2, T. Azone, U. Hanley, L. Lam, D. McIntosh, M. Moylan, K. O'Donnell tries; D. McIntosh 7 goals) defeated **St Helens 4** (B. Davies try) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 24-0. Penalties: Leigh 5-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 8,021.

Leigh: Moylan, Charnley, Leutele, Hanley, McIntosh; O'Brien, Lam; Azone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Pene, Trout, Hughes, Dwyer. **St Helens:** Robertson, Makinson, Davies, Percival, Blake; Welsby, Lomax (C); Delaney, Clark, Lees, Sironen, Bell, Paasi. Int: Mbye, Whitley, Vaughan, Stephens.

Warrington 40 (M. Ashton 2, A. Lindop 2, A. Holroyd, R. Tai, J. Thewlis tries; J. Thewlis 6 goals) defeated **Wigan 4** (L. Marshall try) at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Fri, 26th July. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 18-4. Penalties: Warrington 6-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 15,764.

Wigan: Eckersley, Miski, Farrell (C), Wardle, Marshall; Farrimond, Smith; Byrne, O'Neill, Thompson, Nsemba, Walters, Ellis. Int: Havard, Mago, Dupree, Hill. **Warrington:** Dufty, Thewlis, Tai, Lindop, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Powell, Vaughan, Nicholson, Holroyd, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Crowther, Walker, Wood.

Salford 30 (R. Brierley, C. Hankinson, N. Macdonald, O. Partington, E. Ryan tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) defeated **Castleford 22** (J. Qareqare 2, E. El-Zakhem, L. Johnson tries; R. Milnes 3 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: Castleford 5-3. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 3,146.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Shorrocks, Bullock, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Wright, Hankinson, Mellor, Lewis. **Castleford:** Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Griffin, Horne, Mustapha, Lawler, El-Zakhem, Westerman (C). Int: Hall, Namu, Robb, Johnson.

Catalans 24 (T. Davies, B. Garcia, M. McIlorum, S. Tomkins tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) defeated **Hull FC 16** (L. Martin, C. Tuimavave, J. Walker tries; J. Charles 2 goals) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-6. Penalties: Catalans 8-7. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 9,214.

Catalans: Tomkins, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Ikuvalu; Mourgue, Fages; Navarrete, McIlorum, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Satae, Dezaria, Wallace, Aispuro-Bichet. **Hull FC:** Walker, Barron, Tuimavave, Sutcliffe, Martin; Trueman, Charles; Ese'ese, Smith, Sao (C), Lane, Chamberlain, Aydin. Int: Balmforth, Fash, Gardiner, Vuniyayawa.

ROUND 19 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WARRINGTON	19	14	0	5	0	255	28
2	HULL KR	19	14	0	5	0	227	28
3	WIGAN	18	14	0	4	0	223	28
4	CATALANS	19	12	0	7	0	91	24
5	SALFORD	19	12	0	7	0	-11	24
6	ST HELENS	19	11	0	8	0	199	22
7	Leeds	19	10	0	9	0	13	20
8	Leigh	18	8	1	9	0	96	17
9	Huddersfield	19	7	0	12	0	-91	14
10	Castleford	19	6	1	12	0	-177	13
11	Hull FC	19	3	0	16	0	-298	6
12	London	19	1	0	18	0	-527	2

ROUND 19 SUSPENSIONS

Mark Percival (STH)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match
Jonny Lomax (STH)	Grade E Head Contact	3 matches
Liam Horne (CAS)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Tariq Sims (CAT)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match +
	Grade F Lifting	4 matches
	Injured Player	
Ligi Sao (HUL)	Grade C Head Contact	2 matches
Matty Storton (HKR)	Grade C Other	
	Contrary Behaviour	1 match

LEIGH 20 CASTLEFORD 10

Leigh Leopards won 20-10 against Castleford Tigers down Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Thursday night.

The Leopards have won four on the bounce and maintain some hope of making a finals appearance in 2024. Castleford Tigers were the first on the board. Youngster Fletcher Rooney finished off the backline move to make it 4-0. Leigh responded with a score of their own. Zak Hardaker sliced through the defense and slammed it down. The visitors kept their pace up with a try from a kick. It bent into the path of Josh Charnley who dived over for 8-4.

They started the second half with a bang through Edwin Ipape. He was there to catch a rebound and streaked away. Lam put the icing on the cake with a superb pass. He unfurled the pass which found Charnley who went over for his second four-pointer. Tigers did get one back before full-time. Joe Westerman bounced off a few tacklers to touch down for 20-10.

WIGAN 28 HUDDERSFIELD 14

Wigan Warriors won 28-14 against Huddersfield Giants down at the Brick Community Stadium on Thursday night.

The Warriors move back to the top of the Super League ladder after their win before the weekend matches. Huddersfield Giants struck first in the contest. It was juggling effort near the sideline which saw former Warrior Jake Bibby go over. The Giants added a penalty goal before half-time and took an 8-0 lead going into the sheds against the Champions.

Wigan needed a spark after the break which Jake Wardle provided. He picked up the scraps and raced away to get them on the board. They kept pushing forward and took the lead soon after. The high kick found Ryan Hampshire who scored to make it 12-8. It was all systems go for the Warriors in the second half. Jai Field took a pass, juggled then danced past the defence to score. Next, it was a party piece from Wigan from the scrum. The kick was punched deep and bounced right into the hands of Zach Ekersley to score. Wigan also added a pair of penalty goals in the second half from Adam Keighran which helped to stretch out their advantage. The Giants did find a late consolation four-pointer through another former Warrior in Sam Halsall. He leapt highest to pluck the ball and bring it back to 28-14.

HULL KR 22 WARRINGTON 4

Hull KR were 22-4 winners against Warrington Wolves in their game at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

The Robins glide to the top of the Super League ladder after downing fellow challenger Warrington in the lone Friday fixture. They crashed over the line early in the contest. It was a short pass to Sauaso Sue who plunged over the white stripe. Hull KR doubled their delight from a kick. It was put high and Tyrone May was able to go highest to touch down for 10-0. Wolves tried to get themselves back in the contest. George Williams sliced through and tried to position a kick to the wing but it was easily taken by May. Josh Thewlis thought he had pegged one back for Wolves after he scooped up an error to stride away but the video referee ruled a double knock on.

The Wolves did get on the board after the break. Matt Dufty floated a pass to Matty Ashton who dived over. Hull KR got rewarded from the boot again. Mikey Lewis put up the kick and the bat back fell to the half who picked up the scraps. Peta Hiku stamped the win with Hull KR's four try of the night. The veteran cut through to slam down the ball and make it 22-4.

ST HELENS 46 HULL FC 6

St Helens bounced back and thumped Hull FC 46-6 in their game down at MKM Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Saints needed a big result after they suffered the same score line last weekend against Leigh Leopards. The visitors sliced through the middle then an exchange of passes ended with Lewis Dodd going over for 6-0. Next, the Saints flung the ball wide for their second four-pointer. Tommy Makinson dived over in the right corner. St Helens pushed their advantage further right after half-time. Curtis Sironen burst through then found Dodd for his second of the afternoon.

It was all Saints in the second half. Daryl Clark bumped off a few tacklers and slammed the ball down to make it 22-0. Hull FC's afternoon went worse when Brad Fash was sin binned which allowed St Helens to strike again through Matt Whitley. The tries kept coming for the visitors. Jake Burns scooted over then Agnatius Paasi strolled through a gap for 40-0. Jake Burns rounded off the Saints romp with his second four-pointer after taking an offload then streaking away. Hull FC did find a late consolation four-pointer to get on the board. Jake Walker snatched the grubber to make it 46-6.

SALFORD 22 LEEDS 16

Salford Red Devils won 22-16 against Leeds Rhinos down at Salford Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Red Devils keep themselves well in the fight for the top six as we head into the final section of the season. It was the Rhinos who stamped their mark on the game first after Tim Lafai was binned. Matt Frawley sliced through and showed enough speed to get on the board. Next, the Rhinos struck from range again. They broke through again and Alfie Edgell supported the runner to make it 12-0. It wasn't all roses for the Rhinos who had Rhyse Martin sin binned for a dangerous tackle on a Red Devil. Salford made an instant impact to get back in the contest. Kallum Watkins surged through a gap to go over. Brodie Croft came back to haunt his old side and extended Leeds lead. It was an interchange of passes which saw the half touch down after video referee confirmation. Nene Macdonald had a pair of efforts chalked off by the video while Salford had one ruled off due to a forward pass.

Salford hit the lead for the first time in the second half. It was another good run and ended with Joe Mellor slamming down for 18-16. Marc Sneyd piloted over a pair of penalty goals which extended the Red Devils lead to six and saw Leeds' James Bentley binned for a high shot.

LONDON 12 CATALANS 10

London Broncos beat Catalans Dragons 12-10 in their game at Cherry Red Records Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Broncos have got themselves back within sight of survival after a gritty win against the Dragons. It was a tight opening to the contest with both teams having chances and trying to prise open the game. London Broncos were the first team to get some points. It was a short pass which ended with Jacob Jones nudging over from close range. The Dragons almost struck right after the restart. They looked to surge over the line but some solid work from Josh Rourke denied them. Catalans did get on the board eventually. Jarrod Wallace charged onto the ball and rolled over the line for 6-all. London Broncos had an instant response to retake the lead. They kept the ball alive then Oli Leyland popped it up to Jarred Bassett to go over.

The hosts were playing with energy and almost got a wacky bounce that ended back with the Broncos and saw Saidq Adebijiyi held up. Leyland inspired the Broncos forward again with the 40/20 to give them breathing room but they were unable to find the stripe. The Dragons brought it back to 12-10 in the late stages. A high kick was batted back for Fouad Yaha who got his maiden four-pointer of the season. The usually assured Arthur Mourgue was wide from the tee which set up a grandstand finish in the London sunshine. The Broncos had to hold off some late surges from the Dragons but held on for a massive run in the context of their season.

ROUND 20 SCOREBOARD

Leigh 20 (J. Charnley 2, Z. Hardaker, E. Ipape tries; Z. Hardaker 2 goals) defeated Castleford 10 (F. Rooney, J. Westerman tries; R. Milnes goal) at The Jungle, Castleford.

Date: Thu, 1st August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 8-4. Penalties: Leigh 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,247.

Castleford: Hoy, Rooney, Hall, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Mustapha, Lawler, Westerman (C), El-Zakhem, Johnson, Hill. Int: Watts, Namu, Robb, Hindmarsh. Leigh: Hardaker, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley; Hughes, Lam; Trout, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Norman, Dwyer, Pene, Brogan.

Wigan 28 (Z. Eckersley, J. Field, R. Hampshire, J. Wardle tries; A. Keighran 6 goals) defeated Huddersfield 14 (J. Bibby, S. Halsall tries; J. Connor 3 goals) at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Thu, 1st August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 8-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 11,660.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Dupree, Walters, Eckersley. Huddersfield: Connor, McGowan, Bibby, Naiqama, Halsall; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, Milner, English, Rushton, Hewitt, Cudjoe (C). Int: Ikahihifo, Deakin, Rogers, Savelio.

Hull KR 22 (P. Hiku, M. Lewis, T. May, S. Sue tries; J. Litten 2, M. Lewis goals) defeated Warrington 4 (M. Ashton try) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 2nd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 10-0. Penalties: Warrington 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,102.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Tai, Lindop, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Powell, Vaughan, Nicholson, Holroyd, Currie. Int: Walker, Musgrove, Crowther, Bateman. Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Litten, Luckley, Tanginoa, Brown.

St Helens 46 (J. Burns 2, L. Dodd 2, D. Clark, T. Makinson, A. Paasi, M. Whitley tries; T. Makinson 7 goals) defeated Hull FC 6 (J. Walker try; J. Lane goal) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-0. Penalties: Hull FC 7-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,885.

Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Tuimavave (C), Briscoe, Martin; Trueman, Walker; Aydin, Smith, Fash (C), Lane, Chamberlain, Gardiner. Int: Balmforth, Laidlaw, Chan, Ruan. St Helens: Robertson, Makinson, Davies, Blake, Ritson; Mbye, Dodd; Lees, Clark, Paasi, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles (C). Int: Batchelor, Bell, Burns, Stephens, Jebson.

Salford 22 (K. Watkins 2, J. Mellor tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals) defeated Leeds 16 (B. Croft, A. Edgell, M. Frawley tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 16-6. Penalties: Leeds 10-8. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,473.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Shorrocks, Lewis, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Wright, Hankinson, Mellor, Bullock. Leeds: Miller, Edgell, Newman, Momirovski, Handley; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Bentley, O'Connor, Lisone, Donaldson.

London 12 (J. Bassett, J. Jones tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) defeated Catalans 10 (J. Wallace, F. Yaha tries; A. Mourgue goal) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: London 6-0. Penalties: London 9-7. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,900.

London: Rourke, Kershaw, Bassett, Natoli, Miloudi; Leyland, Campagnolo; Stock, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebisi, Parata. Int: Butler, Jones, Tison. Catalans: Tomkins, Davies, Aispuro-Bichet, Laguerre, Yaha; Fages, Mourgue; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Séguier, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Satae, Dezaria, Rougé, Wallace.

ROUND 20 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	20	16	0	4	0	259	32
2	HULL KR	20	15	0	5	0	245	30
3	WARRINGTON	20	14	0	6	0	237	28
4	SALFORD	20	13	0	7	0	-5	26
5	ST HELENS	20	12	0	8	0	239	24
6	CATALANS	20	12	0	8	0	89	24
7	Leeds	20	10	0	10	0	7	20
8	Leigh	20	9	1	10	0	84	19
9	Huddersfield	20	7	0	13	0	-105	14
10	Castleford	20	6	1	13	0	-187	13
11	Hull FC	20	3	0	17	0	-338	6
12	London	20	2	0	18	0	-525	4

ROUND 20 SUSPENSIONS

Tim Lafai (SAL)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Cameron Smith (LEE)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Jordan Lee (HUL)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match
Brad Fash (HUL)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match

ST HELENS 17 SALFORD 16

St Helens won 17-16 against Salford Red Devils in a wild game at Totally Wicked Stadium on Thursday night.

It was a wild game which saw four sin bins as the hosts consolidated their spot in the Super League top four. The Saints marched to the first four-pointer of the contest. It was swung to Tommy Makinson who strolled over. Salford were the first side to earn the ire of the official. Joe Shorrock was binned after a professional foul to prevent a score. The Devils absorbed the pressure and Marc Sneyd kicked a pair of penalty goals to make it 4-4 going into half-time.

The hosts surged from the start of the second half again. It was a passage of passes which saw Waqa Blake go over. Salford struck back from the boot. Sneyd punched a kick through which Chris Hankinson got fingertips on to put down. St Helens nudged ahead 16-10 from another close range try. It was a slick pass for Joe Batchelor who sliced through. The game quickly exploded into action. Morgan Knowles was binned for a high shot for Saints then both Batchelor and Salford's Oliver Partington were given marching orders. Salford made use of their advantage to level the game. Nene Macdonald stepped past a defender and swerved to the line for 16-all. The two sides couldn't find a winner in regular time so this clash went into Golden Point to open Round 21. Moses Mbye was the hero for St Helens in Golden Point. The Saints surged downfield which set the former NRL star to pilot over the field goal.

CATALANS 23 HUDDERSFIELD 22

Catalans Dragons won 23-22 against a dogged Huddersfield Giants side at John Smith's Stadium on Friday night.

The Dragons extinguish their shock loss from last week and keep themselves in the Super League peloton. They got off to a hot start with a score in the opening five minutes. The ball was sent down the wing before Bailey Sironen strolled over. Next, the visitors swung it left to double their delight. Veteran Sam Tomkins sliced through and made it 10-0. The Dragons added their third in the rollicking start. It was kicked twice in the build up and ended with Foud Yaha diving over. Huddersfield got on the board in the first half. It was a slick backline move and was finished with Jake Bibby touching down. The visitors were reduced to twelve after Julian Bousquet was binned for a high tackle on a Giants attacker. Huddersfield used their advantage well to bring it back to 14-10 before half-time. Tui Lolohea kicked through and Kevin Naiqama planted it down.

Catalans had another quick start to the half. It was spread wide again and Arthur Romano got the four-pointer. Matt Ikavalu used his strength to make it 22-10. The former Rooster kept the legs pumping and got the ball down after video referee confirmation. The Giants refused to back down and a pair of tries from Sam Hewitt and Lolohea brought them back level. It was the Dragons who took the spoils late in the piece. Arthur Mourgue drilled the field goal to make it 23-22 for the visitors.

HULL KR 36 CASTLEFORD 6

Hull KR beat Castleford Tigers 36-6 in their game down at Sewell Group Craven Park on Friday night.

The Robins move back into first on the Super League after their comfortable win against the Tigers. It was the Tigers who pounced early in the game. Swift passing saw Alex Mellor charge over after needing confirmation from the video referee. Hull KR struck back quickly through Peta Hiku. Niall Evalds flicked the ball to the powerhouse back and he slammed it down. Next, it was a simple backline move to extend Hull KR's lead. Joe Burgess had the simple finish from the move. Mikey Lewis continued to be the energizer bunny of the Robins. He started and finished a move which made it 14-6. The Robins were in full flow after their slow start. Quick hands again allowed Ryan Hall to push off a defender to score.

Things went from bad to worse for the Tigers after Nixon Putt was binned for a dangerous tackle early in the second half. Another high tackle, this time from Joe Westerman gave Lewis a gift two points to extend the lead to 20-6. Sauaso Sue also went to the bin for dissent but the Robins saw out his time without conceding any points. Hull KR piled on the points late with Burgess getting a second alongside scores from Evalds and Tyrone May for a 36-6 final score.

LEEDS 30 WIGAN 4

Leeds Rhinos were 30-4 winners against Wigan Warriors in their game at AMT Headingley Stadium.

The Rhinos have given their top six hosts a boost but remain four points off sixth place Salford Red Devils. The hosts opened the scoring from their own half. Lachlan Miller started the move then fired the final pass for Harry Newman to go over. Leeds added penalty goals either side of half-time which stretched their lead out to 10-0 against the champions.

It was Miller time again for the Rhinos. He sliced through the Warriors defence and slammed it down in the left corner. Adam Keighran was binned for the Warriors and they butchered a chance on the edge as it was just one of those days. The Rhinos were at their counter attacking best with a long-range surge ended with James McDonnell charging over. Wigan found a late consolation score on the left edge. Liam Marshall with a acrobatic effort to go over for 24-4. Leeds added some final icing to the cake with another four-pointer. Miller leapt high and batted it back for Rhysie Martin to score.

LEIGH 42 HULL FC 12

Leigh Leopards won 42-12 against lowly Hull FC down at Leigh Sports Village on Sunday afternoon.

The Leopards bounced back from their last defeat to get back in the winner's circle with a commanding win. It was a tense opening quarter of the game before Will Gardiner was binned for Hull FC for persistent fouling. Leigh took their advantage with Kai O'Donnell opening the scoring then Frankie Halton sliced through for 12-0. Hull FC pulled one back before half-time. They struck from their own end and it ended with Logan Moy diving over. Next, Leigh's Darnell McIntosh was binned for a dangerous tackle and Hull FC used the advantage to make it 12-all at the break through Harvey Barron.

The Leopards piled on 30 points in the second half. It started with Lachlan Lam kicking through for O'Donnell to plant down for his brace. He turned provider for the next score. O'Donnell provided the final pass for Zak Hardaker to go over to make it 22-12. Lam provided another superb try assist for Leigh. He floated the pass to McIntosh who walked in for the four-pointer. The Lam and O'Donnell combination struck again as the Leopards were in full flow as the forward got his hat-trick. O'Donnell crossed for the fourth time alongside a second four-pointer for Hardaker rounded off the win.

WARRINGTON 36 LONDON 22

Warrington Wolves won 36-22 against London Broncos down at Cherry Red Records Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Wolves keep their title challenge alive with a big win against the relegation threatened Broncos. The visitors were the first to hit the scoreboard. Matt Dufty provided a succulent pass for Rodrick Tai to crash over. Matty Ashton pounced on an errant pass and ran the intercept the length to touch down for the Wolves. London did find the stripe through Josh Rourke. He sliced through on the left to make it 10-4 in the first half.

Paul Vaughan crashed over from close range for the Wolves then Toby King finished off a pass from Ashton to score. The Broncos weren't going away and Lewis Bienek was able to find himself across the line to get the hosts into double digits. Warrington howled from the opening to the second half with Adam Holroyd going over from close range. London kept pushing and Sam Davis picked up the scraps to get over then Ugo Tison strided away to make it 28-22. Josh Drinkwater kicked a penalty goal after a strip to push the lead to eight then Ashton collected a second four-pointer to round it off.

ROUND 21 SCOREBOARD

St Helens 17 (J. Batchelor, W. Blake, T. Makinson tries; M. Percival 2 goals; M. Mbye field goal) defeated **Salford 16** (C. Hankinson, N. Macdonald tries; M. Sneyd 4 goals) at **Totally Wicked Stadium**.

Date: Thu, 8th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 4-all. Penalties: Salford 12-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,050.

St Helens: Robertson, Makinson, Blake, Percival, Ritson; Mbye, Dodd; Lees, Clark, Paasi, Whitley, Sironen, Knowles (C). Int: Walmsley, Batchelor, Bell, Burns. **Salford:** Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Hankinson, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Shorrocks, Bullock, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Wright, Mellor, Dudson, Lewis.

Catalans 23 (M. Ikuvalu, A. Romano, B. Sironen, S. Tomkins, F. Yaha tries; A. Mourgue goal; A. Mourgue field goal) defeated **Huddersfield 22** (J. Bibby, S. Hewitt, T. Lolohea, K. Naiqama tries; J. Connor 3 goals) at **John Smith's Stadium**.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 14-10. Penalties: Huddersfield 8-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,330.

Huddersfield: Connor, McGowan, Bibby, Naiqama, Halsall; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, Milner, Savelio, Hewitt, Rushton, Cudjoe (C). Int: Deakin, Ikahihifo, Livett, Rogers. **Catalans:** Tomkins, Davies, Romano, Ikuvalu, Yaha; Mourgue, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Dezaria, Garcia (C), Sironen, Bousquet. Int: Satae, Maria, Aispuro-Bichet, Wallace.

Hull KR 36 (J. Burgess 2, N. Evalds, R. Hall, P. Hiku, M. Lewis, T. May tries; M. Lewis 4 goals) defeated **Castleford 6** (A. Mellor try; R. Milnes goal) at **Sewell Group Craven Park**.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 18-6. Penalties: Castleford 7-6. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 9,585.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Litten, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa. **Castleford:** Hoy, Qareqare, Johnson, Mellor; Senior; Milnes, Miller; Mustapha, Horne, Watts, El-Zakhem, Putt, Westerman (C). Int: Namu, Robb, Hill, Hindmarsh.

Leeds 30 (J. McDonnell, R. Martin, L. Miller, H. Newman tries; R. Martin 7 goals) defeated **Wigan 4** (L. Marshall try) at **AMT Headingley Stadium**.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 8-0. Penalties: Leeds 9-5. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,459.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Edgell; Croft, Frawley (C); Lisone, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, O'Connor. Int: Bentley, Goudemand, Nicholson-Watton, Littlewood. **Wigan:** Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; Hampshire, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Byrne, Mago, Walters, Eckersley.

Leigh 42 (K. O'Donnell 4, Z. Hardaker 2, F. Halton, D. McIntosh tries; D. McIntosh 3, Z. Hardaker 2 goals) defeated **Hull FC 12** (H. Barron, L. Moy tries; J. Charles 2 goals) at **Leigh Sports Village Stadium**.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Leigh 7-6. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 8,400.

Leigh: Hardaker, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley; Hughes, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Dwyer, Davis, Pene, Trout. **Hull FC:** Moy, Barron, Tuimavave (C), Briscoe, Martin; Walker, Charles; Ese'ese, Smith, Aydin, Cartwright, Ruan, Gardiner. Int: Balmforth, Chan, Eseh, Jebson.

Warrington 36 (M. Ashton 2, A. Holroyd, T. King, R. Tai, P. Vaughan tries; J. Drinkwater 6 goals) defeated **London 22** (L. Bienek, S. Davis, J. Rourke, U. Tison tries; O. Leyland 3 goals) at **Cherry Red Records Stadium**.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 22-10. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 2,150.

London: Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebijiyi, Stock. Int: Bienek, Parata, Jones, Tison. **Warrington:** Dufty, Lindop, King, Tai, Ashton; Powell, Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Bateman, Holroyd, Crowther. Int: Musgrove, Philbin, Wood, Taylor-Wray.

ROUND 21 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	HULL KR	21	16	0	5	0	275	32
2	WIGAN*	21	16	0	5	0	233	32
3	WARRINGTON	21	15	0	6	0	251	30
4	ST HELENS	21	13	0	8	0	240	26
5	CATALANS	21	13	0	8	0	90	26
6	SALFORD	21	13	0	8	0	-6	26
7	Leeds	21	11	0	10	0	33	22
8	Leigh*	21	10	1	10	0	114	21
9	Huddersfield	21	7	0	14	0	-106	14
10	Castleford	21	6	1	14	0	-217	13
11	Hull FC	21	3	0	18	0	-368	6
12	London	21	2	0	19	0	-539	4

NOTE: Wigan and Leigh's clash from Round 2, postponed due to Wigan hosting Penrith in the World Club Challenge in February, was played mid-week. As a result, Wigan's ladder position improved by two points following that victory.

ROUND 21 SUSPENSIONS

Josh Charnley (LGH)	Grade B Contrary Behaviour	1 match
Morgan Knowles (STH)	Grade C Head Contact	2 matches
Harry Smith (WIG)	Grade E Striking	3 matches

LONDON 29 HULL FC 4

The London Broncos have kept their chances of avoiding relegation thanks to a 29-4 win over the London Broncos to kick-start Magic Weekend.

The Broncos crossed for the first try after just 6 minutes. A well worked set play saw Josh Rourke beat some disappointing defensive efforts from Hull FC to cross for the first try of the contest and make it 6-0. Hull have been savaged by injury, suspension, player unrest, you name it. But they stayed in the game, and countered thanks to a Lewis Martin try after an early kick was well grounded by the Hull winger. Despite getting to within two points, that was as close as Hull got as London dictated terms for the remainder of the contest. A brilliant kick from London saw Hull go without it, some brilliant offloads under immense pressure saw the ball end up in the lap of Jack Campagnolo to score for London and the scores remained 12-4 at the break.

A penalty whilst in possession coming out of yardage allowed London to take a gift shot from in front. London extended the margin out to ten points. Hull had chances but the execution continued to let the black and whites down. A cheap escort penalty allowed London to add another penalty goal and extend the gap to two converted tries. A field goal put the game beyond doubt. Rourke continued his brilliant game when he leapt high and picked the pocket of the Hull fullback to make it 23-4. A last try in the dying moments to Campagnolo capped what was a brilliant victory for London.

WIGAN 20 ST HELENS 0

Wigan have continued to put the pressure on Hull KR at the top of the table as they continued St Helens' mid-year collapse courtesy of a 20-0 verdict.

The Warriors set the tone early as Jacob Wardle found some space, a desperate Saints ankle tap was enough to deny the centre a certain try. On the ensuing possession, Adam Keighran took matters into his own hands with a magnificent cut-out pass to Liam Marshall and the flying winger continued his scoring run to touch down in the left corner. Jack Farrimond continued his strong cameo with a brilliant individual try. A clever grubber kick saw him win the bounce of the ball to score an individual try and make it 12-0 for the Warriors. Keighran added a penalty goal in the shadows of half-time to extend the gap for Wigan going into the change of ends.

It was a tense second half as both sides tried to jostle for the momentum. But, the Saints had the better of the early second half scoring chances. A break saw St Helens in good scoring position but unfortunately Matt Whately put it down with the line wide open. Wigan eventually did enough to claim victory in the dying stages when Sam Walters crossed to put an exclamation point on an emphatic victory for the Warriors.

WARRINGTON 24 LEEDS 6

The Warrington Wolves capped the first night of Magic Weekend with a superb 24-6 victory over the Leeds Rhinos.

Warrington capitalised on some early ill-discipline Rhinos defence to knock over a penalty goal and make it 2-0. Both sides had their chances early, but it was Warrington who capitalised to score for the first try. A crunching tackle by Roderick Tai forced the ball loose and it was George Williams who busted through to score the first try of the contest in the shadows of half-time to make it 8-0 at the break.

The second half began with a frantic pace as Warrington continued to search for the hammer blow. A near try for Matty Ashton saw him taken off the ball by David Fusitu'a. The winger was denied a penalty try and the Leeds winger went to the sin-bin. Matt Dufty capitalised on the extra man advantage almost immediately and added to Warrington's commanding advantage. The Warrington spine combined to put Williams away again before he found Dufty and the flying Australian fullback scored and it was 18-0 in the blink of an eye. Warrington put the game beyond doubt as Fusitu'a failed to defuse a bomb and Ashton crossed to make it 24-0. Leeds did get a consolation try through Paul Momirovski but it was in vain as Warrington continued to push Wigan and Rovers all the way at the top of the table.

LEIGH 26 SALFORD 0

Leigh have kept pace with the bottom half of the top six after an impressive 26-0 shut-out win over the Salford Red Devils.

Leigh started the game with intent and with purpose. This was rewarded when Edwin Ipape capitalised out of dummy half after six minutes for the opening try. Salford suffered further blows when they had two players sent to the sin-bin for separate incidents within five minutes of each-other for high tackles. The Leopards eventually capitalised on the extra man advantage when Umayya Hanley burst through some pedestrian defence to make it 12-0 at half-time.

Salford did try their hardest but they eventually strung too close to the mark with their kick pressure. A late tackle penalty gave the Leopards a penalty next to the posts, Zak Hardaker made no mistakes with the penalty goal and Leigh led 14-0. The Leopards put the game beyond doubt in the dying moments of the second half when Ipape broke into space, he found Hardaker in support. Hardaker raced away under the posts to seal the deal for Leigh. Ricky Leutele added another in the dying moments to score in the left corner to keep in touch with the top six.

HULL KR 36 CATALANS 4

The Hull Kingston Rovers have returned to the top of the ladder after recording a 36-4 win over fellow finals hopefuls the Catalans Dragons in the penultimate match of Magic Weekend.

It was a tight start to the game with both sides struggling to gain ascendancy. Rovers crossed for the first try after capitalising on some disappointing edge defence which allowed Peta Hiku to break away. On the next play, Elliot Minchella charged across to score first. The Dragons hit back brilliantly following a brilliant set play which allowed Bayley Sironen to cross and level the scores at 4-4. Rovers were the dominant side throughout the first half and eventually, the weight of possession took its toll and we saw two tries in the shadow of half-time break the spirit of the Dragons. Peta Hiku had too much class on the outside of the makeshift left edge of Catalans (after Matt Ikuvalu left injured). Right before the break, Ryan Hall crossed out wide, continuing his good run of scoring at Magic Weekend. However, the goal-kicking of Mikey Lewis kept the Dragons firmly in touch.

Rovers started brilliantly as Minchella went straight through some paper-thin Catalans defence to score and make it a three possession game. It was one-way traffic in the second half as Kelepi Tanginoa went across after some terrific lead up work down the left edge of the Dragons. Hall's try-scoring form at Magic Weekend continued when he crossed after 61 minutes, Tanginoa again charged across following a brilliant short-ball from Lewis. Catalans hung firm for the rest of the game before a brilliant chip from Tyrone May which found Niall Evalds to put an exclamation point on the win. However, there was a biting allegation from Mikey Lewis against Cesar Rouge which will ring familiar for those in Australia after the recent Kyle Flanagan case.

HUDDERSFIELD 20 CASTLEFORD 12

A brilliant first half from Jake Connor has set the Huddersfield Giants up for success with a 20-12 win over the Castleford Tigers.

The Giants started well and with intent and were rewarded early. Connor dug deep into the line and found Sam Halsall who finished off the movement brilliantly with an acrobatic finish in the corner. Connor nailed the conversion from touch for an early lead. In the ensuing sets, Connor nailed a 40/20 to keep the Tigers on the back foot. Sam Hewitt crashed across the line to give the Giants a 12-0 lead. The Huddersfield defence held brilliantly in a sin-bin period after a high tackle by Tui Lolohea and the score remained 12-0 at half-time.

Jason Qareqare had a rough start under the high ball in the first half. Unfortunately, that continued to start the second when a bomb was dropped, which led to Esan Marsters scoring in the 48th minute. Fenton Rogers mistimed his tackle and also went to the sin-bin. This time, the Tigers responded as Tex Hoy created the extra number and Qareqare rebounded nicely to score the Tigers first try. Castleford were looking to mount a late comeback when Qareqare crossed for his second try. Some brilliant second phase play saw Liam Horne chip to a corner and Qareqare caught it on the full to make it a one possession game. Unfortunately, a high tackle 40m out allowed Connor to nail a penalty goal to make it a 20-12 win for the Giants.

ROUND 22 SCOREBOARD

London 29 (J. Rourke 2, J. Campagnolo, O. Leyland tries; O. Leyland 6 goals; O. Leyland field goal) defeated **Hull FC 4** (L. Martin try) at Elland Road.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: London 12-4. Penalties: London 9-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 30,810.

Hull FC: Walker, Barron, Tuimavave, Briscoe, Martin; Charles, Smith; Ese'ese, Lane (C), Sao, Chamberlain, Cartwright, Aydin. Int: Balmforth, Eseh, Fash, Jebson. London: Rourke, Kershaw, Bassett, Natoli, Miloudi; Campagnolo, Leyland; Kennedy, Davis, Butler, Lovell (C), Adebisi, Stock. Int: Waime, Tison, Bienek, Jones.

Wigan 20 (J. Farrimond, L. Marshall, S. Walters tries; A. Keighran 4 goals) defeated **St Helens 0** at Elland Road.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 14-0. Penalties: Wigan 9-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 30,810.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Eckersley, Wardle, Marshall; Farrimond, Keighran; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Walters, Ellis (C). Int: Byrne, Mago, Dupree, Forber. **St Helens:** Robertson, Makinson, Blake, Batchelor, Ritson; Davies, Mbye; Delaney, Bell, Lees (C), Whitley, Sironen, Paasi. Int: Walmsley, Burns, Vaughan, Stephens.

Warrington 24 (M. Dufty 3, G. Williams tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated **Leeds 6** (P. Momirovski try; R. Martin goal) at Elland Road.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Warrington 8-0. Penalties: Warrington 7-2. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 30,810.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Tai, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Vaughan, Powell, Yates, Bateman, Nicholson, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Harrison, Walker, Crowther. **Leeds:** Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Handley; Sinfield, Frawley; Sangaré, Ackers, Lisone, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Bentley, O'Connor, Donaldson, Nicholson-Watton.

Leigh 26 (U. Hanley, Z. Hardaker, E. Ipape, R. Leutele tries; Z. Hardaker 5 goals) defeated **Salford 0** at Elland Road.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-0. Penalties: Leigh 8-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 22,293.

Leigh: Hardaker, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Brand; O'Brien, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Hughes, Trout, Dwyer, Pene. **Salford:** Brierley, Ryan, Watkins (C), Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Wright, Stone, Macdonald, Partington. Int: Shorrocks, Hankinson, Lewis, Bullock.

Hull KR 36 (R. Hall 2, E. Minchella 2, K. Tanginoa 2, N. Evalds, P. Hiku tries; M. Lewis 2 goals) defeated **Catalans 4** (B. Sironen try) at Elland Road.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 12-4. Penalties: Hull KR 7-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 22,293.

Catalans: Rougé, Davies, Romano, Smith, Ikuvalu; Mourgue, Fages; Dezaria, Da Costa, Navarrete, Garcia (C), Sironen, Bousquet. Int: Séguier, Satae, Maria, Wallace. **Hull KR:** Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Litten, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa.

Huddersfield 20 (S. Halsall, S. Hewitt, E. Marsters tries; J. Connor 4 goals) defeated **Castleford 12** (J. Qareqare 2 tries; R. Milnes 2 goals) at Elland Road.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 12-0. Penalties: Castleford 6-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 22,293.

Huddersfield: Connor, Bibby, Marsters, Naiqama, Halsall; Lolohea, Russell; Hill, Milner, Savelio, Rushton, Hewitt, Cudjoe (C). Int: English, Ikahihifo, Rogers, Rush. **Castleford:** Hoy, Qareqare, Hall, Tate, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Mustapha, Horne, Hindmarsh, Mellor; El-Zakhem, Westerman (C). Int: Watts, Namu, Martin, Hill.

ROUND 22 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	HULL KR	22	17	0	5	0	307	34
2	WIGAN	22	17	0	5	0	253	34
3	WARRINGTON	22	16	0	6	0	269	32
4	ST HELENS	22	13	0	9	0	220	26
5	CATALANS	22	13	0	9	0	58	26
6	SALFORD	22	13	0	9	0	-32	26
7	Leigh	22	11	1	10	0	140	23
8	Leeds	22	11	0	11	0	15	22
9	Huddersfield	22	8	0	14	0	-98	16
10	Castleford	22	6	1	15	0	-225	13
11	Hull FC	22	3	0	19	0	-393	6
12	London	22	3	0	19	0	-514	6

ROUND 22 SUSPENSIONS

Ligi Sao (HUL)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Denive Balmforth (HUL)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match
Oliver Partington (SAL)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Tim Lafai (SAL)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match
Muizz Mustapha (CAS)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match
Kaide Ellis (WIG)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match

HULL KR 42 ST HELENS 6

Hull KR won 42-6 against St Helens in their game at Totally Wicked Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Robins keep soaring to new heights as they dispatched St Helens and keep their eye on silverware. Joe Burgess gave Hull KR a flying start after he took a pass from Peta Hiku and tumbled over in the corner. Things went from bad to worse for St Helens when Waqa Blake was binned then Ryan Hall set up Mikey Lewis for the Robins second four-pointer. Next, Tyrone May slipped past some defenders to score then Hull KR stripped numbers on the right for Burgess to get a second for 20-0. Hull KR were in full flow in the first half. Another break created space and Burgess completed a first half hat-trick.

The game followed the same script in the second half. Kelepi Tanginoa crashed over from close range for 32-0. St Helens got on the board in the second half from the boot. It was punched low and George Whitby picked up the scraps. It was a day in the sun for Hull KR and Joe Burgess. He finished off another backline move to get his fourth and get into double figures for the season. The game ended on a sour note for Tommy Makinson. He was sent off after a dangerous tackle right to the head. Hull KR finished off in style with another four-pointer. Jai Whitbread broke through a tackle and touched down for 42-6.

SALFORD 60 HUDDERSFIELD 10

Salford Red Devils were 60-10 winners against lowly Huddersfield Giants at Salford Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Devils moved into the Super League top four and they bounced back from their nilling at Magic Weekend. Salford opened up their shoulders early as Jayden Nikorima scooped up a pass then found Chris Atkins to stroll over. The Giants had Andre Savelio sin binned which gave Salford more space to attack on the edges of the visitors. Ryan Brierley profited twice from the man advantage. The first was from a Marc Sneyd kick then he finished off a backline move for 20-0. Nikorima was the next Red Devils to notch up a pair. He started and finished a move for his first then scooted over from close range for the other.

Salford picked up where they left off in the second half. Ethan Ryan picked up the scraps from a kick to dive over in the corner. They just brushed through the Giants defense like paper mache. Harvey Wilson strolled through a gap to score then Nene Macdonald got in on the party. Brierley turned provider next. He sliced through and positioned Sneyd to score as the score moved to 54-0. Huddersfield did get a pair of consolation tries in the second half. Sam Hewitt and Fenton Rogers both got on the scoresheet. Just to top off a huge win for Salford, Brierley completed his hat-trick with a support run which saw him dive over.

LEIGH 32 LONDON 12

Leigh Leopards won 32-12 against London Broncos down at Cherry Red Records Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Leopards move within a single point of the Super League top six after their recent impressive run of form. It was the Broncos who struck first. An unorthodox kick found Sam Davis who nudged over after a thorough video review. Leigh fired back through the boot themselves. Gareth O'Brien kicked for space and Darnell McIntosh was there to touch down. The tinderbox was lit in the game with both teams having a player binned. John Asiata went for the Leopards while Robert Butler got his marching orders for the Broncos. Leigh took the lead from another kick. O'Brien punched through a low kick and Frankie Halton was the only player within cooe for 8-6. The Leopards continued to find success from the boot. This time Ricky Leutele was able to angle himself to ground the ball before the dead ball line.

London fought back in the second half. A short pass found a charging Josh Rourke who went over to make it 12-all. The Broncos had a spell of possession after levelling to take another lead but were repelled by the Leopards defence. Leigh then stacked on tries to blow out the scoreline. Kai O'Donnell, Aaron Pene and O'Brien all crossed the stripe for a 32-12 win.

WIGAN 22 HULL FC 4

Wigan Warriors won 22-4 against Hull FC in their game at The Brick Community Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Warriors keep the pressure on Hull KR with their win and remain in touching distance of silverware. The hosts sprung out of the gate quickly with Jai Field digging into the line and unfurling a pass for Jacob Douglas to score his maiden four-pointer. Next, it was another try assist for Field. This time, the fullback went short to Zach Eckersley to dive over. Hull FC did fire back with a long range effort. Lewis Martin broke through then a quick shift to the right saw Jed Cartwright score. The visitors had a few chances to level the game but the Warriors defense held firm and went into the break at 10-4.

Wigan were on the board again in the second half from close range. A simple inside ball saw Junior Nsemba stroll over to touch down. The Warriors were in full flow and broke through again through Field. They sent it right again with Kruike Leeming who found Jack Farrimond to score and make it 22-4. There was a sour note to end the game for Wigan after Patrick Mago was binned for his late shot on Jack Ashworth.

WARRINGTON 28 CASTLEFORD 6

Warrington Wolves were 28-6 winners against Castleford Tigers at Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Friday night.

The Wolves recorded their third win on the bounce as they cement their spot in the Super League top two. It was an inauspicious start for the visitors after Luke Yates was sin binned after high contact on a Tigers player. Despite being down to 12, Cai Taylor-Wray lit up the game with the opening try. He weaved through five or six defenders to slam the ball down. Warrington weren't able to get across the stripe again in the first half but they did add a penalty goal through Josh Thewlis for 8-0. Next, it was mid-season recruit John Bateman that crossed for Warrington. He steamed onto a short pass from Josh Drinkwater to touch down.

Castleford Tigers did get on the scoreboard in the second half. Elie El-Zakhem held off defenders and flicked it to Luke Hooley for 14-6. The Wolves were in a different class tonight. Danny Walker scooted from dummy half then found Matty Nicholson to score. George Williams kept the ball alive for the Wolves then it was sent out to Matty Ashton on the wing to go over after video referee adjudication. It was the other winger that wrapped up the game for Warrington. It was another long pass and Thewlis strolled over.

LEEDS 18 CATALANS 6

Leeds Rhinos won 18-6 against Catalans Dragons down at AMT Headingley Stadium on Friday night.

The Rhinos have moved within two points of the Super League top six and could make a late push for finals. Catalans by contrast have been in quicksand in recent weeks and are the team at risk at dropping out of the top six. The Dragons were the first side to get on the scoreboard in this game. Arthur Mourgue provided a pass for Arthur Romano to slide over. The visitors thought they had a second through Mike McMeekan who tapped the ball like an opal card but he was judged to knock on.

Leeds got on the board from a blockbusting Davi Fusitu'a. Paul Momirovski gave the winger a pass and he just powered to the line for 6-4. The Rhinos quickly hit the front from another break. Lachlan Miller positioned Matt Frawley well for the latter to score. They were in full flow after that score. Another long break from Rhyse Martin saw Miller in support and stroll away. Martin added a late penalty goal to round the score out to 18-6 as the Rhinos bounce back and remain right in the hunt for top six.

ROUND 23 SCOREBOARD

Warrington 28 (M. Ashton, J. Bateman, M. Nicholson, C. Taylor-Wray, J. Thewlis tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated **Castleford 6** (L. Hooley try; L. Hooley goal) at *The Jungle, Castleford*.

Date: Fri, 23rd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 8-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 7,449.

Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hooley, Tate, Senior; Windley, Miller; Watts, Horne, Westerman (C), El-Zakhem, Mellor, Hill. Int: McShane, Namu, Johnson, Hindmarsh. Warrington: Taylor-Wray, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Powell, Vaughan, Nicholson, Bateman, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Walker, Harrison, Crowther.

Leeds 18 (M. Frawley, D. Fusitu'a, L. Miller tries; R. Martin 3 goals) defeated **Catalans 6** (A. Romano try; A. Mourgue goal) at *AMT Headingley Stadium*.

Date: Fri, 23rd August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 6-0. Penalties: Leeds 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 13,050.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Edgell; Croft, Frawley; Lisone, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: O'Connor, Bentley, Nicholson-Watson, Donaldson. Catalans: Rougé, Davies, Romano, Smith, Yaha; Mourgue, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, McMeeken, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Dezaria, Abdesesian, Satae, Laguerre.

Hull KR 42 (J. Burgess 4, M. Lewis, T. May, K. Tanginoa, J. Whitbread tries; M. Lewis 5 goals) defeated **St Helens 6** (G. Whitby try; G. Whitby goal) at *Totally Wicked Stadium*.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 26-0. Penalties: Hull KR 6-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 13,588.

St Helens: Robertson, Makinson, Blake, Vaughan, Ritson; Lomax (C), Whitby; Delaney, Mbye, Lees, Whitley, Mata'utia, Batchelor. Int: Paasi, Royle, Burns, Stephens. Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Broadbent, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Litten, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa.

Salford 60 (R. Brierley 3, J. Nikorima 2, C. Atkin, N. Macdonald, E. Ryan, M. Sneyd, H. Wilson tries; M. Sneyd 10 goals) defeated **Huddersfield 10** (S. Hewitt, F. Rogers tries; O. Russell goal) at *Salford Stadium*.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Salford 32-0. Penalties: Salford 6-5. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,319.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Hankinson, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Lewis, Wright, Watkins (C), Atkin. Int: Bourouh, Shorrocks, Wilson, Bullock. Huddersfield: Connor, McGowan, Bibby, Naigama, Halsall; Lolohea (C), Russell; Hill, Golding, Savelio, Hewitt, Rushton, Cudjoe. Int: Rush, Ikahihifo, English, Rogers.

Leigh 32 (F. Halton, R. Leutele, D. McIntosh, G. O'Brien, K. O'Donnell, A. Pene tries; Z. Hardaker 4 goals) defeated **London 12** (S. Davis, J. Rourke tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at *Cherry Red Records Stadium*.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-6. Penalties: Leigh 6-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 1,950.

London: Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Macani; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Adebijyi, Lovell (C), Stock. Int: Miloudi, Tison, Bienek, Jones. Leigh: Hardaker, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Brand; O'Brien, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Pene, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Dwyer, Davis, Hughes, Trout.

Wigan 22 (J. Douglas, Z. Eckersley, J. Farrimond, J. Nsemba tries; A. Keighran 3 goals) defeated **Hull FC 4** (J. Cartwright try) at *The Brick Community Stadium*.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 10-4. Penalties: Wigan 5-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 12,347.

Wigan: Field, Douglas, Eckersley, Wardle, Marshall (C); Keighran, Farrimond; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Walters, Mago. Int: Byrne, Dupree, Hill, Forber. Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Tuimavave, Briscoe, Martin; Smith, Charles; Ese'ese, Lane (C), Gardiner, Chamberlain, Cartwright, Aydin. Int: Fash, Ashworth, Jebson, Ruan.

ROUND 23 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	HULL KR	23	18	0	5	0	343	36
2	WIGAN	23	18	0	5	0	271	36
3	WARRINGTON	23	17	0	6	0	291	34
4	SALFORD	23	14	0	9	0	18	28
5	ST HELENS	23	13	0	10	0	184	26
6	CATALANS	23	13	0	10	0	46	26
7	Leigh	23	12	1	10	0	160	25
8	Leeds	23	12	0	11	0	27	24
9	Huddersfield	23	8	0	15	0	-148	16
10	Castleford	23	6	1	16	0	-247	13
11	Hull FC	23	3	0	20	0	-411	6
12	London	23	3	0	20	0	-534	6

ROUND 23 DISCIPLINARY

James Batchelor (HKR) Grade B Dang. Contact 1 match
Tommy Makinson (STH) Grade D Head Contact 2 matches
John Asiata (LGH) Grade C Dang. Contact 1 match

CASTLEFORD 39 HULL FC 20

Castleford have inflicted another loss on lowly Hull FC with the Tigers tasting victory for the first time in five matches, recording a 39-20 win away from the Jungle.

The Tigers started fast and crossed out wide in the opening five minutes of play. A well worked move down the left hand touch-line saw Innes Senior finish it off crossing in the corner as the Tigers led early. FC hit back almost immediately when Ligi Sao charged across to level the scores. The game wasn't level for much longer as Castleford crossed for three tries in a twelve minute period, wiping the floor with Hull FC and going out to a 24-6 lead with a touch over 10 minutes to play. From a Hull error, Rowan Milnes scored off a scrum play to give Castleford the lead back after 15 minutes of play. Off the kick-off, Castleford took full advantage as Liam Watts bursted onto a great short ball to fly into space. He got a pass to Jenson Windley to score and Castleford were having a party. With just over 14 to go, Tex Hoy continued to enjoy his footy in new surroundings, scoring against his old club and it was a three possession game on the half-hour mark. Hull FC didn't go down without a fight with a quick fire double in the shadows of half-time. Harvey Bannon crossed for both tries, the first came following a lovely exchange of passing which saw the winger finish it off in the corner. Just prior to half-time, a brilliant rainbow pass from Jack Charles found his mark in Bannon who got a second to make it 24-14 at half-time.

Hull made it a four point game in the exchanges following half-time as they capitalised on Sylvester Namo's yellow card for a late shot. Carlos Tuimavave scored following an amazing flick pass from Herman Ese'ese and it became a ball game again but unfortunately that was the last of Hull's scoring, even as they had a brief 13 v 11 period after Liam Horne's yellow card. Castleford capitalised on their own sin-bin period as Yusuf Aydin was sin-binned for a high tackle. Milnes added a penalty goal to get it back to one score. Namo was keen to atone for his sin-bin and he did just that when he charged across the line to make it 32-20. Milnes added a field goal to put the game beyond doubt while Hoy added the icing on the Castleford cake when he added his second try to make it a 19 point victory.

WIGAN 26 CATALANS 18

Wigan have continued to keep pace with Hull KR at the top of the table following a 26-18 win over Catalans. The loss now heaps pressure on the Dragons as they currently sit outside the top six on for and against.

Wigan started with intent and broke the line early. A nice shift down the left-hand side saw Jake Wardle find some space, he was able to unload to Adam Keighran who got it away to Jai Field who scored for the opening try of the contest. Keighran converted to put Wigan ahead after 10 minutes. The lead didn't last very long at all with Catalans crossing for two quick tries to take the lead away from Wigan. The first came against the run of play with Fouhad Yaha breaking some would be tacklers to score just his third try of the campaign. Theo Fages continued his solid start to the game by chasing a Cesar Rouge kick. It was spilled by Liam Marshall and Fages followed through to ground it and give Catalans a 12-6 lead. The match went to half-time even after some disappointing defence in the shadows of the siren. Tom Forber caught the defenders asleep and scored to level the scores at half-time.

The Warriors came out and blasted Catalans off the park with two quick tries following the intermission to take complete control of the contest. Man of the Match Junior Nsemba busted through for his second line-break of the game to score gifting Wigan an 18-12 lead. This was soon followed at the 50 minute mark by Keighran getting a well deserved try to lead 24-12 with half an hour to go. Keighran knocked over a penalty goal after Catalans were pinned for dissent. It was a frustrating second half as they continued to lack direction in this second half of the season. They made the game close late when Kruike Leeming was sin-binned for a careless and late tackle on a kicker. This allowed a consolation try to Arthur Romano, but despite this, the Dragons fell short as Wigan set up an epic 1 v 2 match with Rovers next weekend.

ST HELENS 18 HUDDERSFIELD 10

A red card right on half-time to Huddersfield's Fenton Rogers was the turning point and gave St Helens an unspectacular 18-10 win over the Giants.

Saints started strongly as Johnny Lomax strolled through for an individual try and gave Saints an early advantage. The lead didn't last long as the Saints suspect right edge defence again proved to be where Huddersfield attacked. A spectacular finish by Elliot Wallis after 23 minutes was enough to level the scores. Four minutes later, a high bomb was spilled by Saints fullback Harry Robertson. That mistake proved costly as Huddersfield quickly shifted right and Jake Bibby scored to put the Giants in front 10-6. The game turned shortly before half-time as Rogers was sent off for a no mitigation high tackle and the Giants had it all to do.

St Helens capitalised in the second half on the extra man advantage. Moses Mbye delivered a delightful pass on the outside to Sione Mata'utia who beat the cover defence to score. Jon Bennison converted to give Saints their lead back. Saints had the game won after 54 minutes when Tee Ritson blitzed the Giants on their left hand side and went straight through before finding Robertson to make it a two possession game. The scores stayed that way until the final siren as Saints stay in the race for the top six.

LEEDS 21 LONDON 20

A Brodie Croft field goal in golden point was enough to allow the Leeds Rhinos to sneak past the battling London Broncos in their final Super League home game. London hosted their final home game as they are 99% likely to be relegated under the new IMG proposals.

London were keen to send their home fans out in style and were rewarded early. Jack Campagnolo crossed after a brilliant show and go caught the Leeds defence napping and the Broncos had an early lead after five minutes. Five minutes later, a brilliant grubber from Croft sat up awkwardly for Josh Rourke and Rhyse Martin scored to level the scores. A penalty goal from in-front gave Leeds a lead. That lead was extended when Martin crossed for a first half double after an early kick from Matt Frawley caught the London defence out. The kick sat up perfectly for Martin and Leeds led by 14-6. London responded in the shadows of half time when Emmanuel Waine collected a Campagnolo grubber and beat Lachie Miller's attempt of tackle to reduce the gap to eight at half-time.

Waine thought he added a second just after half-time but the video referee was unable to overturn Marcus Griffiths' on-field decision of no-try and the try was chalked off. Leeds also had some bad luck as the video referee denied a try after 52 minutes. The Broncos retook the lead when Lee Kershaw added a try in the corner and it was a two point lead. Martin finished off his hatrick when Croft delivered a magic pass and Leeds led 20-16. The Broncos had the try of the match late. Kershaw was away down the right hand side, a desperate attempt by Lachie Miller nearly saved the day. But he was able to deliver a magical offload to Ethan Natoli and the Italian levelled the scores at 20 and we were off to golden point. Croft again broke London's heart with a first period field goal to secure a one point win.

HULL KR 32 SALFORD 12

Hull KR have maintained their spot at the top of the table following a 32-12 win over fellow finals contenders Salford Red Devils.

Rovers capitalised and had a fast start to the fixture. A brilliant pass from Niall Evalds allowed Jack Broadbent open space for the first of his two tries after just three minutes of play. The Red Devils took a chance down the left hand side as Ethan Ryan raced away down the right touch-line. Ryan found support and linked up with Joe Mellor who scored to give Salford their only lead of the contest. Unfortunately for Salford, the lead failed to last long. A Mikey Lewis 40/20 on the 22 minute mark gave Rovers a strong chance to go back in front. Jai Whitbread wrestled his way to the line, the ball carrying arm didn't contact the ground and he was able to ground it in front of referee Jack Smith and Rovers led 12-6. Lewis crossed for a try of his own 11 minutes later as Rovers were keen to move back to the top of the Super League table. Lewis skipped across the field, beat some poor right edge defence of Salford to cross for an incredible individual try. Broadbent completed his double on half-time and Rovers had one hand back on first place at the break courtesy of a 20-6 lead.

Tom Opacic delivered Salford a critical blow as the second half was just heating up. A great short offload from Peta Hiku saw Opacic wrestle his way to the line and ground the ball to inflict the fatal blow to Salford. Jez Litten further added salt into the wound with a try 16 minutes from time as he charged over from dummy half. Salford added a consolation try through Nene MacDonald, but all eyes in SL are on next Friday night (UK time) as Wigan play Hull KR for what will be sole possession of the minor premiership.

LEIGH 16 WARRINGTON 12

Super League's head high tackle interpretations have again come under fire after the sending off of Paul Vaughan in Warrington's 16-12 loss to Leigh.

It was a disastrous start from Wire. A loose pass out of yardage was intercepted by Lachie Lam. Lam was able to get it onto Ricky Leutele and he was able to sprint the remaining 20 metres or so to cross for the first try of the contest after nine minutes of play. The drama reached fever pitch off the next kick-off when Owen Trout was hit high by Vaughan. He stayed down and didn't return. This gave the video referee time to look at the incident and he was sent off by referee Liam Moore and Wire were down to 12 men. The rest of the first half was a back and forth affair as Wire tried to crack the Leigh line. A brilliant attacking phase from the Wire with five to go before the break was enough to level the scores at half-time. A brilliant pass from George Williams found Matty Ashton who finished off in the corner and the scores were locked at half-time.

Leigh kept pushing and attacking the Vaughan-less Warrington middle. Lam took the inside pass from Matt Moylan and was metres away from the line. Fortunately, a few plays later, Frankie Halton charged across to score and Leigh led 12-6. Seven minutes later, Leigh went down the short-side with Lam floated one over the top and Josh Charnley scored to make it a two possession game. Despite several try attempts, the Wire were held at bay by the determined Leopards defence. However, Leigh's brilliant defence was broken in the final moments as Sam Powell crossed for a consolation try to make it a four point game. Warrington went for a hail mary, but despite the prayers, they fell short of the miracle finish as Leigh cement themselves in the top six.

ROUND 24 SCOREBOARD

Hull KR 32 (J. Broadbent 2, M. Lewis, J. Litten, T. Opacic, J. Whitbread tries; M. Lewis 4 goals) defeated **Salford 12** (N. Macdonald, J. Mellor tries; M. Sneyd 2 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 30th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 20-6. Penalties: Hull KR 6-4. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 9,694.

Hull KR: Evalds, Broadbent, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Hadley, Storton, Minchella (C). Int: Tanginoa, Litten, Luckley, Brown. Salford: Hankinson, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Wright, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Atkin, Ormondroyd, Shorrocks, Wilson.

Leigh 16 (J. Charnley, F. Halton, R. Leutele tries; M. Moylan 2 goals) defeated **Warrington 12** (M. Ashton, S. Powell tries; J. Thewlis 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 30th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Leigh 7-6. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,434.

Leigh: Moylan, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley; O'Brien, Lam; Trout, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Amone. Int: Davis, Hughes, Pene, Hardaker. Warrington: Taylor-Wray, Thewlis, Tai, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Vaughan, Powell, Yates, Bateman, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Musgrove, Philbin, Walker, Crowther.

Castleford 39 (T. Hoy 2, R. Milnes, S. Namu, I. Senior, J. Windley tries; R. Milnes 7 goals; R. Milnes field goal) defeated **Hull FC 20** (H. Barron 2, L. Sao, C. Tuimavave tries; J. Charles 2 goals) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Castleford 24-14. Penalties: Hull FC 10-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 10,271.

Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Tuimavave, Briscoe, Martin; Smith, Charles; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Gardiner, Lane, Sao, Aydin. Int: Ashworth, Balmforth, Ruan, Eseh. Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hooley, Tate, Senior; Milnes, Windley; Watts, Horne, Westerman (C), Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: McShane, Lawler, Mustapha, Namu.

Wigan 26 (J. Field, T. Forber, A. Keighran, J. Nsemba tries; A. Keighran 5 goals) defeated **Catalans 18** (T. Fages, A. Romano, F. Yaha tries; A. Mourgue 3 goals) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 9:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Catalans 9-5. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,083.

Catalans: Rougé, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Yaha; Mourgue, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, McMeeken, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Séguier, Satae, Dezaria, Aispuro-Bichet. Wigan: Field, Miski, Eckersley, Wardle, Marshall; French, Keighran; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Walters, Nsemba, Ellis (C). Int: Byrne, Mago, Dupree, Forber.

St Helens 18 (J. Lomax, S. Mata'utia, H. Robertson tries; J. Bennison 3 goals) defeated **Huddersfield 10** (J. Bibby, E. Wallis tries; O. Russell goal) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 10-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 3,877.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, Wallis, Marsters, Naiqama, Bibby; Clune, Russell; Hill, Golding, Greenwood, Hewitt, Rushton, Cudjoe (C). Int: Rush, Ikahihifo, Livett, Rogers. St Helens: Robertson, Ritson, Blake, Mata'utia, Bennison; Lomax (C), Mbye; Walmsley, Burns, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor; Knowles. Int: Paasi, Delaney, Vaughan, Stephens.

Leeds 21 (R. Martin 3 tries; R. Martin 4 goals; B. Croft field goal) defeated **London 20** (J. Campagnolo, L. Kershaw, E. Natoli, E. Waine tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Cherry Red Records Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 14-12. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 4,403.

London: Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebisi, Stock. Int: Tison, Bienek, Jones, Waine. Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Edgell; Croft, Frawley; Lisone, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Nicholson-Watton, Bentley, O'Connor, Donaldson.

ROUND 24 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	HULL KR	24	19	0	5	0	363	38
2	WIGAN	24	19	0	5	0	279	38
3	WARRINGTON	24	17	0	7	0	287	34
4	ST HELENS	24	14	0	10	0	192	28
5	SALFORD	24	14	0	10	0	-2	28
6	LEIGH	24	13	1	10	0	164	27
7	Catalans	24	13	0	11	0	38	26
8	Leeds	24	13	0	11	0	28	26
9	Huddersfield	24	8	0	16	0	-156	16
10	Castleford	24	7	1	16	0	-228	15
11	Hull FC	24	3	0	21	0	-430	6
12	London	24	3	0	21	0	-535	6

ROUND 24 SUSPENSIONS

Paul Vaughan (WTN)	Grade D Head Contact	3 matches
Sylvester Namu (CAS)	Grade C Dang. Contact	2 matches
Liam Horne (CAS)	Grade B Head Contact	1 match
Fenton Rogers (HUD)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
	Grade D Head Contact	3 matches
Sam Hewitt (HUD)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Leo Skerrett-Evans (CAS)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match

LEIGH 34 CASTLEFORD 12

Leigh Leopards won 34-12 against Castleford Tigers down at Mend-A-Hose Jungle on Friday night.

The Leopards remain in fifth spot on the Super League ladder after their fifth win on the trot after a slow start to the season. Try scoring back rower Kai O'Donnell opened up the scoring with a run that weaved past the Tigers defense. The Leopards kept their foot on the pedal after another slicing run this time from winger Josh Charnley for 12-0. Castleford got on the board before the break. Rowan Milnes punched through a kick and Corey Hall touched down for the hosts. A penny for the Tigers coach after that four-pointer when the ball was jarred free and Tom Amone picked up the scraps to score.

Leigh continued their strong work after half-time. Lachlan Lam scooped up the ball and slashed through the defense to get over. Tigers were reduced to 12 after a late shot and Leigh were able to pounce, confirming their fifth straight win. John Asiata went over followed by Ricky Leutele while on the advantage which stretched their advantage to 34-6. Tigers did find some late consolation getting into double digits. Rowan Milnes took the short pass and glided over.

WIGAN 24 HULL KR 20

Wigan Warriors were 24-20 winners against Hull KR at The Brick Community Stadium on Friday night.

The Warriors moved back to the top of the Super League ladder headed into the final stretch of the season. It was the Robins who soared from the start of the game. Matt Parcell scooted over from close range for the four-pointer. The visitors decided to run it on last and got their reward. Mikey Lewis stepped past a few defenders for 10-0. Wigan counter attacked through Jake Wardle and Jai Field to earn a sin bin for a professional foul on the Robins. The Warriors made use of the ball and reduced the deficit at half-time. Abbas Miski dived over then Junior Nsemba finished off in the left corner.

Lewis added a pair of penalty goals either side of half-time to stretch Hull KR's advantage back to eight points. It looked like Hull KR were in control after Peta Hiku's interception which set up a try for Joe Burgess for 20-8. Wigan showed their champion spirit and produced a comeback which moved them back into the driver's seat for the League Leader's Shield. Bevan French kick started the mission with some individual brilliance. He kicked for himself then gathered to touch down. The Robins ran foul of the officials again as Jai Whitbread was binned and left them defending the lead with twelve. Wigan completed their comeback with a pair of tries to Liam Marshall. The winger produced two simple finishes to send the home crowd away happy.

LEEDS 68 HULL FC 6

Leeds Rhinos thumped Hull FC 68-6 in their game down at AMT Headingley Stadium on Friday night.

The Rhinos have kept their finals hopes alive with the huge win and move to equal points with St Helens. Their first points came from the boot of Rhyse Martin. Brodie Croft was clipped high which allowed the second rower to kick the first of his thirteen goals. Leeds continued to profit from the kick. There were several kicks before Croft found Harry Newman to go over. Next, the Rhinos trampled the Hull defense. Cameron Smith strolled over then Alfie Edgell finished off a scrum play for his first. Things didn't improve for Hull FC when Jed Cartwright was binned for a late hit which gave the Rhinos more room to maneuver. James Bentley caught the defense napping to bring up a half century of tries then Lachlan Miller linked up with Croft to make it 32-0 at the break.

It was déjà vu as Edgell once again was on the end of a scrum move for his second then a beautiful pass from Croft gave the winger his hat-trick. Hull FC did stem the tide briefly and avoided being nailed. A kick was rolled in that Harvey Barron latched onto for the score. The night improved for Edgell who held his width well and dived over for his fourth four-pointer and help the Rhinos past 50. Croft and Bentley both crossed the stripe for their doubles and help Leeds to a massive 68-6 win over Hull FC.

WARRINGTON 16 ST HELENS 2

Warrington Wolves won 16-2 against St Helens in their game at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The Wolves are locked into third spot on the Super League ladder with the win that moved them to 36 points. For the Saints, they are in danger of dropping through the trap door and missing the finals for the first time in ages. It was a bad start for Warrington who had Lachlan Fitzgibbon sin binned for his tackle on Saints Tee Ritson. St Helens were the first side to get on the board. They were awarded a penalty and Jonathan Bennison slotted it for 2-0. Matty Lees was the next to earn the ire of the referee. He put a late hit on a Wolves kicker and the Saints man was binned.

It was some individual work that created the first four-pointer. Matt Ashton scooped up Alex Warmsley's error to arrow over. Next, George Williams stepped past the Saints defense then offloaded to Jordan Crowther to dive over. The only points in the second half were from Warrington penalty goals. Josh Thewlis knocked over the two kicks to make it 16-2.

SALFORD 27 CATALANS 12

Salford Red Devils won 27-12 against Catalans Dragons down at Salford Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

The hosts bounced back with an important win that has them in the Super League top four after the weekend. It was a weekend for penalty goals opening the scoring. Salford were pinged for offside and Arthur Mourgue swung over the kick for 2-0 Catalans. Some miscommunication from the French side in defusing a kick allowed Salford to scoop it up and Jayden Nikorima sprinted away to score. The Dragons retook the lead from some inspiring play. Theo Fages broke through and found Mourgue to slam it down for 6-all. The hosts would take the lead into the break. Joe Mellor broke some ankles with his swift feet to touch down right under the dot.

Coming out of the break, Salford felt just fine. Some swift passing ended with Tim Lafai saluting for the four-pointer. Marc Sneyd extended the Red Devils lead past two scores from the tee. It came from a high tackle and made it 20-6. Deon Cross iced the win for Salford Red Devils in the left corner from a superb flick pass to touch down. The Dragons did get their second of the contest through Bayley Sironen who steamed onto a Sam Tomkins pass for 26-12. Sneyd gave the Red Devils some insurance late in the contest. He drilled a field goal for a personal tally of 11 points in the win.

HUDDERSFIELD 22 LONDON 16

Huddersfield Giants won 22-16 against a dogged London Broncos side at John Smith's Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Giants bounced back with a gritty win against a Broncos side that has shown plenty of heart in the last month. London bucked the trend early and had the first points. Marcus Stock glided past a pair of defenders to go over. Tui Lolohea never gave up on the play and levelled the game. He grubbered through then was there to pick up the scraps. Huddersfield took their first lead after a late hit. Sadiq Adebisi was the offender and Oliver Russell made it 8-6 for the Giants. The hosts attacked from their own end to lead by eight at the break. Kevin Naiqama broke free then positioned Lolohea to stride over.

London showed heart after half-time to get back into the game. Hakim Miloudi pounced on a low kick to touch down. It was another kick that gave London back the lead. It was punched through again and Adebisi was on hand to score. Discipline let down the Broncos in the game. They were pinged for a high tackle and dissent which allowed Russell to raise the flags twice for a 18-16 Giants lead. Things fizzled out for the Broncos. Will Lovell was binned for a late hit then a late score to Harry Rushton gave the Giants a six point win.

ROUND 25 SCOREBOARD

Leigh 34 (T. Amoné 2, J. Charnley, R. Leutele, G. O'Brien, K. O'Donnell tries; M. Moylan 3, G. O'Brien 2 goals) defeated **Castleford 12** (C. Hall, R. Milnes tries; R. Milnes 2 goals) at *The Jungle, Castleford*.

Date: Fri, 6th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 18-6. Penalties: Leigh 6-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 9,053.

Castleford: Hoy, Qareqare, Hooley, Hall, Senior; Milnes, Windley, Watts, McShane (C), Westerman, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Hill. Int: Lawler, Mustapha, Robb, Hindmarsh. Leigh: Moylan, Charnley, Leutele, Hanley, McIntosh; O'Brien, Lam; Amoné, Davis, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Trout, Pene, Hughes, Dwyer.

Leeds 68 (A. Edgell 4, J. Bentley 2, B. Croft 2, H. Newman, C. Smith tries; R. Martin 13, J. Donaldson goals) defeated **Hull FC 6** (H. Barron try; J. Charles goal) at *AMT Headingley Stadium*.

Date: Fri, 6th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 32-0. Penalties: Leeds 7-2. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 14,105.

Leeds: Miller, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Edgell; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Bentley, Lisone, Donaldson, O'Connor. Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Tuimavave, Briscoe, Martin; Charles, Walker; Ese'ese, Lane (C), Eseh, Sao, Cartwright, Aydin. Int: Fash, Balmforth, Ashworth, Jebson.

Wigan 24 (L. Marshall 2, B. French, A. Miski, J. Nsemba tries; A. Keighran 2 goals) defeated **Hull KR 20** (J. Burgess, M. Lewis, M. Parcell tries; M. Lewis 4 goals) at *The Brick Community Stadium*.

Date: Fri, 6th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 12-8. Penalties: Hull KR 7-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 16,719.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Dupree, Forber. Hull KR: Broadbent, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Litten, Luckley, Storton, Tanginoa.

Warrington 16 (M. Ashton, J. Crowther tries; J. Thewlis 4 goals) defeated **St Helens 2** (J. Bennison goal) at *Halliwel Jones Stadium*.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 12-2. Penalties: 9-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 12,015.

Warrington: Taylor-Wray, Thewlis, Tai, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Powell, Musgrove, Bateman, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Nicholson, Philbin, Walker, Crowther. St Helens: Robertson, Ritson, Blake, Mata'utia, Bennison; Lomax (C), Mbye; Walmsley, Burns, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Welsby, Paasi, Delaney, Vaughan.

Salford 27 (D. Cross, T. Lafai, J. Mellor, J. Nikorima tries; M. Sneyd 5 goals; M. Sneyd field goal) defeated **Catalans 12** (A. Mourgue, B. Sironen tries; A. Mourgue 2 goals) at *Salford Stadium*.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Salford 12-6. Penalties: Salford 6-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 4,910.

Salford: Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Dudson, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Wright, Shorrocks, Hankinson, Bullock. Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Smith, Laguerre, Yaha; Rougé, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, McMeeken, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Sims, Dezaria, Tomkins, Wallace.

Huddersfield 22 (T. Lolohea 2, H. Rushton tries; O. Russell 5 goals) defeated **London 16** (S. Adebiji, H. Miloudi, M. Stock tries; O. Leyland 2 goals) at *John Smith's Stadium*.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 14-6. Penalties: Huddersfield 7-5. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 3,439.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, McGowan, Marsters, Naiqama, Bibby; Clune, Russell; Hill, Deakin, Greenwood, Livett, Rushton, Cudjoe (C). Int: Rush, Ikahihifo, English, Wilson. London: Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Adebiji, Lovell (C), Stock. Int: Waine, Bienek, Jones.

ROUND 25 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	25	20	0	5	0	283	40
2	HULL KR	25	19	0	6	0	359	38
3	WARRINGTON	25	18	0	7	0	301	36
4	SALFORD	25	15	0	10	0	13	30
5	LEIGH	25	14	1	10	0	186	29
6	ST HELENS	25	14	0	11	0	178	28
7	Leeds	25	14	0	11	0	90	28
8	Catalans	25	13	0	12	0	23	26
9	Huddersfield	25	9	0	16	0	-150	18
10	Castleford	25	7	1	17	0	-250	15
11	Hull FC	25	3	0	22	0	-492	6
12	London	25	3	0	22	0	-541	6

ROUND 25 SUSPENSIONS

Lachlan Fitzgibbon (WTN)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Moses Mbye (STH)	Grade B Dang. Contact	1 match
Jai Whitbread (HKR)	Grade C Head Contact	1 match
Jed Cartwright (HUL)	Grade C Dang. Contact	1 match

WIGAN 38 LEEDS 0

The Wigan Warriors have continued to keep ahead of Hull KR in the race for the minor premiership as they shut out Leeds Rhinos 38-0 at home.

Wigan started ruthlessly inside the opening five minutes. A well weighted cross-field kick sat up perfectly for Liam Marshall who somehow kept it in the field of play and Jake Wardle finished it off to score first for the Warriors. Off the next set the Warriors were at it again, Kaide Ellis went through a gap bigger than the Eastenders canals before finding Bevan French who crossed under the posts and Leeds were up against it. Thirteen minutes before the half, a lovely sweeping move saw Wardle set up Marshall spectacularly this time as the movement went sideline to sideline. An amazing flick pass from the centre found the winger who crossed untouched to make it 14-0 at the half-time break.

After the break, the Warriors struck a further blow to Leeds as Ellis crossed after a brilliant short ball. There was a hint of a shepherd but it was given the all clear by the referee and it was 20-0. Just as the hour mark ticked over the clock, a French grubber kick sat up perfectly for Abbas Miski who crossed and the floodgates were soon opening. Two further tries by the Warriors were getting Catalans very excited down south as their for and against to chase down Leeds was becoming more achievable. A lovely chip from Harry Smith sat up perfectly for Adam Keighran who touched down to make it 32-0. Another brilliant chip from Smith sat up for French which summed up the game for Wigan as they cleaned up with another win to place a further hand on the minor premiership.

ST HELENS 40 CASTLEFORD 4

St Helens' position in the top six will still come down to the last week of the season despite a 40-4 win over the Castleford Tigers.

The Saints were keen to go out on top in their final home game as the home faithful were keen to send Tommy Makinson and Sione Mata'utia out as winners for the last time at Totally Wicked Stadium. A short ball had Alex Walmsley through in the opening minutes before finding Jake Burns to score and put Saints out to a fast start. Six minutes later, St Helens had a second try as Lewis Dodd found a pass to put Jack Welsby through before he linked up with Jon Bennison to cross for the first of his three tries to make it 10-0. Bennison had to wait until 15 to go before half-time to add to his try haul after a brilliant passing motion out to the right edge. Johnny Lomax found Mark Percival who quickly found Bennison with a lovely catch and run to the corner and it was 14-0 as things looked ominous. Castleford added a try in the shadows of half-time as Fletcher Rooney crossed after skipping on the outside of the Saints defence and we had an interesting contest at half-time.

Unfortunately, any hope of a contest was short-lived as St Helens crossed quickly after half-time. Johnny Lomax charged across from dummy half to extend the margin further. Just shy of the hour mark, Agnati Paasi charged over after a brilliant pass from Daryl Clark and Castleford were preparing the white flag. Bennison completed his hat-trick after 61 minutes after a nice back-line movement saw the winger cross virtually untouched. The final fifteen minutes saw the Saints run in two further tries. The first came as Makinson crossed in his final home game, flying down the sideline to score one-handed. George Delaney crashed over late and Mata'utia landed a traditional farewell kick to thrash the Tigers convincingly.

HULL KR 24 LEIGH 0

Hull KR have let the disappointment of letting the League Leaders Shield slip away by shutting out finals contenders Leigh by 24-0 away from home.

It was a tense start to the game, showcasing how both sides had so much on the line. It took until the 20-minute mark for Rovers to produce the first scoring opportunity. A Mikey Lewis bomb was contestable and poor Matt Moylan was a sitting target. The bomb was batted back by May who found Ryan Hall who scored the opening try of the contest in a cracking movement to lead 4-0. That try gave Rovers a new lease on the game and they soon found a second try in remarkably similar fashion. Seven minutes later, Lewis went to the air once more and once again Moylan was a target. May was able to bat it back and Hall found Lewis who dived across. Despite a sloppy end, the execution was brilliant at the end and Rovers led 10-0 at the change of ends.

Leigh started poorly in the second half and Rovers made them pay. A deceptive pass from Matt Parcell found Sauaso Sue who charged across to score and the Leopards were up against it. Just shy of the hour mark, the Rovers were trying to go around Leigh and resorted to some team brilliance to score a cracking team try. It went through several sets of hands which saw Matt Storton end up with it before finding Lewis who scored a second try. A confusing passage of play saw Tom Opacic denied a try, Hull KR receive a penalty and Rovers go down to 12 men. Rovers received a penalty for an escort, Elliot Minchella was sin-binned for a high shot on Moylan while Rovers knocked on after Moylan was hit high. Lewis added a penalty goal to seal a commanding 24-0 verdict away from home in front of a massive travelling army at Leigh.

SALFORD 58 HULL FC 4

In Hull FC's final home game of the season, the Salford Red Devils have secured a finals place in spectacular fashion as they trounced Hull by 58-4.

Salford crossed early inside the first five minutes as Tim Lafai charged over for the first of his three tries. Five minutes later, Deon Cross scored for the Red Devils as a well-worked scrum move created the extra man and Cross touched down un-touched for a 10-0 lead. Midway through the opening half, Joe Mellor crossed after taking advantage of some appalling marker defence and Hull were in major trouble. That trouble signal soon turned to an SOS as Brad Singleton crossed after 24 minutes courtesy of a barge over ball from Mellor. Lafai had a first half double with five to go before the break after he took an intercept, spoiling Hull's only real attacking chance of the first half and it was a commanding 28-0 lead at the half.

A brief resistance was quickly broken down as Salford crossed for three tries in quick succession to put an end to this game being a contest. The first came after 47 minutes as Nene MacDonald charged across with little resistance on offer from the Hull defence. Three minutes later, Shane Wright crossed after some exciting play. A clean break saw the Red Devils go close before a quick shift saw Wright score a try as he waltzed over the line. Hull's defence was parting at the seams and Kallum Watkins crossed after the FC defence completely fell apart and after Lafai completed his hat-trick, it was 52-0. Hull did pick up a lone consolation try for the brave home fans who were still in their seats. It was fortuitous as the pass was touched in flight and picked up by Jack Walker who ran away before finding a lofted pass to Zach Jebson who scored to avoid the duck-egg. A further try added salt to the wound as Mellor completed his double and Salford completed a big rout away from home.

CATALANS 12 LONDON 8

The Catalans Dragons have kept their faint finals hopes alive with an unconvincing 12-8 verdict over a brave and determined London Broncos side at home.

It was a tense start with Catalans dominating field position. However, their attacking field position and execution left a lot to be desired. Coach Steve McNamara was disappointed post-game with their attacking output. London eventually took advantage of Catalans' complacency towards the end of the first half as a lovely looping pass saw Lee Kershaw find open pastures to score. Oli Leyland threw the conversion over and London were looking to continue to lift themselves off the bottom. Catalans got a rocket at half-time from the coach. However, a cheap penalty allowed London to add to their six-point advantage and extend the margin beyond two scores. Given the way Catalans were attacking in the first half, it seemed a wise move, but it was one that soon came back to bite. A cheap error from London eventually took its toll on their defensive shape. Julien Bosquet was allowed to stand and offload the ball before finding Jarrod Wallace to cut the gap back to just two points.

With just over an hour gone, Catalans were aggressively coming home with a wet sail. A clever grubber kick from Arthur Morogue sat up perfectly for Arthur Romano and the Dragons had a four point lead. It was a tense finish as Chris Satae was sin-binned for a late shot on a London player but despite throwing everything at them, the Broncos couldn't get the win. But, after Hull got blown out earlier in the day, they are out of the wooden spoon position by just a solitary for and against point.

WARRINGTON 66 HUDDERSFIELD 0

The Warrington Wolves have inflicted further misery on the Huddersfield Giants subjecting them to their biggest defeat since 2018 and their second largest in the Super League era after being trashed 66-0 at home.

Warrington made their intentions known early as they shifted left. Toby King was able to get on the outside of the defence to find Matty Ashton to cross for the first try of the contest after just five minutes. Eight minutes later, an amazing, lofted pass from George Williams found Ashton on the chest and had a first half double. Midway through the opening half, Ben Currie turned into Isaaq Yeo as he turned ball-player with a cracking pass to James Harrison who charged across the line to score for the Wire and Huddersfield simply had no answers for the attacking rampage that Sam Burgess' side had. Currie turned provider again nine minutes from half-time with a cracking pass to Williams and it was 24-0. Five minutes before the break, Josh Drinkwater set up a short pass to future Raider Matty Nicholson who crossed to make it 30-0 with under five to go. Right before half-time a bomb caused all sorts of problems at the back and Cai Taylor-Wray scored to make it 36-0 at the change of ends.

Right after the break, Huddersfield's challenge was raised to an impossible level as rookie replacement Jack Billington was sent to the sin-bin for a high tackle early in the second half. Nice hands to the right hand side saw Josh Thewlis score although he had to do more work than he needed to but he scored to make it 42-0. A rare schism saw the scoring halted but in the last twenty minutes. A well worked move down the right saw Ashton complete his hat-trick and the scoring rampage was back on in the last quarter of the contest. Two minutes later, a short ball saw King break through, he found Williams before linking up with Taylor-Wray and Warrington were having it all their own way. Three tries in the last ten through King, Nicholson (completing his double) and Roderick Tai saw the Giants humiliated on home turf in their largest loss since 2018.

ROUND 26 SCOREBOARD

Hull KR 24 (M. Lewis 2, R. Hall, S. Sue tries; M. Lewis 4 goals) defeated **Leigh 0** at Leigh Sports Village Stadium. Date: Fri, 13th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 10-0. Penalties: Hull KR 5-1. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 8,412.

Leigh: Moylan, Charnley, Leutele, Hanley, McIntosh; O'Brien, Lam; Amon, Davis, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Trout, Pene, Hughes, Dwyer. **Hull KR:** Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Gildart, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Hadley, Storton, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Opacic, Litten, Luckley, Brown.

St Helens 40 (J. Bennison 3, J. Burns, G. Delaney, J. Lomax, T. Makinson, A. Paasi tries; J. Bennison 3, S. Mata'utia goals) defeated **Castleford 4** (F. Rooney try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 13th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 14-4. Penalties: Castleford 8-5. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 12,058.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Mata'utia, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Burns, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Clark, Bell, Paasi, Delaney. **Castleford:** Rooney, Qareqare, Hooley, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Watts, McShane (C), Mustapha, Lawler, El-Zakhem, Horne. Int: Windley, Hindmarsh, Martin, Matvejev.

Wigan 38 (B. French 2, K. Ellis, A. Keighran, L. Marshall, A. Miski, J. Wardle tries; A. Keighran 5 goals) defeated **Leeds 0** at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Fri, 13th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 14-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-4. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 15,146.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Byrne, Mago, Dupree, Forber. **Leeds:** Edgell, Fusitu'a, Momirovski, Newman, Lumb; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: Bentley, O'Connor, Lisone, Donaldson.

Salford 58 (T. Lafai 3, J. Mellor 2, D. Cross, N. Macdonald, B. Singleton, K. Watkins, S. Wright tries; M. Sneyd 9 goals) defeated **Hull FC 4** (Z. Jebson try) at MKM Stadium. Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Salford 28-0. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 9,274.

Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Litten, Chamberlain, Martin; Charles, Walker; Ese'ese, Smith, Gardiner, Lane, Fash (C), Aydin. Int: Ashworth, Jebson, Balmforth, Chan. **Salford:** Brierley, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd; Singleton, Mellor, Dudson, Wright, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Shorrocks, Hankinson, Lewis, Bullock.

Warrington 66 (M. Ashton 3, M. Nicholson 2, C. Taylor-Wray 2, J. Harrison, T. King, R. Tai, J. Thewlis, G. Williams tries; J. Thewlis 9 goals) defeated **Huddersfield 0** at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 36-0. Penalties: Warrington 8-2. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 4,181.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, McGowan, Marsters, Carter, Wallis; Clune (C), Russell; Salabio, Deakin, Greenwood, Livett, Bibby, Savelio. Int: Ikahihifo, Rush, Bibby, Billington. **Warrington:** Taylor-Wray, Thewlis, Tai, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Walker, Musgrove, Bateman, Nicholson, Currie. Int: Harrison, Philbin, Crowther, Powell.

Catalans 12 (A. Romano, J. Wallace tries; A. Mourgue 2 goals) defeated **London 8** (L. Kershaw try; O. Leyland 2 goals) at Stade Gilbert Brutus.

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 9:00 PM. Halftime: London 6-0. Penalties: Catalans 4-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 8,855.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Smith, Yaha; Abdull, Tomkins; Navarrete, Garcia (C), Satae, Sims, Sironen, McMeeken. Int: Bousquet, Rougé, Dezaria, Wallace. **London:** Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Davis, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Jones, Stock. Int: Bienek, Adebisi, Wayne, Tison.

ROUND 26 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WIGAN	26	21	0	5	0	321	42
2	HULL KR	26	20	0	6	0	383	40
3	WARRINGTON	26	19	0	7	0	367	38
4	SALFORD	26	16	0	10	0	67	32
5	ST HELENS	26	15	0	11	0	214	30
6	LEIGH	26	14	1	11	0	162	29
7	Leeds	26	14	0	12	0	52	28
8	Catalans	26	14	0	12	0	27	28
9	Huddersfield	26	9	0	17	0	-216	18
10	Castleford	26	7	1	18	0	-286	15
11	London	26	3	0	23	0	-545	6
12	Hull FC	26	3	0	23	0	-546	6

ROUND 26 DISCIPLINARY

Elliot Minchella (HKR) Grade C Head Contact 2 matches
Arthur Romano (CAT) Grade B Head Contact 1 match

WIGAN 64 SALFORD 0

Wigan Warriors won 64-0 against Salford Red Devils down at Brick Community Stadium on Thursday night.

The Warriors will lift the League Leader's Shield for the second year in a row and in a prime spot to defend their title. They started the scoring off quickly with Jai Field unfurling a pass to Liam Marshall on the wing to dive over. Next, Field sliced through himself to dive over then Bevan French started and finished a move for 18-0. Wigan were in full flow in a crushing display. From the scrum, a long pass found Zach Eckersley who slid over in the right corner. Jake Wardle rounded off the first half with a long range effort after picking up the scraps and cruising to the line.

Coming out of the break, Wigan felt just fine. Another backline move found Field in space again and he strolled through for his double. The Warriors profited from another Red Devils error. Marshall this time scooped it up and evaded the chasing pack to get his second. They raced through the Red Devils defense with ease. Eckersley kicked ahead and Kruise Leeming ended with the score. Wigan piled on the points in the later stages. Field completed his hat-trick while French and Leeming both added their second tries for a 64-0 win.

HUDDERSFIELD 34 CASTLEFORD 10

Huddersfield Giants won 34-10 against Castleford Tigers at the John Smith's Stadium on Thursday night.

The hosts ended the season in ninth spot after a challenging season but did get to sing the team song once more. It was Huddersfield who struck first in the game. A spilled bomb fell to Sam Hewitt who weaved past the defense to score. The Giants scored again from the kick, this time it was punched through, and Harry Rushton pounced to make it 12-0. They kept up the scoring with another flowing move. It was passed left and Aidan McGowan strolled over. Tui Lolohea provided a highlight reel moment to make it 22-0. He retrieved a kick, chipped for himself and regathered to score.

The Giants kept their foot on the pedal in the second half. Esan Marsters broke through and set up Adam Clune to go over. Castleford Tigers got on the board in the second half. Luke Hooley set them up with a huge run then a kick out wide found Jason Qareqare to touch down. Hewitt made it a double to make it 34-6. He took an offload and danced past a few defenders to stroll over. The Tigers found a late consolation to get into double digits. Alex Mellor lept highest to retrieve the kick and score.

HULL KR 26 LEEDS 16

Hull KR won 26-16 against Leeds Rhinos at Sewell Group Craven Park in their game on Friday night.

The Robins finish in second spot on the Super League ladder despite topping it for a few periods this season. Leeds were the first side to get on the board in this clash. A short pass found Rhyse Martin who sliced through for 4-0. The Robins struck back with a flowing move. It was an exchange of passes and Matt Parcell rolled away for the score. Next, the Rhinos wrestled back the lead through Alfie Edgell who found space on the left and sliced through for 10-6. Hull KR brought the game back level in from the boot. The swirling kick fooled the Rhinos and Peta Hiku picked up the scraps.

The Robins scored twice after half-time to get into a comfortable lead. Tom Opacic and Sauaso Sue went over for 20-10. Joe Burgess got into the try scoring act late in the contest. It was a flick pass which sent the winger over in the corner. The Rhinos found a late consolation through Andy Ackers. He snuck one past the defense and scooted over for 26-16.

LEIGH 18 ST HELENS 12

Leigh Leopards won 18-12 against St Helens in their game at Leigh Sports Village on Friday night.

Both teams will make the Super League playoffs with Leigh finishing fifth and St Helens end in the final spot in the top six. The visitors thought they were the first on the scoreboard through Tommy Makinson but it was pulled back for obstruction. It was the Leopards who did find the stripe. A bumping run from John Asiata saw the forward stretch out to touch down. Next, it was a sweeping backline move from Leigh to make it 12-0. Matt Moylan sliced through and found Ricky Leutele to go over.

Saints were given a strong start to the second half when Leutele was binned for a high tackle on Jack Welsby. Makinson wasn't to be denied a second time. Saints swept it wide again and the winger produced a strong finish for 12-6. St Helens were level on the hour mark. Leigh let a kick bounce and Mark Percival tapped it back then Morgan Knowles finished off the move. It was Leigh who took the two points though. Asiata and Lachlan Lam combined to send Josh Charnley across the line for 18-12. The Leopards rode a late surge to end the season in fifth and have a chance to make the Super League Grand Final.

WARRINGTON 54 LONDON 0

Warrington Wolves were 54-0 winners against London Broncos at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Friday night.

The Wolves will hope to take a bite from the competition in the playoffs while it an incongruous end to the Broncos season. They took an early bite out of the Broncos through Matty Ashton. The winger finished off the move to make it 6-0. Ashton doubled his delight soon after. Warrington put on a short side play and he dove over for the score. The Wolves were in full flow in a dominant first half. Danny Walker found Matty Nicholson for the forward to crash over. It was a first half hat-trick from Ashton. The ball hit the ground but he was fastest to react and angled over for his third. Some vision from George Williams helped create the Wolves' next score. He kicked wide for Josh Thewlis then it was sent to Arron Lindop to score and make it 26-0 at the break.

The Wolves had a quick start to the second half. Lindop added his second after taking an offload from Thewlis close to the line. James Harrison crashed over from close range then Thewlis got himself on the scoreboard as the Wolves passed 40 points. Next, mid-season recruit John Bateman poked through the line and found Nicholson to collect his second of the night. The Wolves brought up the half century in style. They broke from their own and Ashton linked up with Ben Currie for the latter to score.

CATALANS 24 HULL FC 4

Catalans Dragons won 24-4 against Hull FC in their game at MM Stadium on Saturday afternoon to round off the season.

The Dragons go out on a high but will be disappointed to miss the playoffs after their strong start to the season. Hull FC fired the first of the contest from the boot. The high kick found Lewis Martin who rose highest to score. The Dragons struck back in a tight first half. A charging run from Chris Satae saw the forward crash over.

They took that momentum in the second half. Arthur Mourgue found Matthieu Laguerre to slice through for 12-4. Theo Fages cut through the Hull FC defense before he was tackled. Next tackle, Mourgue took the inside pass to score. The Dragons finished the game and the season on a high. They swept it right and Tom Davies dived over. Hull FC will be glad to see the back of the 2024 season after a terrible campaign and finishing second last.

ROUND 27 SCOREBOARD

Huddersfield 34 (S. Hewitt 2, A. Clune, T. Lolohea, A. McGowan, H. Rushton tries; O. Russell 5 goals) defeated Castleford 10 (A. Mellor, J. Qareqare tries; R. Milnes goal) at John Smith's Stadium.

Date: Thu, 19th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 22-0. Penalties: Castleford 4-2. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 4,138.

Huddersfield: Lolohea, McGowan, Marsters, Livett, Bibby; Clune, Russell; Hill, Milner; Wilson, Rushton, Hewitt, Cudjoe. Int: Rush, Ikaiahifo, English, Greenwood. Castleford: Rooney, Qareqare, Hooley, Mellor, Senior; Milnes, Miller; Matvejev, McShane, Westerman, El-Zakhem, Lawler; Horne. Int: Windley, Watts, Namu, Mustapha.

Wigan 64 (J. Field 3, B. French 2, K. Leeming 2, L. Marshall 2, Z. Eckersley, J. Wardle tries; A. Keighran 10 goals) defeated Salford 0 at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Thu, 19th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 28-0. Penalties: Wigan 7-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 15,589.

Wigan: Field, Eckersley, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Byrne, Mago, Dupree, Forber. Salford: Atkin (C), Fitzgerald, Glover, Wagstaffe, Connell; Cust, Morgan; Ormondroyd, Bourouh, Sidlow, Hellewell, McCurrie, Wilson. Int: Pye, Glover, Bardyel-Wells, Gatcliffe.

Hull KR 26 (J. Burgess, P. Hiku, T. Opacic, M. Parcell, S. Sue tries; M. Lewis 3 goals) defeated Leeds 16 (A. Ackers, A. Edgell, R. Martin tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 20th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Hull KR 8-7. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,200.

Hull KR: Broadbent, Burgess, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis, Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Storton, Batchelor (C), Hadley. Int: Litten, King, Luckley, Brown. Leeds: Edgell, Lumb, Newman, Momirovski, Roberts; Croft, Frawley; Oledzki, Ackers, Sangaré, McDonnell, Martin, Smith (C). Int: O'Connor, Lisone, Bentley, Donaldson.

Leigh 18 (J. Asiata, J. Charnley, R. Leutele tries; M. Moylan 3 goals) defeated St Helens 12 (M. Knowles, T. Makinson tries; J. Bennison 2 goals) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium.

Date: Fri, 20th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Leigh 12-0. Penalties: Leigh 5-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,899.

Leigh: Moylan, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley; O'Brien, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, O'Donnell, Halton, Asiata (C). Int: Dwyer, Hughes, Pene, Trout. St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Mata'utia, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Delaney, Mbye, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor; Knowles. Int: Clark, Bell, Paasi, Stephens.

Warrington 54 (M. Ashton 3, A. Lindop 2, M. Nicholson 2, B. Currie, J. Harrison, J. Thewlis tries; J. Thewlis 7 goals) defeated London 0 at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Fri, 20th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 26-0. Penalties: London 2-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 10,192.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Lindop, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Walker, Musgrove, Bateman, Nicholson, Currie. Int: Powell, Wood, Crowther, Harrison. London: Rourke, Kershaw, Natoli, Bassett, Miloudi; Leyland, Campagnolo; Butler, Jones, Kennedy, Lovell (C), Adebijiyi, Stock. Int: Tison, Bienek, Meadows, Waine.

Catalans 24 (T. Davies, M. Laguerre, A. Mourgue, T. Satae tries; A. Mourgue 4 goals) defeated Hull FC 4 (L. Martin try) at MKM Stadium.

Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Catalans 6-4. Penalties: Catalans 8-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 9,384.

Hull FC: Moy, Barron, Tuimavave, Westerman, Martin; Smith, Kemp; Ese'ese, Houghton (C), Gardiner, Lane, Cartwright, Aydin. Int: Ashworth, Jebson, Balmforth, Laidlaw. Catalans: Tomkins, Davies, Smith, Laguerre, Yaha; Mourgue, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Sims, Sironen, Garcia (C). Int: Satae, Rougé, Dezaria, Wallace.

ROUND 27 DISCIPLINARY

Yusuf Aydin (HUL) Grade B Dangerous Contact 1 match

2024 SL TABLE

POS	TEAM	HOME							AWAY							TOTAL									
		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 WARRIORS	13	12	1	-	380	140	240	13	9	4	-	323	198	125	27	22	5	-	723	338	44	385	26.78	12.52
2	HULL KR	13	11	2	-	384	155	229	13	9	4	-	299	167	132	27	21	6	-	719	326	42	393	26.63	12.07
3	WARRINGTON WOLVES	13	9	4	-	334	164	170	13	10	3	-	382	149	233	27	20	7	-	740	319	40	421	27.41	11.81
4	SALFORD RED DEVILS	13	11	2	-	325	216	109	13	5	8	-	225	305	-80	27	16	11	-	550	547	32	3	20.37	20.26
5	LEIGH LEOPARDS	13	8	4	1	312	206	106	13	6	7	-	228	192	36	27	15	11	1	566	398	31	168	20.96	14.74
6	ST HELENS	13	9	4	-	298	164	134	13	6	7	-	298	204	94	27	15	12	-	596	388	30	208	22.07	14.37
7	CATALANS DRAGONS	13	10	3	-	264	144	120	13	5	8	-	206	247	-41	27	15	12	-	474	427	30	47	17.56	15.81
8	LEEDS RHINOS	13	9	4	-	321	182	139	13	5	8	-	203	282	-79	27	14	13	-	530	488	28	42	19.63	18.07
9	HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS	13	4	9	-	178	327	-149	13	5	8	-	270	321	-51	27	10	17	-	468	660	20	-192	17.33	24.44
10	CASTLEFORD TIGERS	13	4	9	-	200	337	-137	13	3	9	1	213	378	-165	27	7	19	1	425	735	15	-310	15.74	27.22
11	HULL FC	13	3	10	-	170	421	-251	13	-	13	-	154	444	-290	27	3	24	-	328	894	6	-566	12.15	33.11
12	LONDON BRONCOS	13	2	11	-	176	457	-281	13	-	13	-	112	455	-343	27	3	24	-	317	916	6	-599	11.74	33.93

TOP TRYSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T
1	Liam Marshall	Wigan	28	27
2	Matthew Ashton	Warrington	25	23
3	Mikey Lewis	Hull KR	28	19
4	Matt Dufty	Warrington	24	17
	Josh Charnley	Leigh	25	17
6	Bevan French	Wigan	20	16
7	Peta Hiku	Hull KR	29	15
8	Ash Handley	Leeds	18	14
	Innes Senior	Castleford	27	14
	Ryan Hall	Hull KR	29	14
11	Joe Burgess	Hull KR	20	13
12	Josh Thewlis	Warrington	22	12
	Thomas Makinson	St Helens	21	12
	Jack Welsby	St Helens	23	12
	Nene Macdonald	Salford	25	12
	Deon Cross	Salford	27	12

TOP POINTSCORERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Mikey Lewis	Hull KR	26	19	70	-	216
2	Rhyse Martin	Leeds	27	10	87	-	214
3	Marc Sneyd	Salford	26	3	97	4	210
4	Josh Thewlis	Warrington	20	12	65	-	178
5	Arthur Mourgue	Catalans	26	7	72	1	173
6	Adam Keighran	Wigan	24	8	70	-	172
7	Rowan Milnes	Castleford	23	7	51	1	131
8	Mark Percival	St Helens	20	5	55	-	130
9	Matt Moylan	Leigh	22	5	48	-	116
10	Liam Marshall	Wigan	26	27	-	-	108
11	Oliver Leyland	London	27	3	40	1	93
12	Matthew Ashton	Warrington	23	23	-	-	92
13	Stefan Ratchford	Warrington	10	3	39	-	90
14	Harry Smith	Wigan	22	2	35	1	79
15	Jake Connor	Huddersfield	18	1	34	-	72

TOP GOALKICKERS

Rank	Player	Team	P	G/A	%
1	Marc Sneyd	Salford	26	97 / 109	89%
2	Rhyse Martin	Leeds	27	87 / 104	84%
3	Arthur Mourgue	Catalans	26	72 / 89	81%
4	Adam Keighran	Wigan	24	70 / 83	84%
	Mikey Lewis	Hull KR	26	70 / 105	67%
6	Josh Thewlis	Warrington	20	65 / 84	77%
7	Mark Percival	St Helens	20	55 / 72	76%
8	Rowan Milnes	Castleford	23	51 / 66	77%
9	Matt Moylan	Leigh	22	48 / 65	74%
10	Oliver Leyland	London	27	40 / 61	66%
11	Stefan Ratchford	Warrington	10	39 / 45	87%
12	Harry Smith	Wigan	22	35 / 48	73%
13	Jake Connor	Huddersfield	18	34 / 46	74%
14	Oliver Russell	Huddersfield	19	32 / 44	73%
15	Zak Hardaker	Leigh	23	22 / 33	67%

HOME CROWD AVERAGES

Averages exclude neutral venue matches

Club	Average
Wigan Warriors	14,254
Leeds Rhinos	13,540
St Helens	12,169
Hull FC	10,975
Hull Kingston Rovers	9901
Warrington Wolves	9,757

Club	Average
Catalans Dragons	8,928
Leigh Leopards	8,097
Castleford Tigers	7,666
Salford Red Devils	5,090
Huddersfield Giants	4,328
London Broncos	3,178

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ELIMINATORS

LEIGH 14 SALFORD 6

The Leigh Leopards have continued their Super League Cinderella story with a 14-6 win over the Salford Red Devils in a tightly contested semi-final in Salford.

The first half was a back and forth affair with little to report on. Salford dominated territory in the first half, however every single chance was kept out by Leigh. Twenty eight minutes past before the game's first scoring play, Nene MacDonald was chasing through a Marc Sneyd bomb, but was escorted off the ball by Gareth O'Brien. Sneyd duely converted the penalty goal and it was 2-0 at the break in a tightly contested game.

Leigh started the more aggressive side in the second half and got their reward off a well worked move out to the right side. Some nice interchange of passes saw Josh Charnley sprint away to plant the ball down in the corner to make it a 4-2 ball game. Six minutes later, Edwin Ipape charged through some poor Salford defence to break the game open, he found O'Brien in support and Leigh had two tries in six minutes to lead 10-2 on the hour mark. Ipape charged over six minutes later to make it 14-2 and Salford were in miracle territory. The game took a bad turn with just over ten to play as Charnley was taken off on a special neck stretcher and taken straight to hospital. The winger took to social media post game to declare he was okay and given the "all clear". It was a tense finish as Leigh backrower Jack Hughes went to the sin-bin as Leigh continued to test referee Jack Smith's patience. A late cross-field kick by Sneyd ended in the arms of Ethan Ryan and it was back to an eight point game, the critical conversion was missed and Salford would be eliminated from the finals in a dramatic eliminator. **AJ**

Leigh 14 (J. Charnley, E. Ipape, G. O'Brien tries; M. Moylan goal) defeated Salford 6 (E. Ryan try; M. Sneyd goal) at Salford Stadium.

Date: Fri, 27th September. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Salford 2-0. Penalties: Leigh 10-7. Referee: Jack Smith. Crowd: 10,867.

Salford: Hankinson, Ryan, Macdonald, Lafai, Cross; Nikorima, Sneyd, Singleton, Mellor, Dudson, Stone, Watkins (C), Partington. Int: Brierley, Wright, Shorrocks, Lewis. Leigh: Moylan, McIntosh, Hanley, Leutele, Charnley, O'Brien, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Halton, Hughes, Asiata (C). Int: Hardaker, Trout, Dwyer, Pene.

WARRINGTON 23 ST HELENS 22

Warrington Wolves won 23-22 against St Helens in their game at Halliwell Jones Stadium on Saturday night.

They shook off conceding a late leveler which sent it to Golden Point before George Williams field goal sent them into a game against Hull KR. It was an inauspicious start for the Saints who dropped the kick-off then Toby King sliced through for the opener. Tommy Makinson made up for dropping the kick-off with a superb finish in the corner to make it 6-4. The Saints showed off their defensive steel. Matt Dufty weaved through before he was brought down then they scrambled well to deny the Wolves a chance. St Helens used their left side for their second score. Jonny Lomax gave Mark Percival a short pass to go over for 12-4. Makinson made it a double before the break. Another swift pass found him steaming onto the ball and after a review, it was awarded. Warrington reduced the deficit just before half-time. George Williams poked through then flicked it out to Matty Ashton to touch down for 16-10 at the break.

Williams was the fulcrum for the Wolves attack. He produced another stunning pass to send King away for his second. Next, the Wolves profited from a loose Saints pass. It was scooped up and sent across to Ashton to give them back the lead, 22-16. Saints threw up one final hail mary, swinging it left then Jonanthon Bennison dived over the score which brought huge roars from the traveling faithful when awarded. The game headed into Golden Point. Williams had the first shot which was charged down but his second one flew over and gave Warrington the 23-22 win. **JUSTIN**

Warrington 23 (M. Ashton 2, T. King 2 tries; J. Thewlis 3 goals; G. Williams field goal) defeated St Helens 22 (T. Makinson 2, J. Bennison, M. Percival tries; M. Percival 3 goals) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.

Date: Sat, 28th September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 16-10. Penalties: Warrington 5-2. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,111.

Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Tai, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Yates, Walker, Musgrove, Bateman, Nicholson, Currie. Int: Harrison, Vaughan, Philbin, Powell. St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Mata'utia, Percival, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Lees, Whitley, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Bell, Paasi, Delaney, Burns.

SEMI FINALS

HULL KR 10 WARRINGTON 8

Hull KR won 10-8 against Warrington Wolves in their game at Sewell Group Craven Park on Friday night.

The Robins were the first side to book their spot in the Grand Final at Old Trafford next Saturday night. In front of a capacity crowd, Hull KR flew out of the blocks and the energy was high from the opening hit up. Hull KR had the first chance of the game. Dean Hadley drove towards the line but was held up by the Wolves defense. They were able to strike with their next chance. The ball was shifted to the right and James Batchelor activated the go-go gadget arms to stretch out. Warrington thought they had fired back through Matt Dufty. The fullback sliced through and touched down but it was chalked off for obstruction. The hosts extended their advantage to 10-0 before half-time. Joe Burgess snuck into dummy half and crawled over. It was judged a four-pointer by the on-field referee and there was insufficient evidence to overturn the decision against Burgess. The Wolves needed to find something after the break and Matty Ashton provided. The winger scooted over on last for 10-4.

Warrington went back to the well to get themselves back within two points. Another sweep down the left found Ashton to dive over. It was a busy night for the video referee, who was called upon again but Ashton had another stylish winger putdown. Josh Thewlis had the opportunity to level the game but swung his conversion away as goal kicking was the difference in a tight contest. The visitors threw everything at Hull KR to snatch the game but Hull KR held firm to record the famous win. The countdown from the raucous home crowd was loud and saw Hull KR earn the first spot in the Super League Grand Final. It has been a strong first season for Warrington Wolves under the stewardship of Sam Burgess and they will be chomping at the bit for next season. **JUSTIN**

Hull KR 10 (J. Batchelor, J. Burgess tries; M. Lewis goal) defeated Warrington 8 (M. Ashton 2 tries) at Sewell Group Craven Park.

Date: Fri, 4th October. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Hull KR 10-0. Penalties: Warrington 4-3. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 12,225.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Broadbent, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Parcell, Whitbread, Storton, Batchelor (C), Hadley. Int: Litten, Luckley, Tanginoa, Brown. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, Tai, King, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Yates, Nicholson, Bateman, Currie. Int: Vaughan, Philbin, Crowther, Powell.

WIGAN 32 LEIGH 0

The Wigan Warriors have made their second successive grand final after a 32-0 rout of the Leigh Leopards.

It was a tight start to the game as both sides jostled for field position. Leigh however have been running low on the energy bar as they've had to win out just to make the finals. The Warriors started in fine fashion after 11 minutes. A well worked set play out to the left saw Harry Smith, Bevan French and Jai Field combine to send Liam Marshall on his way for the first try of the contest. Nine minutes later some disappointing edge defence allowed late inclusion Sam Walters to use his strength to ground the ball to make it 10-0. Adam Keighran added a gift two points after Abbas Miski took an intercept. As Leigh scrambled to get back onside, the referee pinned Leigh for offside and the penalty goal made it 12-0. A well worked movement before the half saw more success for the Warriors as Marshall had a second and Leigh were in major trouble at the break.

The second half started disastrously for Leigh when Aaron Pene lost the ball off the first carry of the half. A lovely pass from French sent Walters away and Wigan had one hand on a grand final birth. Keighran added a penalty goal after another offside call gave Wigan a 26-0 lead. French scored a cracking individual try to make it 32-0 on the hour mark. He got the ball from a standing start, skipped and danced before kicking for himself to score. Jai Field added further salt into the wound as Wigan completed the rout. **AJ**

Wigan 38 (L. Marshall 2, S. Walters 2, J. Field, B. French tries; A. Keighran 7 goals) defeated Leigh 0 at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Sat, 5th October. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 20,511.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, Leeming, Thompson, Nsemba, Walters, Ellis (C). Int: Byrne, Mago, Dupree, Forber. Leigh: Moylan, Hardaker, Hanley, Leutele, McIntosh; O'Brien, Lam; Amone, Ipape, Mulhern, Hughes, Holmes, Asiata (C). Int: Davis, Trout, Dwyer, Pene.

WIGAN 9 HULL KR 2

WARRIORS BEAT ROBINS TO COMPLETE HISTORIC SEASON

Wigan Warriors won 9-2 against Hull KR in the Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford on Saturday night.

The Warriors end their season with all four trophies on offer and stamp their mark in the history books. It was a win built on defense; the Warriors haven't allowed a four-pointer in a month with their work near their line. A bumper crowd welcomed both teams onto Old Trafford as they played in the Super League grand final.

Hull KR went close to the first try. A kick was spilled and fell to Man of Steel Mikey Lewis who crossed but it was chalked off on video review. Wigan were dealt a blow when forward Junior Nsemba tumbled hard in a tackle and headed off for a HIA before returning later. Bevan French opened up the scoring in the final. He sold the Robins a dummy and sliced through for a 6-0 lead. Liam Marshall almost scored a spectacular four-pointer. He volleyed ahead a kick and chased it down to touch down. The effort went to the video referee, and it was wiped out due to Luke Thompson being offside in the chase for the kick. Wigan gave themselves a cushion just before half-time. Halfback Harry Smith slotted a field goal and made it 7-0.

Hull KR cut into the deficit from the kicking tee. Elliot Minchella was hit late and Lewis raised the flags. In a tight, close game points were at a premium. Lewis was pinged for a dangerous tackle and Adam Keighran converted for a 9-2 lead. The Warriors had chances to add to their lead when Jai Field made a break but Jake Wardle lost the ball over the line. Wigan saw out the end of the game and completed the set of Super League trophies with back-to-back Grand Finals.

Superstar French was awarded the Rob Burrow Medal for the Man of the Match scoring the only try of the game. **JUSTIN**

WIGAN	9	-	2	HULL KR
Bevan FRENCH		T		
Adam KEIGHRAN	2/2	G	1/1	Mikey LEWIS
Harry SMITH		FG		
TEAMSHEETS				
Jai FIELD	1	FB	2	Niall EVALDS
Abbas MISKI	2	W	35	Joe BURGESS
Adam KEIGHRAN	3	C	1	Peta HIKU
Jacob WARDLE	4	C	36	Jack BROADBENT
Liam MARSHALL	5	W	5	Ryan HALL
Bevan FRENCH	6	FE	27	Tyrone MAY
Harry SMITH	7	HB	7	Mikey LEWIS
Ethan HAVARD	8	FR	8	Sauaso SUE
Kruise LEEMING	17	HK	14	Matt PARCELL
Luke THOMPSON	16	FR	16	Jai WHITBREAD
Junior NSEMBA	21	2R	11	Dean HADLEY
Liam FARRELL (c)	12	2R	12	James BATCHELOR
Kaide ELLIS	13	L	13	Elliot MINCHELLA (c)
Liam BYRNE	10	B	9	Jez LITTEN
Patrick MAGO	15	B	15	Sam LUCKLEY
Tyler DUPREE	19	B	17	Matthew STORTON
Tom FORBER	27	B	20	Kelepi TANGINOA
Matt PEET		HC		Willie PETERS

Date: Sat, 12th October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 7-0. Penalties: Hull KR 4-3.
Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 68,173 at Old Trafford, Manchester.

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
2024	Wigan	Wigan



2024 BETFRED CHALLENGE CUPS

MEN'S BETFRED CHALLENGE CUP

FIRST ROUND - 13/14 JANUARY

Navy 28 (J. Teixeira 2, J. Bartlett, C. Mattison, J. Ray tries; B. Chambers 4 goals) defeated RAF 22 (H. Davies 2, J. Crabb, F. O'Brien, J. Thresh tries; L. Bradley goal) at Royal Air Force College, Sat 12:30 PM. HT: RAF 18-12. Ref: Tara Jones.

Clock Face 22 (L. Geraghty, K. Hunt, J. Jones, L. Leyden tries; D. Price 3 goals) defeated Heworth 20 (G. Elliott 2, B. Bernard, L. Richmond tries; B. Dyson-Dent, G. Elliott goals) at Clock Face Miners Recreation Club, Sat 1:30 PM. HT: Clock Face 12-4. Ref: Warren Turley.

Doncaster 22 (L. Cade, J. Jones, J. King, K. Lawton tries; K. Lawton 3 goals) defeated Ashton Bears 20 (C. Rothwell 3, J. Green tries; R. Sexton 2 goals) at Prospect Road, Sat 1:30 PM. HT: Ashton Bears 16-6. Ref: Dan Geddes.

Edinburgh 28 (L. Clarke, A. Kororua, T. Logan, R. Mawdesley, M. Robertson, V. Rokobuli tries; L. Clarke, R. Hamilton goals) defeated Lowca 22 (L. Stockton 2, J. McNally, M. Todd tries; J. Scott 2, K. Campbell goals) at Lowca RLC, Sat 1:30 PM. HT: Lowca 10-4. Ref: Lucas Seal.

Stanningley 40 (J. Phipps 2, A. Butterill, C. Richards, E. Salkeld, J. Sykes, S. Welton tries; R. Taylor 6 goals) defeated Sth Wales Jets 4 (B. Jones try) at Eugene Cross Park, Sat 1:30 PM. HT: Stanningley 24-0. Ref: James Jones.

Fryston 13 (R. Joseph, R. Owen, K. Purdy tries; L. Davies field goal) defeated British Army 10 (P. Tamani, J. Walker tries; K. Fleming goal) at Askham Road, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: British Army 6-4. Ref: Carl Hughes.

West Bowling 34 (O. Bartle, L. Darville, L. Galtress, N. Light, R. Lumb, L. Simpson, H. Spence tries; L. Coe 3 goals) defeated Oulton 22 (Z. Schofield, T. Smith, H. Stevens, H. Williamson tries; K. Walpole 3 goals) at Oulton Community Sports Club, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: West Bowling 26-0. Ref: Sam Jenkinson.

West Warriors 28 (J. Robertson 2, B. Nahu, W. Poching, R. Walker tries; R. Walker 4 goals) defeated Newsome 4 (K. Tetley try) at Twyford Avenue Sports Ground, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: West Warriors 16-0. Ref: Matt Cowan.

Hammersmith 56 (J. Strasser 3, C. Beatty, K. Breen, R. Dixon, M. Elbourne, L. Morrissey, J. Roberts, T. West, J. Wilson tries; L. Morrissey 6 goals) defeated Medway 6 (G. Moore try; S. Orris goal) at Dukes Meadows, Sat 3:00 PM. HT: Hammersmith 36-0. Ref: Gareth Winnard.

Orrell St James 20 (A. Ball, S. Burns, L. McLoughlin, L. Round tries; B. Kelk, C. Taylor goals) defeated Haresfinch 4 (D. Large try) at Bankes Avenue Playing Fields, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Orrell St James 12-0. Ref: Denton Arnold.

SECOND ROUND - 27/28 JANUARY

Stanningley 19 (M. Shires 2, H. Davison tries; R. Taylor 3 goals; A. Butterill field goal) defeated Leigh Miners R. 18 (H. Gotts, L. Grimes, N. Lancelott, S. Pilkington tries; S. Pilkington goal) at Leigh Miners Welfare Sports Club, Sat 12:30 PM. HT: 12-all. Ref: Sam Jenkinson.

Siddal 38 (S. Walsh 3, J. Greenwood 2, O. Lewis 2 tries; L. Hosty 5 goals) defeated Clock Face 4 (J. Jones try) at Clock Face Miners Recreation Club, Sat 1:30 PM. HT: Siddal 16-4. Ref: Luke Flavell.

West Hull 40 (J. Moore 2, M. Opie-Palmer 2, R. Steen, R. Wilson, J. Wood tries; R. Wilson 5, K. Welburn goals) defeated Doncaster 18 (N. Brown, L. Cade, C. Garrity, J. Jones tries; K. Lawton goal) at Prospect Road, Sat 1:30 PM. HT: West Hull 24-8. Ref: Oliver Salmon.

Hunslet ARLFC 66 (C. McShane 3, T. Dargan 2, B. Shulver 2, J. Fields, J. Gale, J. McLelland, L. Thompson tries; J. Gale 11 goals) defeated Fryston 0 at Askham Road, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Hunslet ARLFC 36-0. Ref: Matty Clayton.

Wath Brow Hornets 40 (S. Curwen 3, J. Moore 2, D. Rooney, C. Walker-Taylor tries; C. Walker-Taylor 5 goals) defeated Hull Dockers 0 at Eastmount Community Recreation Centre, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Wath Brow Hornets 12-0. Ref: Carl Hughes.

Lock Lane 72 (O. Bloomer 3, C. Appleby 2, J. Cranswick 2, L. Moon 2, L. Price 2, D. Holmes, D. Maskill tries; C. Butler 8, N. Fozzard 2 goals) defeated Edinburgh 0 at Lock Lane Sports Centre, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Lock Lane 26-0. Ref: Milo McKelvey.

West Warriors 28 (R. Walker 3, M. Large, B. Nahu, J. Payne tries; R. Walker 2 goals) defeated Rochdale Mayfield 22 (J. McDavid 2, D. Long, S. Slater tries; J. Parr 3 goals) at Twyford Avenue Sports Ground, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Rochdale Mayfield 12-8. Ref: Matt Cowan.

Hammersmith 32 (T. Condon 2, J. Prevett, J. Strasser, C. Tyler, T. West tries; L. Morrissey 4 goals) defeated West Bowling 10 (K. Baker, N. Fontaine tries; L. Coe goal) at Dukes Meadows, Sat 5:00 PM. HT: Hammersmith 18-4. Ref: Gareth Winnard.

Thatto Heath 32 (D. Pike 2, A. Hesketh, J. Holroyd, P. Hunt, A. Saunders tries; D. McGahan 4 goals) defeated Navy 24 (J. Bartlett, B. Butler, R. Joel, J. Ray tries; B. Chambers 4 goals) at Victory Stadium, Sun 12:30 PM. HT: Navy 6-4. Ref: Henry Winnard.

York Acorn 22 (A. Chilton, G. Hunt, C. Shepherdson, C. Worthington tries; A. Chilton 3 goals) defeated Orrell St James 12 (J. Gallagher, B. Kelk tries; B. Calland 2 goals) at Bankes Avenue Playing Fields, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: York Acorn 12-6. Ref: Warren Turley.

THIRD ROUND - 10/11 FEBRUARY

Oldham 22 (B. O'Keefe 2, A. Lawton, M. Wildie tries; J. Ellis 3 goals) defeated Barrow 10 (J. Greenwood try; R. Shaw 3 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium, Sat 12:30 PM. HT: Barrow 10-4. Ref: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 1,401.

York Acorn 18 (J. Byrnes 2, A. Crawford tries; M. Chilton 3 goals) defeated Cornwall 10 (K. Dimech, A. Rusling tries; A. Rusling goal) at Memorial Ground, Sat 1:00 PM. HT: York Acorn 12-6. Ref: Kristoff Young.

Hunslet ARLFC 46 (T. Dargan 4, W. Cohen, J. McLelland, J. Milburn, B. Wheeler tries; J. Gale 7 goals) defeated Lock Lane 6 (J. Cranswick try; N. Fozzard goal) at Lock Lane Sports Centre, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Hunslet ARLFC 18-6. Ref: Sam Jenkinson.

Sheffield 88 (I. Farrell 3, J. Glover 3, V. Halafih 2, J. Hansen 2, M. Marsh 2, A. Murphy 2, M. Clark tries; I. Farrell 9, C. Aston 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (G. Birch, N. Newbound tries; T. Hepple 2 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Sheffield 34-12. Ref: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 617.

Wakefield Trinity 70 (J. Croft 2, J. Griffin 2, M. Jowitz 2, O. Pratt 2, T. Doyle, L. Gale, L. Hood, I. Thornley tries; M. Jowitz 11 goals) defeated Siddal 6 (O. Lewis try; L. Hosty goal) at Siddal Sports & Community Centre, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Wakefield Trinity 12-6. Ref: Luke Bland.

Wath Brow Hornets 30 (S. Curwen, F. King, C. Molyneux, J. Pearce, C. Walker-Taylor tries; C. Walker-Taylor 5 goals) defeated Stanningley 4 (D. Parker try) at The Arthur Miller Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Wath Brow Hornets 16-4. Ref: Carl Hughes.

Hammersmith 22 (M. Elbourne, J. Ryan, H. Wecker, T. West tries; L. Morrissey 3 goals) defeated Wests Warriors 12 (B. Cecaric, B. Nahu tries; R. Walker 2 goals) at Dukes Meadows, Sat 2:30 PM. HT: Hammersmith 16-0. Ref: Henry Winnard.

Batley 48 (K. Buchanan, R. Butterworth, L. Cooper, N. Flynn, A. Leak, D. Morton, G. Senior, L. Walshaw, B. White tries; J. Woods 6 goals) defeated Workington 18 (J. Bradley, G. Reid, C. Taylor tries; C. Walker 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Batley 40-0. Ref: Kevin Moore.

York 14 (O. Field, N. Williams tries; T. Pemberton 3 goals) defeated Dewsbury 8 (P. Whiteley try; C. Turner 2 goals) at FLAIR Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Dewsbury 8-2. Ref: Michael Small.

Featherstone 72 (T. Lacans 3, G. Gale 2, M. Wacocecko 2, D. Addy, C. Aekins, B. Day, C. Jones, G. Minikin, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 6, D. Addy 2, J. Hardcastle, T. Lacans goals) defeated Thatto Heath 0 at Crusader Park, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Featherstone 42-0. Ref: Sam Houghton.

Bradford 48 (G. Flanagan 2, K. Appo, J. Arundel, C. Butler, E. Doro, K. Gill, A. McGowan tries; J. Lilley 8 goals) defeated North Wales 2 (O. Abel goal) at Odsal Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Bradford 18-2. Ref: Bradley Milligan.

Halifax 32 (B. Crooks 2, J. Keyes 2, L. Jouffret, J. Saltonstall tries; L. Jouffret 4 goals) defeated Whitehaven 4 (C. Teare try) at The Shay Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Halifax 22-4. Ref: Cameron Worsley.

Keighley 22 (E. Robson 2, C. Graham, A. Ryder, O. Thomas tries; O. Thomas goal) defeated Hunslet 14 (J. Render 2, J. Ferreira tries; M. Beharrell goal) at South Leeds Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Hunslet 10-8. Ref: Andy Sweet.

Rochdale 24 (D. Nixon 3, J. Hartley tries; J. Hartley 4, M. Ridyard 4 goals) defeated Midlands 20 (D. Barcoe, B. Clavering, T. Wilkinson tries; D. Hewitt 4 goals) at Crown Oil Arena, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Midlands 20-12. Ref: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 411.

Swinton 50 (D. Abram 2, R. Williams 2, A. Badrock, J. Eaves, B. Hammond, R. Lepori, D. Spencer-Tonks, J. Stevens tries; D. Abram 5 goals) defeated West Hull 6 (R. Wilson try; R. Wilson goal) at Heywood Road, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Swinton 18-6. Ref: Tara Jones. Crowd: 441.

Widnes 50 (K. Dixon 2, M. Fleming 2, R. Ince 2, J. Edge, R. Lloyd, L. Roby, S. Wilde tries; K. Dixon 5 goals) defeated Doncaster 16 (T. Halliday, J. Lovodua, R. Lyne tries; C. Robinson 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Widnes 20-6. Ref: Liam Rush. Crowd: 788.

FOURTH ROUND - 24/25 FEBRUARY

York Acorn 32 (J. Byrnes, A. Chilton, J. Parker, J. Porter, E. Prescott tries; A. Chilton 6 goals) defeated Wath Brow Hornets 28 (J. Pearce 2, P. Caddy, C. Farrer, G. Howland tries; C. Walker-Taylor 4 goals) at Thanet Road, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: York Acorn 14-6. Ref: Nick Bennett.

Halifax 50 (L. Jouffret 2, J. Saltonstall 2, B. Crooks, T. Inman, R. Lannon, A. O'Brien, B. Tibbs tries; L. Jouffret 7 goals) defeated Hammersmith 4 (C. Beatty try) at The Shay Stadium, Sat 5:00 PM. HT: Halifax 26-0. Ref: Bradley Milligan.

Widnes 26 (J. Edge, J. Lyons, L. Roby, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 5 goals) defeated Bradford 12 (K. Gill, B. Jowitz tries; J. Lilley 2 goals) at Odsal Stadium, Sun 12:30 PM. HT: Widnes 8-6. Ref: Ben Thaler.

Batley 30 (J. Burton, L. Cooper, N. Flynn, A. Leak, G. Senior tries; J. Woods 3, D. Gibbons 2 goals) defeated Rochdale 14 (T. Brierley 2, D. Nixon tries; M. Ridyard goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Batley 18-10. Ref: Michael Small.

Wakefield 78 (L. Gale 2, J. Griffin 2, M. Lawford 2, J. Pitts 2, L. Walmsley 2, M. Ashurst, L. Hood tries; M. Jowitz 13 goals) defeated Hunslet ARLFC 6 (T. Dargan try; J. Gale goal) at DIY Kitchens Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Wakefield 48-6. Ref: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 2,775.

Featherstone 58 (C. Jones 3, D. Addy 2, M. Wacocecko 2, B. Day, T. Lacans, K. Tomlinson tries; T. Lacans 9 goals) defeated Keighley 14 (C. Downey, B. Pickersgill tries; J. Miller 2, O. Thomas goals) at Cougar Park, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Featherstone 24-2. Ref: Scott Mikalaukas.

Sheffield 32 (E. Battye, M. Dawson-Jones, J. Farrell, B. Jones-Bishop, M. Marsh, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated York 16 (J. Dee, J. Keinhorst, B. Santi tries; W. Dagger 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Sheffield 16-12. Ref: Liam Rush.

Swinton 28 (D. Abram, L. Hall, J. Hatton, J. Spedding tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated Oldham 12 (T. Chapelhow, D. Craven tries; J. Ellis 2 goals) at Heywood Road, Sun 6:00 PM. HT: Swinton 14-6. Ref: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 746.

FIFTH ROUND

Sheffield 14 (B. Jones-Bishop, B. Liu, K. Welham tries; C. Aston goal) defeated Swinton 12 (G. Bennion, R. Williams tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at Heywood Road, Sat 12:30 PM. HT: Swinton 6-4. Ref: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 412.

Batley 18 (K. Buchanan, L. Cooper, D. Gibbons tries; D. Gibbons 3 goals) defeated Widnes 14 (N. Gregson, J. Lyons tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium, Sat 6:00 PM. HT: Widnes 8-0. Ref: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,067.

Featherstone 14 (C. Wynne 2, G. Gale tries; T. Lacans goal) defeated Wakefield 10 (R. Franco, O. Pratt tries; M. Lino goal) at Millennium Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Featherstone 10-0. Ref: Ben Thaler.

Halifax 62 (M. Gee 3, J. Keyes 2, Z. McComb 2, L. Jouffret, B. Kavanagh, R. Lannon, B. Tibbs tries; L. Jouffret 9 goals) defeated York Acorn 6 (A. Chilton try; A. Chilton goal) at The Shay Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Halifax 22-0. Ref: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 785.

SIXTH ROUND - 22/23/24 MARCH

Hull KR 40 (R. Hall 2, J. Burgess, N. Evalds, P. Hiku, M. Storton, K. Tanginoa tries; J. Litten 5, J. Batchelor goals) defeated Salford 0 at Sewell Group Craven Park, Fri 8:00PM. HT: Hull KR 24-0. Ref: Liam Moore.

St Helens 20 (J. Bennison, D. Clark, A. Walmsley tries; J. Lomax 4 goals) defeated Leeds 6 (H. Newman try; R. Martin goal) at AMT Headingley Stadium, Fri 8:00 PM. HT: St Helens 10-6. Ref: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 7,108.

Wigan 44 (B. French 3, L. Marshall 2, K. Leeming, P. Mago, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 18 (M. Dawson-Jones, E. Hodgson, M. Marsh tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at DW Stadium, Fri 8:00 PM. HT: 12-all. Ref: James Vella. Crowd: 5,733.

Huddersfield 50 (A. Swift 4, S. Halsall 2, K. Naiqama 2, H. Livett, J. Murchie tries; T. Lolohea 3, J. Connor 2 goals) defeated Hull FC 6 (J. Lane try; J. Charles goal) at John Smith's Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Huddersfield 20-6. Ref: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 1,673.

Leigh 26 (U. Hanley 3, J. Charnley, M. Moylan tries; M. Moylan 3 goals) defeated Featherstone 14 (M. Wacokecoko 2, G. Gale tries; D. Addy goal) at Leigh Sports Village Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Leigh 14-4. Ref: Jack Smith. Crowd: 4,287.

Castleford 28 (I. Senior 2, P. McShane, J. Miller, R. Milnes, J. Simm tries; P. McShane 2 goals) defeated Batley 14 (D. Manning, B. Moore tries; D. Gibbons 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium, Sat 3:00 PM. Ref: Marcus Griffiths.

Warrington 42 (M. Ashton 3, J. Thewlis 2, J. Crowther, T. King, M. Nicholson, R. Tai tries; S. Ratchford 3 goals) defeated London 0 at Halliwell Jones Stadium, Sat 5:30 PM. HT: Warrington 24-0. Ref: Tom Grant. Crowd: 3,416.

Catalans 40 (T. Davies 3, A. Romano, C. Rougé, T. Satae, P. Séguier tries; J. Abdull 6 goals) defeated Halifax 4 (J. Saltonstall try) at The Shay Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Catalans 24-0. Ref: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,811.

SEMI FINALS - 18/19 MAY

Wigan 38 (A. Miski 2, J. Wardle 2, T. Dupree, J. Nsemba, H. Smith tries; A. Keighran 3, H. Smith 2 goals) defeated Hull KR 6 (J. Burgess try; M. Lewis goal) at Eco-Power Stadium, Sat 1:45PM. HT: Wigan 24-0. Ref: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 11,163.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: King, Parcell, Luckley, Tanginoa. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Havard, O'Neill, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Leeming, Dupree, Walters.

FINAL: WIGAN 18 WARRINGTON 8

With two of Super League's form sides meeting in the Challenge Cup final, expectations were high for a classic encounter. The two sides duly delivered as an intense battle ended with Wigan lifting the famous old trophy at Wembley.

Both sides had plenty to play for coming into the game. For Warrington coach, Sam Burgess, there was an opportunity to lift silverware at the first opportunity in a fledgling career. For Wigan coach, Matt Peet, the chance to hold all four trophies concurrently for the first time since St Helens achieved the remarkable under Daniel Anderson feat in 2007 and emulate some of the great Wigan sides of the early 1990s. Ultimately, it was Peet and Wigan who came out on top. An impeccably observed minute's silence before the game only served to charge the atmosphere in the stadium further, as fans paid tribute to Rob Burrow, with the kick-off time pushed back to 15:07 in a break with tradition to honour Burrow. Warrington's opening defensive set was fierce, and Wigan was soon down to twelve men. In the second minute, Matty Ashton carried the ball into the tackle and slipped as he approached the defender, Mike Cooper. The referee deemed that, although Ashton had slipped, there was sufficient force in Cooper's swinging arm to justify a yellow card. But both sides were down to twelve men from the resulting set, as Matt Dufty caught Liam Marshall high after Wigan had recovered the ball from an attempted Josh Thewlis offload. This ramped the crowd to a fever pitch, and the intensity on the field matched the ferocity of the crowd. The resulting round of applause for Rob Burrow in the seventh minute was almost deafening, given the action on the field. One thing is for sure, he would have loved this encounter.

Warrington had started the game fast and were ramping up the pressure on the Wigan line. Liam Farrell was penalised for offside on the fifth tackle of a defensive set, giving the Wolves an easy opportunity to open the scoring. Thewlis duly kicked the penalty to give the Wire a deserved early lead. A penalty for offside against Ben Currie gave Wigan precious field position and served to relieve the pressure Warrington had built. The Warriors made the most of the field position to score the game's first try in the 17th minute. Bevan French, who is so deadly near the opposition line, threaded a precision grubber kick in-goal. Young centre, Zach Eckersley, in the side for the suspended Adam Keighran, collected the ball to touch down. Harry Smith was on target with the conversion to give Wigan a 6-2 lead. Wigan then began to turn the screw. Ashton dropped a spiralling bomb under no pressure to give Wigan a brilliant field position, with a scrum 15 minutes from the Warrington line. George Williams then knocked on from an attempted interception to give Wigan another set of six near the Warrington line. From the first play, French received the ball from the base of the scrum and dummied over to score Wigan's second try. Smith added the conversion to give Wigan a 10-point lead after 23 minutes. At this point Warrington

QUARTER FINALS - 13/14 APRIL

Hull KR 26 (J. Burgess 2, N. Evalds, E. Minchella, K. Tanginoa tries; M. Lewis 3 goals) defeated Leigh 14 (U. Hanley, K. O'Donnell tries; M. Moylan 3 goals) at Sewell Group Craven Park, Sat 5:00 PM. HT: Leigh 8-4. Ref: Chris Kendall.

Hull KR: Evalds, Burgess, Hiku, Opacic, Hall; May, Lewis; Sue, Litten, Whitbread, Hadley, Batchelor, Minchella (C). Int: Parcell, Storton, Tanginoa, Tennison. Leigh: Moylan, Hanley, Hardaker, Leutele, Charnley, McNamara, Lam (C); Amone, Dwyer, Trout, O'Donnell, Halton, Hughes. Int: Norman, Davis, Nakubuwai, Chamberlain.

Huddersfield 34 (J. Connor, S. Ikahihifo, E. Marsters, A. Milner, K. Naiqama, A. Swift tries; J. Connor 5 goals) defeated Catalans 6 (M. Ikuvalu try; A. Mourgue goal) at Stade Gilbert Brutus, Sat 7:00 PM. HT: Huddersfield 16-0. Ref: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,892.

Catalans: Mourgue, Davies, Romano, Laguerre, Ikuvalu; Nikorima, Fages; McMeeken, Da Costa, Navarrete, Sims, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Bousquet, Sironen, Rougé, Satae. Huddersfield: Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; English, Milner, Greenwood, Murchie, Cudjoe, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Rushton, Ikahihifo, Salabio.

Wigan 60 (L. Marshall 4, A. Miski 2, T. Dupree, B. French, A. Keighran, K. Leeming, B. O'Neill, J. Wardle tries; H. Smith 6 goals) defeated Castleford 6 (I. Senior try; D. Richardson goal) at The Jungle, Castleford, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Wigan 28-6. Ref: Liam Moore. Crowd: 4,097.

Castleford: Broadbent, Hodson, Tasipale, Wood, Senior; Richardson, Miller; Johnson, Horne, Kibula, Mellor, El-Zakhem, Westerman (C). Int: Namo, Robb, Martin, Hindmarsh. Wigan: Field, Miski, Keighran, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Dupree, Isa, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Mago, Leeming, Hill, Nsemba.

Warrington 31 (M. Ashton, J. Harrison, J. Thewlis, G. Williams, C. Wrench tries; J. Thewlis 5 goals; G. Williams field goal) defeated St Helens 8 (K. Hurrell try; J. Bennison 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium, Sun 4:30 PM. HT: Warrington 7-6. Ref: Jack Smith. Crowd: 11,280.

St Helens: Welsby, Makinson, Hurrell, Blake, Bennison; Lomax (C), Dodd; Walmsley, Clark, Delaney, Sironen, Batchelor, Knowles. Int: Mata'utia, Mbye, Bell, Whitley. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Wrench, Ashton; Williams (C), Hayes; Harrison, Walker, Philbin, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Crowther. Int: Bullock, Holroyd, Powell, Wood.

Warrington 46 (M. Dufty 2, M. Ashton, J. Drinkwater, S. Powell, R. Tai, D. Walker, G. Williams tries; J. Thewlis 7 goals) defeated Huddersfield 10 (K. Naiqama, A. Swift tries; J. Connor goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium. Sun 3:15 PM. HT: Warrington 22-4. Ref: Liam Moore. Crowd: 9,253.

Huddersfield: Connor, Swift, Marsters, Naiqama, Wallis; Lolohea, Clune; Wilson, Milner; English, Murchie, Cudjoe, Yates (C). Int: Golding, Rushton, Ikahihifo, Salabio. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton; Williams (C), Drinkwater; Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Philbin, Musgrove, Crowther, Powell.

looked shell-shocked, having largely dominated the opening exchanges. However, the game began to settle into a rhythm after the frenetic opening exchanges. Although Warrington had gained a foothold in the game, a series of unforced errors in Wigan territory blunted their attacking threat. French went close for Wigan on the stroke of half-time but had his effort ruled out for a double movement, making the score 12-2 at the break.

Warrington forced the pace right from the start of the set, forcing a Wigan knock-on ten metres out after Ashton attempted an offload. This gave Warrington a great field position right from the whistle. However, Wigan's defence held firm and, this time, they were able to force Ashton into touch to avert the danger. Wigan's high kicks were causing all sorts of problems for Warrington, as Dufty failed to take another after 50 minutes. This gave Wigan another set of six near the Warrington line, however, they were unable to convert the chance. Their commitment in defence could not be questioned, however, the challenge was creating a meaningful chance at the other end. The uneasy stasis on the scoreboard was finally broken after 56 minutes, as Wigan's inspirational captain, Liam Farrell, went over to score. Farrell ran a great line to receive the pass thirty metres from the line. He rounded full-back, Dufty, and crashed over to score, despite the best efforts of Matty Nicholson in defence. Harry Smith made no mistake with the conversion to make the score 18-2 and give Warrington a mountain to climb. A high shot from Farrell gave Warrington a set of six deep in Wigan territory, from which they forced a goal-line dropout. It was their first meaningful pressure of the second half, and you felt that if they did not convert this opportunity, they would never score. However, Dufty stepped up, cutting inside, and wrong-footing the defence to give the Wolves hope. Thewlis added the conversion and suddenly Warrington had hope. However, that hope was fading as each second ticked by and, with Warrington forcing the play, errors crept into their game again. A Warrington knock-on gave Wigan a good position to try for a drop goal, however, Harry Smith kicked wide, uncharacteristically. However, it did not matter, as Warrington were unable to force a way through the Wigan defence. Wigan were deserved winners on the day and stand on the verge of creating another dynasty. With a young core and incredible strength in depth, they will take some stopping in the other big games at the end of this season. **ROB MCHUGH**

Wigan 18 (Z. Eckersley, L. Farrell, B. French tries; H. Smith 3 goals) defeated Warrington 8 (M. Dufty try; J. Thewlis 2 goals) at Wembley Stadium. Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 3:07 PM. Halftime: Wigan 12-2. Penalties: Warrington 9-4. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 64,845.

Wigan: Field, Miski, Eckersley, Wardle, Marshall; French, Smith; Cooper, O'Neill, Thompson, Nsemba, Farrell (C), Ellis. Int: Havard, Byrne, Mago, Leeming. Warrington: Dufty, Thewlis, King, Tai, Ashton; Drinkwater, Williams (C); Harrison, Walker, Vaughan, Nicholson, Fitzgibbon, Currie. Int: Powell, Musgrove, Crowther, Bullock.

BETFRED WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP

MATCH DAY 1 - 16/17 MARCH

Huddersfield 74 (A. Da Silva 3, A. Brown 2, R. Grady 2, J. Harrap 2, E. Oldroyd 2, L. Naidole, B. Oates, F. Townend tries; F. Townend 9 goals) defeated Hull KR 0 at Laund Hill, Sat 12:00 PM. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. HT: Huddersfield 26-0.

Warrington 52 (D. Bound 2, A. Johnston 2, S. Simpson 2, N. Barnett, G. Burnett, A. Dennis, L. Ellison, G. Westwood tries; C. Magraw 4 goals) defeated Bradford 4 (E. Simister try) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Warrington 28-4.

Cardiff 22 (L. Burnell 2, S. Gough-Walters, Z. Heeley tries; S. Davies 3 goals) defeated Barrow 16 (L. Cottier, E. Hutchinson, E. Stirzaker tries; J. Litherland 2 goals) at Cardiff University Sports Fields, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Cardiff 16-6.

St Helens 64 (P. Hook 3, E. Rudge 3, P. Birchall, C. Crowl, F. Gaskin, Z. Harris, H. Roberts, P. Travis tries; A. Taylor 5, F. Gaskin 3 goals) defeated London 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium, Sat 3:00 PM. HT: St Helens 26-0.

Leeds 52 (Z. Hornby 2, C. Casey, B. Dainton, R. Enright, S. Hoyle, T. Moxon, L. Murray, S. Robinson, L. Whitehead tries; R. Enright 6 goals) defeated Leigh 4 (T. Blackwood try) at Twist Lane, Sun 12:00 PM. HT: Leeds 28-4.

Wigan 68 (E. Derbyshire 3, A. Davies 2, I. Rowe 2, M. Coleman, A. Fisher, E. Hunter, M. Jones, A. Singleton, H. Speakman tries; E. Knowles 8 goals) defeated Salford 0 at Salford Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Wigan 36-0. Ref: Josh Pemberton.

York 76 (K. Gentles 3, S. Andrade 2, E. Partington 2, T. Stanley 2, J. Bell, E. Izumi, R. Marshall, A. Stimpson tries; T. Stanley 12 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (S. Judd, A. Wood tries; T. Thomas goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: York 40-4.

GROUP 1 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	YORK	2	2	-	-	4	+140
2.	FEATHERSTONE	2	1	1	-	2	-42

QUARTER FINALS - 13/14 APRIL

Leeds 70 (R. Enright 4, E. Cousins 2, A. Hardcastle 2, S. Robinson 2, K. Bennett, B. Dainton, G. Field, T. Moxon tries; R. Enright 7 goals) defeated Warrington 10 (D. Bound, G. Burnett tries; C. Magraw goal) at AMT Headingley Stadium, Sat 12:00 PM. HT: Leeds 28-10.

St Helens 74 (L. Burke 3, D. Stott 2, N. Williams 2, A. Bridge, C. Crowl, T. Jones, K. Mottershead, P. Travis, V. Whitfield, R. Woosley tries; A. Taylor 9 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Crusader Park, Sat 12:00 PM. HT: St Helens 20-0.

Wigan 44 (M. Coleman 2, K. Hilton 2, G. Banks, R. Casey, A. Davies, C. Miller, I. Rowe tries; E. Knowles 4 goals) defeated Cardiff 4 (E. Michael try) at Leigh Miners Welfare Sports Club, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Wigan 20-4.

York 70 (G. Hetherington 2, L. Owen 2, E. Partington 2, E. Kershaw, R. Marshall, T. Renouf, C. Roberts, J. Sharp, T. Stanley, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 9 goals) defeated Featherstone 0 at LNER Community Stadium, Sun 12:00 PM. HT: York 44-0.

SEMI FINALS - 18/19 MAY

St Helens 32 (P. Hook 2, L. Burke, E. Rudge, D. Stott, G. Sutherland tries; F. Gaskin 4 goals) defeated York 2 (R. Marshall goal) at Eco-Power Stadium, Sat 11:15 AM. HT: St Helens 6-0. Ref: Aaryn Belafonte.

Leeds 34 (R. Enright 2, C. Beevers, K. Bennett, H. Butcher, Z. Hornby, L. Murray tries; R. Enright 3 goals) defeated Wigan 20 (G. Banks, J. Gregory-Haselden, V. Molyneux tries; E. Knowles 4 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium, Sun 12:30 PM. HT: 14-all. Ref: Adam Williams.

MATCH DAY 2 - 23/24 MARCH

St Helens 48 won by forfeit against Bradford 0.

Cardiff 58 (Z. Heeley 5, C. Mundy 2, L. Burnell, L. Davies, K. Hubbert, B. Price, M. Whittaker tries; S. Davies 5 goals) defeated Salford 0 at Cardiff University Sports Fields, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Cardiff 32-0.

Featherstone 38 (B. Churm 2, C. Billington, K. Evans, E. Lamb, S. Mannion, H. Watt tries; T. Bryer 4, C. Smith goals) defeated Sheffield 6 (D. Green try; D. Green goal) at Millennium Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Featherstone 10-6.

Leeds 90 (R. Enright 3, C. Casey 2, S. Hoyle 2, B. Dainton, J. Earnshaw-Cudjoe, G. Field, Z. Hornby, T. Moxon, L. Murray, I. Northrop, B. Sykes, E. Watson tries; R. Enright 13 goals) defeated Hull KR 0 at Sewell Group Craven Park, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Leeds 46-0.

Huddersfield 36 (A. Brown 5, A. Da Silva 2 tries; E. Thompson 2, F. Townend 2 goals) defeated Leigh 6 (C. Collins try; C. Mevin goal) at Twist Lane, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Huddersfield 20-0.

Wigan 20 (E. Derbyshire 2, K. Hilton, I. Rowe tries; I. Rowe 2 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (V. Temple 2, M. Larkin, A. Rush tries; J. Litherland goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: Barrow 14-6.

Warrington 24 (S. Simpson 2, G. Burnett, L. Ellison, A. Johnston tries; C. Magraw 2 goals) defeated London 6 (J. Rampton try; K. Salter goal) at Rosslyn Park, Sun 3:30 PM. HT: Warrington 14-6.

GROUP 2 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	WIGAN	3	3	-	-	6	+110
2.	CARDIFF	3	2	1	-	4	+24
3.	Barrow	3	1	2	-	2	+38
4.	Salford	3	-	3	-	0	-172

GROUP 3 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	ST HELENS	3*	3	-	-	6	+164
2.	WARRINGTON	3	2	1	-	4	+14
3.	London	3	1	2	-	2	-34
4.	Bradford	3*	-	3	-	0	-144

FINAL: ST HELENS 22 LEEDS 0

St Helens retained the Women's Challenge Cup, in a repeat of the 2023 final. However, this year, the Saints were completely dominant, defeating the Leeds Rhinos in a clinical display. The Leeds side was resolute and determined, however, they lacked the cutting edge of a well-coached Saints side, who were good value for their victory.

The opening exchanges were a tense affair, with neither side wanting to make a mistake. In the seventh minute, the ground rose in unison to pay tribute to Rob Burrow in an emotional tribute to the great man. Leeds then thought they had opened the scoring in the 14th minute, only to have the try ruled out. The Saints' defence failed to deal with a kick through, with Phoebe Hook dropping the ball near the Saints' line. However, Liv Whitehead was unable to take the opportunity, knocking on with the try line begging. St Helens then took control, thanks to Faye Gaskin. Picking up the ball close to the Leeds line, Gaskin threw a brilliant dummy, wrong-footing the Leeds defence and allowing her to open the scoring. Gaskin then converted her own try to give the Saints a 6-0 lead after 25 minutes. The Saints did not need long to extend their lead, as Phoebe Hook got on to the scoresheet. Hook dived into the corner to finish off a short-side play, with half-back Zoe Harris throwing a brilliant miss pass to put Harris in to score. Gaskin missed a difficult kick from the touchline to make the score 10-0 and give the Rhinos a mountain to climb. The Rhinos were fortunate to finish the game with a full complement on the field after a high shot from Shona Hoyle was punished with a penalty, but nothing more.

MATCH DAY 3 - 6/7 APRIL

York 80 (E. Kershaw 2, E. Partington 2, C. Roberts 2, T. Stanley 2, L. Eastwood, K. Fitzpatrick, K. Gentles, R. Marshall, T. Renouf, S. Rihari, A. Stimpson tries; T. Stanley 10 goals) defeated Featherstone 6 (C. Smith try; T. Bryer goal) at York St John University Sports Park, Sat 2:00 PM. HT: York 52-0.

Leeds 54 (T. Moxon 3, B. Dainton 2, A. Hardcastle, Z. Hornby, S. Hoyle, L. Murray, I. Northrop, L. Whitehead tries; R. Enright 5 goals) defeated Huddersfield 10 (A. Brown 2 tries; F. Townend goal) at West Park, Sun 12:00 PM. HT: Leeds 26-6.

St Helens 58 (B. Salihi 3, P. Hook 2, R. Woosley 2, F. Gaskin, T. Jones, D. Stott, E. Stott tries; A. Taylor 7 goals) defeated Warrington 6 (S. Donougher try; C. Magraw goal) at Dallam Playing Fields, Sun 12:00 PM.

Leigh 46 (H. Dogus 3, T. Blackwood, R. Burke, K. Howard, C. Mevin, K. Morris, M. Young tries; C. Mevin 5 goals) defeated Hull KR 0 at Sewell Group Craven Park, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Leigh 10-0.

Barrow 46 (V. Temple 3, M. Dobson, K. Friend, C. Hutchinson, E. Hutchinson, B. Lindsay, S. Norman, A. Rush tries; J. Litherland 3 goals) defeated Salford 0 at Salford Stadium, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Barrow 26-0.

Wigan 44 (A. Davies 2, A. Fisher 2, E. Derbyshire, O. Harborow, E. Hunter, C. Miller tries; E. Knowles 6 goals) defeated Cardiff 4 (A. Price try) at Robin Park Arena, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Wigan 26-4.

London 48 (N. Kennedy 3, J. Rampton 3, O. Davies 2, B. Smart, C. Treco tries; K. Salter 4 goals) defeated Bradford 0 at Rosslyn Park, Sun 3:30 PM. HT: London 38-0.

GROUP 4 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	LEEDS	3	3	-	-	6	+182
2.	HUDDERSFIELD	3	2	1	-	4	+60
3.	Leigh	3	1	2	-	2	-32
4.	Hull KR	3	-	3	-	0	-210

Saints were straight back on the front foot in the second half, and only needed five minutes to extend their lead, through centre, Luci McColm. McColm took in a short pass before bursting through the Leeds line to score from around ten metres out. Gaskin was again on target with the conversion to give the Saints a 16-0 lead after 45 minutes. Whilst Leeds tried to apply pressure to the Saints line, in reality, they never posed a sustained scoring threat, and a series of errors meant that they surrendered what few opportunities they created. St Helens would score the final score of the game in the 71st minute, sealing an incredible fourth consecutive Challenge Cup win. Chantelle Crowl crashed onto a short ball near the Leeds line and barged over for a try. The try was sent upstairs for confirmation from the Video Referee, as there was a potential obstruction in as Crowl ran through, however, the officials deemed that no obstruction had taken place. It was a well-deserved final score for the Saints who were the better side on the day. Faye Gaskin added the final conversion to make the final score 22-0 and drive the final nail into the Leeds coffin. Leeds fought hard but were left to rue missed chances at the end of a bruising encounter. Zoe Harris was deservedly named player of the match after a brilliant display. **ROB MCHUGH**

St Helens 22 (C. Crowl, F. Gaskin, P. Hook, L. McColm tries; F. Gaskin 3 goals) defeated Leeds 0 at Wembley Stadium. Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 11:45 AM. HT: St Helens 10-0. Penalties: St Helens 4-1. Ref: Aaron Moore. Leeds: Enright, Cousins, Hardcastle, Beevers, Whitehead; Butcher (C), Casey, Field, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Hoyle, Sykes. Int: Dainton, Donnelly, Hornby, Robinson. St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, McColm, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham (C). Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, Sutherland.

MATCH DAY 1 - SATURDAY 27 & SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

York 114 (C. Bailey 4, W. Dagger 3, A. Towse 3, J. Brown 2, J. Dee 2, J. Thompson 2, O. Field, C. Fitzsimmons, L. Harris, H. Reynolds, N. Williams tries; W. Dagger 9, N. Williams 4, L. Harris 2 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (J. Snowden, D. White tries; T. Hepple goal) at Kingston Park, Sat 3:00 PM. HT: York 46-6. Ref: Brad Milligan.

Swinton 40 (D. Abram 2, M. Chrimes, M. Cox, J. Eaves, D. Patton, G. Roby tries; D. Patton 6 goals) defeated North Wales 12 (P. Ah Van, B. Evans tries; O. Abel 2 goals) at Stadiwm CSM, Sun 2:00 PM. HT: Swinton 24-0. Ref: Scott Mikalaukas. Crowd: 520.

Featherstone 62 (G. Gale 3, C. Jones 2, G. Minikin 2, C. Aekins, J. Arnold, B. Reynolds, D. Roberts tries; B. Reynolds 5, T. Lacans 4 goals) defeated Hunslet 12 (A. Goddard, J. Render tries; M. Beharrell 2 goals) at South Leeds Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Featherstone 34-6. Ref: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 875.

Keighley 35 (C. Graham 2, B. Dean, L. Lanskey, B. Pickersgill, E. Robson tries; J. Miller 5 goals; J. Miller field goal) defeated Dewsbury 6 (M. Garside try; P. Sykes goal) at Cougar Park, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Keighley 17-6. Ref: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 839.

Doncaster 40 (T. Halliday 3, B. Johnston, J. Kenga, P. Pauli, C. Robinson tries; C. Robinson 6 goals) defeated Midlands 4 (M. Kirkbright try) at Alexander Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Doncaster 10-0. Ref: Luke Bland. Crowd: 180.

Oldham 24 (M. Agoro 2, B. O'Keefe, J. Turner tries; J. Ellis 4 goals) defeated Halifax 20 (G. Eden 2, B. Tibbs, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 2 goals) at Boundary Park, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Oldham 12-4. Ref: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,521.

Barrow 30 (J. Stack 2, M. Clarke, R. Johnston, A. Smith tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) defeated Workington 8 (D. Eccleston, C. Taylor tries) at Fibrus Community Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Barrow 12-0. Ref: Andy Sweet.

GROUP 1 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	BARROW	2	2	-	-	4	+28
2.	Whitehaven	2	1	1	-	2	0
3.	Workington	2	-	2	-	0	-28

GROUP 2 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	BRADFORD	2	2	-	-	4	+44
2.	Keighley	2	1	1	-	2	+21
3.	Dewsbury	2	-	2	-	0	-65

QUARTER FINALS - SATURDAY 2 & SUNDAY 3 MARCH

Wakefield 30 (R. Atoni 2, J. Griffin, M. Jowitt, H. Smith tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Barrow 12 (M. Anderson-Moore 2 tries; R. Shaw 2 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium, Sat 3:00 PM. HT: Wakefield 18-0. Ref: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,809.

Bradford 21 (C. Butler, K. Gill, J. Lilley tries; J. Lilley 4 goals; J. Lilley field goal) defeated Swinton 12 (D. Abram, J. Spedding tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Bradford 9-6. Ref: Scott Mikalaukas.

Sheffield 26 (J. Farrell, J. Hansen, B. Jones-Bishop, K. Welham tries; C. Aston 5 goals) defeated Batley 10 (K. Buchanan, B. White tries; J. Woods goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Sheffield 12-6. Ref: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 727.

MATCH DAY 2 - SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Batley 15 (L. Cooper, E. Kear tries; J. Woods 3 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Featherstone 14 (G. Gale, G. Minikin, M. Wacokecoko tries; B. Reynolds goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium, 2:00 PM. HT: Batley 12-6. Ref: Cameron Worsley.

Bradford 40 (J. Taufua 2, J. Arundel, K. Gill, A. McGowan, J. Myers, E. Scurr, M. Souter tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 4 (P. Whiteley try) at FLAIR Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Bradford 32-4. Ref: Andy Sweet.

Sheffield 22 (O. Roberts 2, T. Gwaze, E. Hodgson tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated Doncaster 18 (B. Johnston, J. Lovodua, A. Sutcliffe tries; C. Robinson 3 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Sheffield 8-6. Ref: Kevin Moore.

Halifax 52 (B. Crooks 2, G. Eden, M. Gee, T. Inman, L. Joffret, B. Kavanagh, B. Tibbs, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 8 goals) defeated Rochdale 12 (B. Killan, D. Nixon tries; M. Ridyrd 2 goals) at Crown Oil Arena, 3:00 PM. HT: Halifax 22-0. Ref: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,200.

Swinton 18 (M. Chrimes, J. Gibson, R. Williams tries; D. Patton 3 goals) defeated Widnes 6 (K. Dixon try; K. Dixon goal) at Heywood Road, 3:00 PM. HT: 4-all. Ref: Michael Smail. Crowd: 1,006.

Barrow 18 (M. Clarke, M. Costello, J. Greenwood tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) defeated Whitehaven 12 (L. Hanneghan, R. King tries; J. Carter 2 goals) at The Ortus REC, 3:00 PM. HT: Barrow 4-0. Ref: Bradley Milligan.

Wakefield 40 (L. Walmsley 3, L. Gale, J. Griffin, J. McGillvary, C. Uele tries; M. Jowitt 6 goals) defeated York 4 (W. Jubb try) at LNER Community Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Wakefield 24-0. Ref: Scott Mikalaukas.

GROUP 3 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	WAKEFIELD	2	2	-	-	4	+146
2.	YORK	2	1	1	-	2	+68
3.	Newcastle	2	-	2	-	0	-214

GROUP 4 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	OLDHAM	2	2	-	-	4	+30
2.	Halifax	2	1	1	-	2	+36
3.	Rochdale	2	-	2	-	0	-66

GROUP 5 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	BATLEY	2	2	-	-	4	+37
2.	Featherstone	2	1	1	-	2	+49
3.	Hunslet	2	-	2	-	0	-86

York 46 (W. Dagger 2, R. Myler 2, C. Fitzsimmons, L. Harris, M. Harrison, A. Towse tries; W. Dagger 7 goals) defeated Oldham 12 (L. Astley, O. Farnworth tries; J. Ellis 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: York 34-6. Ref: Ben Thaler.

SEMI FINALS - SUNDAY 12 MAY

Wakefield 40 (M. Ashurst 2, R. Atoni, L. Hood, J. McGillvary, D. Olpherts, K. Rodwell tries; M. Jowitt 6 goals) defeated Bradford 14 (Z. Fulton, K. Gill tries; J. Lilley 3 goals) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium, Sun 3:00 PM. HT: Bradford 8-6. Ref: Liam Rush. Crowd: 5,340.

Sheffield 28 (M. Marsh 2, M. Dawson-Jones, J. Glover tries; C. Aston 6 goals) defeated York 18 (T. Lineham, C. Severs, J. Teanby tries; W. Dagger 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Sheffield 16-12. Ref: Scott Mikalaukas.

MATCH DAY 3 - SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Widnes 30 (M. Butt, J. Edge, M. Fozard, J. Lyons, L. Roby, M. Wood tries; T. Gilmore 2, J. Edge goals) defeated North Wales 14 (P. Ah Van 2, M. Reid tries; O. Abel goal) at Stadiwm CSM, 2:30 PM. HT: Widnes 18-10. Ref: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,088.

Batley 36 (J. Burton 3, J. Brown, D. Manning, G. Senior, B. White tries; J. Woods 4 goals) defeated Hunslet 0 at South Leeds Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Batley 14-0. Ref: Scott Mikalaukas. Crowd: 700.

Bradford 26 (K. Appo, S. Hallas, J. Lilley, A. McGowan, J. Taufua tries; J. Lilley 3 goals) defeated Keighley 18 (C. Graham, M. Ioane, L. Lanskey tries; J. Miller 3 goals) at Cougar Park, 3:00 PM. HT: Bradford 16-6. Ref: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,729.

Sheffield 30 (M. Marsh 2, R. Johnson, B. Liu, R. Millar, O. Roberts tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated Midlands 16 (I. Nakoronivalu, R. Oakes, J. Varo tries; D. Hewitt 2 goals) at Alexander Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Sheffield 14-0. Ref: Michael Smail. Crowd: 345.

Wakefield 110 (R. Franco 4, M. Lino 3, T. Boothroyd 2, M. Cozza 2, J. Pitts 2, R. Atoni, N. Booth, J. Croft, O. Pratt, H. Smith, L. Walmsley tries; M. Lino 13, M. Jowitt 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Millennium Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Wakefield 64-0. Ref: Lewis O'Brien. Crowd: 1,378.

Oldham 38 (M. Agoro, L. Astley, T. Chapelhow, D. Craven, J. Johnson, A. Lawton, J. Turner tries; J. Ellis 5 goals) defeated Rochdale 12 (J. Andrade, K. Baker tries; M. Rudd 2 goals) at Boundary Park, 3:00 PM. HT: Oldham 26-0. Ref: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,662.

Whitehaven 28 (J. Maizen 2, J. Carter, R. Corkill, J. Romeo tries; J. Carter 4 goals) defeated Workington 22 (D. Eccleston, M. Henson, J. Sammut, S. Scholey tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium, 3:00 PM. HT: Workington 16-12. Ref: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,476.

GROUP 6 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	SWINTON	2	2	-	-	4	+40
2.	Widnes	2	1	1	-	2	+4
3.	North Wales	2	-	2	-	0	-44

GROUP 7 TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS	+/-
1.	SHEFFIELD	2	2	-	-	4	+18
2.	Doncaster	2	1	1	-	2	+32
3.	Midlands	2	-	2	-	0	-50

FINAL: WAKEFIELD 50 SHEFFIELD 6

Wakefield 50 (J. Griffin 2, J. McGillvary 2, O. Pratt 2, T. Doyle, L. Gale, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated Sheffield 6 (A. Thackeray try; C. Aston goal) at Wembley Stadium.

Date: Sat, 8th June. Kickoff: 5:45 PM. Ref: Tom Grant. HT: Wakefield Trinity 18-6. Penalties: Sheffield 6-3.

Sheffield: Hansen, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray (C); Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Clark, Murphy, Wood, Sene-Lefao.

Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst (C), Griffin, Pitts. Int: Kay, Uele, Rodwell, Doyle.

MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP HONOUR ROLL

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	2024	Wigan	Warrington

WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP HONOUR ROLL

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
2024	St Helens	Leeds Rhinos

1895 CUP HONOUR ROLL

Year	Winner	Runner Up
2019	Sheffield Eagles	Widnes Vikings
2021	Featherstone Rovers	York City Knights
2022	Leigh Centurions	Featherstone Rovers
2023	Halifax Panthers	Batley Bulldogs
2024	Wakefield Trinity	Bradford Bulls

CASTLEFORD TIGERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

The COVID and post-COVID seasons of 2021-22 saw the Tigers finish one place outside the finals. 2023 saw them at a point where they needed to change something to reach the finals. What transpired was a horror start that saw them lose their opening 4 games and the axing of coach Lee Radford. Andy Last deputised until Round 22, securing 5 wins from 20 games before he was replaced by Danny Ward for the rest of the season. They finished second last.

For 2024 they hired Craig Lingard as coach and hoped to get back up the table, but another poor season followed, and while most metrics show the club did improve, they still ran in the bottom 3, a long way from the top 6. Club owner Martin Jepson decided promote assistant coach Danny McGuire to head coach for the 2025 season. He will become the clubs fifth coach in just 3 years.

The Tigers lost their opening 6 Super League games before a high scoring victory over Salford got them on the winners board. A 40-0 shut-out of London was immediately followed by a determined 28 all draw with Leigh. A narrow 2 point loss to Wigan was followed by a 1 point loss to Hull KR before 3 straight wins over St Helens, London and Catalans, but just as a surge up the ladder beckoned, the Tigers would lose 5 straight and 8 of their remaining 9 games.

Castleford were the 9th, and lowest ranked team in the A grade (top tier) under the IMG rankings system, ensuring they maintain their place in Super League. While this came as little surprise, it was possibly the best news the club had in another miserly season.

TURNING POINT

Round 19 – Despite sitting well down the ladder, at the end of Round 18, Cas had got themselves well away from the bottom of the table and 2 wins away from 8th place. They were coming up against a Salford side who had lost their last 2 games, while the Tigers had won their previous 3 straight. Salford though won 30-22 and it would be the beginning of the end of the season for Castleford who would win just 1 of their last 9 games.

WHAT WORKED

Attack. In 2023 the Tigers were second last in attack, averaging less than 12 points per game. In 2024, their average points scored jumped up by almost 4 points per game. In 2023, 27 of their 58 tries were scored by wingers, showing an inability to produce points in the middle of the field. In 2024 their middle attack was markedly improved, producing far more points and giving opposition defences more work to do.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Defence. Again. While 2024 saw a moderate improvement defensively, it was still nowhere near good enough to be competitive with the top 6 sides. They conceded 735 points in 2024, down from the 774 last year (which was the worst in the League). Until they can get this facet immensely better, they will continue to struggle at the wrong end of the table.

BEST PLAYERS

After a challenging start to the season, George Lawler made a significant comeback through his powerful ball-carrying ability and defensive reliability, which made him a crucial part of the forward pack. The arrival of Rowan Milnes had a big impact on the improved attack for the Tigers. His kicking and passing game was integral to the Tigers improved attack in the middle. Back rower Elie El-Zakhem had a strong season, topping the stats for the club for most tackles and most metres gained amongst the forwards. His offload was improved and utilised effectively through the middle.

ROOKIES

Energetic 21 year-old rake Cain Robb had a challenging season with injuries, but when he was playing he was sharp out of dummy half, showing his ability to create and set up plays. Corey Hall also had a strong year, and despite being 21 years old, he was in his fifth season in 2024. His defence was better again in 2024 and he looks to be a good pick up for Wakefield for next year.

LOOKING AHEAD

Some of the teams best and most consistent performers will not be at the club in 2025. Paul McShane, Danny Richardson, Corey Hall, and Elie El-Zakhem are all departing for new clubs. The Tigers have signed skillful half Daejarn Asi and winger Zac Cini, both from the Parramatta Eels, while they also picked up twins Innes and Louis Senior in 2024. Their roster could do with a few more top line players which will help bolster their depth for new coach Danny McGuire.

The club needs to stand behind McGuire for a few seasons and try and create a settled environment which will in turn help them lure some big name signings. As for 2025, its hard to see where the Tigers will find any considerable improvement, but if they can try and be vastly more consistent defensively, that will help them immensely moving forward.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	1	WIG	L 4 32	The Jungle	10117
25	2	SAL	L 22 26	Salford	4770
Mar-01	3	WAR	L 8 30	Halliwel Jones	8483
8	4	HUD	L 8 50	The Jungle	7040
16	5	CAT	L 14 40	Gilbert Brutus	8159
23	CC R6	BAT	W 28 14	Fox's Biscuits	
28	6	LEE	L 6 26	The Jungle	9026
Apr-05	7	SAL	W 36 24	The Jungle	7967
14	CC QF	WIG	L 6 60	The Jungle	4097
19	8	WIG	L 14 36	DW	13029
26	9	LON	W 40 0	The Jungle	6996
May-04	10	LEI	D 28 28	Leigh Sports	8035
10	11	STH	L 4 60	The Jungle	7869
24	12	HUL	W 30 22	The Jungle	8269
Jun-01	13	LEE	L 4 32	AMT Headingley	14529
14	14	WIG	L 8 10	The Jungle	6965
20	15	HKR	L 12 13	The Jungle	7897
Jul-05	16	STH	W 8 6	Totally Wicked	9808
12	17	LON	W 34 20	Kuflink Stadium	2050
21	18	CAT	W 24 18	The Jungle	7331
27	19	SAL	L 22 30	Salford Stadium	3146
Aug-01	20	LEI	L 10 20	The Jungle	7247
9	21	HKR	L 6 36	Craven Park	9585
18	22	HUD	L 12 20	Elland Road	22293
23	23	WAR	L 6 28	The Jungle	7449
31	24	HUL	W 39 20	MKM Stadium	10271
Sep-06	25	LEI	L 12 34	The Jungle	9053
13	26	STH	L 4 40	Totally Wicked	12058
19	27	HUD	L 10 34	John Smith's	4138

ROUND																												SEASON STATS							
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BROADBENT, Jack	C	C	C	B	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB																				9	1	1	-	-	4
EL-ZAKHEM, Elie	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	26	-	2	-	-	8	
ENGLISH, Matty																B	B	B	B											-	4	-	-	-	-
ESEH, Sam													B																	-	1	-	-	-	-
GRIFFIN, George												B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	8	1	-	-	-	-	
HALL, Corey										C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	14	-	2	-	-	8		
HALL, Sam	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	B	FR		FR	B	B		FR	FR		B					B						6	9	1	-	-	4		
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HINDMARSH, Daniel									B													B	B	FR	B		B	B	1	6	-	-	-	-	
HINDMARSH-TAKYI, Daniel										B																			-	1	-	-	-	-	
HODSON, Joshua						C	C	C	W	C																			5	-	-	-	-	-	
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HORNE, Liam	H	H	H	H	H	L	B	B	H	H	B	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	L	L	22	5	4	-	-	16	
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McSHANE, Paul						H	H	H			H	H	H	HB												B	B	H	H	10	2	2	2	-	12
MARTIN, Brad					2R	2R		B	B	B	B	B														B			2	7	1	-	-	4	
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MELLOR, Alex			2R	C	2R	C	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	C	C	C	C	C	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	C	26	-	5	-	-	20
MILLER, Jacob	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	26	-	3	-	-	12	
MILNES, Rowan		B	FE	FE	FE	FE				FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	23	1	8	51	1	135		
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NAMO, Sylvester				FR				B	B				B	B	B	B				B	B	B	B	B	B	B		B	1	14	1	-	-	4	
PUTT, Nixon	FR	FR	B	B										B	B														3	4	-	-	-	-	
QAREQARE, Jason	W	W										W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	17	-	6	-	-	24		
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VETE, Albert				B	B	B	B																						-	4	-	-	-	-	
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WINDLEY, Jenson																										FE	HB	HB	3	2	1	-	-	4	
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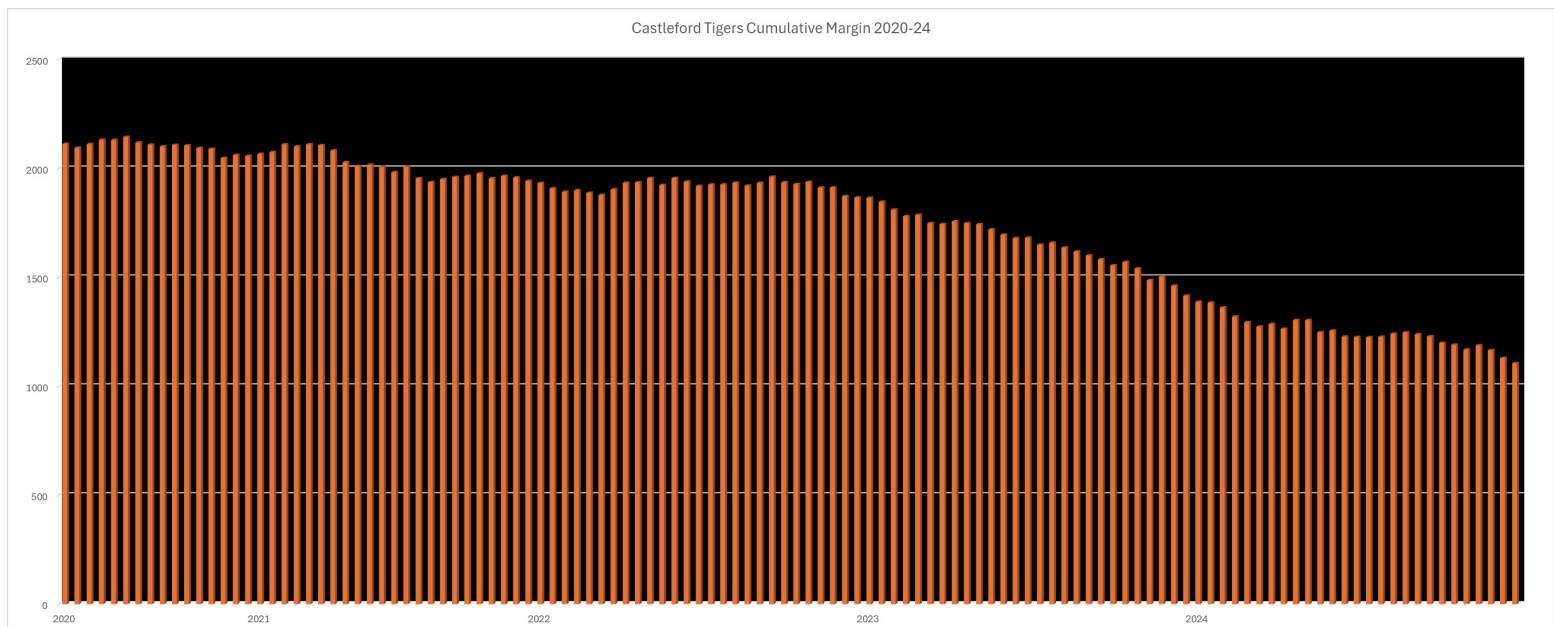
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Captains
Biggest home crowd

Craig Lingard
Joe Westerman (21), Paul McShane (6), Liam Watts (2)
10,117 (vs. Wigan in round 1)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top try scorer
Player of the Year

7,666
League: Rowan Milnes (131); All: Rowan Milnes (135)
League: Innes Senior (14); All: Innes Senior (17)
Alex Mellor



CATALANS DRAGONS

CHRIS GLOVER (THE TRYLINE UK)

In 2021, Catalans won the League Leaders' Shield and were beaten Grand Finalists. In 2022, Catalans had a disappointing year and meekly exited the play offs at the first hurdle. In 2023, Catalans finished second, missed out on the Minor Premiership on points difference and were beaten Grand Finalists.

Perhaps it should not have come as a surprise that Catalans' 2024 season was a disappointment, given the pattern of the last few years.

When you look at the players exiting too, large parts of Catalans' spine were dismantled ahead of the 2024 season. Full back Sam Tomkins had retired, both starting half backs Tyrone May and Mitchell Pearce were leaving. They also lost goalkicking centre Adam Keighran, the ever-consistent Matt Whitley, the reliable Mikael Goudemand and promising youngster Tiaki Chan.

It is easy to say with the benefit of hindsight but Catalans' 2024 incomings did not really work. Jordan Abdull started well but was then blighted with poor form and injury. Jaydon Nikorima didn't see the season out and Theo Fages was dependable but not exceptional and once again injury blighted. Chris Satae, Tariq Sims and Bayley Sironen had mixed success.

The mid season sacking of Jaydon Nikorima, Siva Taukeiaho and Damel Diakhate did cause disruption too. One view is that this was a show of force from a club that has lacked discipline over the years to highlight improving standards. A cynic may say that it cannot be overlooked that these players also made minimal contributions to the squad, compared to salary cap spend.

With the Super League season stretching over the course of nine calendar months, it is easy to forget that Catalans started the season very well. After eight rounds, they topped Super League with seven wins from their first eight matches. In that period came two wins against Warrington, one against St Helens and a thumping home win against eventual Grand Finalists Hull KR.

Once more, Catalans looked like contenders. There was little sign of the nosedive in form which followed. They won just four matches from mid July, two of those coming against Hull FC, one against London and another against Huddersfield, all of whom had unimpressive 2024 seasons.

Yet despite a summer run which saw six defeats in seven matches, including an away defeat to Salford which ultimately meant reaching the play offs became an insurmountable hurdle, Catalans missed out on the top six on points difference alone. This highlights quite how strong their start to 2024 was.

The sight of the sacked Jaydon Nikorima scoring under the posts for his new club Salford in that pivotal match must have been a particularly bitter pill to swallow.

The second consecutive year that Catalans have missed out on their aim courtesy of points difference. The League Leaders' Shield in 2023; the play offs in 2024. There is probably a lesson in that.

Catalans struggled in attack this year scoring just 474 points. By comparison, Huddersfield who finished in 9th spot scored 468. This must be rectified if Catalans are to have a successful 2025.

Whilst you can look at any defeat in isolation and construct a narrative around that loss, and that may not be a fair reflection, it is difficult to look beyond Catalans' away defeat to London in August by 12-10. Aside from Hull FC, Catalans were the only other side to lose to London in 2024.

On that particular day, London played to the best of their ability. But if Catalans had played anywhere near their best, they would have won, which must be a source of immense frustration. Saying that, based on their end of season form, even if they had made the play offs, it is hard to construct a cogent argument that this would have done anything but extend their season by seven more days.

Given Catalans' expectations, you may have expected head coach Steve McNamara to be under pressure after this season of disappointment. It is testament to what he has done at Catalans since he joined in summer 2017 that you did not sense his job was at risk. He has still got plenty of credit in the metaphorical bank to be afforded the chance to turn things around next year.

For 2025, there has been a reshuffle in the backroom staff with Andy Last departing and both Ryan Sheridan and Joel Tomkins joining to assist McNamara.

2025 will also see an overhaul in playing personnel. Mike McMeekan, Tom Johnstone, Tom Davies, Michael McIlorum and Matt Ikuvalu all depart. Manu Ma'u will also leave but given he did not play a single match in 2024, hardly anyone will notice, as will forgettable short term signing Jarrod Wallace.

Their replacements include the returning Sam Tomkins (whose low-quality post retirement cameo in 2024 gives cause for concern but has experience and leadership by the truckload) and eye-catching signings of Tommy Makinson, Nick Cotric, Elliott Whitehead, Luke Keary and Tevita Pangai Jr. Ollie Partington is also a shrewd pick up.

The 2025 squad is stacked. The only concern is at hooker. McIlorum has left and Alrix Da Costa's contract has expired with it unclear whether he will be at the club at 2025. Catalans have Da Costa (maybe) with Arthur Mourgue and Ben Garcia as options. None of which are ideal.

If Catalans continue their recent pattern of Grand Final, then disappointment, then 2025 would see a return to Old Trafford. Their signings show real intent and hunger to return. Their success will depend on how their largely new and experienced squad gels.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	1	WAR	W 16 10	Gilbert Brutus	8876
23	2	LON	W 34 0	Cherry Red	5102
Mar-02	3	LEE	L 10 18	AMT Headingley	14168
9	4	HUL	W 26 12	Gilbert Brutus	9140
16	5	CAS	W 40 14	Gilbert Brutus	8159
24	CC R6	HAL	W 40 4	The Shay	1811
30	6	WAR	W 32 24	Halliwel Jones	11240
Apr-06	7	STH	W 14 8	Gilbert Brutus	10724
13	CC QF	HUD	L 6 34	Gilbert Brutus	5892
20	8	HKR	W 36 6	Gilbert Brutus	8583
26	9	LEI	L 2 30	Leigh Sports	7321
May-02	10	WIG	L 8 30	DW	14481
11	11	LEE	W 26 0	Gilbert Brutus	9546
25	12	WAR	L 8 16	Gilbert Brutus	9440
31	13	STH	L 12 24	Totally Wicked	11088
Jun-15	14	LEI	L 2 10	Gilbert Brutus	9480
22	15	HUD	W 22 18	Gilbert Brutus	8254
Jul-06	16	HKR	W 15 14	Craven Park	9579
13	17	SAL	W 20 0	Gilbert Brutus	7750
21	18	CAS	L 18 24	The Jungle	7331
27	19	HUL	W 24 16	Gilbert Brutus	9214
Aug-04	20	LON	L 10 12	Cherry Red	1900
9	21	HUD	W 23 22	John Smith's	3330
18	22	HKR	L 4 36	Elland Road	22293
23	23	LEE	L 6 18	AMT Headingley	13050
31	24	WIG	L 18 26	Gilbert Brutus	11083
Sep-07	25	SAL	L 12 27	Salford Stadium	4910
14	26	LON	W 12 8	Gilbert Brutus	8855
21	27	HUL	W 24 4	MKM Stadium	9384

HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

ANDREW FERGUSON

A successful 2022 campaign, where the Giants finished third on the Super League table, would've seemed like light years away at the conclusion of their 2024 campaign. Their coach back in 2022, Ian Watson, was unceremoniously sacked after Round 16's 48-0 loss to Warrington. It was the clubs 7th loss in 8 games and saw them lose touch with the top 6. Former Giants half Luke Robinson took over the reigns for the rest of the season, with a moderate improvement – 4 wins from their remaining 11 games.

The season started with so much promise. After winning 2 of their opening 5 games, one against top side Leigh and the other a commanding 50-8 win over Castleford, while 2 competitive losses against Wigan and Hull KR. Only their Round 2 loss to Saints by 28 points was the only genuinely disappointing effort.

They then won their next 5 games, 2 of which were Cup ties where they convincingly beat Hull and then Catalans. Their run ended with an agonizing 1 point loss to Saints and the following week they lost by 2 points to Salford. Then their season completely got away from them.

TURNING POINT

Last 20 mins – Round 11 – Huddersfield had lost their last 2 games, very narrowly and were down 12-6 at half time against Wigan. The Giants were down 12-6 at the break and with 20 minutes remaining, the match was still in the balance, as the Warriors had an 18-6 lead. Wigan then score 30 points in 18 minutes to decimate the Giants 48-6. Huddersfield lost 5 of their next 6 games, sacked their coach then won 4 of their last 11 games of the season.

WHAT WORKED

Competitiveness – despite finishing 5 wins short of a finals appearance, the Giants had 7 losses in 2024 with a margin of less than 10 points, 3 of which were by 2 points or less. Had they converted some of those to wins, it would've had a positive impact on their confidence and potentially helped them push for a top 6 spot.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Playing at home – The Giants had 1 more victory on the road than they did at home, but scored almost 100 points more away from home. Only the bottom two sides , Hull and London, performed worse at home. The Giants defence was also continuing to decline on the previous 2 seasons.

BEST PLAYERS

After starting the season without scoring any tries in his first two games, winger Adam Swift went on a try scoring spree, scored in all his remaining 11 games for the club, racking up 17 tries by seasons end. He wasn't just a try scoring phenom, he was also making huge metres out of his own half, averaging over 150 metres per game. Evergreen Leroy Cudjoe was the clubs leader for tackles made and also made the most metres of all forwards for the club. Tui Lolohea was also one of the Giants best attacking players.

ROOKIES

Promising winger/fullback Aidan McGowan made the step up from Championship to Super League in the second half of the season, immediately showing he has the skillset and temperament required at the elite level. He has plenty of pace, positionally very good and has the potential to be a fullback in the near future. 19 year-old back-rower Jack Billington made his debut in Championship for Barrow last year, moved to Dewsbury this year and was twice called up to the Giants bench this year. There's every chance the big framed youngster will move into the middle of the field before too long.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Giants have been busy with the chequebook, in a bid to get the club back at the top end of the table for 2025. They've picked up England Test prop Tom Burgess, as well as his fellow South Sydney team-mates Jacob Gagai and Taane Milne. They've also signed Zac Woolford, Liam Sutcliffe and George King. Their signings show a genuine intent to improve the teams go-forward and defence in the middle and enhance their attacking prowess in the backs.

They've lost a host of players, most notably Esan Marsters, Chris Hill, Sebastine Ikahihifo and Kevin Naiqama. Also departing are Olly Russell, Adam Milner, Jake Connor and Andre Savelio.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-16	1	LEI	W 16 8	Leigh Sports	8508
24	2	STH	L 0 28	John Smith's	6812
Mar-01	3	WIG	L 16 30	DW	15357
8	4	CAS	W 50 8	The Jungle	7040
16	5	HKR	L 12 24	John Smith's	5428
23	CC R6	HUL	W 50 6	John Smith's	1673
31	6	LON	W 26 6	Cherry Red	2300
Apr-06	7	HUL	W 56 22	MKM Stadium	9631
13	CC QF	CAT	W 34 6	Gilbert Brutus	5892
19	8	LEE	W 30 24	AMT Headingley	13128
25	9	STH	L 12 13	Totally Wicked	9888
May-03	10	SAL	L 16 18	John Smith's	4843
11	11	WIG	L 6 48	John Smith's	5334
19	CC SF	WAR	L 10 46	Totally Wicked	9253
24	12	LEI	L 10 16	John Smith's	4385
31	13	HUL	W 24 18	John Smith's	4102
Jun-14	14	HKR	L 6 32	Craven Park	9304
22	15	CAT	L 18 22	Gilbert Brutus	8254
Jul-05	16	WAR	L 0 48	Halliwel Jones	9760
13	17	LEI	L 16 20	Leigh Sports	7160
19	18	SAL	W 16 8	John Smith's	4119
25	19	LEE	L 6 34	John Smith's	4924
Aug-01	20	WIG	L 14 28	Brick Community	11660
9	21	CAT	L 22 23	John Smith's	3330
18	22	CAS	W 20 12	Elland Road	22293
24	23	SAL	L 10 60	Salford Stadium	3319
Sep-01	24	STH	L 10 18	John Smith's	3877
8	25	LON	W 22 16	John Smith's	3439
14	26	WAR	L 0 66	John Smith's	4181
19	27	CAS	W 34 10	John Smith's	4138

HULL FC

CHRIS GLOVER (THE TRYLINE UK)

I will start this review with a selection of quotes from then-Hull FC owner Adam Pearson given to Hull Live over the years.

In February 2023, Pearson said: "We are relatively confident for the season, but we're very aware that we've said these messages before in the past".

Hull FC finished in 10th place.

In November 2023, he said: "we knew this was going to be a transitional season". Note he did not say such a thing pre-season.

Prior to the 2024 season Pearson said "the surgery on our squad has been undertaken now" and "Hopefully, the new identity and that new energy we've brought in will make sure we're competing in every single game next year."

Hull FC finished in 11th place, avoided the wooden spoon on points difference and certainly did not compete in every game. They have now conducted further radical 'surgery' to their squad for 2025.

In September 2024 after another awful year, Pearson said: "There is a bright future ahead for Hull FC. Of that, I am confident. The work that has been carried out behind the scenes in the last few months has filled me with renewed optimism".

You would forgive any Hull FC fan who did not share that optimism. You would forgive any Hull FC fan who had stopped listening to Adam Pearson's promises of a better tomorrow that never seems to materialise.

For all of Hull FC's flaws, one of those is not their supporters. Despite year after year of dirge, their average attendance is the fourth highest in Super League. Over 6,000 memberships were sold for the new season by the end of October 2024. A level of support that the club arguably has not earned.

Since 2022, Hull FC fans have seen their team lose at home 16-62 to Leeds, 18-46 to Castleford, 6-60 to St Helens, 4-36 to a Hull KR side with 16 men, 14-60 to Salford, 0-40 to Hull KR, 20-52 to Huddersfield, 0-22 to Hull KR, 4-54 to Leigh, 22-56 to Huddersfield, 6-46 to St Helens and 4-58 to Salford.

And that does not even account for some equally dire away results including 60 point losses to Wigan and Leeds and two defeats against London in 2024; a side made up of many part time players.

By contrast to London, Hull FC owner Adam Pearson has confirmed that Hull FC spend up to the salary cap. The level of performance when compared to the salary cap outlay is disgraceful.

If anything, Hull FC are getting worse not better. But, given that this is a review of Hull FC's season, it would be remiss of me not to mention the high points.

This will be quite brief because they only won three times. One of those was a fortunate home win against London, one was a decent performance against an admittedly out of form Leeds side and the highlight was a genuinely impressive 24-22 home win against Wigan.

This performance was an outlier and everything that Hull FC were not in the rest of 2024. They were confident, attacked well, were aggressive and showed an admirable level of commitment to hold off a fightback from the best side in the competition.

In terms of playing personnel, several of Hull FC's 2024 signings such as Jayden Okunbor, Franklin Pele and Nu Brown didn't even see out the season. Or even half of it. Herman Ese'ese was a rare shining light, who did his best but he could not do it alone.

So, what does 2025 hold? They have recruited John Cartwright, an experienced coach and more recently assistant coach in the NRL. On the face of it, an excellent appointment. Though if Tony Smith, another vastly experienced and successful coach could not get a tune out of Hull FC, this does not guarantee success.

They enter the new season with a new squad, with far more experience. Jordan Rapana, Zak Hardaker, Jordan Abdull, Aidan Sezer, Oliver Holmes and John Asiata are all experienced players and all bar one have played in Super League. And that is Jordan Rapana is arguably the best of the new signings. Amir Bourouh and Cade Cust are the two youngest signings (and Cust is 28!).

On the face of it, Hull FC have assembled a better squad for 2025 than they had for 2024. Experience is clearly the name of the game after witnessing at times a youthful and inexperienced squad fail to stand up to the challenge of Super League so often in 2024.

After years of disappointment, Hull FC fans will be reluctant to have too much hope (or listen to Adam Pearson's platitudes). The primary task for John Cartwright is to stop the slide. Only then can he look to rebuild a club which has every asset needed to succeed but consistently has found every reason to fail.

But off-field movement is equally as intriguing. A change in ownership has taken place, backed by two individuals who are wealthy in Rugby League terms and whose messaging since the takeover has been positive and realistic. It is going to take more than one year to turn Hull FC around but that flickering light of hope that was fading might just be burning a little brighter now.

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Feb-15	1	HKR	L	0 22	MKM Stadium	20014
23	2	WAR	L	10 36	Halliwel Jones	9431
Mar-03	3	LON	W	28 24	MKM Stadium	10066
9	4	CAT	L	12 26	Gilbert Brutus	9140
16	5	LEI	L	4 54	MKM Stadium	10227
23	CC R6	HUD	L	6 50	John Smith's	1673
29	6	HKR	L	10 34	Craven Park	10150
Apr-06	7	HUD	L	22 56	MKM Stadium	9631
19	8	STH	L	0 58	Totally Wicked	10488
28	9	LEE	L	12 18	MKM Stadium	10505
May-03	10	WAR	L	6 24	Halliwel Jones	8680
12	11	LON	L	18 34	Cherry Red	3225
24	12	CAS	L	22 30	The Jungle	8269
31	13	HUD	L	18 24	John Smith's	4102
Jun-15	14	LEE	W	18 10	MKM Stadium	12166
22	15	WAR	L	18 24	MKM Stadium	10083
Jul-07	16	SAL	L	20 22	Salford Stadium	3910
13	17	HKR	L	10 24	MKM Stadium	15392
20	18	WIG	W	24 22	MKM Stadium	5771
27	19	CAT	L	16 24	Gilbert Brutus	9214
Aug-03	20	STH	L	6 46	MKM Stadium	9885
11	21	LEI	L	12 42	Leigh Sports	8400
17	22	LON	L	4 29	Elland Road	30810
25	23	WIG	L	4 22	Brick Community	12347
31	24	CAS	L	20 39	MKM Stadium	10271
Sep-06	25	LEE	L	6 68	AMT Headingley	14105
14	26	SAL	L	4 58	MKM Stadium	9274
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

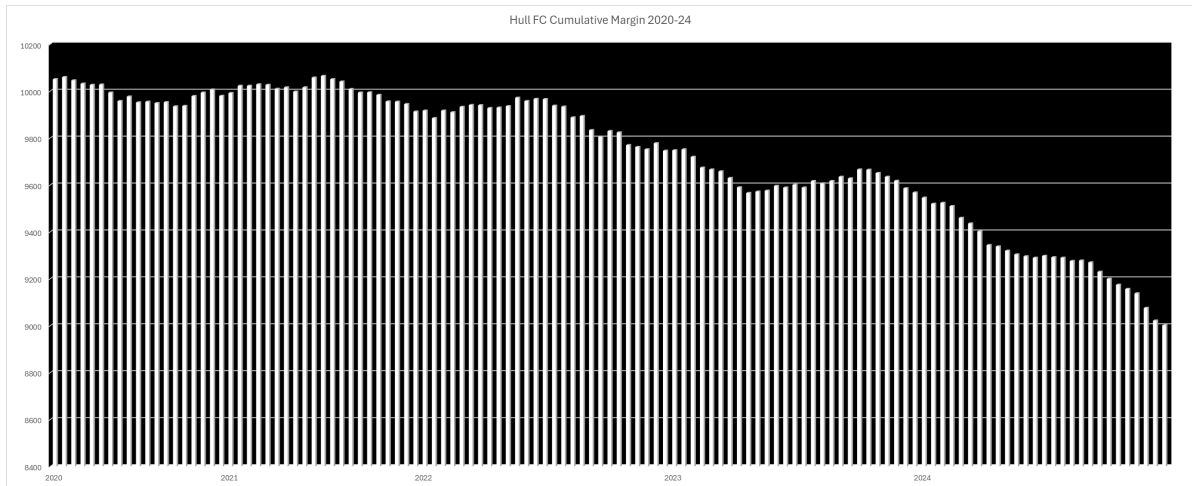
Coaches
 Captains
 Biggest home crowd

Simon Grix (19), Tony Smith (9)
 Danny Houghton (14), Jordan Lane (6), Brad Fash (5), Carlos Tuimavave (3), Ligi Sao (2)
 20,014 (vs. Hull KR in round 1)

Average home crowd
 Top pointscorer
 Top try scorer
 Player of the Year

League: Lewis Martin (9)

10,975
 League: Jack Charles (40); All: Jack Charles (42)
 All: Lewis Martin (9)
 Jordan Lane



HULL KINGSTON ROVERS

CHRIS JOHNSON

Expectations were high in East Hull after a fantastic debut season under Head Coach Willie Peters. A Challenge Cup Final appearance coupled with reaching the Semi Finals of the Super League Play Offs filled supporters with hope as the Robins headed into 2024 with a refreshed playing roster.

Kane Linnett, Ethan Ryan, Rowen Milnes, Rhys Kennedy, Sam Wood all departed with Shaun Kenny-Dowall joining the clubs coaching staff. And whilst there may have a tinge of sadness to see some of these players no longer in the famous red and white of Hull Kingston Rovers it was the new boys who were giving the Red Army plenty of reason to be optimistic. In came New Zealand international Peta Hiku with him joined by Super League Grand Final winner Oliver Gildart. Jai Whitbread and Kelepi Tanginoa were brought in from Wakefield to bolster the pack, Lance Todd trophy winner Niall Evalds brought his pace and guile whilst Tyrone May made his way to HU9 fresh from a Grand Final appearance with the Catalan Dragons. Surprisingly Jordan Abdull who was one of the players who performed admirably under Willie Peters and who at one stage was talked about as being a potential Man of Steel departed the club with Abdull heading to the South of France on a season long loan deal prior to the big kick off. There was also further off field changes with former Rovers player Danny Ward joining David Hodgson and Brett Delaney as Assistant Head Coach to Willie Peters. Peters second season at the helm though was more about evolution rather than revolution, there was lots to like during the 2023 campaign and it was clear that 2024 was going to be more about a tweak here and a tweak there rather than wholesale changes. Whilst much of pre season was spent discussing who would feature in the halves for Rovers it was Jordan Abdull's move to the Dragons which confirmed what many supporters expected and that it would be Mikey Lewis who just a few months earlier had signed a new bumper 5-year contract who would be partnering Tyrone May. That combination started the first game of the season as did Peta Hiku with him taking on the full back role and kicking duties as the Robins opened their campaign against Hull FC at Hull City's MKM Stadium. The decision to start Hiku at full back and hand him the kicking tee did raise eyebrows amongst the Rovers faithful especially with Hiku playing the vast majority of his career in the centres. An indifferent performance from the future Super League Dream Teamer ultimately had no bearing on the result though with KR coasting to a well-deserved two points against much inferior opposition. The opening day success was followed by a home win against Leeds Rhinos - but the first test of the Robins resolve came when they suffered successive defeats against Salford Red Devils and Warrington Wolves. And the response was emphatic with a run of five wins in a row including the second Hull derby win of the season and a revenge thrashing of Salford in the Cup - and a revenge Cup win over Leigh, who had beaten them at Wembley the previous year. Magnificent home victories over Wigan and St Helens were sandwiched in between disappointing defeats on the road with Catalan and Warrington exposing the Robins right edge defence and news that Willie Peters had joined Mikey Lewis in signing a new long term contract were tempered by a woeful Challenge Cup Semi Final defeat to Wigan. That defeat was quickly put to bed though with Rovers going on to enjoy a four-game winning run which was cruelly ended by a golden point defeat to Catalan Dragons. A side that has become Hull Kingston Rovers kryptonite. Following this defeat Willie Peters men then went on to win their next 8 games, a new Super League record for the club with a top two finish looking like a very realistic proposition. Rovers had eyes on the top spot though and the League Leaders Shield was in their sights. A battle royale against Wigan Warriors ensued with the penultimate game of the season proving to be a cracker. Unfortunately the Robins couldn't get the two points they needed with two sin binning's proving to be pivotal in a game which saw KR lose 24-20 to the side that would go on to lift the League Leaders shield. Thankfully that defeat to the Warriors only served to fuel the flames and much like when the run out of the tunnel on a raucous Friday night at Sewell Group Craven Park the players made sure they went into their next game against Leigh with a bang. Victory over the Leopards and then Leeds set up a home play-off tie against Warrington. A side that had been vying with KR for the coveted second place finish for much of the season. Sam Burgess's men were met with a wall of noise and although the game hung in the balance for large parts it was Hull Kingston Rovers who secured the victory and a chance to take on Wigan in the Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford. Manchester United's stadium is famously dubbed 'The Theatre of Dreams' which was fitting as dreaming of silverware was certainly something every Rovers supporter was doing every time their head hit the pillow in the lead up to game. Unfortunately the Robins came up short on the big stage once again and a moment

of magic from the mercurial Bevan French proved to be decisive as the Warriors triumphed 9-2 in a pulsating Super League Grand Final.

SEASON TURNING POINT

Successive home victories over Wigan and St Helens book ended a decent opening third of the season for the Robins and with a Challenge Cup Semi Final to look forward to there was growing optimism in East Hull that this season might just be the one. Sandwiched in between the Saints drubbing, and the Cup Semi Final in Doncaster though was the small matter of a tricky trip down the M62 to take on Warrington, a side that gained a narrow victory over Rovers just seven rounds earlier. Whilst hopes of two points were high some dodgy defence left the red and whites too much to overcome with Sam Burgess's men gaining a well-deserved victory. All eyes were now on the upcoming knock out game against Wigan with KR vying to play at Wembley for the second season in a row. Unfortunately for the thousands of supporters who made the trek to the ECO Power Stadium the Robins never got going with the Warriors going on to dominate a limp Rovers side. A 38-6 defeat was hard to take, and it left many people questioning whether the side could challenge for silverware come the end of the season and thankfully whilst many were losing their heads it was the measured Head Coach Willie Peters who stayed cool and collected. The defeats were chastising but the Robins learnt their lessons and never looked back with them going on to taste defeat just three more times during the course of the season with one of these being the Grand Final defeat to Wigan.

WHAT WORKED

Much of the pre season chatter amongst the Rovers faithful was centred on Willie Peters declaration that New Zealand International Peta Hiku would be KR's first choice Full Back and Goal Kicker come the start of the season. A decision which left many supporters perplexed especially when you consider that the majority of Hiku's career had been spent playing in the centres and because the club had also recruited renowned full back Niall Evalds in readiness for 2024. Hiku started the first four games of the season in the number one berth and whilst his performances where on the whole okay it was clear that he wasn't comfortable with slotting the ball over the sticks. A return of just one goal from five kicks in the opening round fixture against Hull was far from spectacular although many wouldn't have expected Hiku to be relieved of his goal kicking responsibilities after just one game. Whilst this decision didn't necessarily bring the improvement in front goal of goal that many expected it was the decision to move Hiku into the centres for the Round 5 fixture against Huddersfield which paid the biggest dividends. Niall Evalds was brought in at Full Back and it was his link up play with Mikey Lewis and Tyrone May which created a far superior attacking threat. Rovers and indeed Peta Hiku never looked back with Evalds going on to play a pivotal role for the Robins for the rest of the season and Hiku going on to be named a Super League Dream Teamer with him also gaining further international recognition as he lined up for the Kiwi's in the end of season Pacific Championship.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

As mentioned already goal kicking was a real issue for Hull KR in 2024. The Robins were the competitions top try scorers last season, but it was their 2 point efforts which caused much consternation. 52 missed goals, the most in Super League and 18 more than the next underperforming side was simply not good enough. The decision to allow regular goal kicker Jordan Abdull to join Catalan before the season commenced probably didn't help although many would question whether he would have enjoyed a starting spot anyway and the decision to hand the kicking tee to Peta Hiku backfired badly. After toying with Jez Litten and James Batchelor it was the enigmatic Mikey Lewis who became the Robins regular goal kicker with him at times punting some remarkable kicks. Most will admit though that he didn't always look comfortable with becoming clear that he was taking on the responsibility out of duty rather than because he really wanted it.

BEST PLAYERS

Teams don't reach Grand Finals without having a plethora of players who have performed exceptionally well throughout the course of the season and the Robins were no exception to this during their journey to Old Trafford. Jai Whitbread and Kelepi Tanginoa headed to Sewell Group Craven Park from freshly relegated Wakefield and demonstrated a much-needed level of consistency. Niall Evalds revelled in the Full Back role just like Peta Hiku did at centre. Joe Burgess injected some much-needed pace into the side and a leaner and fitter Saoua Sue regularly punched holes in the opposition front line. Ryan Hall and Matty Parcell performed admirably in their final season at KR with them leaving big boots to fill and Dean 'Machine' Hadley once again upped his game to demonstrate why he is always

one of the first names on Willie Peters team sheet. Captain Elliot Minchella was rewarded for his fine performances with a call up to Shaun Wanes England squad as was Magic Mikey Lewis who went on to be awarded the Steve Prescott MBE Man of Steel trophy. Fine recognition indeed for a player whose game was taken to another level during the Robins Race to the Grand Final.

ROOKIES

An almost exemplary injury and disciplinary record meant there was scarce opportunity to give some of the junior members of the first team playing squad significant game time in 2024 and whilst other Super League clubs have bloodied youngsters out of necessity the Robins have enjoyed a season of stability. Obviously, this is an area of concern for some supporters with many questioning when will the likes of Louix Gorman, Leo Tension and Zack Fishwick break through but whilst the Senior members of the squad continue to thrive under the stewardship of the clubs Strength and Conditioning staff then first team opportunities will prove hard to come by.

LOOKING AHEAD

The 2025 season will represent Willie Peters third season at the club and whilst his side have been following a steep upward trajectory, they are yet to lift silverware. There is no doubt that Peters has been backed in his attempt to achieve this with incoming players including Rugby League Colossus Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, PNG Captain Rhysy Martin and serial winner Micky Mellorum. This though is tempered by the departure of Matt Parcell and Ryan Hall with former Assistant Head Coach Brett Delaney's departure also leaving a big void to fill. Just like in the build up to last season These tweaks in the playing squad point more towards evolution rather than revolution with Head Coach Peters keen to build on what has already been achieved rather than rip it up and start again. Record membership sales point towards an increased expectation amongst the supporter base but this is a pressure which feels like its welcomed as a privilege rather than a burden. What Peters can't control is outside influencers such as opposition clubs strengthening their squads but there is no doubt that the feeling amongst the Robins hierarchy is this side is building towards something special and 2025 really could be third time lucky for Hull Kingston Rovers.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-15	1	HUL	W 22 0	MKM Stadium	20014
22	2	LEE	W 22 12	Craven Park	9879
Mar-02	3	SAL	L 10 17	Salford Stadium	5036
7	4	WAR	L 20 22	Craven Park	9524
16	5	HUD	W 24 12	John Smith's	5428
22	CC R6	SAL	W 40 0	Craven Park	
29	6	HUL	W 34 10	Craven Park	10150
Apr-05	7	LON	W 50 10	Craven Park	10201
13	CC QF	LEI	W 26 14	Craven Park	
20	8	CAT	L 6 36	Gilbert Brutus	8583
26	9	WIG	W 26 10	Craven Park	9945
May-04	10	STH	W 40 20	Craven Park	10171
9	11	WAR	L 8 20	Halliwel Jones	8578
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26	12	LON	W 64 14	Cherry Red	3750
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20	15	CAS	W 13 12	The Jungle	7897
Jul-06	16	CAT	L 14 15	Craven Park	9579
13	17	HUL	W 24 10	MKM Stadium	15392
20	18	LEE	W 20 12	AMT Headingley	14555
26	19	LON	W 40 16	Craven Park	9585
Aug-02	20	WAR	W 22 4	Halliwel Jones	12102
9	21	CAS	W 36 6	Craven Park	9585
18	22	CAT	W 36 4	Elland Road	22293
24	23	STH	W 42 6	Totally Wicked	13588
30	24	SAL	W 32 12	Craven Park	9694
Sep-06	25	WIG	L 20 24	Brick Community	16719
13	26	LEI	W 24 0	Leigh Sports	8412
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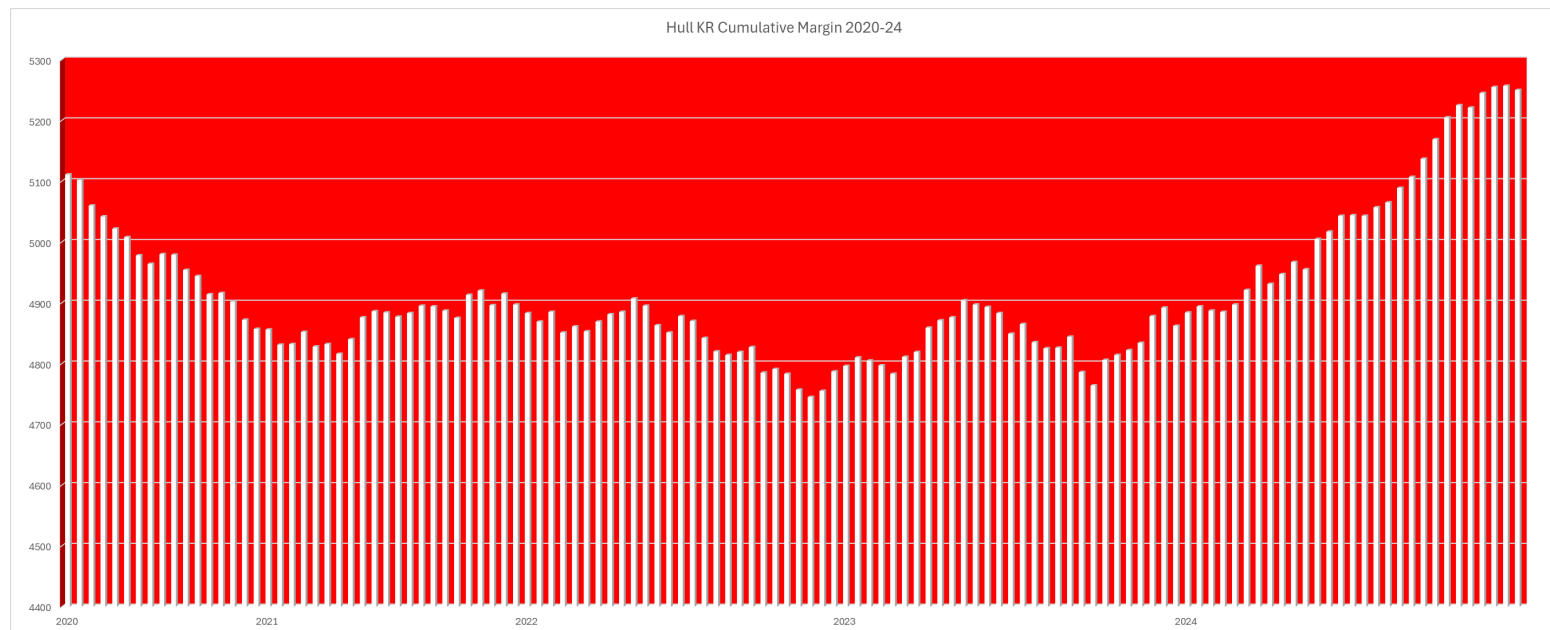
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Captains
Biggest home crowd

Willie Peters
Elliot Minchella (27), James Batchelor (4), Mikey Lewis (1)
11,200 (vs. Leeds in round 27)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top try scorer
Player of the Year

9,901
League: Mikey Lewis (220); All: Mikey Lewis (228)
League: Mikey Lewis (19); All: Mikey Lewis (19)
Mikey Lewis



LEEDS RHINOS

OLLIE TINKER

Leeds headed into 2024 on the back of a hugely disappointing season which saw them miss out on the top four for the sixth consecutive season and fail to build on their promising start under Rohan Smith's leadership in 2022. The board moved to quell rising discontent and accusations of a lack of ambition from the terraces with an eye-catching recruitment drive. The arrivals of NRL Grand Final winner Paul Momirovski and former Australia 7s star Lachie Miller raised hopes of a better 2024, but it was the double swoop for Salford stars Brodie Croft and Andy Ackers for a significant outlay which signalled Leeds' intent to reverse the decline of the previous eight years. Despite improving the club's attacking options, a lack of investment in the forwards raised concerns, as gaps left by man-mountain Zane Tetevano and the promising Sam Walters' departures were plugged by Mickael Goudemand and unknown quantity Keiran Hudson. Finally, the club ended its bizarre no captaincy policy by handing academy product Cameron Smith the armband. Whilst undoubtedly the correct choice, Smith became the club's eighth full time captain in just nine seasons, reflecting the constant state of "transition" which had become the source of significant unrest amongst fans

The table shows that 2024 was a more successful season than 2023 for the Rhinos but it was another bitterly disappointing year characterised by consistent trends. Four scoreless halves in their opening seven games epitomised their reputation as a side incapable of performing for eighty minutes, which evolved into an inability to perform for even forty. A consistently alarming lack of play-the-balls in the opposition's twenty reflected the intentions of a side whose passive defence and weak pack meant they started too many sets too close to their own line, preferring to attack from deep and throw caution to the wind. Leeds often sparkled but never convinced, under a coach who appeared more concerned with trick plays and left-field experiments than making metres and controlling the game. For every spectacular long-range try from Ash Handley, there was an underwhelming performance unfitting of a club of Leeds' stature. Promising wins over Salford and Catalans were caveated by uninspiring defeats to Hull KR, St Helens and Warrington, whilst the club's immediate exit from the Challenge Cup extended an unwanted record of failing to win a cup game since winning at Wembley in 2020.

An embarrassing late collapse against Huddersfield tipped the balance of favour firmly against Rohan Smith amongst fans and felt like the beginning of the end. A pitiful 18-12 win over a Hull side beaten by over twenty points in seven of their nine games who had shipped 252 points in their past five outings did nothing to allay concerns, and brutally exposed how far below expectations the Rhinos had fallen. Subsequent dire displays at Catalans and St Helens were reminiscent of 2023's catastrophic back-to-back 50-0 and 61-0 defeats to Wigan and Catalans, as Leeds were nilled in Perpignan for a second year. Whilst the playing personnel had improved, results had not, as pressure increased on Smith. These defeats were bookended by comprehensive victories over basement dwellers London and Castleford, as Leeds continued to beat the teams below them, and lose to those above, in a reversal of 2023. This resulted in a nervous trip to Hull, where Leeds looked disorganised, disinterested and dysfunctional. The travelling support made their feelings known, as the atmosphere quickly became toxic. Hull ended their eleven-game losing streak, and Smith departed the club within days. The next month under the interim leadership of Chev Walker showed the good, the bad, and the ugly of Leeds, but ended with the arrival of experienced Head Coach Brad Arthur from Australia, as the first act of new Sporting Director Ian Blease. Leeds continued to be consistently inconsistent under Arthur, but the difference between their best and worst displays narrowed for the better, and they headed into the final two games with an outside chance of play off qualification, after saving their best performance for the visit of Wigan. After showing real signs of improvement even in defeat, Leeds reverted to their old ways in convincing reversals against Wigan and Hull KR, leaving the once dominant Rhinos without play-off rugby for the fifth time in nine seasons since the all-conquering treble season of 2015.

TURNING POINT

If the writing was on the wall after the collapse against Huddersfield, it came crashing down on Humberside in June, after what many viewed as the club's worst league defeat in the Super League era. There was a clear distinction between what preceded and what followed, as Blease's arrival prompted a huge rise in standards on and off the pitch. Arthur's arrival was a huge coup, as the Australian returned to coaching just weeks after his decade at Parramatta Eels ended, becoming the highest profile coach in the European competition.

WHAT WORKED

On the pitch, the arrivals of Brad Arthur and Brodie Croft, and the rise of some talented youngsters were the highlights, but the main credit is reserved for the club's response to the passing of club legend Rob Burrow, whose heroic battle with MND inspired the nation. The club's response was perfectly fitting for a legend of Burrow's stature, and the club's response was flawlessly overseen by unsung hero Phil Daly. No one present at the club's victory in the tribute game against Leigh will ever forget the events and atmosphere of that night.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Poor recruitment and poor tactics led to the departure of Smith, with whom the club persisted for far too long.

BEST PLAYERS

Rhys Martin – Consistently brilliant, and consistently available, Leeds will miss Martin bitterly, as their most consistent player of the past five years leaves the club. Led by example, and always a threat to the tryline and from the tee.

Ash Handley – Ever reliable, Handley is the sole survivor from 2015. 'Mr Leeds' scored outrageous tries whilst never shying from responsibility when so many others did. His international aspirations have been badly let down by his teammates in recent years.

Brodie Croft – Plenty of assists, plenty of big moments. Instantly understood the meaning of playing for Leeds, which showed in his performances.

ROOKIES

The Rhinos are blessed with three genuine future first team backs. Ned McCormack impressed under Chev Walker before sadly sustaining a season-ending injury. Riley Lumb had the most exciting Leeds debut in recent memory, showcasing his raw, natural talent. Alfie Edgell was brave, safe-as-houses, and played beyond his years in multiple positions. Up front, hopes are high for Tom Nicholson-Watton, whose early promise was rewarded by a long-term contract.

LOOKING AHEAD

Leeds head into 2024 in a better place with a proper management, coaching, and recruitment set-up. The signings of Ryan Hall, Maika Sivo, Keenan Palasia, Jake Connor and Cooper Jenkins have added both quality and experience across the pitch. Simultaneously, Leeds appear to have moved on from the unsuccessful 'project signing' policy, whilst moving on dead wood, as Blease's expertise has shone through. After previous accusations of poor preparation at the club, Arthur has spoken of the intensity with which he plans to conduct this year's pre-season, whilst the return of Morgan Gannon from his injury nightmare should also provide optimism for the South Stand faithful that the good times may be closer than they thought.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-16	1	SAL	W 22 16	AMT Headingley	15126
22	2	HKR	L 12 22	Craven Park	9879
Mar-02	3	CAT	W 18 10	AMT Headingley	14168
8	4	LEI	W 22 16	Leigh Sports	8794
15	5	STH	L 8 18	AMT Headingley	15284
22	CC R6	STH	L 6 20	AMT Headingley	7108
28	6	CAS	W 26 6	The Jungle	9026
Apr-05	7	WAR	L 8 34	AMT Headingley	12297
19	8	HUD	L 24 30	AMT Headingley	13128
28	9	HUL	W 18 12	MKM Stadium	10505
May-03	10	LON	W 46 8	AMT Headingley	13259
11	11	CAT	L 0 26	Gilbert Brutus	9546
24	12	STH	L 10 40	Totally Wicked	11367
Jun-01	13	CAS	W 32 4	AMT Headingley	14529
15	14	HUL	L 10 18	MKM Stadium	12166
21	15	LEI	W 18 10	AMT Headingley	17535
Jul-06	16	LON	W 17 16	AMT Headingley	12958
11	17	WAR	L 18 30	Halliwel Jones	8471
20	18	HKR	L 12 20	AMT Headingley	14555
25	19	HUD	W 34 6	John Smith's	4924
Aug-03	20	SAL	L 16 22	Salford Stadium	4473
10	21	WIG	W 30 4	AMT Headingley	12459
17	22	WAR	L 6 24	Elland Road	30810
23	23	CAT	W 18 6	AMT Headingley	13050
Sep-01	24	LON	W 21 20	Cherry Red	4403
6	25	HUL	W 68 6	AMT Headingley	14105
13	26	WIG	L 0 38	Brick Community	15146
20	27	HKR	L 16 26	Craven Park	11200

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EDGE, Alfie					B						B	B	W		W		W		B		W	W	W		W	W	W	FB	FB	11	4	6	-	-	24
ESEH, Sam																B	B	FR	FR	FR									3	2	-	-	-	-	
FRAWLEY, Matt	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	26	-	6	-	-	24	
FUSITU'A, David									W						W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W	W		12	-	3	-	-	12	
GOUEMAND, Mickaël	2R	FR	FR	FR	B		B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	B	FR	FR	B	FR	B					B						10	8	1	-	-	4	
HANDLEY, Ash	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W			W	W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W		W				19	-	14	-	-	56		
HOLROYD, Tom			B	B	B	B		FR							B														1	5	-	-	-	-	
JOHNSON, Corey												B		B	B	B													-	4	-	-	-	-	
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NEWMAN, Harry	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				C	C	C		C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	23	-	8	-	-	32		
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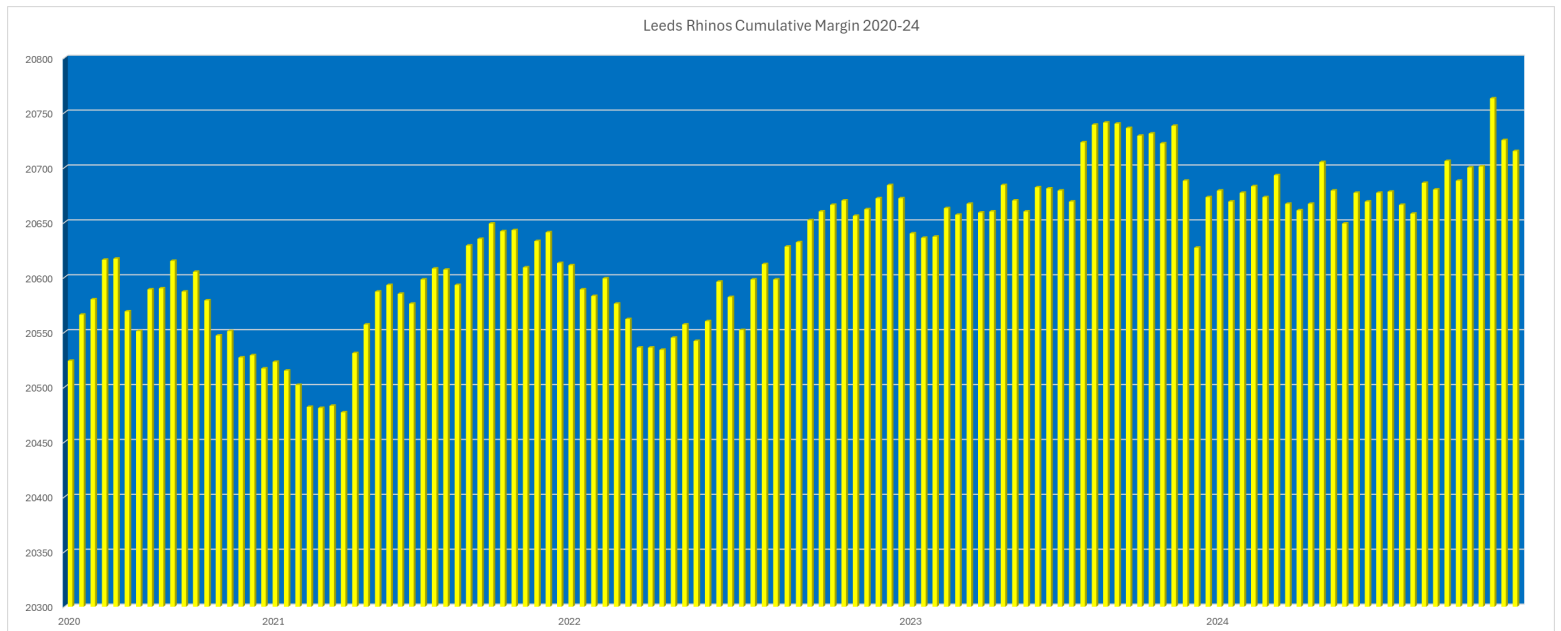
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches
Captains
Biggest home crowd

Rohan Smith (15), Brad Arthur (10), Chev Walker (3)
Cameron Smith (27), Matt Frawley (1)
17,535 (vs. Leigh in round 15)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer
Player of the Year

13,540
League: Rhyse Martin (214); All: Rhyse Martin (216)
League: Ash Handley (14); All: Ash Handley (14)
Ash Handley



LEIGH LEOPARDS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Running the Table sees Leopards bite the life out of teams

Much was expected of the Leigh Leopards after a meteoric rise in their first season of Super League following their return to the competition after several seasons in the Championship.

The side was so keen to prove it wasn't a one-year wonder as they signed Matt Moylan from Cronulla as well as retained Lachie Lam and his father and coach Adrian Lam despite advances from down under.

Despite the positivity, the start to season 2024 couldn't have been worse if Leigh had asked for it to be. They only managed one, yes one win from their first eight games of the season. Lam wasn't panicking but he wasn't exactly thrilled with his side's position.

However, after the poor start, the Leopards would only drop five games and start to play some enterprising football which brought the fans that joined the Leopards express twelve months ago, back on board.

The Leopards produced champagne attacking football on-top of sturdy defence to run the table and qualify for the finals in a tense final few weeks of the season as they were heavily dependent on the collapse of Leeds and Catalans. A final round win over finals-bound St Helens was enough to qualify for the finals.

A tense, but thrilling home win over Salford saw them take on Wigan. Despite climbing every obstacle put in front of them after the horror start to the season, the might of the minor premiers was just too much for the Leopards to overcome. This saw Leigh finish just one game shy of the grand-final.

TURNING POINT

Leigh struggled early in the season, and that was in large part due to the loss of captain John Asiata after an injury in their early-round clash with St Helens.

When Asiata returned, it brought continuity to the Leopards attack as they returned to form with a 30-2 rout of Catalans. They would only go on to lose five games (with four losses against the top two). That run coincided directly with the return of Asiata, illustrating his influence on the side, while hooker Edwin Ipape also exploded into action when he came back from his own injury, peaking with a sensational individual display in the Play-Offs win at Salford.

WHAT WENT RIGHT?

Team buying into the "run the table" mantra

A team "running the table" refers to teams having to win out to make the finals. It's more familiar in US sports but the Leopards had to buy into this philosophy to make the finals in 2024.

Despite having all the excuses to throw in the towel, Adrian Lam's side refused to do so and produced some amazing football. Nothing will top the 42-4 demolition of St Helens at home in late July. That signified the St Helens 'demise' after their title dominance and challenges for the best part of the decade so far.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Ability to knock off the top clubs

The early season injuries and the fact that the Leopards played each of the rest of the top five within the opening run of matches was a tough ask for any team. But, what that did was show a weakness that the Leopards really failed to overcome throughout the season.

Against the top five teams (Wigan, Rovers, Warrington, Salford), the Leopards had a losing record, and if you take out the bottom two teams, Leigh was 0-7 (including Challenge Cup) against the top two sides. A record that will have to be addressed promptly in 2025.

BEST PLAYERS

It is hard to look at Leigh and not mention Edwin Ipape. He is such a dynamic player and will be a key part of the Leopards going forward. He has such sky-high potential and seems to be getting better with age. Kai O'Donnell was ever present with over 800 tackles and almost 2,500 metres with the ball - an all-rounded excellent campaign - he will be sorely missed as he returns to the NRL.

Outside back Umyla Hanley had a break-out season in Betfred Super League following his move from Wigan and is still on 22 with his best years ahead of him. Meanwhile, Lachie Lam had 24 try-assists and will again be the centre of poaching battles from the NRL to try and lure him back down under.

LOOKING AHEAD?

The Leopards are losing some experience with O'Donnell heading to Australia and Moylan retiring after an good season with Leigh where he was voted the club's player of the year.

That being said the club has recruited aggressively from Australia with Isaac Liu arriving to bring experience. Also coming from down under are excitement machine David Armstrong, outside back Tesi Niu and forward Ben Condon.

Zak Hardaker headlines the other departees, along with Ricky Leutele and Tom Amone.

Looking for 2025, it should be another strong season for the Leopards with finals seemingly an expectation now, not something that is hopeful. That shows how far the club has come under the ownership of Derek Beaumont.

If the signings fire, Armstrong and Lam will look to rival the magic pair of French and Field for Wigan to see them rise to the top of the Super League ladder.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-16	1	HUD	L 8 16	Leigh Sports	8508
Mar-01	3	STH	L 4 12	Totally Wicked	13028
8	4	LEE	L 16 22	Leigh Sports	8794
16	5	HUL	W 54 4	MKM Stadium	10227
23	CC R6	FEV	W 26 14	Leigh Sports	4287
30	6	SAL	L 22 32	Salford Stadium	6177
Apr-04	7	WIG	L 12 40	Leigh Sports	10308
13	CC QF	HKR	L 14 26	Craven Park	
20	8	WAR	L 14 16	Hallivell Jones	10443
26	9	CAT	W 30 2	Leigh Sports	7321
May-04	10	CAS	D 28 28	Leigh Sports	8035
10	11	SAL	W 40 12	Leigh Sports	8103
24	12	HUD	W 16 10	John Smith's	4385
Jun-01	13	HKR	L 0 12	Craven Park	9899
15	14	CAT	W 10 2	Gilbert Brutus	9480
21	15	LEE	L 10 18	AMT Headingley	17535
Jul-05	16	WIG	L 6 24	Brick Community	16053
13	17	HUD	W 20 16	Leigh Sports	7160
19	18	LON	W 36 6	Leigh Sports	6677
26	19	STH	W 46 4	Leigh Sports	8021
Aug-01	20	CAS	W 20 10	The Jungle	7247
6	2	WIG	L 6 28	Brick Community	13249
11	21	HUL	W 42 12	Leigh Sports	8400
18	22	SAL	W 26 0	Elland Road	22293
25	23	LON	W 32 12	Cherry Red	1950
30	24	WAR	W 16 12	Leigh Sports	9434
Sep-06	25	CAS	W 34 12	The Jungle	9053
13	26	HKR	L 0 24	Leigh Sports	8412
20	27	STH	W 18 12	Leigh Sports	9899
27	EF	SAL	W 14 6	Salford Stadium	10867
Oct-05	SF	WIG	L 0 38	Brick Community	20511

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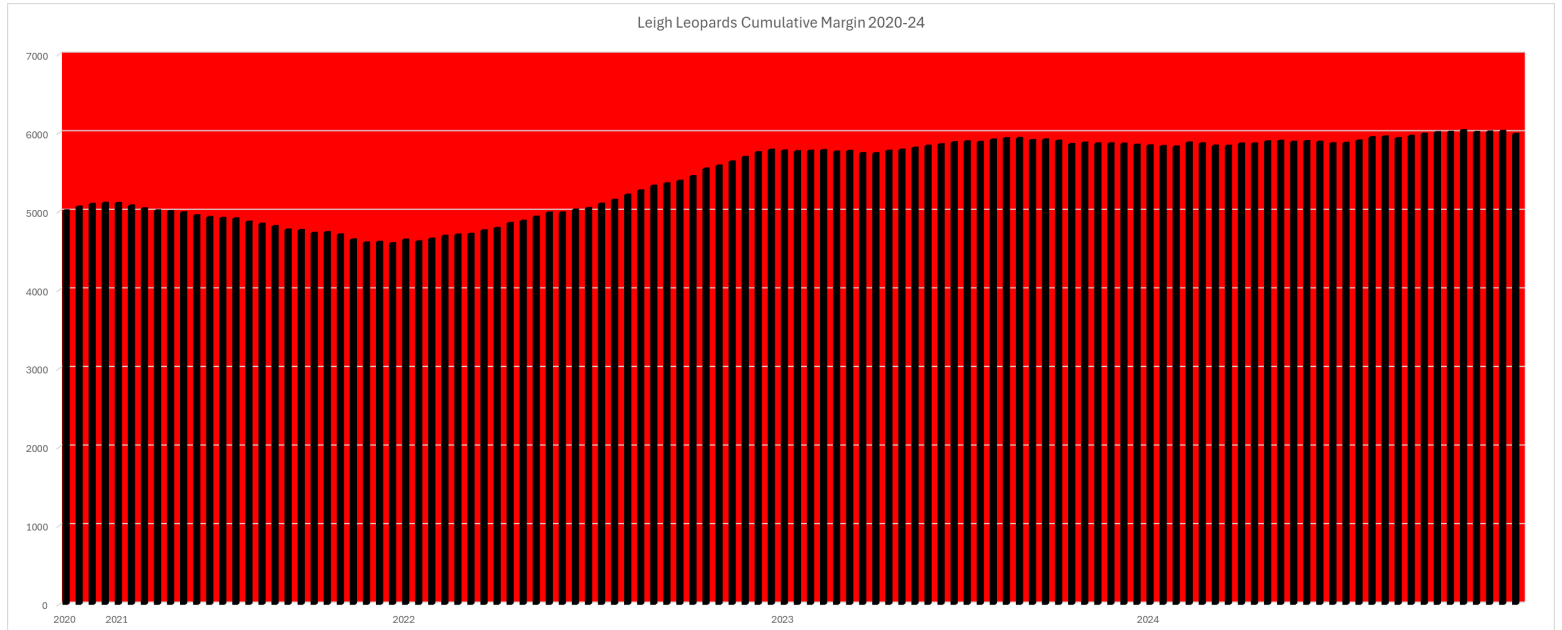
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Captains
Biggest home crowd

Adrian Lam
John Asiata (16), Lachlan Lam (12), Robbie Mulhern (3)
10,308 (vs. Wigan in round 7)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer
Player of the Year

8,097
League: Matt Moylan (118); All: Matt Moylan (134)
League: Josh Charnley (18); All: Josh Charnley (19)
Kai O'Donnell



LONDON BRONCOS

IAN WHITE

In the pantheon of professional sports teams, you would be hard-pressed to find one starting a competition knowing they were to be demoted before a ball had been passed, thrown or kicked. Such was the case facing the London Broncos in 2024, following an upstart 2023 season that saw them secure an unexpected yet deserved return to Super League. The men from the capital, under the stewardship of Director of Rugby & Performance Mike Eccles, battled admirably across the season and in the face of knowing that regardless of how many wins were secured, a Championship return in 2025 was a certainty under the points grading structure adopted by the RFL and commercial partner IMG.

It should be noted this season's squad was still largely comprised of the players who secured Championship honours in 2023, with some electing to stay part-time, an entirely reasonable standpoint given the situation. With the club also shorn of its most promising young player and a potent attacking threat with the loss of hooker Bill Leyland to a season ending injury in pre-season, multiple injury crises affecting key players throughout and limited recruitment opportunities, it could be argued we never saw the strongest version of the Broncos in 2024. Ultimately, a season record of three wins from 27 matches, with a total points difference of -599 appears underwhelming. However, given many had tipped the side to struggle to win a game prior to the season start, credit should be given for the victories that were secured and the determination shown by the squad to keep going week after week. There were many areas in which you could have scrutinised the Broncos in 2024. But one thing you could not accuse them of is having lacked effort. If a campaign spent battling the odds had not been tough enough, the season end brought the departure of chairman David Hughes after 27 years of involvement and close to £30,000,000 pounds of his personal fortune spent keeping the club viable. Hughes is a figure who has long divided supporter opinion. His financial largess cannot be dismissed and has kept Rugby League in London and the south alive in the face of a lack of support from the RFL. However, his inability to diversify revenue streams and develop a broader supporter base through meaningful engagement, are factors contributing to the uncertain state in which the club now finds itself.

TURNING POINT

Having lost the first ten fixtures of the season, including narrow defeats to Hull FC away and Salford at home, supporters were forgiven for wondering when or indeed if a first victory of the season was going to materialise. In the end, their hope was rewarded more swiftly than envisaged, with a dominant 34-18 victory against FC in Round 11. Admittedly FC were not a tough beat in 2024, but that didn't detract from the manner of victory. The men from West Hull wilted in London's early summer heat and in the face of a Broncos side that showed immense effort and collective spirit, elements noticeably absent from their opponents' repertoire. Whilst a first victory could not inspire a consistent run of winning results, it was an indicator as to what the quad was capable of when close to its strongest, a lesson FC failed to learn, with the Black and Whites falling to a second decisive defeat to the Broncos at Magic Weekend.

WHAT WORKED

The coaching. A strange claim perhaps for a side with only three victories to its name. But if you dug into the processes of Mike Eccles and witnessed the effort levels, determination and steady growth made by the squad, there was plenty of evidence pointing to the impressive job performed by the 39-year-old. If the 2023 season showcased his ability to build a competitive team capable of punching above its weight, then this was a year in which his man-management and player development skills came to the fore. Seeing your team lose its first eleven fixtures whilst conceding over 400 points, would be enough to shake Wayne Bennett's resolve, let alone a former strength and conditioning coach parachuted into the head role amid a 2022 relegation crisis. Eccles approached the campaign in his customary unflappable manner however, providing

a calm figurehead for the club to galvanise around. Always honest and considered in his assessments of his team's performances, he also spoke openly and at times critically on the RFL/IMG grading criteria. And whilst victories were difficult to come by, there are few who could say his side lacked endeavour or did not show gradual improvement over the season. His nomination for Super League Coach of the Year, a selection made by his coaching peers, raised some eyebrows. But those capable of looking past the win and loss record alone and recognising his leadership and coaching ability, whilst operating on a fraction of the resources available to rival clubs, saw an individual performing at the very highest level.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The increased platform presented by the return to Super League did see significant improvements made to the clubs off-field operations, specifically social media engagement, a key grading area, merchandise and matchday experience. A crowd of 5,102 for the first home game against Catalans Dragons was the highest regular season attendance since 2010, with an average home crowd for the season of just over 3,000. This was an uptick on recent campaigns, yet still felt underwhelming for a team in a city of nearly 10 million inhabitants. There is still much work to be done for the club to find broader cut-through, a task not made easier with a return to the Championship.

BEST PLAYERS

With the additions of Jack Campagnolo and James Meadows ahead of the season, Oli Leyland could have been excused for wondering whereabouts in the playing picture he fit. The 23-year-old made the most of opportunities presented, however. Having spent the opening three rounds at fullback covering for the sidelined Alex Walker, injury to Campagnolo saw him revert to his primary five-eighth spot, a position he retained for the remainder of the season. The sides top points scorer, joint top in total appearances and eighth in tries scored spoke volumes of his contribution. His performances did not go unnoticed, and he will continue his Super League journey in 2025, having signed to play under Sam Burgess at Warrington. With George Williams and young prospect Leon Hayes also in the Wolves' half-back pecking order, he may have to be patient. Time is still on his side, however. Hooker Sam Davis added sharpened playmaking to his skillset and is an astute addition for Salford. Lewis Bienek, Marcus Stock, Rob Butler, Sadiq Adebisi, Will Lovell, Rhys Kennedy and Jacob Jones battled strongly up front, despite facing more powerful forward packs most weeks. There were also solid performances in the backs. Lee Kershaw proved a dependable wing presence alongside centre Ethan Natoli. Hakim Miloudi embraced a final season as a professional, bringing customary attacking zeal, whilst Josh Rourke overcame a broken leg sustained in pre-season to finish the sides top try scorer, touching down eight times in twelve appearances. Special mention should go to fan favourite Jarred Bassett, with the Australian capping off an inspirational personal story. Arriving in London in 2015, he played with community side Wests Warriors, subsequently moving into the professional ranks with London Skolars, then making the Championship jump in 2023 with the Broncos and Super League this term. His journey from amateur to highest level of the game is strong evidence of the pathway available to those plying their playing trade in the capital.

ROOKIES

Jack Hughes, the son of David Hughes realised his dream of representing the club, debuting in the Challenge Cup defeat to Warrington in March. He went on to make two league appearances, having come to the Broncos from Rugby Union stints with Northampton Saints Academy and Bedford Blues. Promising youngster Joe Stocks also debuted in the Warrington cup game, whilst Dan Hoyes and Jenson Monk made single season appearances. Monk could count himself unlucky not to have featured more in 2024, with an enforced lay off due to injury. Having re-signed for 2025, he will almost certainly see increased game time. His ability to cover both loose-forward and half-back is valuable, given the departures of Dean Parata, Oli Leyland and Campagnolo.

LOOKING AHEAD

Following the announcement of David Hughes' departure, there was an uncertain wait as to news of the club's fate. Hopeful optimism was sparked in October, with Eccles laying out a plan for a new era, an announcement boosted by the re-signing of several first team players. At a subsequent fan forum, Eccles and Chief Executive Officer Jason Loubser provided further details on the plan to take the club forward, with renewed focus on being self-sufficient on and off the field, chiefly by focussing on a club developed player model and improved supporter engagement. Further positive news followed, with the release of the points gradings determining which clubs had made the Super League cut for 2025. Whilst the Broncos fate was no secret, the club had made significant improvement on its 2024 grading, increasing its score from 8.07 to 12.65. With 15 points needed for a Super League berth, a topflight return is potentially much closer than first envisaged. Eccles believes the required points can be attained within two years. Crucial to that is the club remaining at its current playing home at AFC Wimbledon's Plough Lane stadium. With a small group of contracted players and triallists having started pre-season, the main priorities remain broadening out the squad and securing financial investment. The club has estimated it requires £350,000 to keep going in the short-term, with £1,000,000 total required to see out 2025. With signings, memberships and merchandise being sold, there appears to be confidence in the short-term target being met. There has been no significant update on a new owner however, with the most speculative takeover rumour at the time of writing linking former Wests Tigers hooker Robbie Farah to the club. Much like the 2023 campaign, next season looks set to be an exercise in patience, as Eccles builds a squad capable of competing across the season, whilst also looking to develop the latest generation of the clubs promising yet inexperienced young talent. Broncos' supporters are no strangers to seeing something built, only to then have it taken apart. And whilst current circumstances mean there will be few who consider the side capable of mounting a credible Championship title challenge, recent history suggests the Broncos are more than capable of posing a surprise when dismissed as outsiders. Whilst much work remains, for now at least, elite level Rugby League in the capital looks set to continue in 2025. Ultimately, that may well be victory enough.

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9	4	WIG	L 22 60	Cherry Red	4116
17	5	WAR	L 4 58	Cherry Red	3324
23	CC (6)	WAR	L 0 42	Halliwel Jones	3416
31	6	HUD	L 6 26	Cherry Red	2300
Apr-05	7	HKR	L 10 50	Craven Park	10201
20	8	SAL	L 4 12	Cherry Red	2450
26	9	CAS	L 0 40	The Jungle	6996
May-03	10	LEE	L 8 46	AMT Headingley	13259
12	11	HUL	W 34 18	Cherry Red	3225
26	12	HKR	L 14 64	Cherry Red	3750
Jun-02	13	SAL	L 4 34	Salford Stadium	2843
16	14	STH	L 6 52	The Stoop	4600
21	15	WIG	L 0 36	Brick Community	14280
Jul-06	16	LEE	L 16 17	AMT Headingley	12958
12	17	CAS	L 20 34	Kuffink Stadium	2050
19	18	LEI	L 6 36	Leigh Sports	6677
26	19	HKR	L 16 40	Craven Park	9585
Aug-04	20	CAT	W 12 10	Cherry Red	1900
11	21	WAR	L 22 36	Cherry Red	2150
17	22	HUL	W 29 4	Elland Road	30810
25	23	LEI	L 12 32	Cherry Red	1950
Sep-01	24	LEE	L 20 21	Cherry Red	4403
8	25	HUD	L 16 22	John Smiths	3439
14	26	CAT	L 8 12	Gilbert Brutus	8855
20	27	WAR	L 0 54	Halliwel Jones	10192

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BASSETT, Jarred		B	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	24	1	3	-	-	12
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BOAFO, Gideon						W		W																					2	-	-	-	-	-
BUTLER, Robert	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	B	B	B	FR		B	B	B	B					B	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	14	10	-	-	-	-
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CAMPAGNOLO, Jack	FE	FE	FE		FE														B	HB	HB	HB	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	13	1	2	-	-	8
DAVIES, Matt	B															H													1	1	-	-	-	-
DAVIS, Sam	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H	H		B	H			H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	22	1	3	-	-	12
HOYES, Daniel								B																					-	1	-	-	-	-
HUGHES, Jack						B		B									B												-	3	-	-	-	-
JONES, Jacob		B	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	B	L	L	L	L	L		L	B	B	B	B	B	B	2R	H	16	9	2	-	-	8
KENNEDY, Rhys	FR	FR	FR	FR	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR		FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	26	1	1	-	-	4
KERSHAW, Lee	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	-	7	-	-	28
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MAKIN, Harvey							B	B	B	B	B	B																	-	6	-	-	-	-
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STOCK, Marcus	B	B	B	L	B	2R	FR	FR	L	FR	L	L	L	B	B	FR	B	B	L	B	FR	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	19	9	2	-	-	8
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WAINÉ, Emmanuel	B														B	B			B				B		B	B	B		-	9	1	-	-	4
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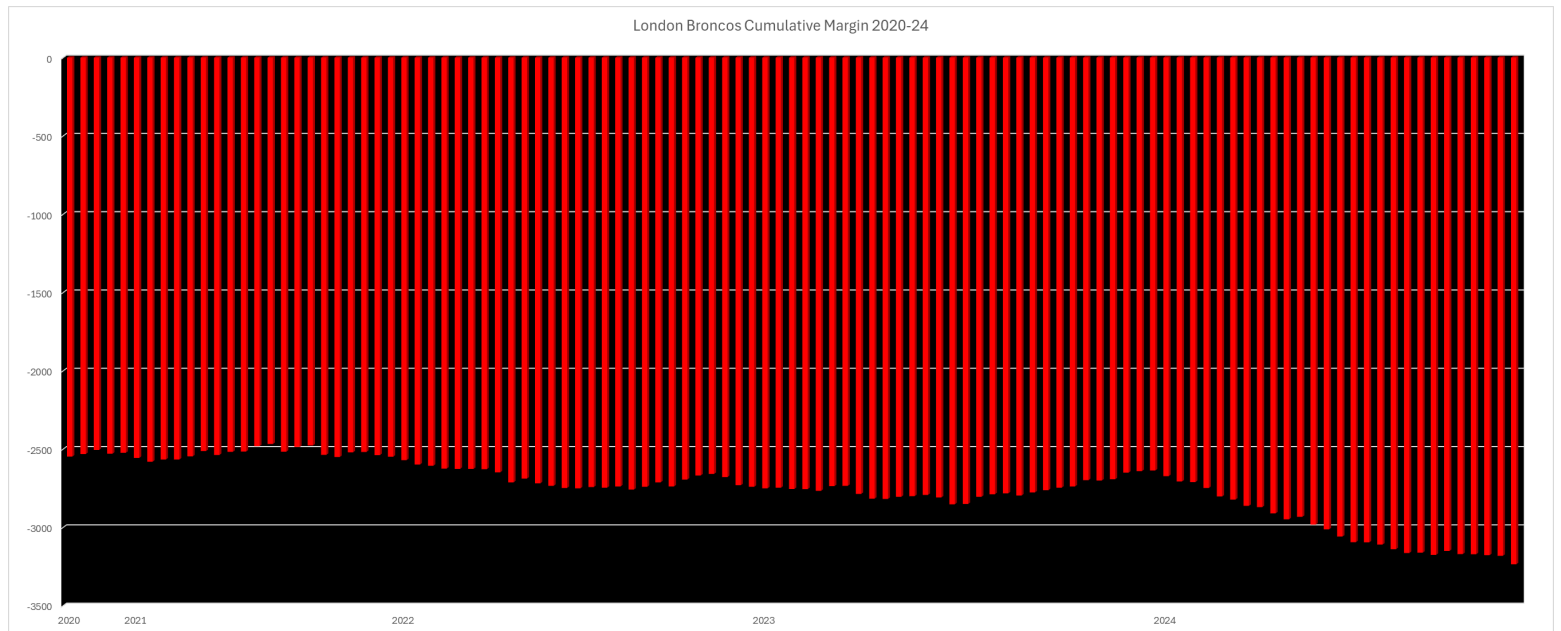
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
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 Biggest home crowd

Mike Eccles
 Will Lovell (27), Alex Walker (1)
 5,102 (vs. Catalans in round 2)

Average home crowd
 Top pointscorer
 Top tryscorer
 Player of the Year

3,178
 League: Oliver Leyland (93); All: Oliver Leyland (93)
 League: Josh Rourke (8); All: Josh Rourke (8)
 Rhys Kennedy



SALFORD RED DEVILS

ANDREW FERGUSON

After narrowly missing out on a place in the finals in 2023 – thanks to a woeful run of form in the second half of the year that saw them win just 3 of 12 games and drop from 3rd place down to 7th, the Reds were keen to make amends in 2024.

They won 3 of their first 4 games, and after 10 Rounds, they were 6th on the table with 7 wins. Back-to-back losses to Leigh and Wigan in the mid-season may have caused some fans to worry that 2023 was about to repeat itself, however the Reds went on a brilliant run of 4 wins, beating heavyweight sides St Helens and Warrington as well as London and Hull FC to move into 5th place, however they were level on competition points with 3 other sides, competing for second place.

They then won just 3 of their next 8 games to lose touch with the top 2, but were narrowly hanging on to their place in the finals. They belted Huddersfield, lost to Hull KR then disposed of Catalans and Hull to climb to 4th before copping a 64-0 drubbing from Wigan in the last Round.

The Reds meekly bowed out in the first week of the finals, losing 14-6 to Leigh.

TURNING POINT

Round 13 – After losing back-to-back games, there was a very real concern of another season where Salford's form would fall off a cliff. While they were up against the worst team in the competition, Salford were solid in their 34-4 victory. They then followed it up with a good win against Warrington and then an even better win the following week against St Helens. They then had a less convincing 2 point victory over the struggling Hull, but that saw them draw level on competition points with the second placed St Helens. That 4 game win streak was almost enough to ensure they would make the finals.

WHAT WORKED

Consistency. When Salford won a game they almost always followed it up with another win. They never had a losing run of more than 2 games. They won the games they were expected to; they beat the two lowest ranked sides London and Hull FC on all 4 occasions, While they beat next lowest ranked sides Castleford and Huddersfield in 4 of 6 games.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Competitiveness with top sides. Salford suffered 11 losses in their Super League regular-season campaign in 2024 – with 8 of those losses by a margin of 12 or more points. They also struggled against the top 8 sides all competing for the finals, picking up 9 of their 11 losses against these sides, winning just 8 times. Despite finishing fourth with 5 more wins than losses, their points difference was a very poor +3.

BEST PLAYERS

Back-rower and Captain Kallum Watkins had a tremendous season, leading from the front in both defence and attack. He topped the tackle count for his team while also making plenty of good metres on the edge of the ruck. Winger Nene Macdonald was at his barnstorming best on the wing, racking up over 3600 metres for the year, his bustling runs returning kicks helped get his side on the front foot at the start of their sets. Tim Lafai was just as good, complementing Macdonald on one side to score a combined 22 tries for the year between them. Deon Cross and half Marc Sneyd were again among the best players for their clubs, their remarkable consistency and resilience, especially in attack were relied upon heavily to get the club back into the finals in 2024.

ROOKIES

23-year-old hooker Amir Bourouh had a strong season, his sixth in the top grade. He is yet to nail down a regular starting spot but his form in 2024 indicates he is closer than ever before to becoming the first choice rake. Canberra Raiders recruit Loghan Lewis made the switch mid-season to Salford and played in all but 3 of their last 14 games for the season, starting out on the edges before he was promptly shifted to the middle where he quickly established himself.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Reds have made some good but minimal changes to their roster for their 2025 campaign. Esan Marsters joins the side from Huddersfield and will be a huge improvement to the Reds backline. He'll be joined by veteran prop Chris Hill whose experience and consistency will add some much needed starch and depth to the Reds middle. They've also picked up London hooker Sam Davis who will be competing with Amir Bourouh for the top hooking spot in the squad. The side saw the early departures of Ken Sio and David Nofoluma as their only big name losses ahead of 2025 to date.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE		VENUE	CROWD	
Feb-16	1	LEE	L	16	22	AMT Headingley	15126
25	2	CAS	W	26	22	Salford Stadium	4770
Mar-02	3	HKR	W	17	10	Salford Stadium	5036
8	4	STH	W	24	20	Totally Wicked	11548
14	5	WIG	L	12	22	Salford Stadium	6087
22	CC R6	HKR	L	0	40	Craven Park	-
30	6	LEI	W	32	22	Salford Stadium	6177
Apr-05	7	CAS	L	24	36	The Jungle	7967
20	8	LON	W	12	4	Cherry Red	2450
27	9	WAR	W	17	12	Salford Stadium	5910
May-03	10	HUD	W	18	16	John Smith's	4843
10	11	LEI	L	12	40	Leigh Sports	8103
26	12	WIG	L	6	26	Salford Stadium	4087
Jun-02	13	LON	W	34	4	Salford Stadium	2843
14	14	WAR	W	25	14	Halliwel Jones	9257
23	15	STH	W	20	18	Salford Stadium	5724
Jul-07	16	HUL	W	22	20	Salford Stadium	3910
13	17	CAT	L	0	20	Gilbert Brutus	7750
19	18	HUD	L	8	16	John Smith's	4119
27	19	CAS	W	30	22	Salford Stadium	3146
Aug-03	20	LEE	W	22	16	Salford Stadium	4473
8	21	STH	L	16	17	Totally Wicked	11050
18	22	LEI	L	0	26	Elland Road	22293
24	23	HUD	W	60	10	Salford Stadium	3319
30	24	HKR	L	12	32	Craven Park	9694
Sep-07	25	CAT	W	27	12	Salford Stadium	4910
14	26	HUL	W	58	4	MKM Stadium	9274
19	27	WIG	L	0	64	Brick Community	15589
27	EF	LEI	L	6	14	Salford Stadium	10867

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BARDYEL-WELLS, Leunbou																												B	-	1	-	-	-	-		
BOUROUH, Amir	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H				B					B	B							B			H	8	5	1	-	-	4		
BRILERY, Ryan	FB	FB		FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB				FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB		FB	FB	B	22	1	11	-	-	44		
BULLOCK, Joe																			B	FR	B	FR	B	B		B	B		2	6	-	-	-	-		
CONNELL, Nathan														B		B												W	1	2	-	-	-	-		
CROSS, Deon	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	28	-	12	-	-	48		
CUST, Cade	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	B	B	H							FE									FE	11	2	1	-	-	4		
DIXON, Andrew					FR				B	B																			1	2	-	-	-	-		
DUDSON, Gil					B	FR			B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B					B				FR	FR	FR	4	12	-	-	-	-	
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GLOVER, Billy																												C	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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HANKINSON, Chris	W	W	W	W								B	B	FB	FB	FB	C	C	C	B	B	C	B	C	FB	B	B		FB	14	7	5	-	-	20	
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STONE, Sam	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R				2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	C	2R	C			2R	2R	2R	2R		2R	2R	23	-	4	-	-	-	16	
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WILSON, Harvey																B													L	1	4	1	-	-	-	4
WRIGHT, Shane	B	B	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	2R	2R	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	2R	2R	2R	2R	B	B	B	FR	2R	FR	B	2R	B	15	12	2	-	-	-	8

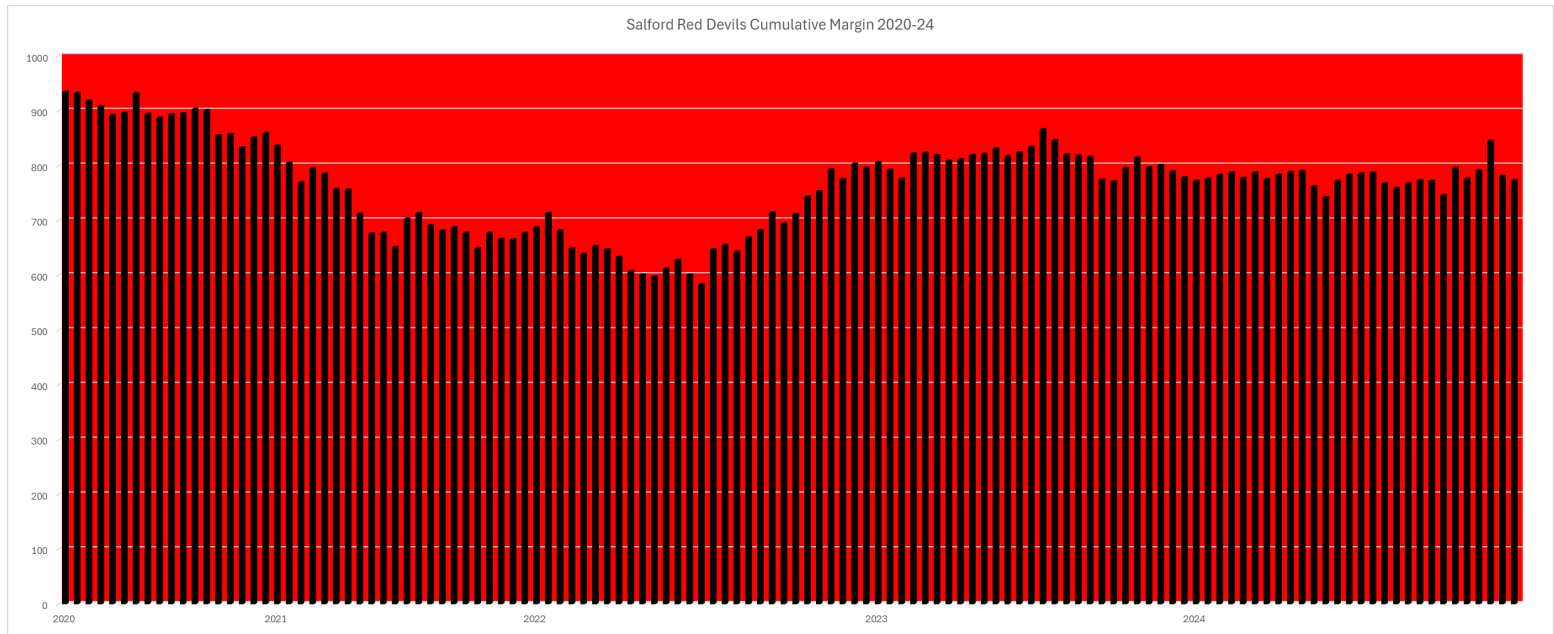
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Captains
Biggest home crowd

Paul Rowley
Kallum Watkins (28), Chris Atkin (1)
10,867 (vs. Leigh in Eliminator)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorers
Player of the Year

5,090
League: Marc Sneyd (212); All: Marc Sneyd (212)
League: Deon Cross, Nene Macdonald (12); All: Deon Cross, Nene Macdonald (12)
Nene Macdonald



St Helens came into 2024 with a big question to answer to themselves. How can they bounce back from the disappointment of the 2023 season? This may sound strange as, on paper, they won the World Club Challenge on foreign soil, finished 3rd (joint top on points difference), were a missed penalty kick away from the final of the Challenge Cup and were 10 minutes from a Grand Final. However, this is the standard St Helens have set themselves in the Super League era and especially the recent trophy haul of 10 trophies between 2018-Feb 2023.

2023 season's end, away to Catalan, also signalled the end of 20-season man James Roby's St Helens playing career. Although James is very much still a part of the club, it would be rude not to mention him, as I did in last season's review. Daryl Clark was signed to replace the stalwart, from rivals Warrington Wolves. He became only the third number 9 for the red vee side in the Super League era. Could he be the key to Saint's bounce back and get them back to winning ways? The 2024 season also had one more major recruit, along with the permanent deal of Tee Ritson who was on loan for 2023. Waqa Blake, who joined on a 12-month deal after being released by Parramatta Eels... he will feature throughout this review, I am sure. Newly promoted, part-timers London Broncos, was their first test and they flew by it, even without a few injured stars like Joe Batchelor who picked up a collarbone injury in pre-season. Huddersfield were again no match for the super saints... but R3 there was already cracks showing as they scraped past Leigh 12-4 at home before a 24-20 loss to Salford at home after being 20-6 up with 15 to go, after a controversial Red Card to Mark Percival from a long-range break which came from the Red Devils half. The loss was a stark reminder for Paul Wellens's men that they were not going to have this season easy, after all it was the first time Salford had won in St Helens for 44 years. Five tough fixtures awaited as they played Leeds twice (once in the challenge cup) away from home, Wigan at home, Catalans away and Sam Burgess's transformed Warrington. Most Saints fans only saw one victory at most from these fixtures, however they went and Beat Leeds twice and Wigan at home in an enthralling tense game that finished 12-4 thanks to a late try from the Tongan Tornado, Konrad 'the Hurrellcane. However, a drubbing by Warrington in the Cup, after the Catalans loss, allowed the vocal critics of the coaching staff to rise up again. Two themes continued to happen throughout these games. 1) Injuries, long term ones at that and 2) failure to live up to the 'entertainers' tag-line that was the Saints identity.

TURNING POINT

The cup Knock-Out was indeed that turning point, despite a heavy 58-0 victory against Hull FC the week after, who had been disastrous for several seasons with 2024 being their worst. They scraped past a poor Huddersfield side 13-12 and capped it off by an utterly dross performance away from home at the High-flying Hull KR in Round 12. These losses versus top six sides were the straw that broke the camels back. In 2023, Paul Wellens's side struggled versus the top sides, especially in attack with an average less than 12 pts against the top 6 of 2023. Saints fans can take losses as long as the players on the pitch show fight, in these games they capitulated. The 5 men went on to win their next 4 games comfortably, but again against struggling Cas, Leeds, Catalan (who had to bring back retired Sam Tomkins after this game, they were under-performing that much), and part-timers London. It is worth noting that saints had an injury list of long-term absentees that included the likes of, at times: Joe Batchelor, Curtis Sironen, Alex Walmsley, Tommy Makinson, George Delaney, Jake Wingfield (who was incredible early season), Jack Welsby, Daryl Clark, Morgan Knowles, Iggy Passi (who was out until Round 16) and many more. At one-point saints had 14 absentees due to injuries and suspensions. This is vital for context to Paul Wellens's tenure. It was probably the thing that saved him from the sack. Saints went onto register 2 further embarrassing losses, one against Salford away and Cas at home which saw horrific scenes at the end with 'fans' yelling abuse at the players and specifically at young 22-year-old half back in Lewis Dodd who announced he was off to the NRL for 2025. Saints 'fans' have a history of turning on young players who dare to take the risk of moving to the NRL, most notably Luke Thompson in 2020 where they made up horrific rumours about the player and a fall out which never existed. This match saw Paul Wellens drop Dodd with very public criticism, leading to scapegoat calls as

other players were. The rest of the season pretty much continued in similar vain. High scoring v's the weaker oppositions and then awful v's the bigger sides or ones in form. Which added to the frustrations from the fanbase, high standards mean you are going to get criticism when you under-perform. Saints scraped into the play offs in 6th place, the lowest they've finished in the Super League era, but it meant they continued their record of making play-offs every year. Saints went on to be eliminated in the first round against Warrington 23-22. A game which got frustrations for other reasons. The fanbase went into the game expecting a drubbing but they felt they should've had victory. They were ahead at HT 16-10. A few poor decisions cost them the game, a knock on from Tommy Makinson from first kick off led to Toby King scoring on 60 seconds. Silly penalties led to both of Matty Ashton's try's. After getting the ball in Golden Point, Jonny Lomax

BEST PLAYERS

Honestly, this is the section I have been dreading to write as many had such an under-performing season. It'd be so easy to go on about underperforming stars but there are a few individuals who deserve praise. Mark Percival being one such player. Celebrating a well-deserved long-term deal, the Widnes lad who had played his whole senior career at Saints (along with academy days), was one player who gave it his all in every match. He is a player who leaves it all on the pitch, a hero in many a big game over the years. Another stalwart in Tommy Makinson, despite a couple injuries, was another such player. After he announced 2024 would be his last in the Red Vee of Saints, 2025 he will don the colours of Catalan Dragons after an offer him and his family couldn't turn down. Despite his aging years, Tommy gave everything. He wanted his glorious farewell, but it wasn't to be. Finishing joint top try-scorer for the S-men on 12 tries, was well deserved. Its no doubt his hard running kick returns will be missed in 2025. Daryl Clark also deserves a mention. A solid debut year for him individually, he added a new dynamic to saints that they missed the past 4 seasons with Roby, pace. He may not be the same as Roby but he made the 9 shirt his own and I am sure a more successful 2025 will come.

ROOKIES

The injury crisis did give a chance to many of the conveyor belt of talent from the youth academy. Noah Stephens a burly young scouse prop was a highlight who drew comparisons to another scouse prop who used to rep the Red Vee, if he has half the career that one did then it'll be a good one. Harry Robertson debuted and was incredible, a 17-year-old Fullback or Stand-off who is going to be an absolute star in the future. His electric kick returns and superb support play were a great inclusion after the lacklustre attack saints' fans put up with, any flair was a great inclusion. At 18 now, and the 9 appearances he rocked up, with one try, he is set for a big future. Jake Burns, a 24-year-old, number 9, late bloomer who had an alternate route to the first team of SL via open age rugby. Spotted and asked to join the reserves in 2020 when the reserves came back. He's had to bide his time but when Clark got injured, he took his chance and forced Wellens to keep him in the side. George Whitby made his debut in a huge loss, but that really doesn't matter because he is going to be the future England and Saints number 7, I am that confident in his ability. He also scored Saints' only try in his debut game with a lovely grubber and chase. Couple other names to look out for who got promoted to the first team, included in the 21-man squad but never debuted, include: Will Roberts, a stand-off and full back who has had a whole lot of long-term injuries including an ACL, but at only 19 he's plenty of time to thrive. Owen Dagnall, a centre and winger who has a huge future. Dayon Sambou, who's brother left saints to finish League 1 top scorer for Oldham, is another who's had injury issues but the speedster is tipped to grab a chance in the first team this season. Along with a lot of others in the famous academy.

2025 SEASON AND RECRUITMENT

After the appalling season of last Saints have made some major changes for 2025. Especially in the back room staff. 'The Frenchman', as he was christened on social media by disgruntled fans, Laurent Frayssinous has left the club after 2 years to return to France. Matty Smith has also left the club after 9 seasons since his return as a player from Wigan and then moving into coaching role. This meant saints had two assistants to replace them with, the most high profile being Lee Briers's return to the club he made his SL debut with and to the club he supported as a child, growing up near the famous Knowsley Road. He will be saints new attacking coach, hoping to breath new life into a stagnant attack, after 2 years in Brisbane and a successful

stints at Wigan and Warrington coaching he will bring lots of experience to the fold. The second coaching addition is former 9 and Bradford Bulls's 2023 head coach in Eamon O'carroll, he takes over as defensive coach to give Paul Wellens more focus on the overall team. This could be a shrewd signing as he took Bradford to the championship play-off semi-finals. These new additions will breathe new life into Saints and Paul Wellens's men are certainly hungry for that change. Playing wise, the lacklustre Waqa Blake has gone, having been dropped multiple times throughout the season for, shall we say, erratic displays. Tommy Makinson, as stated earlier, has left the club for sunnier climates. Lewis Dodd has done similar and left for South Sydney Rabbitohs. Sione Matautia has retired at 27 to return home, a player saints will miss for his versatility of playing centre, back row or prop, along with his influence on the game. Along with a few fringe players like Sam Royle who captained all levels of the Saints side from UT7's to first team. Saints have brought in though, so far, Three new signings. The biggest name of which is Kyle Feldt. The 2015 NRL Grand Final hero has joined the St Helens outfit. There were jibes from rival fans that he was slowing down and getting old but a 22-try haul in the 23 NRL season put to bed that, along with a fine intercept 80m try in the playoffs. He could well have had another year in the NRL but he didn't want to rep anyone other than the cowboys. He has plenty left in the tank and will no doubt, take Super League by storm. Tristan Sailor, who will don the number 6 jersey, replacing Dodd as a half option, with Lomax moving to 7. He will inject some much needed pace into the side, along with his cut out passing ability and quick hands, Lee Briers brought him over because of these characteristics and Tristan has wanted to join the SL for the past 2 years. Can Tristan make a name for himself over the course of his 2-year deal? My money is on yes he can. The final addition is Lewis Murphy, a player making his return to SL after coming through Wakefield's academy before joining Sydney Roosters for 2024. Finally Saints have their Regan replacement and he will add more pace to the Left edge along with his flying finishes. 2025 I expect we will see a brand new Saints side, with pace and flair all around. Will it be enough to throw Wigan off their throne? Or will it be another season of disappointment? I personally can see Saints Finishing in the top 2 and at least one of the major trophies returning to the Merseyside club. My final tip is for Kyle Feldt to finish club top try scorer. Here's to 2025. And Saints fans will be hoping for a successful one.

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8	4	SAL	L 20 24	Totally Wicked	11548
15	5	LEE	W 18 8	AMT Headingley	15284
22	CC R6	LEE	W 20 6	AMT Headingley	7108
29	6	WIG	W 12 4	Totally Wicked	17980
Apr-06	7	CAT	L 8 14	Gilbert Brutus	10724
14	CC QF	WAR	L 8 31	Totally Wicked	11280
19	8	HUL	W 58 0	Totally Wicked	10488
25	9	HUD	W 13 12	Totally Wicked	9888
May-04	10	HKR	L 20 40	Craven Park	10171
10	11	CAS	W 60 4	The Jungle	7869
24	12	LEE	W 40 10	Totally Wicked	11367
31	13	CAT	W 24 12	Totally Wicked	11088
Jun-16	14	LON	W 52 6	The Stoop	4600
23	15	SAL	L 18 20	Salford Stadium	5724
Jul-05	16	CAS	L 6 8	Totally Wicked	9808
12	17	WIG	L 12 16	Brick Community	20152
19	18	WAR	L 10 24	Totally Wicked	13135
26	19	LEI	L 4 46	Leigh Sports	8021
Aug-03	20	HUL	W 46 6	MKM Stadium	9885
8	21	SAL	W 17 16	Totally Wicked	11050
17	22	WIG	L 0 20	Elland Road	30810
24	23	HKR	L 6 42	Totally Wicked	13588
Sep-01	24	HUD	W 18 10	John Smith's	3877
7	25	WAR	L 2 16	Halliwel Jones	12015
13	26	CAS	W 40 4	Totally Wicked	12058
20	27	LEI	L 12 18	Leigh Sports	9899
28	EF	WAR	L 22 23	Halliwel Jones	12111

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BACHELOR, Joe					B	B	B	B	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R									B	B	C	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	13	6	2	-	-	8					
BELL, James	L	B	B	B	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	L	L	L	L	L	2R	2R	2R	B	B	H				B	B	B	11	15	4	-	-	16						
BENNINGSON, Jon		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	FB	FB						W			B						W	W	W	W	W	16	1	7	14	-	56					
BLAKE, Waqa	W	C		C	C	W				C	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	C	C	C	C	C	C			24	-	11	-	-	44						
BURNS, Jake																		B								B	B	B	B	H	H	H		B	3	6	3	-	-	12	
CLARK, Daryl	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H		B	B	H	H	H	H	H		H	H	H	H	H					B	B	H	20	4	8	-	-	32					
DAVIES, Ben	B									B				B	B	B	B	C	C		C	C		FE						5	6	1	-	-	4						
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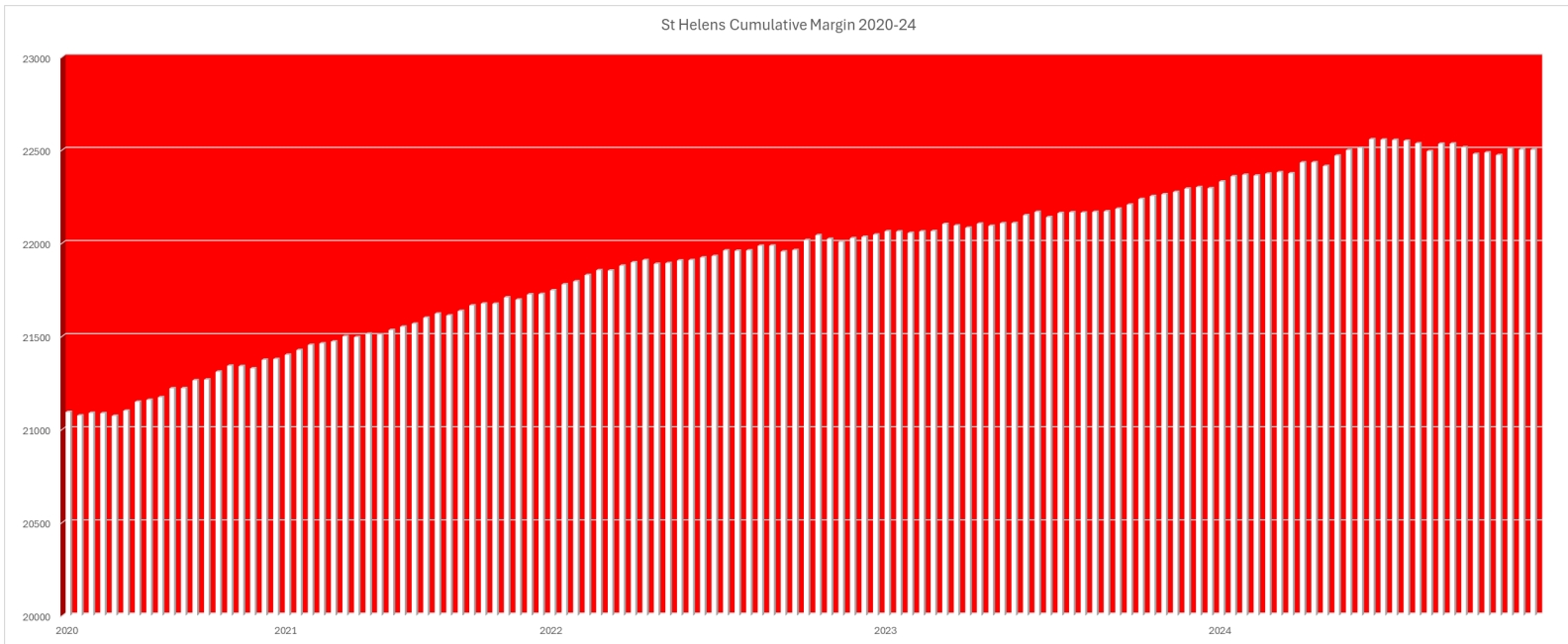
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Captains
Biggest home crowd

Paul Wellens
Jonny Lomax (24), Jack Welsby (3), Morgan Knowles (2), Matty Lees (1)
17,980 (vs. Wigan in round 6)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer
Player of the Year

12,169
League: Mark Percival (140); All: Mark Percival (140)
League: Thomas Makinson (14); All: Thomas Makinson (14)
Matty Lees



WARRINGTON WOLVES

DANIEL JAMES

Warrington entered the 2024 season off the back of one of the most topsy-turvy seasons in Super League history.

On the 9th of April 2023, after their 20-14 victory over Catalans in Round 8, Warrington was unbeaten at the top of the league and had comfortably scored the most points. Fans were hopeful that 2023 was finally their year. However, to the delight of other teams' fans, that hope soon manifested as hubris. As with any hubristic hero, Warrington's tragic decline soon ensued: they lost 15 of the remaining 22 games; Daryl Powell was sacked, and the season whimpered to an end with a 16-8 loss to St Helens in the first week of the play-offs. Despite this dire final three-quarters of the season, Wire's 2023-24 off-season was marked by quiet optimism. Even though he only won 1 of his 4 games in charge, Gary Chambers nurtured a back-bone during his time as Interim Head Coach, largely due to Warrington's steeliness in tight losses to Salford and St Helens twice. Add that new-found resilience to the recruitment of the experienced Lachlan Fitzgibbon, the intriguing Rodrick Tai, the powerful Zane Musgrove and the charismatic, inspirational Sam Burgess as Head Coach, and there was a tangible excitement amongst the Warrington faithful for season 2024.

One could accurately characterise Warrington's 2024 season in terms of the same-old near misses of defeats in the Challenge Cup Final (18-8 versus Wigan) and the Play-Off Semi-Final (10-8 versus Hull KR). After all, the same story describes each of Warrington's past 15 seasons, give or take. However, that would be a reductive, pessimistic narrative. So, with the perennial pre-season optimism that only a Warrington fan can possess, I would prefer to instead summarise the season along the lines of a comment that was disbelievably uttered several times in the part of the South Stand from which I watch Wire: "We wouldn't have won that in the past!" In victories against Catalans (16-8, Round 12) and St Helens (24-10, Round 18 and 23-22, Eliminator), Warrington faced significant adversity that, in any of the past 15 or so seasons, would have probably seen them lose. Thus, though he didn't win a trophy, Sam Burgess' first season as a Head Coach can only be described as an almost unmitigated success because he has instilled tenacious perseverance within the playing squad that made the fans fall back in love. Burgess' faith in youth also seduced fans: Adam Holroyd, Aaron Lindop, Cai Taylor-Wray and Tom Whitehead were all introduced into the first team, and before injury, Leon Hayes and Connor Wrench were regular starters. So, yes, those two games against Wigan and Hull KR were disappointing. However, Sam Burgess has managed to redefine what it means to play for the Warrington Wolves, and I can't help but be seduced, hopeful and excited by the progress made in 2024.

TURNING POINT

Round 12 victory over Catalans Prior to Warrington's clash with Catalans in Round 12, they had already lost to the Dragons twice (16-8 in Round 1 and 32-24 in Round 8). Warrington faced immense pressure in the teams' third clash of the 2024 season. For instance, play-the-balls in the opposition's 20 zone ended up 45-9 in the Dragons' favour and, at one point just before half-time, Catalans' had over 90% territory. Despite this, Warrington were gladiatorial in defence. Making 67 tackles more than Catalans, they prevented the Dragons from scoring for 73 minutes when Tom Davies scored what turned out to be little more than a consolation try. Although there were more eye-catching victories (31-8 vs St Helens in the Challenge Cup, 40-4 against Wigan in Round 19 and 23-22 against St Helens in the Play-Offs), Round 12 marked the point at which Warrington became Sam Burgess' team. It is a metaphor for the new Warrington, a determined, resilient, bulldoggy Warrington.

WHAT WORKED

In the regular season, not much didn't work. The turnaround between seasons 2023 and 2024 was remarkable for Warrington. Led by the generals of George Williams and Matt Dufty, Warrington scored more points (740) than any other team in 2024. Wire were particularly impressive when they attacked with left-hand side shift plays, as Matty Ashton's 32 tries across the season demonstrate. They also had the league's strongest defence and only conceded an average of 11.8 points per game.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Big games. Once again, Warrington froze in their two big games of the season. Against Wigan in the Challenge Cup Final, the league's best attack looked disjointed and disconnected as star half George Williams had one of the worst games of his career. In the Play-Off semi-final, Warrington made several amateurish mistakes, costing them field position and scoring opportunities.

BEST PLAYERS

Matty Ashton – Ashton again demonstrated his remarkable attacking proficiency, scoring 32 tries in 29 games in 2024. Ben Currie – A positional switch at the start of the 2024 season resulted in Currie's best form of his first-grade career. Swapping from second-row to lock, Currie became Warrington's first receiver in attack and quickly became a pivotal instrument in the Wolves' attacking plays.

Matt Dufty – Super League Dream Team full-back; top metre maker in the 2024 Super League season; 36 try contributions. 2024 was the year that Dufty achieved the consistency that had so far alluded him.

ROOKIES

Apart from that elusive league title, the one thing that has traditionally separated Warrington from the powerhouse clubs of Super League has been youth development. That changed in 2024. A total of 14 academy graduates were fielded by Warrington in 2024, and 6 played 10 or more games. Of the 14 graduates, there were 4 debutants: Arron Lindop, Cai Taylor-Wray, Ben Hartill, and Nolan Tupaea.

LOOKING AHEAD

Another top-three finish and a run to the Challenge Cup semi-final should be considered successes in 2025 as Warrington looks to achieve the consistency that has been missing since Steve Price left the club. Fans will be excited to see how young players such as Leon Hayes (who was handed the number 7 shirt by Sam Burgess), Arron Lindop, and Adam Holroyd develop after their first season of exposure to regular first-grade rugby.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	1	CAT	L 10 16	Gilbert Brutus	8876
23	2	HUL	W 36 10	Halliwel Jones	9431
Mar-01	3	CAS	W 30 8	Halliwel Jones	8483
7	4	HKR	W 22 20	Craven Park	9524
17	5	LON	W 58 4	Cherry Red	3324
23	CC R6	LON	W 42 0	Halliwel Jones	3416
30	6	CAT	L 24 32	Halliwel Jones	11240
Apr-05	7	LEE	W 34 8	AMT Headingley	12297
14	CC QF	STH	W 31 8	Totally Wicked	11280
20	8	LEI	W 16 14	Halliwel Jones	10443
27	9	SAL	L 12 17	Salford Stadium	5910
May-03	10	HUL	W 24 6	Halliwel Jones	8680
9	11	HKR	W 20 8	Halliwel Jones	8578
19	CC SF	HUD	W 46 10	Totally Wicked	9253
25	12	CAT	W 16 8	Gilbert Brutus	9440
Jun-01	13	WIG	L 18 19	Halliwel Jones	12181
8	CC F	WIG	L 8 18	Wembley	64845
14	14	SAL	L 14 25	Halliwel Jones	9257
22	15	HUL	W 24 18	MKM Stadium	10083
Jul-05	16	HUD	W 48 0	Halliwel Jones	9760
11	17	LEE	W 30 18	Halliwel Jones	8471
19	18	STH	W 24 10	Totally Wicked	13135
26	19	WIG	W 40 4	Brick Community	15764
Aug-02	20	HKR	L 4 22	Halliwel Jones	12102
11	21	LON	W 36 22	Cherry Red	2150
17	22	LEE	W 24 6	Elland Road	30810
23	23	CAS	W 28 6	The Jungle	7449
30	24	LEI	L 12 16	Leigh Sports	9434
Sep-07	25	STH	W 16 2	Halliwel Jones	12015
14	26	HUD	W 66 0	John Smith's	4181
20	27	LON	W 54 0	Halliwel Jones	10192
28	EF	STH	W 23 22	Halliwel Jones	12111
Oct-04	SF	HKR	L 8 10	Craven Park	12225

WIGAN WARRIORS

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As Wigan Warriors entered 2024, the anticipation was sky high. The club had just completed a League Leaders Shield and Grand Final Double. This, on the back of a ten-match winning run following a golden point challenge cup semi final defeat at the hands of an improving Hull KR.

With some impressive recruitment and a clutch of youngsters banging on the first team door, not to mention a World Club Challenge on the horizon, there was a real feel-good factor around the club as the Mike Danson era began brightly. The season started with a flurry, comfortably despatching Castleford at the jungle before that thrilling, record equalling fifth World Club Challenge win. In fact, the only blemishes on the first half of the season, both came away from home at arch rivals St Helens, and emerging rivals Hull KR. The Warriors scored some crucial victories at Salford. Wigan completed an impressive cup run with a straightforward victory over Warrington at Wembley, to add the Challenge Cup to an ever-growing trophy cabinet.

The second half of the season saw injuries kick in, O'Neill, Field, French disrupted the Warriors spine, but Leeming, Eckersley and Farrimond kept the engine just about ticking over despite an uncharacteristic loss to Hull and sobering defeats to Warrington and Leeds. As players returned though, the Warriors moved through the gears, going on an eight-game winning streak to clean up all the available trophies in one calendar year. The defence was especially miserly, conceding just two points and zero tries in the last four games. Back-to-back Grand Finals with no tries conceded as Hull KR couldn't find an answer to the Warriors defence and Bevan French's magic.

TURNING POINT

The Challenge Cup win. With St.Helens struggling under Paul Wellens (despite the Good Friday derby win), Hull KR and Warrington were fast emerging as the Warriors main contenders for silverware. Sam Burgess had people believing it may be Wires year and Willie Peters was desperate to end Rovers near 40 year wait for glory. A comfortable despatching of KR in the semi-final helped erase memories of that awful Headingley defeat, and a cup final against Wire, that really, Wigan never looked like losing. It really laid down the marker to both teams that if they wanted to win a trophy, Wigan weren't going to give them away easily.

WHAT WORKED

Despite no one outside Wigan knowing who Matt Peet was before he got the head coaches job, the fact that he had worked his way through the ranks meant that when the going got tough, the youngsters drafted in weren't unknown quantities. After a rocky period where several big names were missing, the Warriors kicked on and swept impressively to the end of the season. First Wigan side to win back to back League Leaders Shields and Grand Finals. First team in the summer era to lift all 4 in a calendar year. There seems to be a really good blend of youth and experience, of homegrown talent and international recruits. Above all a huge togetherness and camaraderie. His commitment to youth will really stand the side in good stead over the coming seasons too. This team really is on the brink of greatness.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

I mean it's hard to pinpoint any real deficiencies. There were only five defeats all season, Saints away with a man short, Hull away when we could have won, then KR, Wire and Leeds. These were quite comprehensive losses, which I am sure Matt Peet will learn from. I think my only personal criticism would be the occasions when a man was left on the bench for the full 80. It happened a few times, and just felt like a waste of a substitute. Who am I to question though, it all worked out in the end.

BEST PLAYERS

It's very hard to look past Bevan French, I mean the guy is a sorcerer. He looks like he is playing bush footy. How can you ignore the man of the match in three finals? Luke Thompson came in and was the force all Wigan fans hoped he would be. An absolute machine. Kruse Leeming flourished and became a leader on the pitch, thriving in his new environment. Liam Marshall scored for fun; another whose influence goes beyond his on pitch performance. 'Remember, remember Junior Nsemba', Dave Woods iconic words when the giant back rower marked his debut with a try at Leeds in 2023. He is on his way to becoming one of the biggest names in RL. Kaide Ellis is really growing into his new role at thirteen. Playing big minutes, having more

influence in attack whilst still pulling big numbers in defence. Finally, Jake Wardle, the guy is a freak. I am not sure he loves rugby, it's just a job that he is exceptionally good at! I for one am grateful he's at Wigan.

ROOKIES

Another category where we are spoiled for choice. Tom Forber staked a late claim having featured in the run in at hooker. The fact that the influence of Brad O'Neill was barely missed, and a huge feather in his cap. Jack Farrimond came in and looked lively when he was allowed to play his natural game. I think Peet's instinct to protect him did dampen his game slightly and Harry Smith seemed to struggle ensuring Jack wasn't exposed. You can't look further than Zach Eckersley though. Comfortable across the back five. The opening try in the Challenge Cup Final against a much more experienced centre. The lad has all the attributes to go far. The fact he'd arguably walk into every other Super League side as first choice centre says it all.

LOOKING AHEAD

Next season is going to be another intriguing one. There's not much change at the Warriors. Mike Cooper and Ryan Hampshire have departed but neither played double figures games wise last season. Willie Isa and Brad O'Neill will make their long awaited returns. The latter will hopefully come back just as strong and will be like having a new signing. The only incoming as yet is young forward George Hirst. It remains to be seen if a young league one recruit can force his way into the squad, so he may spend some time back at Oldham. Wigan appear to be confident in what they have. If they can keep their key men fit, then it's hard to see anyone surpassing them. A mean defence mixed with individual brilliance means it's hard to back against them extending their winning run of trophies. Matt Peet has certainly got Wigan winning when it matters, it's up to the rest to catch them.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-17	1	CAS	W 32 4	The Jungle	10117
24	WCC	PEN	W 16 12	DW	24091
Mar-01	3	HUD	W 30 16	DW	15357
9	4	LON	W 60 22	Cherry Red	4116
14	5	SAL	W 22 12	Salford Stadium	6087
22	CC R6	SHE	W 44 18	DW	5733
29	6	STH	L 4 12	Totally Wicked	17980
Apr-04	7	LEI	W 40 12	Leigh Sports	10308
14	CC QF	CAS	W 60 6	The Jungle	4097
19	8	CAS	W 36 14	DW	13029
26	9	HKR	L 10 26	Craven Park	9945
May-02	10	CAT	W 30 8	DW	14481
11	11	HUD	W 48 6	John Smith's	5334
18	CC SF	HKR	W 38 6	Eco-Power	11163
26	12	SAL	W 26 6	Salford Stadium	4087
Jun-01	13	WAR	W 19 18	Halliwel Jones	12181
8	CC F	WAR	W 18 8	Wembley	64845
14	14	CAS	W 10 8	The Jungle	6965
21	15	LON	W 36 0	Brick Community	14280
Jul-05	16	LEI	W 24 6	Brick Community	16053
12	17	STH	W 16 12	Brick Community	20152
20	18	HUL	L 22 24	MKM Stadium	5771
26	19	WAR	L 4 40	Brick Community	15764
Aug-01	20	HUD	W 28 14	Brick Community	11660
6	2	LEI	W 28 6	Brick Community	13249
10	21	LEE	L 4 30	AMT Headingley	12459
17	22	STH	W 20 0	Elland Road	30810
25	23	HUL	W 22 4	Brick Community	12347
31	24	CAT	W 26 18	Gilbert Brutus	11083
Sep-06	25	HKR	W 24 20	Brick Community	16719
13	26	LEE	W 38 0	Brick Community	15146
19	27	SAL	W 64 0	Brick Community	15589
Oct-05	SF	LEI	W 38 0	Brick Community	20511
12	GF	HKR	W 9 2	Old Trafford	68173

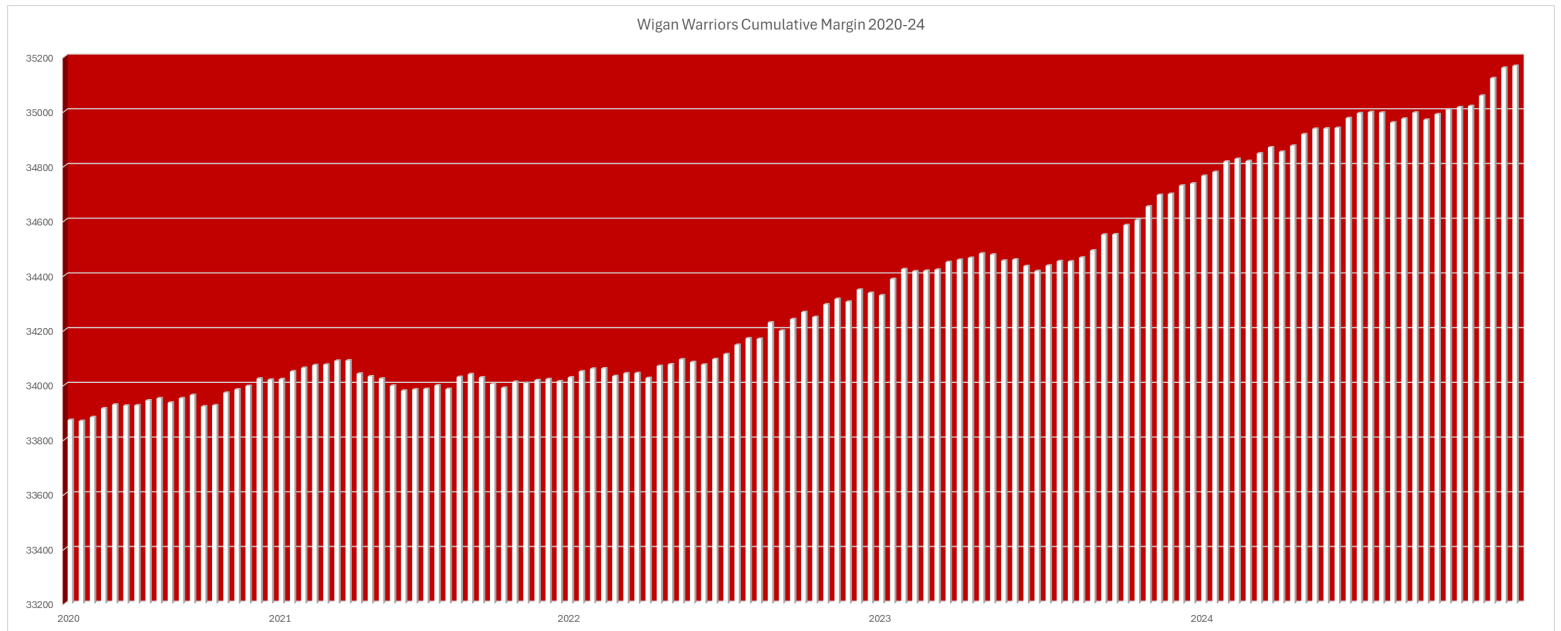
Note: DW Stadium changed name to The Brick Community Stadium in May 2024.

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SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach **Matt Peet**
 Captains **Liam Farrell (29), Kaide Ellis (3), Bevan French (1), Liam Marshall (1)**
 Biggest home crowd **20,152 (vs. St Helens in round 17)**

Average home crowd **14,254**
 Top pointscorer **League: Adam Keighran (190); All: Adam Keighran (200)**
 Top tryscorer **League: Liam Marshall (29); All: Liam Marshall (35)**
 Player of the Year **Jake Wardle**



ROUND 1

Leeds 66 (E. Cousins 3, Z. Hornby 3, L. Murray 3, C. Beevers 2, R. Enright, S. Robinson tries; R. Enright 7 goals) defeated Huddersfield 4 (A. Brown try) at AMT Headingley Stadium.
Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 36-4.
Leeds: Enright, Cousins, Hardcastle, Beevers, Whitehead; Butcher (C), Casey; Hornby, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Northrop, Hoyle, Murray, Dainton. Int: Bennett, Donnelly, Glynn, Robinson. Huddersfield: Bennett, Grady, Da Silva, Thompson, Brown; Townend, Hulme; Oldroyd, Oates (C), Wilkinson, Harrap, Hampshaw, Fisher. Int: Preston, Ramsden, Armstrong, Fairbank.

Wigan 18 (A. Davies 2, K. Hilton, I. Rowe tries; E. Knowles goal) defeated Barrow 4 (M. Larkin try) at Robin Park Arena.
Date: Fri, 19th April. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: 0-0.
Wigan: Banks, Miller, Hilton, Davies, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Singleton, Fisher, Casey, Coleman, Thompson (C). Int: Jones, Gregory-Haselden, Harborow, Hayes. Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Larkin, Rush; Fisher, Litherland (C); Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Temple, Stirzaker. Int: Cottier, Parker, Sherlock, Todhunter.

Warrington 34 (A. Johnston 2, N. Barnett, M. Bell, A. Coates, A. Dennis, R. Nixon tries; C. Magraw 3 goals) defeated Featherstone 28 (A. Courtney 2, F. Copley, O. Grace, B. Kennedy tries; T. Bryer 4 goals) at Victoria Park (Warrington).
Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 14-12.
Warrington: Dennis, Johnston, Barnett, Coates, Nixon; Bell, Magraw; Condliffe, Wilson, Burnett, Williams, Simpson, Turner. Int: Bound, Hill, Jelves, Seddon. Featherstone: Waters, Lamb, Copley, Johnson, Carr; Bryer, Grace; Mannion, Blackburn, Watt, Wainhouse, Davies, Billington. Int: Smith, Courtney, Kennedy, Holmes.

York 20 (C. Roberts 2, E. Kershaw, T. Renouf tries; T. Stanley 2 goals) defeated St Helens 16 (L. Burke, K. Mottershead, R. Woosey tries; A. Taylor 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.
Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Warren Turley.
York: Stanley, Partington, Renouf, Roberts, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Wood, Hetherington, Stimpson, Owen, Andrade, Bell. Int: Marshall, Gentles, Sharp, Eastwood. St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Woosey, Stott, Burke; Taylor, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, Sutherland.

ROUND 4

St Helens 12 (F. Gaskin try; F. Gaskin 4 goals) defeated Leeds 6 (K. Bennett try; K. Bennett goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.
Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-0. Penalties: St Helens 6-4. Referee: Luke Bland.
St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, McColm, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead. Leeds: Whitehead, Cousins, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Butcher, Casey; Field, Bennett, Northrop, Sykes, Murray, Donnelly. Int: Hornby, Lockwood, Greening.

Wigan 40 (A. Davies 2, M. Coleman, E. Derbyshire, B. Hayes, I. Rowe, R. Thompson tries; E. Knowles 6 goals) defeated Warrington 4 (S. Simpson try) at Halliwell Jones Stadium.
Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 18-0.
Warrington: Dennis, Johnston, Barnett, Simpson, Nixon; Bell, Magraw; Latchford, Bound, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Downs. Int: Wilson, Turner, Condliffe, Johnson. Wigan: Wilson, Welsford, Hilton, Davies, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Casey, Fisher, Molyneux, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Singleton, Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Hayes.

Barrow 22 (M. Larkin, B. Lindsay, V. Temple tries; J. Litherland 5 goals) defeated Featherstone 10 (A. Prescott, H. Watt tries; C. Smith goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.
Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 14-10.
Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Larkin, Rush; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Stirzaker, Temple, Smith. Int: Friend, Clough, Cottier, Sherlock. Featherstone: Copley, Carr; Billington, Prescott, Price; Smith, Grace; Mannion, Blackburn, Churm, Watt, Evans, Waters. Int: Harrison, Duffield, Craven, Johnson.

York 50 (E. Kershaw 3, I. Brennan 2, E. Partington 2, B. Lambert, C. Roberts, J. Sharp tries; C. Roberts 5 goals) defeated Huddersfield 12 (H. Goddard, G. Hobbs tries; F. Townend 2 goals) at Laund Hill.
Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York 32-0.
Huddersfield: McGifford, Goddard, Da Silva, Hobbs, Waller; Townend, Tyson; Webster, Oates, Wilkinson, Harrap, Haley, Fisher. Int: Naidole, Preston, Hampshaw, Thompson. York: Judd, Kershaw, Komaitai, Roberts, Partington; Rihari, Eastwood; Sharp, Wilton, Stimpson, Owen, Andrade, Wood. Int: Taylor, Lambert, Brennan, Wood.

ROUND 2

Leeds 68 (I. Northrop 3, R. Enright 2, A. Hardcastle 2, C. Beevers, E. Cousins, J. Greening, S. Hoyle, T. Moxon, L. Murray tries; R. Enright 8 goals) defeated Warrington 0 at AMT Headingley Stadium.
Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 36-0.
Leeds: Enright, Cousins, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Butcher, Casey; Northrop, Earnshaw-Cudjoe, Field, Hoyle, Murray, Donnelly. Int: Moxon, Watson, Glynn, Greening. Warrington: Dennis, Johnston, Barnett, Wray, Ellison; Bell, Magraw; Hunt Pain, Wilson, Condliffe, Williams, Simpson, Hill. Int: Tandy, Webb, Jelves, Seddon.

York 28 (E. Kershaw 4, S. Andrade tries; T. Stanley 4 goals) defeated Barrow 8 (E. Hutchinson 2 tries) at Northern Competitions Stadium.
Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: York 28-0.
Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Larkin, Todhunter; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Cottier, Temple, Stirzaker. Int: Friend, Rush, Sherlock, Smith. York: Stanley, Partington, Renouf, Izumi, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Wood, Eastwood, Sharp, Sanderson, Andrade, Bell. Int: Owen, Gentles, Hendry, Wilton.

Wigan 54 (I. Rowe 3, M. Coleman 2, A. Davies 2, G. Banks, E. Derbyshire tries; E. Knowles 9 goals) defeated Featherstone 12 (O. Grace, B. Kennedy tries; T. Bryer 2 goals) at Robin Park Arena.
Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 30-6. Penalties: Featherstone 3-2. Referee: Oliver Salmon.
Wigan: Banks, Miller, Hilton, Davies, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Singleton, Fisher, Casey, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Jones, Gregory-Haselden, Harborow, Hayes. Featherstone: Waters, Lamb, Billington, Johnson, Price; Bryer, Grace; Mannion, Blackburn, Harrison, Watt, Wainhouse, Churm. Int: Courtney, Kennedy, Evans, Duffield.

St Helens 60 (L. Burke 4, L. McColm 2, E. Stott 2, P. Hook, T. Jones, K. Mottershead, G. Sutherland tries; F. Gaskin 6 goals) defeated Huddersfield 6 (A. Brown try; F. Townend goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.
Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 38-0.
St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, McColm, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Mottershead, Stott, Travis, Williams, Williams. Int: Jones, Birchall, Sutherland, McDonald. Huddersfield: Bennett, Grady, Da Silva, Waller, Brown; Townend, Hulme; Oldroyd, Oates, Wilkinson, Harrap, Hampshaw, Fisher. Int: Ramsden, Waller, Fairbank, Hobbs.

ROUND 5

St Helens 24 (L. McColm 2, B. Salihi 2, V. Whitfield tries; F. Gaskin 2 goals) defeated Wigan 8 (M. Coleman try; E. Knowles 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.
Date: Fri, 31st May. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: Wigan 8-4.
St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, McColm, Rotheram; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Williams. Int: Birchall, Mottershead, Taylor, Sutherland.
Wigan: Wilson, Welsford, Hilton, Davies, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Casey, Fisher, Molyneux, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Singleton, Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Hayes.

Huddersfield 30 (L. Naidole 2, A. Brown, J. Dadds, M. Icetone, F. Townend tries; F. Townend 3 goals) defeated Featherstone 10 (C. Billington, E. Lamb tries; T. Bryer goal) at Millennium Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 22-0. Penalties: Featherstone 6-4. Referee: Luke Bland.
Featherstone: Copley, Lamb, Carr; Prescott, Price; Bryer, Grace; Mannion, Blackburn, Churm, Billington, Watt, Waters. Int: Johnson, Harrison, Kennedy, Evans. Huddersfield: Dadds, Icetone, Da Silva, Naidole, Brown; Townend, Hulme; Webster, Oates, Wilkinson, Harrap, Haley, Fisher. Int: Preston, Hampshaw, Thompson, Hobbs.

Leeds 68 (I. Northrop 5, L. Murray 2, C. Casey, E. Cousins, E. Donnelly, B. Macmillan, G. Short, B. Sykes tries; L. Whitehead 5, K. Bennett 3 goals) defeated Barrow 0 at AMT Headingley Stadium.
Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 2:45 PM. Halftime: Leeds 34-0.
Leeds: Whitehead, Moxon, Robinson, Hardcastle, Cousins; Butcher, Casey; Sykes, Bennett, Northrop, Watson, Murray, Donnelly. Int: Lockwood, Macmillan, Greening, Short. Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Stirzaker, Rush; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Temple, Smith. Int: Cottier, Friend, Mellen, Todhunter.

York 44 (E. Partington 3, M. Komaitai 2, B. Lambert, L. Owen, A. Stimpson, L. Wood tries; I. Brennan 3, E. Hendry goals) defeated Warrington 4 (C. Magraw try) at LNER Community Stadium.
Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 22-4.
York: Kershaw, Lambert, Owen, Komaitai, Partington; Rihari, Eastwood; Sharp, Wilton, Wood, Taylor, Andrade, Bell. Int: Sanderson, Stimpson, Hendry, Brennan. Warrington: Nixon, Johnston, Barnett, Simpson, Coates; Bell, Magraw; Latchford, Wilson, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Turner. Int: Fellingham, Condliffe, Johnson, Jelves.

ROUND 3

Wigan 102 (M. Coleman 5, A. Davies 3, V. Molyneux 2, R. Thompson 2, G. Banks, R. Casey, J. Foubister, K. Hilton, I. Rowe, E. Welsford tries; E. Knowles 15 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at John Smith's Stadium.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 42-0.
Huddersfield: Bennett, Goddard, Da Silva, Arrowsmith, McGifford; Townend, Hulme; Webster, Oates, Wilkinson, Harrap, Haley, Fisher. Int: Hampshaw, Thompson, Tyson, Hobbs. Wigan: Banks, Welsford, Hilton, Davies, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Singleton, Fisher; Casey, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Molyneux, Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Foubister.

St Helens 58 (L. Burke 2, P. Hook 2, J. Cunningham, F. Gaskin, B. Salihi, D. Stott, E. Stott, V. Whitfield, M. Williams tries; F. Gaskin 7 goals) defeated Featherstone 4 (N. Carr try) at Millennium Stadium.
Date: Sat, 11th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 40-0.
Featherstone: Copley, Carr; Billington, Prescott, Lambert; Smith, Grace; Mannion, Blackburn, Churm, Watt, Davies, Waters. Int: Courtney, Harrison, Evans, Taylor. St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, McColm, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Williams, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, Sutherland.

Warrington 10 (D. Bound, A. Johnston tries; C. Magraw goal) defeated Barrow 6 (V. Temple try; J. Litherland goal) at Victoria Park (Warrington).
Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Warrington 6-0.
Warrington: Dennis, Johnston, Barnett, Coates, Nixon; Bell, Magraw; Latchford, Bound, Burnett, Williams, Simpson, Turner. Int: Wilson, Johnson, Condliffe, Fellingham. Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Larkin, Rush; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Cottier, Temple, Stirzaker. Int: Friend, Todhunter, Smith, Sherlock.

Leeds 16 (C. Beevers, S. Hoyle tries; R. Enright 4 goals) defeated York 10 (L. Owen, E. Partington tries; T. Stanley goal) at LNER Community Stadium.
Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 8-6. Penalties: Leeds 9-6. Referee: Matthew Lynn.
York: Stanley, Partington, Renouf, Roberts, Kershaw; Rihari, Gale; Wood, Hetherington, Stimpson, Owen, Andrade, Bell. Int: Marshall, Sharp, Wilton, Brennan. Leeds: Enright, Whitehead, Beevers, Hardcastle, Cousins; Butcher, Casey; Field, Bennett, Northrop, Hoyle, Murray, Dainton. Int: Robinson, Hornby, Sykes, Donnelly.

ROUND 6

Wigan 46 (A. Davies 5, G. Banks, R. Casey, K. Hilton, A. Singleton tries; I. Rowe 5 goals) defeated Barrow 6 (J. Morley try; J. Litherland goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 1:30 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0. Penalties: Wigan 5-4. Referee: Tyler Topping. Crowd: 461.

Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Rush, Todhunter; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Temple, Stirzaker. Int: Cottier, Friend, Mellen, Neale. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Casey, Fisher, Jones, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Singleton, Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Hayes.

Warrington 16 (E. Baggaley, G. Burnett, S. Simpson tries; C. Magraw 2 goals) defeated Featherstone 10 (E. Johnson, E. Lamb tries; T. Bryer goal) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 10-4. Featherstone: Copley, Lamb, Billington, Johnson, Price; Bryer, Grace; Mannion, Blackburn, Harrison, Davies, Watt, Waters. Int: Kennedy, Holmes, Courtney, Smith. Warrington: Magraw, Coates, Barnett, Simpson, Ellison; Bell, Fellingham; Latchford, Wilson, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Downs. Int: Turner, Condliffe, Johnson, Jelves.

Leeds 42 (I. Northrop 2, E. Donnelly, A. Hardcastle, Z. Hornby, S. Hoyle, S. Robinson, E. Watson tries; K. Bennett 4, H. Butcher goals) defeated Huddersfield 4 (A. Brown try) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 26-4.

Huddersfield: Dadds, Icton, Da Silva, Naidole, Brown; Townend, Hulme; Harrap, Oates, Wilkinson, Haley, Fisher, Thompson. Int: Oldroyd, Preston, Hampshire, Hobbs. Leeds: Whitehead, Robinson, Hardcastle, Beevers, Moxon; Butcher, Greening; Hornby, Bennett, Donnelly, Murray, Hoyle, Sykes. Int: Macmillan, Watson, Northrop, Short.

St Helens 10 (L. Burke 2 tries; F. Gaskin goal) defeated York 6 (R. Wilton try; T. Stanley goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Wed, 31st July. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 10-6. Penalties: St Helens 7-3. Referee: Adam Williams. Crowd: 1,123.

St Helens: Salihi, Woosey, Stott, McColm, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead. York: Stanley, Kershaw, Roberts, Owen, Partington; Wilton, Eastwood; Sharp, Hetherington, Bell, Taylor, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Gentles, Wood, Parker.

ROUND 9

St Helens 82 (D. McGifford 3, R. Woosey 3, J. Cunningham 2, T. Jones 2, P. Birchall, Z. Harris, E. McDonald, K. Mottershead, P. Travis tries; F. Gaskin 11 goals) defeated Warrington 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 42-0.

St Helens: Harris, Woosey, Stott, Cunningham, McGifford; Taylor, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Stott, Travis, Rudge, Crowl. Int: Birchall, Mottershead, Williams, McDonald. Warrington: Wray, Johnston, Roberts, Coates, Nixon; Fellingham, Magraw; Latchford, Jelves, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Turner. Int: Wilson, Condliffe, Johnson, Bogg.

Leeds 28 (L. Whitehead 4, E. Cousins, A. Hardcastle tries; K. Bennett 2 goals) defeated Barrow 10 (S. Norman, V. Temple tries; J. Litherland goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 22-4.

Barrow: Temple, Todhunter, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Norman; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Stirzaker; Smith. Int: Friend, Mellen, Cottier, Stewart. Leeds: Cousins, Whitehead, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Butcher, Casey; Hoyle, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Greening, Sykes. Int: Donnelly, Macmillan, Short, Bruce.

Wigan 18 (E. Hunter 2, E. Derbyshire, J. Foubister tries; I. Rowe goal) defeated York 10 (E. Partington 2 tries; T. Stanley goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 14-6.

York: Stanley, Partington, Gale, Izumi, Kershaw; Rihari, Pommier; Wood, Hetherington, Sharp, Owen, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Bell, Eastwood, Sexton, Parker. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Casey, Coleman, Hunter, Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Jones, Hayes.

Huddersfield 44 (A. Brown 3, F. Townend 2, S. Hulme, M. Icton, P. Webster tries; F. Townend 6 goals) defeated Featherstone 8 (K. Evans, C. Smith tries) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 18-0.

Huddersfield: Brown, Icton, Da Silva, Naidole, Waller; Townend, Hulme; Harrap, Preston, Wilkinson, Hampshire, Haley, Fisher. Int: Webster, Fairbank, Tyson, Hobbs. Featherstone: Copley, Craven, Waters, Billington, Carr; Bryer, Smith; Harrison, Courtney, Churm, Watt, Evans, Blackburn. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Holmes, Teece, Lambert.

ROUND 7

St Helens 16 (F. Gaskin, Z. Harris, T. Jones tries; F. Gaskin, Z. Harris goals) defeated Leeds 6 (E. Cousins try; C. Casey goal) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 12:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 4-2. Penalties: Leeds 6-3. Referee: Adam Williams.

Leeds: Enright, Cousins, Hardcastle, Beevers, Robinson; Butcher, Casey; Northrop, Bennett, Sykes, Murray, Hoyle, Dainton. Int: Donnelly, Greening, Hornby. St Helens: Salihi, Rotheram, Stott, McColm, Woosey; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, Williams.

Wigan 50 (G. Banks 2, G. Wilson 2, R. Casey, A. Davies, J. Foubister, E. Hunter, R. Thompson tries; I. Rowe 7 goals) defeated Featherstone 0 at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 22-0.

Featherstone: Copley, Lamb, Prescott, Johnson, Carr; Bryer, Grace; Harrison, Blackburn, Churm, Watt, Billington, Waters. Int: Evans, Holmes, Courtney, Smith. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Thompson, Wilson, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Casey, Fisher, Hunter, Molyneux, Coleman. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Jones, Marsh.

Huddersfield 32 (A. Brown 2, M. Icton 2, L. Naidole 2 tries; E. Thompson 4 goals) defeated Warrington 10 (E. Baggaley, S. Simpson tries; C. Magraw goal) at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 6-4.

Warrington: Magraw, Johnston, Coates, Simpson, Ellison; Bell, Fellingham; Latchford, Jelves, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Downs. Int: Turner, Condliffe, Johnson, Wilson. Huddersfield: Bennett, Icton, Da Silva, Naidole, Brown; Townend, Hulme; Harrap, Oates, Wilkinson, Haley, Fisher, Thompson. Int: Webster, Preston, Hampshire, Fairbank.

York 44 (E. Kershaw 3, S. Andrade, O. Gale, G. Hetherington, E. Partington, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 6 goals) defeated Barrow 0 at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 20-0.

York: Stanley, Partington, Sexton, Taylor, Kershaw; Rihari, Wilton; Wood, Hetherington, Bell, Gale, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Sharp, Stimpson, Eastwood, Izumi. Barrow: Norman, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Rush, Larkin; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Temple, Stirzaker. Int: Friend, Smith, Cottier, Stewart.

ROUND 10

St Helens 64 (R. Woosey 3, F. Gaskin 2, M. Williams 2, L. Burke, J. Cunningham, Z. Harris, P. Travis, V. Whitfield tries; F. Gaskin 8 goals) defeated Barrow 6 (S. Norman try; J. Litherland goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 38-2.

Barrow: Temple, Todhunter, Hutchinson, Stirzaker; Norman; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Cottier, Morley, Clough, Friend, Smith. Int: Mellen, Sunderland, Lindsay, Stewart. St Helens: Salihi, Woosey, Stott, McColm, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Williams, Travis, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead.

Leeds 68 (L. Whitehead 3, B. Dainton 2, E. Stead 2, R. Walker 2, K. Bennett, E. Cousins, G. Short, B. Sykes tries; K. Bennett 5, R. Walker 3 goals) defeated Featherstone 6 (C. Blackburn try; T. Bryer goal) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 38-6.

Featherstone: Lamb, Craven, Copley, Johnson, Carr; Waters, Bryer; Harrison, Blackburn, Lambert, Watt, Evans, Teece. Int: Courtney, Prescott, Kennedy, Holmes. Leeds: Cousins, Whitehead, Greening, Robinson, Stead; Butcher, Casey; Northrop, Bennett, Sykes, Murray, Short, Dainton. Int: Field, Glynn, Donnelly, Walker.

York 61 (E. Partington 4, E. Kershaw 3, S. Andrade, G. Hetherington, C. Roberts, T. Stanley, R. Wilton tries; T. Stanley 6 goals; T. Stanley field goal) defeated Warrington 0 at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 26-0.

Warrington: Barnett, Johnston, Bogg, Coates, Ellison; Doria, Fellingham; Latchford, Jelves, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Downs. Int: Wilson, Turner, Johnson, Condliffe. York: Stanley, Partington, Parker, Roberts, Kershaw; Wilton, Eastwood; Wood, Hetherington, Bell, Owen, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Sharp, Wood, Gentles, Pommier.

Wigan 70 (G. Banks 2, A. Davies 2, E. Derbyshire 2, J. Foubister 2, R. Casey, M. Coleman, K. Hilton, R. Hunter tries; I. Rowe 11 goals) defeated Huddersfield 0 at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 40-0. Penalties: Wigan 4-2. Referee: Liam Breheny.

Wigan: Banks, Davies, Thompson, Hilton, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Casey, Fisher, Hunter, Coleman, Jones. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Hayes, Marsh, Hunter. Huddersfield: Brown, Goddard, Da Silva, Moxon, Waller; Grady, Hulme; Haley, Preston, Wilkinson, Naidole, Fisher, Thompson. Int: Townend, Hampshire, Tyson, Hobbs.

ROUND 11

Leeds 28 (B. Dainton 2, S. Hoyle 2, E. Stead, B. Sykes tries; K. Bennett 2 goals) defeated Wigan 8 (A. Davies, G. Wilson tries) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 10-4. Penalties: Leeds 7-2. Referee: Luke Bland.

Leeds: Cousins, Stead, Robinson, Hardcastle, Whitehead; Butcher, Casey; Sykes, Bennett, Northrop, Murray, Greening, Dainton. Int: Hoyle, Field, Donnelly, Short. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Marsh, Fisher, Hunter, Coleman, Thompson. Int: Singleton, Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Jones.

St Helens 56 (L. Burke 4, D. McGifford 3, K. Mottershead 2, P. Birchall, J. Cunningham tries; F. Gaskin 4, A. Taylor 2 goals) defeated Featherstone 6 (B. Churm try; D. Waters goal) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 28-6. St Helens: Rotherham, Woosey, Arrowsmith, Burke, McGifford; Taylor, Gaskin; Crowl, Mottershead, Birchall, Rudge, Williams, Cunningham. Int: Jones, Williams, Bridge, McDonald. Featherstone: Watt, Prescott, Sefton-Appleyard, Evans, Craven; Waters, Churm; Duffield, Blackburn, Limbert, Harrison, Rainey, Kennedy. Int: Courtney, Holmes, Liu.

Barrow 32 (S. Norman 2, V. Temple 2, D. Fisher, E. Stirzaker tries; J. Litherland 4 goals) defeated Warrington 14 (A. Johnston 2, N. Barnett tries; S. Doria goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 16-14. Barrow: Temple, Sunderland, Hutchinson, Larkin, Norman; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Stirzaker, Smith. Int: Stewart, Friend, Cottier, Mellen. Warrington: Barnett, Johnston, Fellingham, Coates, Ellison; Bell, Doria; Latchford, Jelves, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Downs. Int: Wilson, Turner, Johnson, Condliffe.

York 48 (E. Partington 2, T. Stanley 2, E. Kershaw, M. Pakulis, T. Renouf, C. Roberts, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 6 goals) defeated Huddersfield 10 (A. Brown, C. Fairbank tries; E. Thompson goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 26-4. York: Stanley, Kershaw, Roberts, Parker; Partington; Eastwood, Pommier; Wood, Hetherington, Bell, Taylor, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Sharp, Renouf, Gentles, Exley. Huddersfield: Brown, Icton, Da Silva, Moxon, Goddard; Townend, Hulme; Webster, Preston, Wilkinson, Naidole, Hobbs, Thompson. Int: Grady, Schofield, Fairbank, Whitehead.

ROUND 14

St Helens 68 (L. Burke 3, P. Travis 3, P. Hook 2, M. Williams 2, Z. Harris, T. Jones, K. Mottershead tries; F. Gaskin 6, Z. Harris 2 goals) defeated Barrow 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Fri, 13th September. Kickoff: 5:15 PM. Halftime: St Helens 30-0. St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, Williams, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Rudge, Travis, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Birchall, Mottershead. Barrow: Temple, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Neale, Larkin; Smith, Litherland; Dobson, Cottier, Morley, Harley, Stirzaker, Stewart. Int: Lindsay, Friend, Mellen, Clough.

Leeds 24 (S. Robinson 2, K. Bennett, C. Casey, A. Hardcastle tries; K. Bennett, L. Whitehead goals) defeated Wigan 4 (A. Davies try) at The Brick Community Stadium.

Date: Fri, 13th September. Kickoff: 5:30 PM. Halftime: Leeds 14-4. Penalties: Wigan 6-3. Referee: Adam Williams.

Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Marsh, Coleman, Hunter, Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Jones, Hunter. Leeds: Stead, Cousins, Hardcastle, Robinson, Whitehead; Butcher, Casey; Sykes, Bennett, Donnelly, Murray, Hoyle, Dainton. Int: Bruce, Glynn, Northrop, Walker.

ROUND 12

Barrow 28 (V. Temple 2, L. Cottier, N. Stewart, E. Stirzaker tries; N. Stewart 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 16 (T. Bryer, B. Churm, K. Evans tries; T. Bryer 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-0. Featherstone: Waters, Lamb, Copley, Prescott, Carr; Bryer, Grace; Kennedy, Blackburn, Watt, Billington, Evans, Churm. Int: Johnson, Duffield, Courtney, Holmes. Barrow: Temple, Larkin, Hutchinson, Cottier, Norman; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Lindsay, Morley, Clough, Stirzaker, Stewart. Int: Smith, Friend, Mellen, Neale.

York 32 (S. Andrade, R. Marshall, L. Owen, M. Pakulis, L. Wood tries; T. Stanley 6 goals) defeated Leeds 6 (E. Cousins try; K. Bennett goal) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 22-6. Penalties: Leeds 4-3. Crowd: 723. Leeds: Cousins, Stead, Robinson, Hardcastle, Whitehead; Butcher, Casey; Sykes, Bennett, Field, Murray, Short, Dainton. Int: Northrop, Glynn, Donnelly, Bruce. York: Stanley, Kershaw, Izumi, Parker; Partington; Rihari, Renouf; Wood, Hetherington, Bell, Owen, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Marshall, Gentles, Eastwood, Brennan.

Wigan 82 (G. Banks 3, A. Davies 3, E. Hunter 2, R. Hunter 2, I. Rowe 2, É. Derbyshire, C. Jones, M. Jones tries; I. Rowe 11 goals) defeated Warrington 0 at Twist Lane.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Wigan 42-0. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Knowles; Speakman, Marsh, Coleman, Hunter; Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Jones, Hunter. Warrington: Barnett, Ellison, Coates, Newton, Nixon; Bell, Fellingham; Turner, Webb, Burnett, Williams, Bogg, Jelves. Int: Hill, Condliffe, Blythe, Roberts.

St Helens 40 (L. Burke 4, D. McGifford 3, M. Williams tries; A. Taylor 4 goals) defeated Huddersfield 8 (A. Brown, M. Icton tries) at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 24-4. Huddersfield: Brown, Icton, Da Silva, Thompson, Goddard; Grady, Hulme; Wilkinson, Preston, Hobbs, Hampshaw, Haley, Oates. Int: Townend, Schofield, Fairbank, Tyson. St Helens: Salihi, McGifford, Stott, Woosey, Burke; Harris, Taylor; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Williams, Travis, Cunningham. Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, McDonald.

ROUND 13

St Helens 98 (L. Burke 4, E. Stott 3, P. Travis 3, B. Salihi 2, J. Cunningham, F. Gaskin, T. Jones, D. McGifford, G. Sutherland, M. Williams tries; F. Gaskin 13 goals) defeated Warrington 0 at Victoria Park (Warrington).

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: St Helens 42-0. Warrington: Nixon, Johnston, Fellingham, Barnett, Coates; Bell, Magraw; Turner; Jelves, Burnett, Williams, Baggaley, Simpson. Int: Hill, Condliffe, Bogg, Webb. St Helens: Salihi, McGifford, Stott, Woosey, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham. Int: Stott, Mottershead, Williams, Sutherland.

Leeds 52 (A. Hardcastle 2, L. Whitehead 2, K. Bennett, H. Butcher, I. Northrop, G. Short, E. Stead, R. Walker tries; K. Bennett 3, R. Walker 3 goals) defeated Featherstone 12 (F. Copley, O. Grace tries; T. Bryer 2 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: Leeds 18-12. Leeds: Stead, Whitehead, Robinson, Hardcastle, Cousins; Butcher, Walker; Hoyle, Bruce, Northrop, Short, Greening, Sykes. Int: Casey, Bennett, Donnelly, Glynn. Featherstone: Waters, Lamb, Copley, Prescott, Craven; Churm, Bryer; Kennedy, Grace, Watt, Billington, Evans, Blackburn. Int: Johnson, Courtney, Holmes, Limbert.

York 16 (I. Brennan, L. Parker tries; I. Brennan 4 goals) defeated Wigan 12 (G. Banks, M. Jones tries; I. Rowe 2 goals) at Robin Park Arena.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-6. Penalties: Wigan 7-5. Referee: Milo McKelvey. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Marsh, Coleman, Hunter; Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Jones, Hunter. York: Hetherington, Partington, Parker, Izumi, Kershaw; Rihari, Renouf; Wood, Brennan, Bell, Owen, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Marshall, Gentles, Sharp.

Barrow 24 (E. Hutchinson 3, S. Norman, V. Temple tries; N. Stewart 2 goals) defeated Huddersfield 4 (M. Icton try) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 6-4. Barrow: Temple, Hutchinson, Hutchinson, Larkin, Norman; Fisher, Litherland; Dobson, Cottier, Morley, Clough, Stirzaker, Smith. Int: Stewart, Friend, Mellen, Lindsay. Huddersfield: Brown, Icton, Da Silva, Thompson, Goddard; Townend, Hulme; Wilkinson, Preston, Hobbs, Hampshaw, Haley, Oates. Int: Naidole, Harrap, Grady, Tyson.

York 32 (M. Pakulis 2, I. Brennan, L. Exley, R. Marshall, T. Renouf tries; R. Marshall 3, I. Brennan goals) defeated Featherstone 6 (E. Lamb try; T. Bryer goal) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: York 22-0. Featherstone: Waters, Lamb, Copley, Prescott, Craven; Churm, Bryer; Limbert, Grace, Harrison, Watt, Evans, Billington. Int: Johnson, Duffield, Courtney, Holmes. York: Eastwood, Lambert, Izumi, Parker, Partington; Rihari, Renouf; Bell, Wilton, Brennan, Andrade, Wood, Pakulis. Int: Hetherington, Marshall, Stimpson, Exley.

Huddersfield 36 (A. Brown 3, L. Naidole 2, S. Hulme, F. Townend tries; E. Thompson 2, F. Townend 2 goals) defeated Warrington 0 at Laund Hill.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Huddersfield 18-0. Huddersfield: Brown, Icton, Da Silva, Naidole, Waller; Townend, Hulme; Wilkinson, Preston, Harrap, Thompson, Haley, Oates. Int: Bennett, Hampshaw, Hobbs, Hayward. Warrington: Dennis, Johnston, Barnett, Coates, Nixon; Bell, Magraw; Burnett, Jelves, Turner, Williams, Baggaley, Simpson. Int: Condliffe, Fellingham, Day, Newton.

FINAL TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	ST HELENS	14	13	0	1	0	532	26
2	LEEDS	14	11	0	3	0	406	22
3	YORK	14	11	0	3	0	345	22
4	WIGAN	14	9	0	5	0	380	18
5	Barrow	14	5	0	9	0	-260	10
6	Huddersfield	14	4	0	10	0	-352	8
7	Warrington	14	3	0	11	0	-573	6
8	Featherstone	14	0	0	14	0	-478	0

STATS LEADERS

TOP TRYSCORERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T
1	LEAH BURKE	St Helens	10	25
2	Anna Davies	Wigan	14	22
=3	Emma Kershaw	York	13	17
=3	Eboni Partington	York	14	17

TOP GOALKICKERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	G/A	%
1	FAYE GASKIN	St Helens	13	65 / 100	65%
2	Tara-Jane Stanley	York	10	42 / 63	67%
3	Isabel Rowe	Wigan	14	39 / 56	70%
4	Emma Knowles	Wigan	7	33 / 40	83%

TOP POINTSCORERS

RANK	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T	G	FG	PTS
1	FAYE GASKIN	St Helens	13	6	65	-	154
2	Isabel Rowe	Wigan	14	8	39	-	110
3	Tara-Jane Stanley	York	10	4	42	1	101
4	Leah Burke	St Helens	10	25	-	-	100

2024 BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

SEMI FINALS

York 12 (S. Andrade, K. Gentles tries; R. Marshall 2 goals) defeated Leeds 10 (L. Murray, E. Stead tries; K. Bennett goal) at AMT Headingley Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: York 6-0. Penalties: York 5-4. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte.

Leeds: Stead, Cousins, Hardcastle, Robinson, Whitehead; Butcher (C), Casey, Sykes, Bennett, Donnelly, Hoyle, Murray, Dainton. Int: Northrop, Glynn, Bruce, Walker. York: Hetherington, Wilton, Roberts, Parker, Partington; Rihari, Renouf, Bell, Wood, Brennan, Owen, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Marshall, Gentles, Sharp, Exley.

St Helens 18 (L. Burke 2, E. Rudge, R. Woosey tries; F. Gaskin goal) defeated Wigan 4 (J. Foubister try) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 6-4. Penalties: Wigan 4-3. Referee: Luke Bland. Crowd: 1,193.

St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, Woosey, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Rudge, Travis, Cunningham (C). Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, Williams. Wigan: Banks, Davies, Wilson, Jones, Derbyshire; Rowe, Foubister; Speakman, Marsh, Fisher, Coleman, Molyneux, Thompson. Int: Gregory-Haselden, Hilton, Jones, Hunter.

GRAND FINAL: YORK 18 ST HELENS 8

York Valkyrie won 18-8 against St Helens in their game at Totally Wicked Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Valkyrie have won back-to-back Women's Super League titles against the high flying Saints side. For St Helens, they fall short of a historic treble after they collected both the League Leader's Shield and Women's Challenge Cup.

It was the Saints who struck first. Leah Burke got on the outside of her defender and had the top try scorer dived over for the score. York hit back from the boot. The Saints let it bounce and Lacey Owen swooped on the ball to go over under the post for 6-4. St Helens wrestled back the lead from the tee. Faye Gaskin piloted home a pair of penalty goals for a two point lead.

Once again, Rhiannon Marshall had magic in her boot. She forced another error the Saints and Eboni Partington was sent over in the corner. York extended their lead through Kelsey Gentles. She scooped up the ball on last, evaded the defenders and touched down for 18-8. The Valkyrie saw out the rest of the game to run out champions. They become the first side to retain their Women's Super League crown.

York 18 (K. Gentles, L. Owen, E. Partington tries; R. Marshall 2, I. Brennan goals) defeated St Helens 8 (L. Burke try; F. Gaskin 2 goals) at Totally Wicked Stadium.

Date: Sun, 6th October. Kickoff: 4:30 PM. Halftime: St Helens 8-6. Penalties: York 5-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 4,830.

St Helens: Salihi, Hook, Stott, Woosey, Burke; Harris, Gaskin; Whitfield, Jones, Crowl, Rudge, Travis, Cunningham (C). Int: Williams, Stott, Mottershead, Williams.

York: Hetherington, Roberts, Komaitai, Parker, Partington; Rihari (C), Renouf; Wood, Brennan, Bell, Owen, Andrade, Pakulis. Int: Marshall, Gentles, Sharp, Wilton.

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE HONOUR ROLL

Year	Winner	League Leaders' Shield
2017	Bradford Bulls	Bradford Bulls
2018	Wigan Warriors	Leeds Rhinos
2019	Leeds Rhinos	Castleford Tigers
2020	Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic	
2021	St Helens	Leeds Rhinos
2022	Leeds Rhinos	York City Knights Ladies
2023	York Valkyrie	York Valkyrie
2024	York Valkyrie	St Helens

2024 BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1

Sheffield 24 (A. Thackeray 2, C. Aston, K. Wood tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Toulouse 22 (G. Armitage, M. Jussaume, M. Stefani, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.
Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 18-16. Penalties: Toulouse 7-5. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 794.
Sheffield: Hansen, Millar, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafahi, Dickinson, Foster, Liu, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Murphy, Wood, Roberts. Toulouse: Brochon, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Ulberg; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Roumanos, Akauola, Bretherton, Richards.

Wakefield 42 (J. Griffin 2, L. Hood, M. Jowitt, D. Olpherts, J. Pitts, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 6, M. Lino goals) defeated Bradford 12 (K. Gill, A. McGowan tries; J. Lilley 2 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.
Date: Fri, 15th March. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 26-8. Penalties: Bradford 8-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 7,221.
Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Croft, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Doyle, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Hood, Uele, Cozza, Vagana. Bradford: McGowan, Myers, Jowitt, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Souter, Smith, Butler, Wilson, Hallas. Int: Green, Appo, Okoro, Flanagan.

Featherstone 24 (D. Addy, C. Aekins, B. Day, G. Minikin tries; L. Gorman 4 goals) defeated Batley 20 (J. Burton, N. Flynn, D. Morton tries; J. Woods 4 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.
Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 18-6. Penalties: Batley 10-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,961.
Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Flynn, Leak, Cooper; Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Burton, Gledhill, Gibbons, Ward. Featherstone: Gorman, Wacocekeke, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Bowes, Aekins; Springer, Jones, Kamano, Day, England, Addy. Int: Albert, Aydin, Tomlinson, Wynne.

Halifax 24 (L. Jouffret 2, J. Keyes, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 3, G. Widdop goals) defeated Dewsbury 10 (J. Hookem, P. Whiteley tries; C. Turner goal) at FLAIR Stadium.
Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 6-4. Penalties: Halifax 13-9. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,449.
Dewsbury: O'Connor, Whiteley, Greensmith, Walker, Carr; Hookem, Turner; Beckett, Davies, Bibby, Garside, Dawson, Collinson. Int: Walker, Hird, Billington, Rush. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Tibbs, Eden; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Inman, Larroyer, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: Fairbank, Lannon, Davies, Widdop.

Doncaster 36 (T. Halliday 2, P. Pauli 2, B. Johnston, S. Smeaton tries; C. Robinson 6 goals) defeated York 20 (J. Daley, T. Lineham, J. Teanby, A. Towse tries; N. Williams 2 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.
Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 12-10. Penalties: York 8-4. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,463.
Doncaster: Hall, Halliday, Hey, Lyne, Briscoe; Johnston, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Smeaton, Sutcliffe, McConnell. Int: Pauli, Hepi, Boas, Ferris. York: Brown, Lineham, Harrison, Keinhorst, Towse; Williams, Myler; Ta'ai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Field, Bailey, Nicholson-Watton. Int: Daley, Hingano, Michael, Teanby.

Whitehaven 18 (R. Corkill, R. King, J. Newton tries; J. Carter 3 goals) defeated Swinton 16 (A. Badrock, J. Hatton tries; D. Abram 4 goals) at The Ortus REC.
Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 14-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 12-5. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 653.
Whitehaven: Maizen, Teare, Corkill, Evans, Romeo; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Holiday, King. Int: Hanneghan, Graham, Aiyee, Desmond-Walker. Swinton: Abram, Chrimes, Badrock, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Wood, Eaves, Stephens, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Roby, Spencer-Tonks, Vaughan, Fletcher.

Widnes 44 (M. Butt 2, J. Edge 2, T. Gilmore, D. Langtree, R. Lloyd, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 6 goals) defeated Barrow 8 (R. Johnston try; R. Shaw 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium.
Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 16-8. Penalties: Widnes 13-10. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,758.
Widnes: Owens, Butt, Lloyd, Edge, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Fozard, Murray, Langtree, Wilde, Gregson. Int: Johnstone, Roberts, Bent, Walker. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Costello, Clarke, Toal; Walker, Johnston; Walker, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Stack, Makin. Int: Burke, Emslie, Wilkinson, Smith.

ROUND 2

Whitehaven 23 (J. Carter, N. Connell, R. King, J. Maizen tries; J. Carter 3 goals; J. Carter field goal) defeated Barrow 22 (A. Bulman, T. Forber, R. Shaw, J. Stack tries; R. Shaw 3 goals) at The Ortus REC.
Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-12. Penalties: Barrow 7-6. Referee: Matthew Lynn.
Whitehaven: Connell, Teare, Corkill, Evans, Maizen; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Holiday, King. Int: Hanneghan, Graham, Desmond-Walker, Hill. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Toal, Costello, Bulman; Walker, Johnston; Walker, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Emslie, Forber, Rothwell, Burke.

Widnes 28 (R. Ince 2, M. Fozard, R. Lloyd, A. Walker tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) defeated Swinton 10 (A. Badrock, R. Williams tries; D. Patton goal) at DCBL Stadium.
Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 10-6. Penalties: 9-all. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,751.
Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Edge, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Fozard, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Gregson. Int: Langtree, Johnstone, Roberts, Walker. Swinton: Abram, Chrimes, Badrock, Hatton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Wood, Eaves, Case, Rodden, Cox, Brogan. Int: Roby, Gannon, Royle, Stephens.

Dewsbury 24 (J. Billington 2, C. Davies, P. Whiteley tries; C. Turner 4 goals) defeated Batley 4 (J. Burton try) at FLAIR Stadium.
Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 6-0. Penalties: Dewsbury 8-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,549.
Dewsbury: O'Connor, Whiteley, Greensmith, Walker, Carr; Hookem, Turner; Beckett, Davies, Bibby, Garside, Dawson, Collinson. Int: Rush, Billington, Dixon, Hird. Batley: Kear, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Burton; White, Gibbons; Gledhill, Leak, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Burton, Ward, Brown, Gibbons.

Wakefield 20 (L. Walmsley 3 tries; M. Jowitt 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 12 (D. Addy, C. Aekins tries; L. Gorman 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.
Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 14-6. Penalties: Featherstone 8-7. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 4,127.
Featherstone: Aekins, Wacocekeke, Gorman, Minikin, Gale; Bowes, Turner; Springer, Jones, Kamano, England, Hardcastle, Addy (C). Int: Wynne, Tomlinson, Albert, Fishwick. Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Thornley, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Vagana, Pitts. Int: Uele, Rodwell, Doyle, Croft.

Bradford 29 (Z. Fulton, J. Myers, M. Souter, M. Wood tries; J. Lilley 6 goals; J. Lilley field goal) defeated Halifax 10 (M. Gee, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret goal) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.
Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-10. Penalties: Bradford 10-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,853.
Bradford: McGowan, Myers, Arundel, Gill, Carr; Davies, Lilley; Doro, Souter, Smith, Fulton, Butler, Hallas. Int: Appo, Wilson, Ott, Wood. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Smith, Eden; Jouffret, Widdop; Larroyer, Inman, Hudson, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: Tangata, Lannon, Hursey-Hord.

Sheffield 26 (C. Aston, M. Dawson-Jones, J. Glover, J. Hansen, K. Welham tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated Doncaster 20 (J. Guzdek, J. Lovodua, C. Robinson tries; C. Robinson 4 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.
Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 14-12. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,719.
Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Halliday; Johnston, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Ruan, Smeaton, McConnell. Int: Lovodua, Pauli, Hepi, Ferris. Sheffield: Hansen, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafahi, Dickinson, Bower, Foster, Gwaze. Int: Farrell, Hodgson, Murphy, Roberts.

Toulouse 20 (M. Stefani 2, G. Armitage tries; R. Brochon 4 goals) defeated York 14 (C. Bailey, J. Brown, J. Dee tries; L. Harris goal) at LNER Community Stadium.
Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-0. Penalties: Toulouse 8-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,046.
York: Harrison, Brown, Dee, Keinhorst, Lineham; Hingano, Harris; Ta'ai, Daley, Michael, Field, Severs, Bailey. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Reynolds, Nicholson-Watton. Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Armitage, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Akauola, Bretherton, Roumanos, Richards.

ROUND 3

Swinton 20 (J. Eaves, J. Gibson, R. Lepori, R. Williams tries; D. Patton 2 goals) defeated Toulouse 14 (R. Rennie, J. Shorrocks, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks goal) at Stade Ernest Wallon.
Date: Sat, 6th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 16-4. Penalties: Toulouse 10-7. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 3,542.
Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Jussaume, Armitage, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Pélissier, Hansen, Marion, Stefani, Lima. Int: Akauola, Bretherton, Rennie, Richards. Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Badrock, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Wood, Eaves, Brogan, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Cooper, Case, Hatton, Houghton.

Barrow 15 (M. Clarke, L. Cresswell, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw goal; B. Walker field goal) defeated York 14 (O. Field, W. Jubb, C. Severs tries; W. Dagger goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 8-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,692.
Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Clarke, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Walker, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Stack, Wilkinson. Int: Forber, Rothwell, Emslie, Gillam. York: Dagger, Brown, Dee, Keinhorst, Lineham; Hingano, Harris; Ta'ai, Jubb, Thompson, Field, Severs, Bailey. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Daley, Nicholson-Watton.

Widnes 24 (M. Fozard 2, J. Johnstone, D. Langtree tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (J. Beckett try; P. Sykes goal) at FLAIR Stadium.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,084.
Dewsbury: Restall, Whiteley, Greensmith, Walker, Carr; Hookem, Sykes; Beckett, Davies, Bibby, Dawson, Garside, Collinson. Int: Hird, Dixon, Billington, Morris. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Edge, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Langtree, Wilde, Gregson. Int: Fozard, Lloyd, Roberts, Walker.

Wakefield 42 (L. Gale 3, L. Hood 2, J. Griffin, M. Jowitt, M. Lino tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Doncaster 6 (C. Robinson try; C. Robinson goal) at Eco-Power Stadium.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 22-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,520.
Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Tali, Halliday; Johnston, Robinson; Matagi, Lovodua, Foster, Pauli, Hey, Knowles-Tagg. Int: Smeaton, Holdstock, Hepi, Boas. Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Thornley, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Cozza. Int: Uele, Rodwell, Vagana, Doyle.

Bradford 24 (C. Carr 2, C. Butler, J. Lilley tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 14 (C. Jones 2, P. Turner tries; L. Gorman goal) at Millennium Stadium.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 10-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas.
Featherstone: Aekins, Wacocekeke, Minikin, Gorman, Gale; Bowes, Turner; Aydin, Jones, Kamano, Hardcastle, Wallace, Addy. Int: England, Albert, Tennison, Tomlinson. Bradford: McGowan, Myers, Arundel, Gill, Carr; Davies, Lilley; Doro, Souter, Smith, Fulton, Butler, Hallas. Int: Appo, Wilson, Ott, Rogers.

Halifax 18 (T. Inman, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) defeated Batley 10 (J. Burton, R. Butterworth tries; D. Morton goal) at The Shay Stadium.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 8-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,770.
Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Smith, Tibbs, McComb; Jouffret, Widdop; Larroyer, Inman, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: Keyes, Tangata, Lannon, Davies. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Kear; Gledhill, Leak, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Burton, Flynn, Brown, Ward.

Sheffield 42 (M. Marsh 2, C. Aston, M. Dawson-Jones, J. Farrell, B. Liu, A. Thackeray tries; C. Aston 7 goals) defeated Whitehaven 16 (L. Castle, R. King, J. Maizen tries; J. Carter 2 goals) at The Ortus REC.
Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 10-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 598.
Whitehaven: Connell, Teare, Corkill, Evans, Maizen; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Holiday, King. Int: Hanneghan, Graham, Desmond-Walker, Hill. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Wood, Roberts, Bower, Foster, Gwaze. Int: Farrell, Hodgson, Clark, Murphy.

ROUND 4

Bradford 19 (K. Gill 2, Z. Fulton tries; J. Lilley 3 goals; J. Lilley field goal) defeated Toulouse 12 (R. Rennie, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sat, 13th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-8. Penalties: Bradford 9-8. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,720.

Bradford: McGowan, Taufua, Arundel, Gill, Carr; Davies, Lilley; Doro, Souter, Smith, Fulton, Butler, Hallas. Int: Appo, Wilson, Ott, Rogers. Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Jussaume, Rennie, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Marion, Stefani, Lima. Int: Akaola, Bretherton, Roumanos, Laguerre.

Barrow 27 (K. Rothwell 2, L. Broadbent, M. Costello, T. Wilkinson tries; R. Shaw 3 goals; R. Johnston field goal) defeated Dewsbury 20 (B. Dawson, J. Hookem, O. Restall, M. Walker tries; P. Sykes 2 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 26-4. Penalties: Barrow 3-2. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,675.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Walker, Wood, Silva, Clarke, Emslie, Wilkinson. Int: Forber, Rothwell, Gillam, Burke. Dewsbury: Restall, Carr; Walker, Greensmith, Whiteley; Hookem, Sykes; Beckett, Davies, Dixon, Dawson, Billington, Collinson. Int: Bibby, Morris, Hird, Copley.

Featherstone 46 (B. Day 2, C. Jones 2, C. Aekins, H. Bowes, G. Gale, B. Reynolds tries; B. Reynolds 7 goals) defeated Doncaster 4 (J. Guzdek try) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 16-4. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,701.

Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Guzdek; Johnston, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Smeaton, Ferres, Pauli. Int: McConnell, Holdstock, Hepi, Boas. Featherstone: Aekins, Wynne, Hall, Minikin, Gale; Reynolds, Turner; Springer, Jones, Bussey, Day, England, Addy. Int: Bowes, Kamano, Fishwick, Aydin.

Sheffield 22 (R. Johnson 2, J. Hansen, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated Swinton 4 (J. Gibson try) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 10-0. Penalties: Sheffield 12-7. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 786.

Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Brogan, Eaves, Wood, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Houghton, Badrock, Case, Hartill. Sheffield: Marsh, Welham, Liu, Glover, Johnson; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Wood, Dickinson, Bower, Foster, Gwaze. Int: Farrell, Hansen, Murphy, Roberts.

Batley 25 (D. Morton 2, K. Buchanan, E. Kear, A. Leak tries; R. Butterworth, B. White goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Whitehaven 12 (B. Bailey, J. Maizen tries; J. Carter 2 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 14-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-5. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 450.

Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Teare, Evans, Doran; Carter, Doran; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Holliday, King. Int: Hanneghan, Graham, Singleton, Bailey. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Leak, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Burton, Flynn, Cooper, Senior.

Widnes 40 (R. Lloyd 2, J. Owens 2, M. Fozard, R. Ince, D. Langtree tries; T. Gilmore 6 goals) defeated Halifax 14 (L. Jouffret, B. Kavanagh, G. Widdop tries; L. Jouffret goal) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 14-4. Penalties: Widnes 8-2. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 2,558.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Edge, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Gregson. Int: Fozard, Langtree, Roberts, Walker. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Tibbs, Smith, McComb; Jouffret, Widdop; Larroyer, Inman, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: Tangata, Lannon, Davies, Hursey-Hord.

Wakefield 50 (L. Walmsley 4, M. Cozza, L. Gale, J. Griffin, M. Jowitt, K. Rodwell tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated York 6 (C. Bailey try; M. Harrison goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 30-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 2,695.

York: Brown, Towse, Harrison, Bailey, Lineham; Hingano, Daley; Ta'ai, Jubb, Gannon, Field, Reynolds, Thompson. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Michael, Pemberton. Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Thornley, Croft, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Doyle, Rodwell, Ashurst, Griffin, Cozza. Int: Kay, Uele, Vagana, Smith.

ROUND 5

Toulouse 40 (D. Peyroux 2, D. Biscarro, J. Bretherton, C. Gahan, M. Jussaume, R. Rivett tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 4 (W. Evans try) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 20th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 22-0. Penalties: Toulouse 6-4. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,055.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Jussaume, Walsh, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen (C), Marion, Stefani, Peyroux. Int: Bretherton, Roumanos, Biscarro, Brochon. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Teare, Evans, Doran; Carter, Hanneghan; Graham, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Holliday, King. Int: Singleton, Connell, Bailey, Corkill.

Doncaster 38 (L. Briscoe, C. Hall, B. Hey, B. Johnston, J. Lovodua, R. Lyne, P. Pauli tries; C. Robinson 4, C. Hall goals) defeated Barrow 6 (E. Gillam try; R. Shaw goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 10-6. Penalties: Doncaster 5-1. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,616.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Walker, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Clarke, Emslie. Int: Burke, Gillam, Wilkinson, Forber. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Taulapapa; Johnston, Boas; Matagi, Lovodua, Knowles-Tagg, Pauli, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Robinson, Foster, Smeaton, Hepi.

Wakefield 34 (M. Jowitt 2, M. Ashurst, J. Croft, I. Thornley, C. Uele tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Batley 14 (A. Leak, D. Morton tries; J. Woods 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,572.

Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Senior, Leak, Flynn, Ward. Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Thornley, Croft, Walmsley; Lawford, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Kay. Int: Cozza, Uele, Rodwell, Doyle.

Featherstone 32 (C. Wynne 2, B. Day, B. England, G. Gale, C. Hall tries; D. Addy 4 goals) defeated Widnes 24 (R. Ince 2, J. Owens, M. Roberts tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 16-6. Penalties: Widnes 6-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,200.

Featherstone: Aekins, Wynne, Minikin, Hall, Gale; Bowes, Turner; Springer, Jones, Bussey, Day, England, Addy. Int: Tanner, Kamano, Tension, Butterworth. Widnes: Owens (C), Ince, Roberts, Lloyd, Butt; Lyons, Gilmore; Murray, Johnstone, Kirk, Langtree, Wilde, Gregson. Int: Fozard, Walker, Field, Brooks.

Sheffield 46 (J. Glover 2, B. Jones-Bishop 2, V. Halafih, M. Marsh, A. Murphy, K. Wood tries; C. Aston 7 goals) defeated Halifax 0 at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-0. Penalties: Halifax 10-8. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,521.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Tibbs, McComb, Lumb; Jouffret, Widdop; Larroyer, Inman, Tangata, Kavanagh, Davies, Gee. Int: Keyes, Fairbank, Lannon, Hursey-Hord. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Clark, Wood, Liu.

Swinton 50 (T. Ritson 2, D. Spencer-Tonks 2, D. Abram, M. Cox, J. Eaves, J. Hatton, R. Williams tries; D. Patton 7 goals) defeated Dewsbury 22 (T. Corion, C. Davies, B. Graham, O. Restall tries; C. Turner 3 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 20-12. Penalties: Dewsbury 8-4. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 894.

Swinton: Abram, Ritson, Vaughan, Hatton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Houghton, Eaves, Wood, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Hartill, Case, Cooper, Spencer-Tonks. Dewsbury: Restall, Corion, Walker, Greensmith, Carr; Turner, Hookem; Beckett, Davies, Dixon, Garside, Graham, Collinson. Int: Bibby, Hird, Sykes, Dawson.

York 25 (L. Harris 2, J. Keinhorst, J. Thompson tries; M. Harrison 4 goals; L. Harris field goal) defeated Bradford 14 (K. Gill, A. McGowan, E. Peposhi tries; J. Lilley goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 14-4. Penalties: Bradford 5-4. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 2,675.

York: Harrison, Brown, Severs, Keinhorst, Lineham; Pemberton, Harris; Ta'ai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Gannon, Bailey, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Michael, Daley, Reynolds. Bradford: McGowan, Blackmore, Gill, Arundel, Taufua; Davies, Lilley, Doro, Souter, Rogers, Butler, Fulton, Hallas. Int: Appo, Wilson, Peposhi, Ott.

ROUND 6

Wakefield 28 (L. Walmsley 2, R. Atoni, J. Griffin, M. Jowitt tries; M. Jowitt 4 goals) defeated Toulouse 12 (M. Jussaume, M. Stefani tries; R. Rivett 2 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 6-2. Penalties: Wakefield 11-6. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 6,743.

Wakefield: Jowitt, Franco, Thornley, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Kay, Uele, Rodwell, Doyle. Toulouse: Laguerre, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Ulberg; Rivett, Marion; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Bretherton, Stefani, Peyroux. Int: Akaola, Roumanos, Biscarro, Lima.

Batley 22 (J. Burton, R. Butterworth, A. Leak, L. Walshaw tries; J. Woods 3 goals) defeated York 18 (T. Lineham, U. Tai, J. Thompson tries; M. Harrison 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 10-0. Penalties: Batley 5-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 845.

Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Leak, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Burton, Flynn, Ward, Kibula. York: Harrison, Brown, Ward, Keinhorst, Lineham; Williams, Harris; Tai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Bailey, Reynolds, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Michael, Daley, Hingano.

Widnes 14 (R. Ince, J. Lyons tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals; T. Gilmore 2 field goals) defeated Bradford 13 (B. Blackmore, T. Holmes tries; J. Lilley 2 goals; J. Lilley field goal) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 6-4. Penalties: Bradford 9-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,029.

Bradford: McGowan, Blackmore, Myers, Gill, Douglas, Holmes, Lilley; Doro, Ott, Rogers, Arundel, Wilson, Peposhi. Int: Appo, Scurr, Souter, Okoro. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Lloyd, Edge, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Langtree, Wilde, Field. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Roberts, Bent.

Doncaster 38 (J. Guzdek, C. Hall, B. Knowles-Tagg, J. Lovodua, P. Pauli, C. Robinson, M. Taulapapa tries; C. Robinson 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (B. Graham, J. Hookem tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 16-6. Penalties: Doncaster 3-2. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,296.

Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Taulapapa; Hall, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Pauli, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Foster, Smeaton, Lovodua, Hepi. Dewsbury: Turner, Whiteley, Greensmith, Walker, Corion; Sykes, Hookem; Beckett, Davies, Walker, Garside, Graham, Collinson. Int: Dixon, Dixon, Dawson, Hird.

Swinton 28 (D. Abram, M. Cox, J. Gibson, J. Hatton, J. Vaughan tries; D. Patton 4 goals) defeated Halifax 12 (G. Eden, L. Jouffret tries; L. Jouffret 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 20-0. Penalties: Swinton 8-4. Referee: Michael Smaill. Crowd: 1,372.

Halifax: Jouffret, Eden, Tibbs, Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall; Widdop, Keyes; Larroyer, Inman, Tangata, Kavanagh, Gee, McComb. Int: Fairbank, Lannon, Douglas, Barber. Swinton: Abram, Ritson, Vaughan, Hatton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Green, Eaves, Wood, Foster, Cox, Hall. Int: Hartill, Cooper, Spencer-Tonks, Badrock.

Sheffield 54 (J. Glover 2, E. Battye, T. Dickinson, J. Farrell, J. Hansen, B. Jones-Bishop, B. Liu, K. Wood tries; C. Aston 7, J. Hansen 2 goals) defeated Barrow 0 at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 24-0. Penalties: Sheffield 8-1. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,103.

Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Liu, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Clark, Wood, Sene-Lefao. Barrow: Cresswell, Shaw, Carter, Broadbent, Bulman; Walker, Johnston; Walker, Wood, Gillam, Greenwood, Beardsworth, Wilkinson. Int: Forber, Gittens-Bedward, Silva, Burke.

Featherstone 28 (D. Addy 2, C. Wynne 2, G. Minikin tries; L. Gorman 4 goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (J. Romeo 2, W. Evans, O. McCarron, C. Teare tries; J. Carter 2 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 20-16. Penalties: Whitehaven 8-6. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 521.

Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Teare, Evans, Gebbie; Carter, Hanneghan; Graham, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Corkill, King. Int: Doran, Worthington, Hindmarsh, Bailey. Featherstone: Gorman, Wynne, Barley, Minikin, Gale; Jones, Turner; Kamano, Bowes, Bussey, Day, Tomlinson, Addy. Int: Butterworth, England, Roberts, Albert.

ROUND 7

Wakefield 36 (L. Gale, J. Griffin, M. Jowitt, J. Pitts, K. Rodwell, L. Walmesley tries; M. Jowitt 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (M. Dawson-Jones, K. Welham tries; C. Aston goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Fri, 3rd May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 24-6. Penalties: Sheffield 8-7. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 1,998.

Sheffield: Hansen, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover; Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafahi, Dickinson, Foster; Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Clark, Murphy, Roberts, Sene-Lefao. Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Thornley, Pratt, Walmesley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Kay, Uele, Rodwell, Doyle.

Toulouse 38 (M. Stefani 2, O. Ashall-Bott, D. Diakhate, M. Jussaume, A. Marion, J. Shorrocks tries; J. Shorrocks 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 21 (T. Corion 2, O. Restall tries; C. Turner 4 goals; J. Hookem field goal) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sat, 4th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 19-10. Referee: Bradley Milligan.

Dewsbury: Turner, Corion, Greensmith, Graham, Restall; Sykes (C), Hookem; Beckett (C), Davies, Morris, Billington, Garside, Collinson. Int: Walker, Dixon, Dawson, Hird. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Ulberg; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen (C), Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Roumanos, Brochon, Diakhate.

Barrow 24 (M. Costello, L. Cresswell, J. Greenwood, R. Silva tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) defeated Batley 14 (A. Gledhill, D. Morton tries; J. Woods 3 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 14-12. Penalties: Batley 3-2. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,976.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Toal, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Costello; Gillam, Wood, Silva, Clarke, Greenwood, Wilkinson. Int: Smith, Rothwell, Burke, Carter. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; Kear, Woods; Gledhill, Burton, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Gibbons, Flynn, Ward, Senior.

Featherstone 36 (C. Wynne 4, W. Albert, J. Hardcastle tries; L. Hooley 6 goals) defeated Halifax 16 (G. Eden, J. Keyes, G. Widdop tries; L. Jouffret 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 12-10. Penalties: Featherstone 7-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

Featherstone: Hooley, Wynne, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Addy, Turner; Kamano, Jones, Massey, Day, England, Bussey. Int: Bowes, Albert, Fishwick, Gorman. Halifax: Jouffret, Saltonstall, Woodburn-Hall, Tibbs, Eden; Keyes, Widdop; Douglas, Inman, Larroyer, Davies, Gee, McComb. Int: Tangata, Fairbank, Lannon, Barber.

Bradford 38 (K. Gill 2, K. Appo, Z. Fulton, J. Myers, D. Okoro, M. Souter tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated Swinton 12 (R. Williams 2 tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 24-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,187.

Swinton: Atram, Lepori, Vaughan, Hutton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Wood, Eaves, Green, Foster, Badrock, Hall. Int: Cooper, Rodden, Houghton, Case. Bradford: McGowan, Douglas, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Holmes, Lilley; Rogers, Souter, Lawrence, Wilson, Fulton, Doro. Int: Scurr, Appo, Okoro, Ott.

Widnes 16 (M. Butt, T. Gilmore, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) defeated Doncaster 14 (C. Hall, S. Smeaton tries; C. Hall 2, C. Robinson goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 10-8. Penalties: Widnes 9-6. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 2,936.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Nisbet, Edge, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Field. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Roberts, Bent. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Hey, Tali, Taulapapa; Johnston, Boas; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Pauli, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Robinson, Smeaton, Lovodua, Hepi.

Whitehaven 36 (R. Corkill, E. Gebbie, G. Graham, L. Hanneghan, R. King, J. Romeo tries; J. Carter 6 goals) defeated York 16 (J. Brown, J. Keinhorst, T. Lineham tries; W. Dagger 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 26-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-3. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,698.

York: Dagger, Brown, Harrison, Keinhorst, Lineham; Williams, Harris; Ta'ai, Jubb, Thompson, Reynolds, Bailey, Hingano. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Daley, Michael. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Teare, Evans, Gebbie; Carter, Hanneghan; Graham, Doran, Ainley, McCarron, Corkill, King. Int: Doran, Bailey, Hindmarsh, Worthington.

ROUND 8

Toulouse 38 (R. Rennie 2, R. Rivett 2, P. Marcon, J. Roumanos, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks 5 goals) defeated Barrow 16 (L. Broadbent, A. Bulman, B. Walker tries; R. Johnston 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 22-16. Penalties: Barrow 7-4. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 2,313.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Ulberg; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Roumanos, Biscarro, Lima. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Toal, Douglas; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Silva, Costello, McMillan, Brown. Int: Shaw, Ogunwole, Forber, Gittens-Bedward.

Bradford 28 (Z. Fulton 2, K. Gill, A. McGowan, J. Okunbor tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) defeated Sheffield 10 (M. Dawson-Jones, J. Hansen tries; C. Aston goal) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 22-6. Penalties: Bradford 11-9. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,234.

Bradford: Holmes, Tindall, Okunbor, Gill, McGowan; Ott, Lilley; Lawrence, Souter, Rogers, Davies, Fulton, Doro. Int: Scurr, Appo, Peposhi, Bateman. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Wood, Dickinson, Foster, Sene-Lefao, Gwaze. Int: Hansen, Hodgson, Roberts, Clark.

Featherstone 46 (C. Jones 2, G. Minikin 2, P. Turner 2, J. Bussey, B. England, N. Massey tries; D. Addy 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (M. Garside, O. Restall tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 20-12. Penalties: Featherstone 8-3. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,150.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Corion, Greensmith, Dixon, Restall; Turner; Hookem; Beckett, Davies, Morris, Graham, Garside, Dawson. Int: Sykes, Dixon, Hird, Ferguson. Featherstone: Harris, Wacocecko, Hardcastle, Minikin, Wynne; Addy, Turner; Albert, Jones, Massey, Day, England, Bussey. Int: Bowes, Kamano, Tomlinson, Tension.

Doncaster 26 (B. Faraimo 2, W. Boas, B. Ferres, J. Tali tries; C. Hall 2, C. Robinson goals) defeated Batley 0 at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 16-0. Penalties: Batley 5-4. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 1,236.

Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Hey, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Pauli, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Holdstock, Guzdek, Kenga, Hepi. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Senior, Buchanan, Burton; Gibbons, Woods; Gledhill, Leak, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Moore. Int: Burton, Flynn, Ward, Mitsias.

Wakefield 46 (R. Atoni, L. Bain, T. Boothroyd, J. Bowden, L. Kay, J. McGillvary, J. Pitts, K. Rodwell tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated Swinton 22 (M. Cox 2, J. Gibson, J. Purcell, R. Williams tries; B. Davies goal) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 16-12. Penalties: Wakefield 8-3. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 5,268.

Wakefield: Walmesley, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Jowitt, Lawford; Bowden, Doyle, Atoni, Boothroyd, Pitts, Kay. Int: Hood, Cozza, Bain, Rodwell. Swinton: Purcell, Ritson, Spedding, Hammond, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Green, Burns, Spencer-Tonks, Vaughan, Cox, Davies. Int: Case, Rodden, Abram, Wood.

Widnes 28 (M. Butt, M. Fozard, J. Johnstone, J. Owens, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) drew with Whitehaven 28 (J. Maizen 3, E. Gebbie, L. Hanneghan tries; L. Hanneghan 4 goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-16. Penalties: Widnes 6-3. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,741.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Nisbet, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Field. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Roberts, Bent. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Teare, Evans, Gebbie; Doran, Hanneghan; Graham, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Corkill, King. Int: Worthington, Hindmarsh, Bailey.

York 40 (J. Daley 2, J. Brown, J. Keinhorst, D. Litten, U. Ta'ai, A. Towse tries; T. Pemberton 6 goals) defeated Halifax 18 (E. Barber, Z. McComb, A. Tangata tries; G. Widdop 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 16-6. Penalties: York 6-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,693.

York: Litten, Brown, Lineham, Keinhorst, Towse; Hingano, Pemberton; Daley, Pele. Halifax: Jouffret, Tibbs, Barber, Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall; Widdop, Keyes; Douglas, Johnson, Larroyer, Davies, Gee, McComb. Int: Tangata, Fairbank, Lannon, Hursey-Hord.

ROUND 9

Sheffield 36 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, K. Welham 2, C. Bower, J. Farrell, M. Marsh tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 13 (J. Billington, B. O'Connor tries; C. Turner 2 goals; C. Turner field goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Fri, 24th May. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 13-12. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 971.

Sheffield: Marsh, Millar, Welham, Glover; Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Roberts, Halafahi, Clark, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Wood, Liu, Battye, Sene-Lefao. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Restall, Walker, Greensmith, Corion; Turner, Hookem; Beckett, Davies, Dixon, Billington, Garside, Collinson. Int: Morris, Bibby, Ferguson, Butterworth.

Toulouse 28 (O. Ashall-Bott, D. Biscarro, M. Jussaume, A. Marion, D. Peyroux tries; J. Shorrocks 4 goals) defeated Widnes 20 (M. Butt, D. Murray, T. Nisbet tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 18-14. Penalties: Widnes 7-3. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,130.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Ulberg; Shorrocks, Rivett; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier; Akaoula, Roumanos, Biscarro. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Nisbet, Edge, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Walker, Fozard, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Johnstone. Int: Brooks, Kirk, Roberts, Bent.

Batley 21 (J. Burton, A. Leak, B. White tries; J. Woods 4 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Bradford 20 (Z. Fulton 2, T. Holmes tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas.

Batley: Hooley, Buchanan, Mitsias, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper; Manning, Walshaw, Putt. Int: Leak, Kibula, Flynn, Ward. Bradford: Holmes, Tindall, Okunbor, Gill, McGowan; Ott, Lilley; Rogers, Souter, Doro, Arundel, Fulton, Davies. Int: Appo, Scurr; Peposhi, Baldwinson.

Barrow 25 (A. Bulman 2, L. Broadbent, S. Toal tries; R. Johnston 4 goals; B. Walker field goal) defeated Featherstone 12 (C. Aekins, P. Turner tries; D. Addy 2 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Barrow 9-5. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,311.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Toal, Broadbent, Douglas; Walker, Johnston; Silva, Wood, Walker, Greenwood, Stack, Costello. Int: Forber, Brown, Makin, Wilkinson. Featherstone: Aekins, Gale, Hardcastle, Minikin, Wynne; Bowes, Turner; Kamano, Jones, Bussey, Day, England, Addy. Int: Tomlinson, Fishwick, Albert, Wacocecko.

Halifax 34 (J. Keyes 2, K. Larroyer, N. McCormack, G. Widdop tries; L. Jouffret 7 goals) defeated Doncaster 8 (L. Briscoe, B. Faraimo tries) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 12-0. Penalties: Halifax 7-5. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 1,479.

Halifax: Widdop, Saltonstall, McCormack, McComb, Pons; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Johnson, Fairbank, Ruan, Gee, Davies. Int: Hursey-Hord, Douglas, Larroyer, Lannon. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Hey, Tali, Faraimo; Johnston, Boas; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Sutcliffe, Pauli, McConnell. Int: Holdstock, Guzdek, Kenga, Hepi.

York 30 (J. Daley 2, J. Brown, J. Dee, F. Pele tries; T. Pemberton 5 goals) defeated Swinton 22 (A. Badrock 2, J. Burns, J. Spedding tries; D. Patton 3 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 22-0. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 844.

Swinton: Atram, Ritson, Spedding, Hutton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Green, Eaves, Spencer-Tonks, Badrock, Rodden, Hall. Int: Burns, Case, Cooper. York: Litten, Brown, Bailey, Keinhorst, Towse; Hingano, Pemberton; Ta'ai, Jubb, Santi, Dee, Severs, Thompson. Int: Dagger, Fitzsimmons, Daley, Pele.

Wakefield 30 (M. Ashurst, T. Doyle, J. McGillvary, O. Pratt, K. Rodwell tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 6 (C. Teare try; J. Carter goal) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 18-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-4. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,572.

Whitehaven: Gebbie, Romeo, Teare, Corkill, Doran; Doran, Hanneghan; Graham, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, King, Worthington. Int: Carter, Castle, Hindmarsh, Bailey. Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Booth, Pratt, Olpherts; Kay, Lino; Bowden, Doyle, Atoni, Ashurst, Rodwell, Pitts. Int: Uele, Cozza, Bain, Smith.

ROUND 10

Wakefield 56 (R. Atoni, N. Booth, J. Bowden, L. Gale, M. Lino, D. Olpherts, J. Pitts, K. Rodwell, C. Uele, L. Walmsley tries; M. Lino 8 goals) defeated Dewsbury 0 at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Fri, 31st May. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 16-0. Penalties: Dewsbury 7-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 5,892.

Wakefield: Booth, Olpherts, Croft, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Uele, Pitts, Cozza, Kay. Int: Atoni, Bain, Rodwell, Doyle. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Walker, Greensmith, Corion; Sykes, Turner; Beckett, Butterworth, Morris, Billington, Graham, Collinson. Int: Davies, Hird, Dawson, Bibby.

Toulouse 38 (L. Belmas, C. Gahan, P. Marcon, D. Peyroux, J. Shorrocks, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 7 goals) defeated Halifax 24 (E. Barber 2, M. Gee, J. Saltonstall tries; L. Jouffret 4 goals) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sat, 1st June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 30-0. Penalties: Halifax 9-7. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,347. Halifax: Widdop, Pons, McCormack, Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Davies, Fairbank, Ruan, Gee, McComb. Int: O'Brien, Larroyer, Lannon, Barber. Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Roumanos, Biscarro, Lima.

Batley 31 (L. Walshaw 2, L. Hooley, D. Manning, M. Ward tries; J. Woods 5 goals; L. Hooley field goal) defeated Sheffield 18 (M. Dawson-Jones, J. Farrell, J. Glover tries; J. Hansen 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 18-4. Penalties: Batley 7-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 983. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Mustapha. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Hill. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Liu, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Hansen, Thackeray; Batty, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Clark, Murphy, Wood, Sene-Lefao.

Bradford 36 (J. Myers 2, C. Butler, Z. Fulton, K. Gill, J. Okunbor tries; J. Lilley 6 goals) defeated Barrow 24 (L. Broadbent, M. Clarke, E. Gillam, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 16-12. Penalties: Barrow 10-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 2,655. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Gill, McGowan; Gaskell, Lilley; Doro, Souter, Rogers, Butler, Fulton, Appo. Int: Baldwinson, Scurr, Davies, Ott. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Toal, Shaw; Walker, Jackson; Walker, Wood, Silva, Clarke, Stack, Costello. Int: Carter, Greenwood, Gillam, Wilkinson.

Doncaster 25 (L. Briscoe 2, B. Faraimo, L. McConnell, P. Pauli tries; C. Robinson 2 goals; C. Robinson field goal) drew with Whitehaven 25 (E. Gebbie, G. Graham, R. King, C. Teare tries; J. Carter 4 goals; J. Carter field goal) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,740. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Hey, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Foster, Burns, Knowles-Trigg, Ferres, Sutcliffe, McConnell. Int: Lovodua, Pauli, Kenga, Wilde. Whitehaven: Maizen, Gebbie, Romeo, Teare, Doran; Carter; Hanneghan; Ainley, Newton, Graham, McCarron, Atkinson, King. Int: Doran, Castle, Corkill, Worthington.

Swinton 42 (A. Badrock, D. Balmforth, M. Cox, J. Gibson, J. Hatton, G. Rodden, J. Spedding tries; D. Patton 7 goals) defeated Featherstone 40 (C. Jones 2, D. Addy, B. Day, B. England, G. Minikin, C. Wynne tries; D. Addy 6 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 22-18. Penalties: Featherstone 6-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,200. Featherstone: Aekins, Wynne, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Addy, Eden; Nakubwai, Jones, Massey, Day, England, Bussey. Int: Bowes, Fishwick, Albert, Brown. Swinton: Abram, Ritson, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Patton, Gibson; Cowen, Balmforth, Spencer-Tonks, Badrock, Cox, Hall. Int: Eaves, Hammond, Rodden, Vaughan.

Widnes 22 (K. Dixon 2, M. Butt, M. Fozard tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) defeated York 18 (J. Brown, C. Fitzsimmons, J. Keinhorst tries; T. Pemberton 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 14-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,163. York: Pemberton, Brown, Field, Keinhorst, Ward; Hingano, Potter; Ta'ai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Dee, Bailey, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Santi, Daley, Severs. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Roberts, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Fozard, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Johnstone. Int: Bent, Walker, Roby, Bailey.

ROUND 11

Halifax 38 (J. Keyes 2, J. Saltonstall 2, Z. McComb, B. Tibbs, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 2, G. Widdop 2, J. Keyes goals) defeated Barrow 28 (L. Cresswell 3, A. Bulman, M. Costello tries; R. Johnston 4 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 18-12. Penalties: Halifax 6-3. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,994. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Douglas; Jackson, Johnston; Silva, Wood, Walker; Greenwood, Stack, Worthington. Int: Shaw, Makin, Gillam, Wilkinson. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Graham, McCormack, Tibbs, Saltonstall; Widdop, Keyes; Tangata, Jouffret, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: O'Brien, Boyer, Lannon, McComb.

Toulouse 52 (O. Ashall-Bott, L. Belmas, P. Marcon, É. Pélissier, D. Peyroux, R. Rivett, J. Roumanos, M. Stefani, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 8 goals) defeated Doncaster 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 15th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 24-0. Penalties: Toulouse 6-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 2,138. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Roumanos, Biscarro, Lima. Doncaster: Guzdek, Halliday, Hall, Tali, Taulapapa; Johnston, Robinson; Foster, Burns, Matagi, Hey, Sutcliffe, Knowles-Tagg. Int: McConnell, Lovodua, Pauli, Kenga.

York 40 (J. Brown 2, A. Hingano 2, J. Keinhorst, U. Ta'ai, J. Thompson, B. Ward tries; W. Dagger 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 0 at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 18-0. Penalties: York 5-4. Referee: Kevin Moore. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr; Graham, Greensmith, Restall; Turner, Rush; Beckett, Davies, Dixon, Billington, Garside, Collinson. Int: Butterworth, Bibby, Hird, Morris. York: Dagger, Brown, Williams, Keinhorst, Ward; Hingano, Harris; Ta'ai, Jubb, Fitzsimmons, Bailey, Field, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Santi, Bailey, Cook.

Sheffield 18 (K. Welham 2, J. Glover tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated Featherstone 16 (G. Gale, C. Jones, P. Turner tries; D. Addy 2 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-6. Penalties: Sheffield 5-4. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,444. Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Millar, Welham, Glover; Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Batty, Halafih, Clark, Foster, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Bower, Farrell, Gwaze, Wood. Featherstone: Aekins, Gale, Barley, Minikin, Eden; Turner, Addy; Springer, Jones, Albert, Wallace, Johnson, Nakubwai. Int: Harris, Fishwick, Tension, England.

Batley 20 (J. Burton 2, A. Leak, D. Manning tries; J. Woods 2 goals) defeated Swinton 16 (J. Hatton 2, R. Williams tries; D. Patton 2 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 16-10. Penalties: Swinton 7-6. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 917. Swinton: Abram, Ritson, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Patton, Roberts; Wood, Eaves, Cowen, Badrock, Cox, Hall. Int: Nolan, Rodden, Houghton, Case. Batley: Hooley, Buchanan, Mitsias, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Mustapha.

Bradford 36 (J. Taufua 2, L. Gaskell, K. Gill, J. Myers, M. Souter tries; J. Lilley 6 goals) defeated Whitehaven 18 (C. Holliday, J. Maizen, J. Romeo tries; J. Carter 3 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 12-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-1. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Whitehaven: Maizen, Gebbie, Corkill, Teare, Romeo; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Holliday, King. Int: Doran, Worthington, Hindmarsh. Bradford: Holmes, Taufua, Gill, Myers, Okunbor; Gaskell, Lilley; Smith, Souter, Baldwinson, Davies, Fulton, Appo. Int: Hallas, Rogers, Scurr, Ott.

Wakefield 20 (R. Atoni, D. Olpherts, O. Pratt, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 2 goals) defeated Widnes 18 (R. Lloyd, J. Lyons, S. Wilde tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 6-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 4,056. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Nisbet, Fleming, Dixon; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Roberts. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Walker, Roby. Wakefield: Jowitt, Olpherts, Croft, Pratt, Walmsley; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Doyle, Uele, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Hood, Atoni, Kay, Bain.

ROUND 12

Toulouse 36 (D. Peyroux 2, M. Stefani 2, M. Jussaume, R. Rivett tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Batley 0 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 24-0. Penalties: Batley 9-8. Referee: James Vella. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Mitsias, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Buchanan, Putt. Int: Leak, Flynn, Ward, Brown. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Pélissier, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Roumanos, Armitage, Biscarro, Rodriguez.

Bradford 38 (K. Appo, J. Davies, K. Gill, T. Holmes, J. Lilley, J. Okunbor, M. Souter tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated Doncaster 4 (T. Halliday try) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 26-0. Penalties: Bradford 10-5. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 2,909. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Baldwinson, Souter, Rogers, Davies, Fulton, Hallas. Int: Scurr, Appo, Peposhi, Ott. Doncaster: Hall, Faraimo, Hey, Tali, Halliday; Johnston, Robinson; Pauli, Lovodua, Matagi, Sutcliffe, Ferres, Knowles-Tagg. Int: Foster, Holdstock, Mafi, Taulapapa.

York 34 (J. Brown, J. Daley, L. Harris, A. Hingano, U. Ta'ai, J. Teanby tries; W. Dagger 5 goals) defeated Featherstone 24 (P. Turner 2, C. Aekins, B. Day tries; D. Patton 4 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 18-6. Penalties: Featherstone 3-2. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,564. Featherstone: Aekins, Gale, Gorman, Minikin, Eden; Turner, Patton; Springer, Jones, Nakubwai, Day, Johnson, Addy. Int: Bowes, England, Kamano, Fishwick. York: Dagger, Brown, Williams, Keinhorst, Ward; Harris, Hingano; Ta'ai, Jubb, Thompson, Field, Bailey, Gannon. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Santi, Daley.

Sheffield 30 (K. Welham 2, C. Bower, J. Glover, V. Halafih tries; C. Aston 5 goals) defeated Widnes 21 (M. Roberts 2, J. Owens tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals; T. Gilmore field goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 15-6. Penalties: Sheffield 11-6. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 1,003. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Batty, Halafih, Clark, Foster, Sene-Lefao, Hodgson. Int: Bower, Farrell, Gwaze, Wood. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Roberts, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Barley, Brogan. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Walker, Langtree.

Barrow 24 (M. Costello, J. Greenwood, H. Makin tries; R. Johnston 6 goals) defeated Swinton 10 (M. Cox, J. Hatton tries; D. Abram goal) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 20-0. Penalties: Barrow 9-6. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 945. Swinton: Chrimes, Ritson, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Roberts, Eaves; Case, Abram, Wood, Rodden, Cox, Cowen. Int: Roby, Bailey, Houghton, Hammond. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Douglas; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Stack, Worthington. Int: Bourouh, Walker, Wilkinson, Makin.

Wakefield 46 (D. Olpherts 4, L. Hood, M. Jowitt, O. Pratt, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated Halifax 24 (M. Gee, C. Graham, G. Widdop, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 4 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 28-6. Penalties: Wakefield 5-3. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 6,138. Wakefield: Walmsley, McGillivray, Croft, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Jowitt; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Kay, Uele, Bain, Doyle. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Barber, Tibbs, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, O'Brien, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: Widdop, Larroyer, Boyer, McComb.

Whitehaven 38 (G. Bofo 2, N. High 2, E. Gebbie, G. Graham, R. King tries; J. Carter 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (J. Billington, C. Davies tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 12-8. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Whitehaven: Romeo, Gebbie, Evans, Teare, Bofo; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Corkill, King. Int: Doran, Worthington, Graham, High. Dewsbury: Turner, Carr, Walker, O'Connor, Restall; Rush, Hookem; Beckett, Butterworth, Walker, Graham, Billington, Collinson. Int: Davies, Dixon, Bibby, Dawson.

ROUND 13

Doncaster 18 (B. Faraimo, T. Halliday, R. Lyne tries; C. Robinson 3 goals) defeated Swinton 8 (J. Purcell try; D. Abram 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 6:30 PM. Halftime: Swinton 8-0. Penalties: 9-all. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,056.

Doncaster: Guzdek, Faraimo, Lyne, Tali, Halliday; Hall, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Ferres, Pauli, Wilde. Int: Hey, Foster, Boas, Mafi. Swinton: Purcell, Chrimes, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Abram; Wood, Burns, Walker, Vaughan, Cox, Hall. Int: Roby, Case, Brown, Badrock.

Toulouse 20 (P. Marcon, R. Rennie, R. Rivett tries; J. Shorrocks 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 9:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 14-0. Penalties: Toulouse 12-9. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 4,907.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier; Roumanos, Armitage, Biscarro. Featherstone: Aekins, Gale, Turner, Minikin, Eden; Patton, Lacans; Nakubuwai, Bowes, Kamano, Hardcastle, Day, Addy. Int: Jones, Springer, England, Wynne.

Halifax 38 (C. Graham 2, E. Barber, M. Gee, L. Jouffret, J. Keyes, B. Tibbs tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) defeated Whitehaven 18 (L. Hanneghan 2, R. Corkill tries; J. Carter 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 14-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 500.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, McComb, Barber, Tibbs, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, O'Brien, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Lannon. Int: Davies, Widdop, Boyer, Larroyer. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Evans, Teare, Boaso; Carter, Hanneghan; Graham, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Corkill, King. Int: Doran, Castle, High, Worthington.

Wakefield 36 (D. Olpherts 3, J. Griffin, J. Pitts, O. Pratt, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 2, L. Walmsley 2 goals) defeated Barrow 0 at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 16-0. Penalties: Barrow 11-6. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 2,245.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Stack, Worthington. Int: Smith, Wilkinson, Clarke, Walker. Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Croft, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Kay; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Walmsley, Uele, Smith, Bain.

Bradford 38 (Z. Fulton 2, J. Davies, T. Holmes, M. Lehmann, J. Lilley, M. Souter tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (R. Dixon, O. Restall tries; P. Sykes, C. Turner goals) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 16-6. Penalties: Bradford 14-10. Referee: Andy Sweet.

Dewsbury: Turner, Carr, Walker, O'Connor, Restall; Sykes, Hookem; Beckett, Butterworth, Walker, Graham, Billington, Collinson. Int: Dixon, Morris, Davies, Bibby. Bradford: McGowan, Taufua, Gill, Myers, Lehmann; Holmes, Lilley; Appo, Souter, Baldwinson, Davies, Fulton, Hallas. Int: Scurr, Peposhi, Ott, Pele.

Batley 24 (G. Senior 2, D. Morton, L. Walshaw tries; J. Woods 4 goals) defeated Widnes 16 (M. Butt, M. Fozard, J. Owens tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-10. Penalties: Widnes 8-6. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 2,476.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Brand, Brookes; Roby, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Gregson. Int: Fozard, Langtree, Roberts, Brogan. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Brown, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Putt. Int: Burton, Ward, Kibula.

Sheffield 18 (J. Farrell, A. Thackeray, K. Welham tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated York 10 (A. Hingano, B. Ward tries; W. Dagger goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-0. Penalties: York 6-4. Referee: Scott Mikalaukas. Crowd: 2,163.

York: Dagger, Brown, Williams, Keinhorst, Ward; Harris, Hingano; Santi, Jubb, Thompson, Field, Bailey, Gannon. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Michael, Daley. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafih, Clark, Foster, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Dickinson, Bower, Gwaze, Wood.

ROUND 14

Sheffield 28 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, E. Battye, M. Dawson-Jones, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Halifax 0 at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Fri, 5th July. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 10-0. Penalties: Sheffield 8-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,023.

Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Clark, Wood, Sene-Lefao. Halifax: Widdop, McComb, Barber, Woodburn-Hall, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, O'Brien, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Lannon. Int: Johnson, Boyer, Larroyer, Davies.

Toulouse 12 (R. Rennie, P. Ulberg tries; R. Rivett, J. Shorrocks goals) drew with Bradford 12 (Z. Fulton, M. Lehmann tries; J. Lilley 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 6th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-6. Penalties: Toulouse 7-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,340.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Pélissier; Roumanos, Armitage, Biscarro. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Lehmann, Gill, Taufua; Ott, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Souter, Baldwinson, Fulton, Davies, Doro. Int: Pele, Hallas, Scurr, Rogers.

Doncaster 20 (J. Guzdek, P. Pauli, J. Tali tries; C. Robinson 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 16 (B. O'Connor, P. Sykes tries; B. O'Connor 2, J. Hookem, P. Sykes goals) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 14-4. Penalties: Dewsbury 8-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Graham, Walker, Restall; Sykes, Hookem; Walker, Butterworth, Dixon, Ferguson, Garside, Beckett. Int: Davies, Bibby, Morris, Collinson. Doncaster: Guzdek, Halliday, Lyne, Tali, Faraimo; Hall, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Pauli, Ferres, Wilde. Int: Boas, Foster, McConnell, Hey.

Featherstone 66 (B. Day 3, C. Aekins 2, D. Addy, C. Barley, G. Gale, J. Hardcastle, D. Patton, C. Wynne tries; D. Patton 11 goals) defeated Whitehaven 0 at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 30-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 11-7. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,605.

Featherstone: Aekins, Gale, Barley, Minikin, Wynne; Turner, Patton; Tension, Bowes, Springer, Day, Hardcastle, Addy. Int: Jones, Kamano, Nakubuwai, Warren. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Evans, Corkill, Gebbie; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Wallace, King. Int: Graham, High, Ellis, Worthington.

Swinton 24 (R. Williams 2, J. Hatton, G. Rodden tries; D. Abram 4 goals) defeated Widnes 12 (N. Gregson, D. Langtree tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-0. Penalties: Widnes 6-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,069.

Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Morgan; Okoro, Roby, Houghton, Rodden, Badrock, Wood. Int: Hartill, Cox, Cowen, Case. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Brand, Lloyd, Brookes; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Fozard, Murray, Wilde, Langtree, Gregson. Int: Johnstone, Brooks, Bent, Brogan, Roby.

Wakefield 34 (D. Olpherts 2, J. Griffin, L. Kay, O. Pratt, C. Uele tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Batley 12 (B. Moore, D. Morton tries; L. Hooley 2 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 12-6. Penalties: Batley 6-3. Referee: Scott Mikalaukas. Crowd: 5,112.

Wakefield: Jowitt, Walmsley, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Kay; Rodwell, Smith, Bain, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Uele, Croft, Shaw, Booth. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Buchanan, Senior, Burton; White, Hooley; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Burton, Flynn, Ward, Kibula.

York 54 (J. Brown 2, L. Harris 2, C. Bailey, S. Cook, O. Field, J. Teanby, B. Ward, N. Williams tries; W. Dagger 7 goals) defeated Barrow 12 (A. Bulman, J. Stack tries; R. Johnston 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 32-6. Penalties: York 5-4. Referee: Ryan Cox.

York: Dagger, Brown, Williams, Field, Ward; Hingano, Harris; Fitzsimmons, Cook, Thompson, Gannon, Bailey, Cunningham. Int: Teanby, Michael, Daley, Reynolds. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Douglas; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Silva, Clarke, Stack, Worthington. Int: Smith, Brown, Makin, Rothwell.

ROUND 15

Toulouse 34 (D. Peyroux 2, D. Biscarro, P. Dall Asta, R. Rennie, P. Ulberg tries; R. Brochon 4, R. Rivett goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (R. King, J. Maizen, C. Teare, A. Wallace tries; L. Hanneghan 4 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sat, 13th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 18-6. Penalties: Toulouse 6-5. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 331.

Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Teare, Evans, Gebbie; King, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Baxter, Wallace, Worthington. Int: Ellis, Graham, High, Singleton. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Laguerre, Armitage, Rennie, Ulberg; Brochon, Rivett; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Dall Asta, Richards, Biscarro, Lima.

Batley 22 (K. Buchanan, J. Burton, L. Hooley, J. Mitsias tries; J. Woods 3 goals) defeated Barrow 2 (R. Shaw goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 4-2. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Michael Small.

Batley: Hooley, Kear, Mitsias, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Buchanan, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Butterworth, Burton, Flynn, Kibula. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Costello, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Johnson; Gillam, Wood, Silva, Greenwood, Stack, Worthington. Int: Smith, Wilkinson, Rothwell, Carter.

Wakefield 14 (O. Pratt try; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Bradford 2 (J. Lilley goal) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 8-2. Penalties: Wakefield 12-8. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 3,203.

Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor; Lehmann, Gill, Taufua; Ott, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Souter, Doro, Davies, Fulton, Hallas. Int: Scurr; Appo, Peposhi, Mason. Wakefield: Jowitt, Walmsley, Croft, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Kay; Rodwell, Doyle, Ashurst, Thornley, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Uele, Shaw, Smith.

Featherstone 14 (C. Barley, B. Day tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) defeated Halifax 6 (B. Kavanagh try; L. Jouffret goal) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 14-0. Penalties: 10-all. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,760.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, McComb, Barber, Crooks, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Johnson, Fairbank, Kavanagh, Gee, Davies. Int: Lannon, Inman, Boyer, Larroyer. Featherstone: Eden, Gale, Barley, Minikin, Wynne; Aekins, Reynolds; Massey, Jones, Kamano, Day, Hardcastle, Silk. Int: Bowes, England, Nakubuwai.

Swinton 34 (G. Rodden 2, A. Walker 2, J. Gibson, J. Spedding tries; D. Abram 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 22 (M. Dawson-Jones, I. Farrell, J. Farrell, T. Gwaze tries; C. Aston 3 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 18-6. Penalties: Sheffield 8-6. Referees: Scott Mikalaukas, Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,063.

Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Liu, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Farrell; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Murphy, Wood, Sene-Lefao. Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Brown, Roby, Houghton, Rodden, Badrock, Cox. Int: Cooper, Case, Walker, Hammond.

Widnes 34 (M. Fozard 2, S. Wilde 2, M. Butt, R. Lloyd tries; T. Gilmore 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (L. Carr 2 tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 6-5. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,337.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Brand, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Williams, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Roberts. Int: Field, Fozard, Brooks, Brogan. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr; Walker, Graham, Restall; Turner, Hookem; Beckett, Butterworth, Morris, Ferguson, Garside, Collinson. Int: Dixon, Summers, Davies, Bibby.

York 27 (J. Brown 2, S. Cook, O. Field tries; W. Dagger 5 goals; W. Dagger field goal) defeated Doncaster 0 at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-0. Penalties: York 6-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

York: Dagger, Brown, Williams, Keinhorst, Ward; Hingano, Harris; Fitzsimmons, Cook, Thompson, Gannon, Bailey, Cunningham. Int: Field, Teanby, Michael, Daley. Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Hey, Ferres, Wilde. Int: Foster, McConnell, Hall, Mafi.

ROUND 16

Doncaster 24 (B. Faraimo 2, B. Hey, R. Lyne tries; C. Robinson 3, C. Hall goals) defeated Featherstone 12 (B. Day, C. Wynne tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 16-6. Penalties: Doncaster 6-4. Referee: Michael Small.

Featherstone: Eden, Gorman, Barley, Minikin, Wynne; Reynolds, Aekins; Nakubuwai, Bowes, Silk, Day, Warren, Addy. Int: Jones, Springer, Kamano, Arnold. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Smeaton, Ferres, Wilde. Int: Lovodua, Pauli, Wallace, McConnell.

Toulouse 32 (O. Ashall-Bott 3, P. Ulberg 2, R. Rennie tries; R. Brochon 4 goals) defeated Wakefield 4 (D. Olpherts try) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 20th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 20-0. Penalties: Toulouse 6-4. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 2,822. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Ulberg; Brochon, Rivett; Roumanos, Gahan, Hansen, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Dall Asta, Richards, Lima, Armitage. Wakefield: Jowitt, Walmsley, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Kay, Gale; Bowden, Hood, Rodwell, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Doyle, Uele, Croft, Bain.

Barrow 8 (L. Cresswell try; R. Shaw 2 goals) defeated Sheffield 6 (J. Farrell try; C. Aston goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Sheffield 7-5. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 1,552.

Barrow: Cresswell, Sumner, Broadbent, Toal, Shaw; Walker, Costello; Silva, Smith, Gillam, Greenwood, Stack, Worthington. Int: Wood, Rothwell, Brown, Walker. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Johnson, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Wood, Broadbent, Sene-Lefao, Foster.

Batley 29 (J. Burton 2, L. Hooley, B. Moore, B. White tries; J. Woods 4 goals; J. Woods field goal) defeated Dewsbury 22 (L. Carr 2, R. Butterworth, O. Restall tries; C. Turner 3 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 19-6. Penalties: Batley 7-3. Referee: Ryan Cox.

Batley: Hooley, Kear, Mitsias, Senior, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Buchanan, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Burton, Flynn, Blake, Kibula. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Walker, Graham, Restall; Turner, Hookem; Beckett, Butterworth, Walker, Ferguson, Garside, Collinson. Int: Whiteley, Dixon, Summers, Morris.

Bradford 36 (K. Gill 2, J. Davies, E. Doro, Z. Fulton, M. Lehmann, J. Myers tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) defeated York 28 (S. Cook 2, C. Bailey, J. Keinhorst, B. Ward tries; J. Potter 4 goals) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 18-10. Penalties: Bradford 10-6. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 3,025.

Bradford: Holmes, Lehmann, Myers, Gill, Tindall; Ott, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Souter, Doro, Fulton, Davies, Hallas. Int: Pele, Appo, Peposhi, Makin. York: Williams, Ward, Keinhorst, Field, Brown; Potter, Cook; Thompson, Jubb, Santi, Bailey, Gannon, Cunningham. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Michael, Daley.

Widnes 24 (K. Brand, T. Gilmore, R. Ince, L. Roby tries; T. Gilmore 4 goals) defeated Halifax 20 (B. Crooks, L. Joffret, J. Saltonstall, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 18-10. Penalties: Halifax 9-4. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,409.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Barber, Crooks, Graham; Joffret, Keyes; Fairbank, Johnson, Boyer, Lannon, Kavanagh, Nicholson-Watton. Int: Inman, Tangata, Davies, Littlewood. Widnes: Roby, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Brand, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Field, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Roberts. Int: Fozard, Green, Wood, Bailey.

Whitehaven 22 (J. Carter, W. Evans, L. Hanneghan, N. Tchamambe tries; J. Carter 3 goals) defeated Swinton 20 (J. Hatton 2, L. Hall tries; D. Abram 4 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 14-6. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 859.

Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Brown, Roby, Houghton, Rodden, Badrock, Cox. Int: Cooper, Case, Walker, Nolan. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Evans, Teare, Tchamambe; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Baxter, King. Int: Corkill, Ellis, High, Worthington.

ROUND 17

Toulouse 58 (G. Armitage 3, O. Ashall-Bott, M. Jussaume, P. Lima, P. Marcon, A. Marion, R. Rivett, B. Rodriguez tries; R. Rivett 9 goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (R. Dixon try; C. Turner goal) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 27th July. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 34-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Geoffrey Poumes. Crowd: 2,155.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Armitage, Laguerre; Brochon, Rivett; Roumanos, Gahan, Hansen, Peyroux, Stefani, Marion. Int: Dall Asta, Richards, Lima, Rodriguez. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Walker, Graham, Restall; Turner, Hookem; Beckett, Butterworth, Walker, Ferguson, Dawson, Collinson. Int: Whiteley, Dixon, Summers, Briggs.

Halifax 22 (E. Barber 2, C. Graham, J. Keyes tries; L. Joffret 3 goals) defeated Batley 16 (J. Burton 2, J. Woods tries; J. Woods 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 12-10. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

Batley: Hooley, Kear, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Blake, Moore, Cooper; Manning, Walshaw, Putt. Int: Senior, Leak, Flynn, Ward. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Barber, Crooks, Graham; Joffret, Keyes; Tangata, Inman, Boyer, Kavanagh, Davies, Nicholson-Watton. Int: Johnson, Hird, Larroyer, Littlewood.

Doncaster 37 (J. Lovodua 2, R. Lyne 2, W. Boas, B. Faraimo, B. Hey tries; C. Robinson 4 goals; C. Hall field goal) defeated Barrow 30 (L. Cresswell 2, A. Bulman, R. Silva, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw 5 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 16-12. Penalties: Barrow 4-2. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 1,405.

Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Smeaton, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Holdstock, Lovodua, Pauli, Guzdek. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Toal, Shaw; Costello, Walker; Silva, Smith, Gillam, Clarke, Greenwood, Wilkinson. Int: Wood, Carter, Walker, Gittens-Bedward.

Sheffield 78 (M. Marsh 4, M. Dawson-Jones 3, A. Foster 2, T. Gwaze, B. Jones-Bishop, J. Sene-Lefao, K. Welham tries; C. Aston 13 goals) defeated Whitehaven 24 (W. Evans, L. Hanneghan, O. McCarron, J. Maizen tries; J. Carter 4 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 42-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 833.

Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Gwaze, Broadbent, Liu, Sene-Lefao. Whitehaven: Maizen, Romeo, Evans, Teare, Tchamambe; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Baxter, King. Int: Corkill, Ellis, High, Worthington.

Wakefield 46 (J. Bowden 2, L. Walmsley 2, J. Croft, J. McGillvary, D. Olpherts, O. Pratt tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated Featherstone 18 (B. Day, M. Kamano, G. Minikin tries; B. Reynolds 3 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 18-6. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 6,453.

Wakefield: Walmsley, McGillvary, Croft, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Jowitt; Bowden, Hood, Bain, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Uele, Boothroyd, Doyle, Shaw. Featherstone: Eden, Jeffrey, Minikin, Barley, Wynne; Reynolds, Aekins; Springer, Bowes, Nakubuwai, Hardcastle, Day, Kibula. Int: Kamano, Arnold, Tension, Silk.

Widnes 25 (R. Ince 3, M. Butt, M. Roberts tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals; T. Gilmore field goal) defeated Bradford 6 (M. Lehmann try; J. Lilley goal) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 6-4. Penalties: Widnes 6-3. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 3,065.

Widnes: Roby, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Owens, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Wilde, Roberts. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Bent, Green. Bradford: Holmes, Lehmann, Myers, Gill, Tindall; Ott, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Souter, Pele, Davies, Fulton, Hallas. Int: Appo, Okoro, Makin, Fishwick.

York 34 (N. Williams 2, S. Cook, J. Daley, O. Field, J. Keinhorst tries; A. Hingano 5 goals) defeated Swinton 4 (J. Spedding try) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 12-0. Penalties: Swinton 12-8. Referee: Kevin Moore.

York: Williams, Ward, Keinhorst, Field, Brown; Hingano, Cook; Thompson, Daley, Santi, Bailey, Gannon, Michael. Int: Fitzsimmons, Teanby, Cunningham, Reynolds. Swinton: Purcell, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Bennion, Burns, Houghton, Rodden, Badrock, Cox. Int: Roby, Brown, Case, Hammond.

ROUND 18

Toulouse 48 (P. Lima 3, R. Rennie 2, P. Ulberg 2, P. Marcon, M. Stefani tries; R. Brochon 4, R. Rivett 2 goals) defeated Swinton 4 (R. Williams try) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sat, 3rd August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 20-0. Penalties: Swinton 9-3. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 629.

Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Badrock, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Wood, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Roby, Case, Houghton, Brown. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Marcon, Jussaume, Rennie, Ulberg; Rivett, Brochon; Roumanos, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Richards, Biscarro, Lima, Armitage.

Barrow 24 (L. Broadbent, A. Bulman, M. Clarke, R. Shaw, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw 2 goals) drew with Bradford 24 (K. Appo, Z. Fulton, K. Gill, T. Holmes, J. Okunbor tries; J. Lilley 2 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 18-8. Penalties: Barrow 6-3. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 2,419.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Toal, Shaw; Walker, Costello; Gillam, Smith, Brown, Clarke, Greenwood, Rothwell. Int: Wood, Wilkinson, Walker, Pye. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Lehmann, Gill, Smith; Sammut, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Souter, Pele, Fulton, Davies, Hallas. Int: Appo, Fishwick, Okoro, Ott.

Wakefield 42 (M. Jowitt 3, T. Boothroyd, D. Olpherts, O. Pratt, K. Rodwell, H. Smith tries; M. Jowitt 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 16 (L. Carr, Z. Silk, P. Whiteley tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 22-6. Referee: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 1,750.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Graham, Walker, Restall; Turner, Hookem; Morris, Butterworth, Walker, Summers, Dawson, Collinson. Int: Whiteley, Dixon, Silk, Briggs. Wakefield: Booth, Walmsley, Croft, Pratt, Olpherts; Jowitt, Hood; Bowden, Smith, Bain, Boothroyd, Griffin, Doyle. Int: Pitts, Kay, Rodwell, Shaw, Lingard.

Featherstone 24 (J. Beckett, J. Bussey, B. Reynolds, C. Wynne tries; B. Reynolds 4 goals) defeated Batley 16 (J. Burton, D. Manning, L. Walshaw tries; J. Woods 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 16-6. Penalties: Featherstone 5-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,544.

Featherstone: Eden, Jeffrey, Minikin, Barley, Wynne; Reynolds, Aekins; Nakubuwai, Addy, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Beckett. Int: Bowes, Springer, Arnold, Hardcastle. Batley: Hooley, Morton, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Leak, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Senior, Burton, Flynn, Ward.

Halifax 38 (C. Graham 2, L. Joffret 2, B. Crooks, J. Keyes, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Joffret 4, J. Keyes goals) defeated York 18 (C. Bailey, J. Gannon, B. Ward tries; A. Hingano 3 goals) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 22-14. Penalties: Halifax 6-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 1,543.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Barber, Crooks, Graham; Joffret, Keyes; Tangata, Inman, Boyer, Kavanagh, Davies, Hird. Int: Johnson, Larroyer, Littlewood, Morgan. York: Williams, Ward, Keinhorst, Field, Brown; Hingano, Cook; Michael, Daley, Santi, Bailey, Gannon, Thompson. Int: Cunningham, Teanby, Fitzsimmons, Reynolds.

Sheffield 22 (C. Aston, M. Dawson-Jones, A. Foster, J. Glover tries; C. Aston 3 goals) defeated Doncaster 20 (L. Briscoe, B. Faraimo, J. Guzdek, C. Robinson tries; C. Robinson 2 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 22-6. Penalties: Doncaster 9-2. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,075.

Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Gwaze, Clark, Liu, Sene-Lefao. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Hodgson, Matagi, Wallace, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Holdstock, Pauli, Guzdek, Baxter.

Widnes 24 (R. Ince 2, T. Gilmore, J. Lyons, J. Owens tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) defeated Whitehaven 12 (E. Gebbie, R. King tries; J. Carter 2 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Penalties: Widnes 7-5. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 855.

Whitehaven: Maizen, Gebbie, Evans, Walsh, Teare; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Hursey-Hord, Corkill, King. Int: High, Singleton, Web-Campbell, Worthington. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Brand, Bardsley-Rowe, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Roberts, Lannon, Brooks. Int: Fozard, Bent, Green, Wilde.

ROUND 19

Wakefield 42 (D. Olpherts 2, M. Ashurst, J. Griffin, L. Hood, K. Rodwell, I. Thornley tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated Sheffield 6 (J. Glover try; C. Aston goal) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Fri, 9th August. Kickoff: 8:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 18-0. Penalties: Wakefield 6-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 4,821.

Wakefield: Walmsley, McGillivray, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Jowitt; Rodwell, Hood, Bain, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts (C). Int: Kay, Boothroyd, Doyle, Shaw. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Battye, Halafih, Clark, Bower, Sene-Lefao, Gwaze. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Liu, Roberts.

Doncaster 20 (J. Guzdek, C. Hall, J. Tali tries; C. Robinson 4 goals) defeated Toulouse 18 (C. Gahan, D. Peyroux, R. Rivett tries; J. Shorrocks 3 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 12-10. Penalties: Doncaster 8-4. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 1,121.

Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Hey, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Baxter; Lovodua, Knowles-Tagg, Smeaton, Wallace, McConnell. Int: Sutcliffe, Pauli, Hall, Mafi. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Roumanos, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Richards, Biscarro, Akaula, Armitage.

Batley 26 (J. Burton 2, L. Cooper, B. Moore, B. White tries; J. Woods 3 goals) defeated Swinton 6 (J. Stevens try; J. Stevens goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 14-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: James Vella.

Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Brown, Flynn, Kaye. Swinton: Purcell, Lepori, Hatton, Badrock, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Walker, Roby, Bennion, Rodden, Vaughan, Hall. Int: Eaves, Cowen, Houghton, Wood.

Bradford 58 (K. Appo 2, H. Makin 2, E. Doro, J. Myers, J. Okunbor, F. Pele, J. Sammut, J. Taufua tries; J. Lilley 9 goals) defeated Whitehaven 0 at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 34-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-5. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 2,502.

Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Lehmann, Taufua; Sammut, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Ott, Lawrence, Fulton, Appo, Doros. Int: Doro, Souter, Pele, Makin. Whitehaven: Gebbie, Shaw, Evans, Walsh, Teare, Maizen, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, McCarron, Hursley-Hord, King. Int: Corkill, Web-Campbell, Worthington.

Halifax 38 (B. Tibbs 2, C. Graham, B. Kavanagh, J. Keyes, J. Saltonstall, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) defeated Barrow 12 (L. Cresswell, S. Toal tries; B. Walker 2 goals) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 14-12. Penalties: Barrow 5-1. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,421.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Tibbs, Crooks, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Inman, Foster, Kavanagh, Davies, Johnson. Int: O'Brien, Larroyer, Hird, Boyer. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Clarke, Toal; Walker, Wood; Gillam, Smith, Gittens-Bedward, Greenwood, McMillan, Brown. Int: Carter, Wilkinson, Walker, Pyle.

Featherstone 8 (B. Reynolds try; B. Reynolds 2 goals) defeated Widnes 0 at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 6-0. Penalties: Widnes 9-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 2,422.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Fleming, Brand, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Johnstone, Murray, Roberts, Lannon, Wilde. Int: Brooks, Bent, Roby, Green. Featherstone: Eden, Jeffrey, Minikin, Jones, Hardcastle; Addy, Reynolds; Nakubuwai, Bowes, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Beckett. Int: Springer, Albert, Arnold.

York 54 (J. Brown 2, J. Keinhorst 2, J. Cunningham, W. Jubb, J. Law, J. Thompson, A. Towse, B. Ward tries; A. Hingano 5, J. Keinhorst 2 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (B. O'Connor, P. Whiteley tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 24-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Warren Turley.

York: Brown, Ward, Keinhorst, Law, Towse; Hingano, Williams; Michael, Jubb, Martin, Bailey, Gannon, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Santi, Cunningham, Antrobus. Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Graham, Walker, Whiteley; Turner, Hookem; Morris, Butterworth, Silk, Garside, Summers, Dawson. Int: Dixon, Briggs, Mearns, Tomlinson.

ROUND 20

Batley 24 (L. Hooley 3, E. Kear tries; J. Woods 4 goals) defeated Sheffield 14 (J. Glover, B. Jones-Bishop, K. Welham tries; C. Aston goal) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Fri, 16th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Batley 18-4. Penalties: Batley 5-2. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 877.

Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Millar; Aston, Farrell; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Clark, Wood, Roberts, Sene-Lefao. Batley: Hooley, Kear, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Flynn, Brown, Butterworth.

York 20 (J. Brown, W. Dagger, N. Williams tries; W. Dagger 3, A. Hingano goals) defeated Toulouse 12 (A. Marion, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: York 14-6. Penalties: Toulouse 11-2. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,181.

Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Lima, Roumanos, Akaula, Armitage. York: Dagger, Ward, Field, Law, Brown; Hingano, Williams; Michael, Jubb, Thompson, Bailey, Gannon, Cunningham. Int: Daley, Santi, Fitzsimmons, Teanby.

Featherstone 22 (J. Hardcastle, B. Reynolds, G. Springer tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Bradford 21 (F. Pele 2, J. Myers, J. Okunbor tries; J. Lilley 2 goals; J. Lilley field goal) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 14-12. Penalties: Bradford 6-4. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 3,099.

Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Lehmann, Taufua; Sammut, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Ott, Lawrence, Fulton, Appo, Doros. Int: Pele, Davies, Souter, Makin. Featherstone: Eden, Wynne, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Reynolds, Addy; Nakubuwai, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Day, Beckett. Int: Springer, Albert, Arnold, Kibula.

Barrow 31 (R. Shaw, S. Toal, B. Walker, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw 7 goals; B. Walker field goal) defeated Dewsbury 24 (B. O'Connor 2, P. Whiteley 2 tries; C. Turner 4 goals) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 14-12. Penalties: Barrow 10-8. Referee: Andy Sweet.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Graham, Walker, Whiteley; Turner, Hookem; Morris, Davies, Walker, Billington, Garside, Summers. Int: Dawson, Briggs, Silk, Tomlinson. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Toal, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Wood; Gillam, Smith, Burke, Greenwood, Stack, Brown. Int: Wilkinson, Walker, Carter, Pyle.

Swinton 20 (J. Hatton, G. Rodden, J. Spedding, R. Williams tries; J. Gibson 2 goals) defeated Halifax 6 (G. Widdop try; L. Jouffret goal) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 10-0. Penalties: Halifax 10-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauska. Crowd: 1,037.

Swinton: Lepori, Spedding, Badrock, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Houghton, Rodden, Cox, Cowen. Int: Eaves, Case, Walker, Cooper. Halifax: Widdop, Saltonstall, Tibbs, Crooks, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, Inman, Foster, Kavanagh, Davies, Johnson. Int: O'Brien, Fairbank, Hird, Boyer.

Wakefield 36 (L. Hood, M. Jowitt, J. McGillivray, D. Olpherts, K. Rodwell, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 6 goals) defeated Widnes 12 (Z. Bardsley-Rowe, R. Sumner tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 10-6. Penalties: Wakefield 7-2. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Crowd: 5,036.

Wakefield: Walmsley, McGillivray, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Jowitt, Kay; Rodwell, Hood, Bain, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Boothroyd, Doyle, Shaw, Smith. Widnes: Owens, Ince, Fleming, Bardsley-Rowe, Sumner; Lyons, Gilmore; Murray, Johnstone, Bent, Roberts, Lannon, Wilde. Int: Grady, Green, Kirk, Brooks.

Whitehaven 28 (J. Romeo 2, L. Hanneghan, J. Maizen, S. Web-Campbell tries; L. Hanneghan 4 goals) defeated Doncaster 24 (L. Briscoe 2, J. Lovodua, P. Pauli tries; C. Robinson 4 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 18-14. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-5. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 699.

Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Corkill, Teare, Walsh; Maizen, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Hursley-Hord, McCarron, King. Int: Web-Campbell, Worthington, Singleton. Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Baxter; Lovodua, Knowles-Tagg, Wallace, Ferres, McConnell. Int: Hey, Sutcliffe, Pauli, Mafi.

ROUND 21

Featherstone 22 (C. Wynne 2, J. Hardcastle tries; B. Reynolds 5 goals) defeated Toulouse 10 (R. Rennie, M. Stefani tries; J. Shorrocks goal) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sat, 24th August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 8-4. Penalties: Toulouse 7-6. Referee: James Vella.

Featherstone: Eden, Wynne, Minikin, Hardcastle, Gale; Reynolds, Patton; Lockwood, Jones, Nakubuwai, Day, Beckett, Addy. Int: Springer, Arnold, Albert. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Shorrocks, Brochon; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Biscarro, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Roumanos, Akaula, Richards.

Barrow 20 (A. Smith 2, J. Stack tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) defeated Swinton 18 (G. Rodden, J. Spedding, R. Williams tries; D. Abram 3 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 12-8. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 1,495.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Toal, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Smith, Silva, Rothwell, Stack, Worthington. Int: Wood, Burke, Walker, Wilkinson. Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Bennion, Roby, Houghton, Rodden, Cox, Wood. Int: Eaves, Case, Walker, Cooper.

Whitehaven 18 (L. Hanneghan, O. McCarron, M. Walsh tries; L. Hanneghan 3 goals) defeated Dewsbury 10 (J. Billington, B. O'Connor tries; P. Sykes goal) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Whitehaven 16-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 6-4. Referee: Warren Turley.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Graham, Tomlinson, Whiteley; Sykes, Hookem; Morris, Davies, Walker, Billington, Garside, Summers. Int: Silk, Ferguson, Briggs, Field. Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Corkill, Teare, Walsh; Ackroyd, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, King, McCarron, Worthington. Int: Evans.

Bradford 18 (K. Appo, T. Holmes, J. Lilley tries; J. Lilley 3 goals) defeated Doncaster 4 (L. Briscoe try) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 4-0. Penalties: Bradford 8-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,758.

Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Lovodua, Matagi, Pauli, Sutcliffe, McConnell. Int: Hall, Mafi, Ferres, Baxter. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Lehmann, Taufua; Sammut, Lilley; Bayliss-Brow, Souter, Lawrence, Fulton, Appo, Doros. Int: Davies, Ott, Pele, Makin.

Wakefield 48 (L. Hood 2, M. Ashurst, T. Doyle, J. Griffin, M. Jowitt, J. McGillivray, D. Olpherts tries; M. Jowitt 8 goals) defeated Halifax 6 (C. Graham try; L. Jouffret goal) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 24-0. Penalties: Wakefield 7-5. Referee: Liam Rush.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Tibbs, Widdop, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Larroyer, O'Brien, Foster, Kavanagh, Davies, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, Barber, Hird, Morgan. Wakefield: Walmsley, McGillivray, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Jowitt, Kay; Bowden, Hood, Rodwell, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Atoni, Cozza, Boothroyd, Doyle.

Widnes 35 (S. Grady 2, M. Butt, M. Fozard, R. Ince, R. Lloyd tries; T. Gilmore 5 goals; T. Gilmore field goal) defeated Sheffield 20 (M. Dawson-Jones 2, B. Jones-Bishop, J. Sene-Lefao tries; C. Aston 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 19-0. Penalties: Widnes 7-6. Referee: Scott Mikalauska. Crowd: 2,486.

Widnes: Roby, Butt, Owens, Fleming, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Bent, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Grady, Roberts. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Kirk, Green. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Farrell; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Bower, Gwaze, Wood, Sene-Lefao.

York 37 (C. Bailey, J. Brown, J. Cunningham, J. Gannon, J. Law, B. Santi tries; N. Williams 6 goals; N. Williams field goal) defeated Batley 6 (R. Butterworth try; J. Woods goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 18-6. Penalties: Batley 7-5. Referee: Ryan Cox.

York: Brown, Ward, Law, Field, Towse; Hingano, Williams; Michael, Jubb, Thompson, Bailey, Gannon, Cunningham. Int: Teanby, Santi, Daley, Martin. Batley: Butterworth, Kear, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Brown, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Leak, Flynn, Kaye, Putt.

ROUND 22

Bradford 54 (R. Franco 2, F. Pele 2, K. Appo, T. Holmes, T. Ott, E. Scurr, D. Smith tries; J. Lilley 9 goals) defeated Dewsbury 0 at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Fri, 30th August. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-0. Penalties: Bradford 8-3. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 3,006.

Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Franco, Smith; Gaskell, Lilley; Makin, Ott, Smith, Davies, Appo, Hallas. Int: Scurr; Fulton, Pele, Mason. Dewsbury: Turner, Carr, Graham, Walker, Whiteley; Sykes, Hookem; Morris, Davies, Walker, Billington, Garside, Silk. Int: Dixon, Field, Ferguson, Tomlinson.

Toulouse 32 (P. Ulberg 3, O. Ashall-Bott, L. Belmas tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Sheffield 12 (B. Jones-Bishop, B. Liu tries; C. Aston 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 14-12. Penalties: Sheffield 8-7. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 2,079.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Jussaume, Marcon; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Roumanos, Akaoula, Cator. Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Millar, Liu, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Marsh; Battye, Halafihi, Dickinson, Foster, Farrell, Bower. Int: Hodgson, Broadbent, Clark, Sene-Lefao.

Widnes 12 (J. Lyons, J. Owens tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) defeated Batley 8 (N. Flynn try; J. Woods 2 goals) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 6-2. Penalties: Widnes 7-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley.

Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Burton, Flynn, Brown, Putt. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Fleming, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Bent, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Lannon, Roberts. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Kirk, Green.

Halifax 17 (E. Barber, C. Graham, J. Keyes tries; L. Jouffret 2 goals; J. Woodburn-Hall field goal) defeated Doncaster 16 (L. Briscoe, R. Lyne, P. Pauli tries; C. Robinson 2 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 10-0. Penalties: Halifax 8-6. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 1,443.

Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Smeaton, Pauli, McConnell. Int: Sutcliffe, Lovodua, Wallace, Baxter. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Widdop, Barber, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Larroyer, O'Brien, Boyer, Kavanagh, Davies, Fairbank. Int: Tangata, Gee, Johnson, Hird.

Featherstone 36 (C. Jones 2, J. Beckett, B. Day, B. Reynolds, C. Wynne tries; B. Reynolds 6 goals) defeated Barrow 18 (L. Broadbent, R. Johnston, S. Toal, J. Wood tries; R. Shaw goal) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 18-4. Penalties: Barrow 9-6. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 1,345.

Featherstone: Reynolds, Gale, Hardcastle, Minikin, Wynne; Addy, Patton; Nakubuwai, Bowes, Lockwood, Day, Beckett, Arnold. Int: Jones, Springer, Albert, Kibula. Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Toal, Broadbent, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Smith, Brown, Greenwood, Stack, Worthington. Int: Wood, Wilkinson, Walker, Pye.

Wakefield 60 (K. Rodwell 3, D. Olpherts 2, M. Ashurst, T. Boothroyd, L. Kay, J. Pitts, I. Vagana, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 8 goals) defeated Swinton 0 at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 38-0. Penalties: Swinton 7-5. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 1,048.

Swinton: Abram, Spedding, Hammond, Hatton, Williams; Hall, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Wood, Cooper; Cox, Cowen. Int: Nolan, Case, Walker, Houghton. Wakefield: Walmsley, Croft, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Jowitt, Kay; Rodwell, Hood, Bowden, Ashurst, Boothroyd, Pitts. Int: Atoni, Cozza, Vagana, Doyle.

York 40 (N. Williams 3, J. Law 2, J. Martin, B. Santi tries; N. Williams 5, W. Jubb goals) defeated Whitehaven 0 at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 20-0. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Kevin Moore.

Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Evans, Teare, Walsh; Ackroyd, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Corkill, McCarron, Worthington. Int: Gebbie, King, Carter, Singleton. York: Brown, Towse, Field, Law, Ward; Williams, Hingano; Michael, Jubb, Martin, Bailey, Gannon, Cunningham. Int: Teanby, Santi, Daley, Antrobus.

ROUND 23

Toulouse 36 (P. Ulberg 2, O. Ashall-Bott, B. Laguerre, P. Marcon, R. Rivett tries; J. Shorrocks 6 goals) defeated Barrow 24 (B. Carter, J. Pye, R. Shaw, B. Walker tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sat, 7th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 22-0. Penalties: Barrow 7-4. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,709.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Carter; Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Smith, Gittens-Bedward, Emslie, Stack, Worthington. Int: Wood, Wilkinson, Walker, Pye. Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Rennie, Marcon, Laguerre; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Richards, Akaoula, Biscarro.

Doncaster 38 (B. Faraimo 4, P. Pauli 2, S. Smeaton tries; C. Robinson 5 goals) defeated Batley 0 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 16-0. Penalties: Batley 7-4. Referee: Kevin Moore.

Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Senior, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Cooper, Manning, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Burton, Flynn, Ward, Kear. Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Sutcliffe, Pauli, McConnell. Int: Smeaton, Lovodua, Ferres, Baxter.

Halifax 34 (B. Tibbs 2, G. Widdop 2, E. Barber, J. Woodburn-Hall tries; L. Jouffret 5 goals) defeated Dewsbury 6 (C. Turner try; C. Turner goal) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Halifax 10-0. Penalties: Halifax 5-4. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 1,647.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Widdop, Tibbs, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Larroyer, O'Brien, Foster, Barber, Gee, Hird. Int: Johnson, Boyer, Tangata, Fairbank. Dewsbury: Turner, Carr, Walker, Graham, Tomlinson; Sykes, Hookem; Walker, Davies, Morris, Billington, Garside, Silk. Int: Butterworth, Field, Dixon, Briggs.

Bradford 30 (J. Taufua 2, R. Franco, S. Hallas, J. Okunbor tries; J. Lilley 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 12 (A. Foster, M. Marsh tries; C. Aston 2 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-6. Penalties: Bradford 13-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,948.

Sheffield: Jones-Bishop, Millar, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Marsh; Battye, Halafihi, Dickinson, Foster, Sene-Lefao, Gwaze. Int: Broadbent, Clark, Wood, Roberts. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Franco, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Ott, Doro, Fulton, Appo, Hallas. Int: Scurr, Davies, Pele, Smith.

Swinton 28 (R. Lepori 3, J. Hatton, R. Williams tries; D. Abram 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 8 (G. Eden, G. Minikin tries) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 12-4. Penalties: Swinton 6-5. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 780.

Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Wood, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Cooper, Houghton, Case, Walker. Featherstone: Eden, Barley, Minikin, Hardcastle, Jeffrey; Addy, Patton; Lockwood, Jones, Nakubuwai, Day, Bussey, Beckett. Int: Springer, Bowes, Albert, Arnold.

Wakefield 60 (M. Jowitt 2, J. McGillvary 2, K. Rodwell 2, N. Booth, M. Cozza, T. Doyle, L. Hood tries; M. Jowitt 10 goals) defeated Whitehaven 6 (E. Gebbie try; L. Hanneghan goal) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 30-0. Penalties: Whitehaven 5-2. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 5,096.

Wakefield: Booth, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Kay, Jowitt; Rodwell, Doyle, Bowden, Vagana, Griffin, Cozza. Int: Hood, Atoni, Boothroyd, Croft. Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Evans, Walsh, Gebbie; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Ackroyd, Ainley, Corkill, Teare, McCarron. Int: Newton, Worthington.

York 12 (J. Law try; N. Williams 4 goals) defeated Widnes 6 (M. Butt try; T. Gilmore goal) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sun, 8th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 10-0. Penalties: York 9-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,663.

Widnes: Owens, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Fleming, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Bent, Johnstone, Murray, Lloyd, Grady, Lannon. Int: Fozard, Brooks, Kirk, Roberts. York: Brown, Towse, Field, Law, Ward; Williams, Hingano; Antrobus, Jubb, Martin, Bailey, Gannon, Cunningham. Int: Teanby, Santi, Michael, Daley.

ROUND 24

Toulouse 38 (R. Rivett 2, M. Stefani 2, G. Armitage, B. Laguerre, P. Ulberg tries; R. Rivett 3, J. Shorrocks 2 goals) defeated Halifax 18 (B. Hursley-Hord 2, C. Graham, B. Tibbs tries; L. Jouffret goal) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 20-10. Penalties: Halifax 8-6. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte. Crowd: 2,985.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Laguerre, Marcon, Armitage, Ulberg; Shorrocks, Rivett; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Cator, Akaoula, Biscarro. Halifax: Jouffret, Woodburn-Hall, Barber, Tibbs, Graham; Morgan, Keyes; Foster, O'Brien, Larroyer, Hursley-Hord, Davies, Hird. Int: Johnson, Tangata, Boyer, Fairbank.

Barrow 34 (A. Bulman 2, L. Broadbent, J. Greenwood, R. Johnston tries; R. Shaw 7 goals) defeated Whitehaven 14 (E. Gebbie 2, L. Hanneghan tries; L. Hanneghan goal) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Barrow 14-10. Penalties: Barrow 10-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 2,301.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Toal, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Brown, Stack, Greenwood, Worthington. Int: Smith, Wilkinson, Walker, Pye. Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Evans, Walsh, Gebbie; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Ainley, Teare, McCarron, Worthington. Int: Ackroyd, Corkill, Hartley, High.

Bradford 16 (J. Okunbor 2, J. Taufua tries; J. Lilley 2 goals) defeated Batley 14 (J. Burton, G. Senior, L. Walshaw tries; J. Woods goal) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-10. Penalties: Bradford 5-4. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 3,212.

Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Franco, Taufua; Gaskell, Lilley; Lawrence, Souter, Makin, Fulton, Appo, Hallas. Int: Scurr, Smith, Pele, Sammut. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Senior, Burton, Ward, Kaye.

Swinton 28 (J. Hatton 3, D. Abram, J. Spedding tries; D. Abram 4 goals) defeated Dewsbury 16 (R. Dixon, O. Greensmith, K. Tomlinson tries; P. Sykes 2 goals) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Swinton 20-12. Penalties: Dewsbury 6-5. Referee: Ben Thaler.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr, Walker, Greensmith, Tomlinson; Sykes, Hookem; Morris, Butterworth, Walker, Graham, Ferguson, Collinson. Int: Mearns, Field, Dixon, Silk. Swinton: Abram, Lepori, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Wood, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Cowen, Walker, Case, Cooper.

Doncaster 30 (L. Briscoe, B. Faraimo, R. Lyne, C. Robinson tries; C. Robinson 7 goals) defeated Widnes 14 (T. Gilmore, R. Ince tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at Eco-Power Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 14-2. Penalties: Doncaster 8-7. Referee: Michael Small. Crowd: 1,360.

Doncaster: Hall, Briscoe, Lyne, Hey, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Knowles-Tagg, Burns, Matagi, Sutcliffe, Pauli, Wallace. Int: Johnston, Smeaton, Ferres, Baxter. Widnes: Roby, Butt, Fleming, Owens, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Fozard, Murray, Lloyd, Grady, Bent. Int: Brooks, Roberts, Green, Lannon.

Sheffield 20 (B. Jones-Bishop 2, M. Marsh tries; C. Aston 4 goals) defeated Featherstone 6 (C. Wynne try; B. Reynolds goal) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Sheffield 12-6. Penalties: Featherstone 8-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,246.

Featherstone: Eden, Gale, Hardcastle, Minikin, Wynne; Reynolds, Patton; Nakubuwai, Jones, Lockwood, Bussey, Beckett, Addy. Int: Springer, Albert, Arnold. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Hansen; Battye, Halafihi, Dickinson, Bower, Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Broadbent, Clark, Wood, Roberts.

Wakefield 20 (L. Gale, M. Jowitt, J. McGillvary, D. Olpherts tries; M. Jowitt 2 goals) defeated York 4 (B. Ward try) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 16-4. Penalties: Wakefield 6-1. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 5,137.

Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Kay; Bowden, Doyle, Atoni, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Walmsley, Uele, Rodwell, Vagana. York: Brown, Lineham, Field, Law, Ward; Williams, Hingano; Michael, Jubb, Martin, Bailey, Gannon, Thompson. Int: Teanby, Santi, Daley, Antrobus.

ROUND 25

York 26 (L. Harris 2, A. Hingano, N. Williams tries; N. Williams 5 goals) defeated Sheffield 24 (M. Dawson-Jones, T. Dickinson, J. Glover, T. Gwaze tries; C. Aston 4 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Fri, 20th September. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: York 18-12. Penalties: York 7-4. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 952. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Halafih, Dickinson, Bower; Farrell, Gwaze. Int: Broadbent, Clark, Wood, Roberts. York: Williams, Brown, Field, Law, Lineham; Hingano, Harris; Michael, Jubb, Ta'ai, Bailey, Gannon, Thompson. Int: Dee, Santi, Daley, Martin.

Featherstone 50 (C. Wynne 3, B. Reynolds 2, C. Aekins, J. Beckett, C. Jones, T. Lacans tries; B. Reynolds 7 goals) defeated Dewsbury 12 (O. Greensmith, K. Tomlinson tries; C. Turner 2 goals) at Millennium Stadium.

Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Featherstone 22-6. Penalties: Dewsbury 7-5. Referee: Michael Small.

Featherstone: Aekins, Wynne, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Reynolds, Lacans; Arnold, Jones, Nakubuwai, Day, Bussey, Addy. Int: Lockwood, Eden, Beckett, Springer. Dewsbury: Turner, Walker, O'Connor; Greensmith, Tomlinson; Sykes, Hookem; Morris, Butterworth, Field, Ferguson, Graham, Collinson. Int: Mearns, Silk, Dixon, Briggs.

Wakefield 46 (O. Pratt 3, M. Jowitt 2, J. Pitts, K. Rodwell, L. Walmsley tries; M. Jowitt 7 goals) defeated Barrow 0 at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 24-0. Penalties: Barrow 7-1. Referee: Warren Turley. Crowd: 5,011.

Wakefield: Walmsley, Olpherts, Thornley, Croft, Pratt; Booth, Jowitt; Bowden, Smith, Rodwell, Vagana, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Atoni, Uele, Cozza, Stephenson. Barrow: Cresswell, Carter, Clarke, Toal, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gittens-Bedward, Smith, Brown, McMillan, Stack, Worthington. Int: Wood, Wilkinson, Dutton-Rosconie, Terrill.

Toulouse 18 (D. Biscarro, J. Bretherton, É. Pélissier tries; R. Rivett 3 goals) defeated Widnes 12 (M. Fleming, R. Ince tries; T. Gilmore 2 goals) at DCBL Stadium.

Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 12-0. Penalties: Widnes 9-5. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 3,011.

Widnes: Owens, Sumner, Bardsley-Rowe, Fleming, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Brooks, Fozard, Bent, Lloyd, Roberts, Lannon. Int: Kirk, Butt, Murray, Grady. Toulouse: Brochon, Ulberg, Armitage, Walsh, Laguerre; Rivett, Marion; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Rodriguez. Int: Pélissier, Akaoula, Bretherton, Biscarro.

Batley 28 (K. Buchanan, N. Flynn, D. Manning, B. Moore, B. White tries; J. Woods 4 goals) defeated Whitehaven 14 (E. Gebbie, O. McCarron, J. Romeo tries; L. Hanneghan goal) at Fox's Biscuits Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Batley 16-6. Penalties: Batley 8-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,644.

Batley: Hoolley, Morton, Kear, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Brown, Manning, Walshaw, Blake. Int: Burton, Flynn, Ward, Cooper. Whitehaven: Romeo, Gebbie, Evans, Teare, Shaw; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Worthington, McCarron, Corkill, Hartley. Int: Ackroyd, King.

Halifax 14 (J. Fairbank, J. Saltonstall tries; L. Jouffret 3 goals) defeated Bradford 10 (H. Makin, J. Myers tries; J. Lilley goal) at The Shay Stadium.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 10-8. Penalties: Bradford 10-5. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 3,285.

Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, Widdop, Barber, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Larroyer, Johnson, Fairbank, Hursley-Hord, Davies, Gee. Int: O'Brien, Tangata, Boyer, Kavanagh. Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Gill, Lehmann; Gaskell, Lilley; Makin, Souter, Bayliss-Brow, Appo, Fulton, Lawrence. Int: Ott, Pele, Scurr, Davies.

Doncaster 22 (L. McConnell 2, L. Briscoe, P. Pauli tries; C. Robinson 3 goals) defeated Swinton 20 (J. Gibson, R. Lepori, T. Ritson tries; J. Stevens 4 goals) at Heywood Road.

Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Doncaster 16-14. Penalties: Doncaster 8-3. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 836.

Swinton: Lepori, Ritson, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Wood, Eaves, Bennion, Rodden, Cox, Hall. Int: Abram, Walker, Case, Cowen. Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Tali, Faraimo; Boas, Robinson; Baxter, McConnell, Matagi, Sutcliffe, Pauli, Wallace. Int: Hey, Holdstock, Smeaton, Mafi.

ROUND 26

Toulouse 64 (O. Ashall-Bott 2, M. Stefani 2, P. Ulberg 2, G. Armitage, B. Laguerre, É. Pélissier, R. Rennie, R. Rivett tries; J. Shorrocks 9, É. Pélissier goals) defeated Batley 16 (J. Burton 2, J. Mitsias tries; B. White 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.

Date: Sat, 28th September. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Toulouse 24-6. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Geoffrey Poumes. Crowd: 3,361.

Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Laguerre, Armitage, Rennie, Ulberg; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Lima, Stefani, Marion. Int: Pélissier, Bretherton, Akaoula, Biscarro. Batley: Butterworth, Morton, Mitsias, Buchanan, Burton; White, Woods; Gledhill, Moore, Ward, Manning, Walshaw, Brown. Int: Cooper, Chitakunye, Kear.

Widnes 26 (J. Owens 2, M. Butt, R. Lannon, R. Lloyd tries; T. Gilmore 3 goals) defeated Barrow 24 (L. Broadbent, M. Clarke, L. Cresswell, R. Shaw tries; R. Shaw 4 goals) at Northern Competitions Stadium.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Widnes 16-8. Penalties: Barrow 8-5. Referee: Liam Rush. Crowd: 2,953.

Barrow: Cresswell, Bulman, Broadbent, Toal, Shaw; Walker, Johnston; Gillam, Wood, Brown, Clarke, Stack, Emslie. Int: Smith, Wilkinson, Walker, Gittens-Bedward. Widnes: Owens, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Fleming, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Kirk, Fozard, Brooks, Lloyd, Roberts, Lannon. Int: Field, Reilly, Murray, Grady.

Bradford 50 (F. Pele 3, M. Lehmann 2, L. Bayliss-Brow, K. Gill, T. Holmes, J. Myers tries; J. Lilley 6, J. Sammut goals) defeated Swinton 0 at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 28-0. Penalties: Bradford 8-5. Referee: Michael Small.

Bradford: Holmes, Myers, Franco, Gill, Lehmann; Sammut, Lilley; Smith, Souter, Bayliss-Brow, Davies, Fulton, Makin. Int: Scurr, Ott, Mason, Pele. Swinton: Abram, Ritson, Spedding, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Wood, Eaves, Bennion, Vaughan, Cox, Hall. Int: Case, Walker, Cowen, Cooper.

Dewsbury 28 (O. Greensmith 2, R. Butterworth, L. Carr; K. Tomlinson tries; C. Turner 4 goals) defeated Sheffield 8 (B. Jones-Bishop, M. Marsh tries) at FLAIR Stadium.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Dewsbury 16-4. Penalties: Dewsbury 7-6. Referee: Kevin Moore.

Dewsbury: O'Connor, Carr; Walker, Greensmith, Tomlinson; Turner; Butterworth; Morris, Mearns, Field, Ferguson, Silk, Collinson. Int: Russell, Briggs, Summers. Sheffield: Marsh, Jones-Bishop, Welham, Glover, Dawson-Jones; Aston, Thackeray; Battye, Wood, Dickinson, Murphy, Farrell, Hodgson. Int: Hansen, Clark, Liu, Roberts.

Wakefield 72 (M. Jowitt 4, J. McGillvary 2, I. Thornley 2, R. Atoni, M. Lino, D. Olpherts, C. Uele, I. Vagana tries; M. Jowitt 10 goals) defeated Doncaster 6 (J. Tali try; C. Hall goal) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 24-6. Penalties: Wakefield 5-3. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 5,233.

Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Smith, Rodwell, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Atoni, Kay, Uele, Vagana. Doncaster: Guzdek, Briscoe, Lyne, Tali, Halliday; Hall, Boas; Baxter, McConnell, Matagi, Sutcliffe, Smeaton, Wallace. Int: Hey, Holdstock, Mafi, Faraimo.

Whitehaven 23 (J. Carter; R. Corkill, W. Evans, E. Gebbie tries; J. Carter 3 goals; L. Hanneghan field goal) defeated Halifax 20 (J. Woodburn-Hall 3, C. Graham tries; L. Jouffret 2 goals) at The Ortus REC.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 16-all. Penalties: Whitehaven 7-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 876.

Whitehaven: Romeo, Shaw, Evans, Smart, Gebbie; Carter, Hanneghan; Castle, Newton, Hartley, Teare, Corkill, King. Int: Ackroyd, Kellett, Buckley. Halifax: Woodburn-Hall, Saltonstall, McComb, Barber, Graham; Jouffret, Keyes; Tangata, O'Brien, Larroyer, Davies, Hursley-Hord, Gee. Int: Hird, Foster, Kavanagh, Tibbs.

York 16 (L. Harris 2, J. Brown tries; N. Williams 2 goals) defeated Featherstone 6 (J. Hardcastle try; B. Reynolds goal) at LNER Community Stadium.

Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 10-6. Penalties: Featherstone 5-4. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 2,450.

York: Williams, Brown, Field, Law, Lineham; Hingano, Harris; Martin, Jubb, Ta'ai, Bailey, Dee, Thompson. Int: Santi, Michael, Daley, Cunningham. Featherstone: Aekins, Gale, Hardcastle, Minikin, Wynne; Reynolds, Lacans; Lockwood, Jones, Nakubuwai, Day, Bussey, Beckett. Int: Springer, Albert, Arnold, Eden.

FINAL TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	B	+/-	PTS
1	WAKEFIELD	26	25	0	1	0	748	50
2	TOULOUSE	26	18	1	7	0	398	37
3	BRADFORD	26	16	2	8	0	295	34
4	YORK	26	15	0	11	0	182	30
5	WIDNES	26	14	1	11	0	76	29
6	FEATHERSTONE	26	14	0	12	0	122	28
7	Sheffield	26	14	0	12	0	100	28
8	Doncaster	26	12	1	13	0	-121	25
9	Halifax	26	11	0	15	0	-141	22
10	Batley	26	11	0	15	0	-169	22
11	Barrow	26	9	1	16	0	-300	19
12	Swinton	26	9	0	17	0	-212	18
13	Whitehaven	26	8	2	16	0	-403	18
14	Dewsbury	26	2	0	24	0	-575	4

STATS LEADERS

TOP TRYSCORERS

#	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T
1	DERRELL OLPHERTS	Wakefield	25	23
2	Max Jowitt	Wakefield	25	22
3	Lachlan Walmsley	Wakefield	23	20
	Paul Ulberg	Toulouse	25	20

TOP GOALKICKERS

#	PLAYER	TEAM	P	G/A	%
1	MAX JOWITT	Wakefield	25	140 / 175	80%
2	Jordan Lilley	Bradford	26	100 / 133	75%
3	Cory Aston	Sheffield	25	88 / 111	79%
4	Jake Shorrocks	Toulouse	20	81 / 98	83%
	Tom Gilmore	Widnes	26	81 / 110	74%

TOP POINTSCORERS

#	PLAYER	TEAM	P	T	G	FG	PTS
1	MAX JOWITT	Wakefield	25	22	140	-	368
2	Jordan Lilley	Bradford	26	4	100	4	220
3	Cory Aston	Sheffield	25	4	88	-	192
4	Tom Gilmore	Widnes	26	5	81	5	187

ELIMINATORS

York 27 (T. Lineham 3, J. Dee, J. Law tries; N. Williams 3 goals; L. Harris field goal) defeated Widnes 10 (R. Lloyd try; T. Gilmore 3 goals) at LNER Community Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 5th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Widnes 5-3. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 2,010.
 York: Williams, Brown, Field, Law, Lineham; Hingano, Harris; Thompson, Cook, Ta'ai, Dee, Bailey, Cunningham.
 Int: Santi, Michael, Daley, Teanby.
 Widnes: Owens, Butt, Bardsley-Rowe, Fleming, Ince; Lyons, Gilmore; Bent, Fozard, Murray, Lloyd, Lannon, Field. Int: Johnstone, Kirk, Roberts, Reilly.

Bradford 25 (K. Appo, K. Gill, J. Lilley, J. Myers tries; J. Lilley 4 goals; J. Lilley field goal) defeated Featherstone 12 (B. Day, J. Hardcastle tries; B. Reynolds 2 goals) at Bartercard Odsal Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 6th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 7-0. Penalties: Featherstone 6-5. Referee: Aaron Moore.
 Bradford: Holmes, Okunbor, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Sammut, Lilley; Lawrence, Hallas, Doró, Fulton, Appo, Smith.
 Int: Scurr, Pele, Makin, Souter.
 Featherstone: Aekins, Wynne, Hardcastle, Minikin, Gale; Reynolds, Lacans; Springer, Jones, Lockwood, Day, Bussey, Beckett. Int: Albert, Arnold, Patton, Nakubuwai.

SEMI FINALS

Wakefield 22 (L. Gale, M. Jowitt, D. Olpherts, I. Thornley tries; M. Jowitt 3 goals) defeated York 13 (O. Field, A. Hingano tries; W. Dagger 2 goals; L. Harris field goal) at DIY Kitchens Stadium.
 Date: Sun, 13th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: York 7-6. Penalties: Wakefield 4-1. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 5,946.
 Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Rodwell, Ashurst, Griffin, Pitts. Int: Atoni, Uele, Vagana, Doyle.
 York: Dagger, Brown, Field, Williams, Lineham; Hingano, Harris; Thompson, Jubb, Ta'ai, Dee, Bailey, Cunningham. Int: Santi, Michael, Daley, Martin.

Toulouse 21 (G. Armitage, B. Laguerre, A. Marion, P. Ulberg tries; J. Shorrocks 2 goals; É. Pélissier field goal) defeated Bradford 20 (K. Appo, J. Lilley, F. Pele tries; J. Lilley 4 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon.
 Date: Sun, 13th October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Bradford 12-8. Penalties: Bradford 4-3. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 2,680.
 Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Armitage, Marcon, Laguerre; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen, Stefani, Lima, Marion. Int: Peyroux, Pélissier, Bretherton, Roumanos.
 Bradford: Lehmann, Okunbor, Myers, Gill, Taufua; Sammut, Lilley; Lawrence, Hallas, Doró, Fulton, Appo, Smith. Int: Scurr, Pele, Makin, Souter.

**CHAMPIONSHIP
(SECOND DIVISION)**

Year	Champions	Promoted to SL
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
2024	Wakefield	Wakefield

GRAND FINAL: WAKEFIELD 36 TOULOUSE 0

Wakefield 36 (J. McGillvary 2, D. Olpherts 2, M. Ashurst, O. Pratt, I. Thornley tries; M. Jowitt 3, J. McGillvary goals) defeated Toulouse 0 at DIY Kitchens Stadium.
 Date: Sat, 19th October. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Wakefield 22-0. Penalties: Wakefield 6-3. Referee: Aaron Moore. Crowd: 8,016.
 Wakefield: Jowitt, McGillvary, Thornley, Pratt, Olpherts; Gale, Lino; Bowden, Hood, Atoni, Ashurst (C), Vagana, Pitts. Int: Walmsley, Uele, Rodwell, Doyle.
 Toulouse: Ashall-Bott, Ulberg, Armitage, Marcon, Laguerre; Rivett, Shorrocks; Belmas, Gahan, Hansen (C), Stefani, Peyroux, Marion. Int: Rennie, Pélissier, Roumanos, Biscarro.

LEAGUE 1 PROMOTION PLAYOFF

Hunslet 22 (C. Berry, G. Flanagan Jr, J. Render, M. Turner tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) defeated Swinton 20 (M. Cox, J. Vaughan, R. Williams, M. Wood tries; D. Abram 2 goals) at Heywood Road.
 Date: Sun, 13th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Swinton 10-6. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: James Vella. Crowd: 885.
 Swinton: Abram, Purcell, Vaughan, Hatton, Williams; Stevens, Gibson; Bennion, Eaves, Houghton, Cooper, Cox, Wood. Int: Roby, Case, Walker, Cowen.
 Hunslet: Flanagan Jr, Turner, Goddard, Ferreira, Render; Knowles, Beharrell; Carr, Whitmore, Fletcher, Jordan-Roberts, Wood, Syme. Int: Hallas, Wray, Berry, O'Hanlon.

**LEAGUE ONE
(THIRD DIVISION)**

Year	Champions	Also Promoted
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	Dewsbury
2024	Oldham	Hunslet

BARROW RAIDERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

Barrow's meteoric rise to the top of League 1 in 2021 and promotion to Championship, followed by a top 4 finish in 2022 would have given fans much to cheer about. And then it all just...went. 2023 saw them drop down to 11th and in 2024 they stayed in that position, however their attack failed to improve and their defence dropped off badly.

They failed to string together a solid run of performances all year. On the upside, they did reach the Quarter final of the 1895 Cup, where they went down to eventual winners Wakefield. But in the Challenge Cup, they fell at the first hurdle against League 1 Champions Oldham.

Barrow were very strong on home soil all year, but on the road, they were woeful, with only the last placed Dewsbury with a worse away record. Barrow won 7 of 13 games at home but just 2 of 13 away. After such a promising return to Championship, it looks like Barrow are steadily drifting down the table and if this form continues, they might find themselves back in League 1 before too long.

Their 2024 season was a stop-start affair, with no win or loss streak lasting more than 3 consecutive games. After their 25-12 win over Featherstone in Round 9, the Raiders moved up to 8th place on the ladder, but then won just 1 of their next 6 games, dropped down to 13th and out of contention for the finals. They rallied somewhat at the end of the season to keep them well clear of the bottom of the ladder and relegation, but ultimately it was too little too late for their 2024 campaign.

TURNING POINT

Round 9 v Featherstone – Barrow were impressive in recording a 25-12 victory over one of the top sides in Championship. It saw them move from 10th to 8th on the ladder and should've been the catalyst for a string of good wins, but instead it saw the team win just 2 of their next 8 games and drop well out of finals contention.

WHAT WORKED

Playing at home – The Raiders had as many wins on home soil as finalists Widnes and Featherstone. Being able to rely on producing more wins than losses at home is a big advantage and should have reduced the pressure to win on the road, however that wasn't the case sadly for Barrow.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Defence – 12 of their 26 league games saw Barrow concede 36 or more points, which was too much pressure for their attack to absorb or counter. It was also the backbone for the inconsistency week to week and within matches.

BEST PLAYERS

Edge forward James Greenwood continued to be one of Barrow's best performers. His agility and mobility on the edge of the ruck was often used as a key aspect of Barrow's attack. He continued to be a stingy defender also. Backs Matty Costello and Ryan Shaw were both key figures in Barrow's attack throughout the season, while fullback Luke Cresswell was a brilliant attackin'f weapon, especially close to the line.

ROOKIES

22-year-old Brazilian born Ramon Silva was in his third season in the Championship, having debuted with Widnes before playing for both London and Toulouse last year. He's a very skillful front rower with a very bright future in front of him. 2024 was his first full season and he handled it very well. 20-year-old outside back Luke Broadbent had a solid second season for the club, moving from wing to centre and handling the change comfortably.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Raiders have lost props Ellis Gillam and Greg Burke, edge forward Max Clarke, half Adam Jackson and utility player Mike Ogunwole. They've secured the impressive Ryan King from Whitehaven, who can play in the back row, in the outside backs and even is adept in the halves. His unique versatility will be a huge addition to the Barrow side and will undoubtedly help improve their attack on the edges of the ruck. They have lost some depth in the middle, putting more pressure on their remaining middle forwards.

It's hard to see where any significant improvement will come from in 2025, however the club should avoid falling further down the table. If they can be more competitive defensively, there's every chance that Barrow could push for a top 6 spot.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

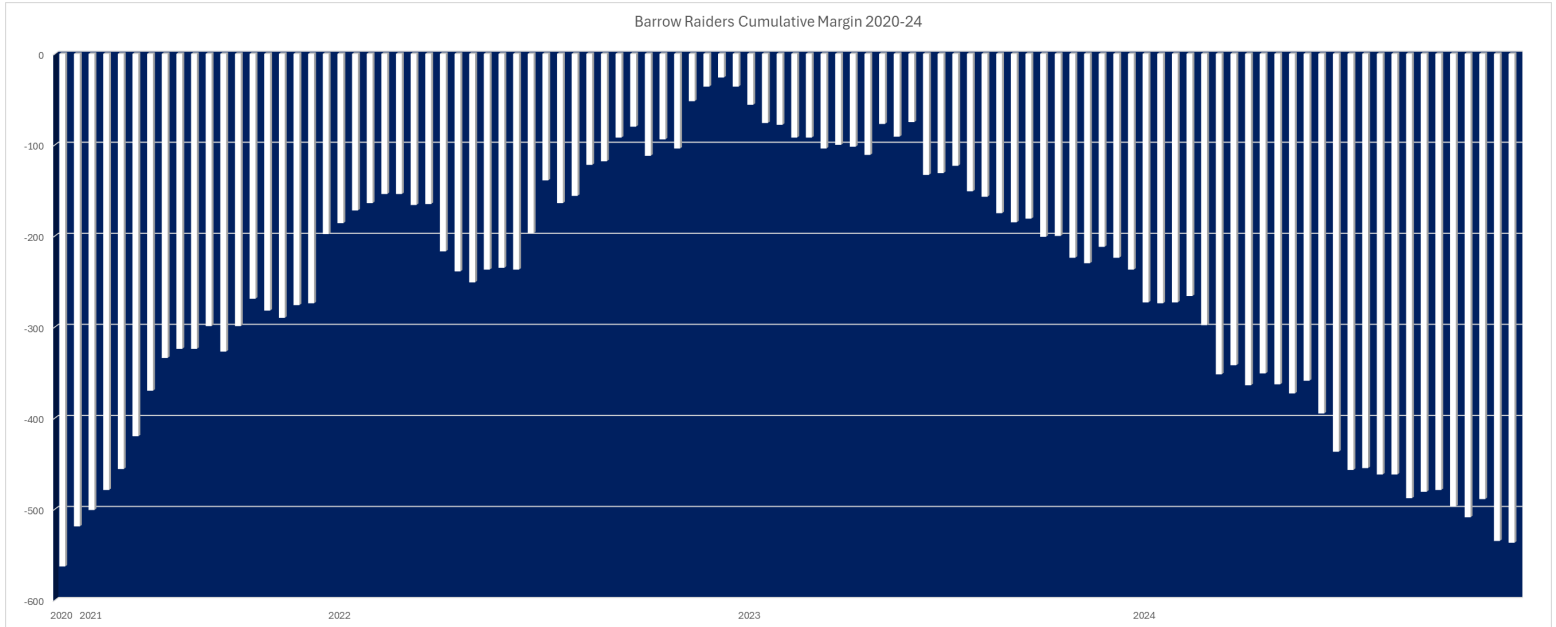
DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jan-28	1895 R1	WOR	W 30 8	Fibrus	-
Feb-04	1895 R2	WHI	W 18 12	Ortus REC	-
10	CC R3	OLD	L 10 22	Northern Comps	1,401
Mar-02	1895 QF	WAK	L 12 30	DIY Kitchens	1,809
17	1	WID	L 8 44	DCBL Stadium	1,758
29	2	WHI	L 22 23	Ortus REC	-
Apr-07	3	YOR	W 15 14	Northern Comps	1,692
14	4	DEW	W 27 20	Northern Comps	1,675
21	5	DON	L 6 38	Northern Comps	1,616
28	6	SHE	L 0 54	SOL Stadium	1,103
May-05	7	BAT	W 24 14	Northern Comps	1,976
18	8	TOU	L 16 38	Ernest Wallon	2,313
26	9	FEV	W 25 12	Northern Comps	2,311
Jun-02	10	BRA	L 24 36	Bartercard Odsal	2,655
15	11	HAL	L 28 38	Northern Comps	1,994
23	12	SWI	W 24 10	Heywood Road	945
30	13	WAK	L 0 36	Northern Comps	2,245
Jul-07	14	YOR	L 12 54	LNER Stadium	
14	15	BAT	L 2 22	Fox's Biscuits	
21	16	SHE	W 8 6	Northern Comps	1,552
28	17	DON	L 30 37	Eco-Power	1,405
Aug-04	18	BRA	D 24 24	Northern Comps	2,419
11	19	HAL	L 12 38	The Shay	1,421
18	20	DEW	W 31 24	FLAIR	
25	21	SWI	W 20 18	Northern Comps	1,495
Sep-01	22	FEV	L 18 36	Millennium	1,345
7	23	TOU	L 24 36	Northern Comps	1,709
15	24	WHI	W 34 14	Northern Comps	2,301
21	25	WAK	L 0 46	DIY Kitchens	5,011
29	26	WID	L 24 26	Northern Comps	2,953

ROUND	1C1	1C2	CC3	1CQF	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	SEASON STATS								
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BROWN, Ryan												L	B						B	B		FR	L	L		FR		FR	FR	FR	FR		8	3	-	-	-	-	
BULMAN, Andrew						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		23	-	10	-	-	40	
BURKE, Greg	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B		B	B	B	B													FR	B								4	8	-	-	-	-	
CARTER, Brett			C							C	B				B				B		B	B						C		W		4	6	1	-	-	4		
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DUTTON-ROSCONIE, Finley																													B				-	1	-	-	-	-	
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JOHNSON, Ryan																				HB												1	-	-	-	-	-		
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PYE, Jamie																							B	B	B		B	B	B				-	6	1	-	-	4	
ROTHWELL, Kavan						B	B	B											B	B	B		L			2R						2	7	2	-	-	8		
SHAW, Ryan	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	B		W	B		W		W	W	W	W		W	W	W	W	W	W	W	24	2	7	68	-	164		
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SMITH, Aaron	B	B	B	B	B							B					B	B	B	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	B	H	B	9	11	3	-	-	12		
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WALKER, Brad	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	FE	FE	FE	FE	28	-	3	2	3	19		
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WORTHINGTON, Greg															L	L	L	L	L	L					L	L	L	L	L			11	-	-	-	-	-		

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach Paul Creary
 Captains Jarrad Stack (20), Ryan Johnston (6)
 Biggest home crowd 2,953 (vs. Widnes in round 26)

Average home crowd 1,953
 Top pointscorer League: Ryan Shaw (138); All: Ryan Shaw (164)
 Top tryscorers League: Andrew Bulman, Luke Cresswell (10); All: Andrew Bulman, Luke Cresswell (10)



BATLEY BULLDOGS

ANDREW FERGUSON

After 2 strong seasons in 2021-22 and then narrowly missing the Championship finals in 2023, Batley came into 2024 keen to return to the top 6, however a slow start and meek finish to the Championship campaign denied them the opportunity.

The year itself started strongly for Batley, as they won both of their opening 1895 Cup games to advance to the Quarter Final, which they lost to Sheffield. They also won their first 3 Challenge Cup games before going down to Castleford in Round 6.

As for the Championship season though, They started with 3 losses, one of which was a very disappointing 20 point loss to Dewsbury (who would win just 1 other game all year). They improved slightly but will still very inconsistent, as they won 2 of their next 5 games. A mid-season rally saw them win 8 of their next 12 games to be just 1 win outside the top 6 with just 6 games remaining.

Then their form fell off a cliff as they won just 1 of their last 6 games, suffering heavy losses to York (37-6), Doncaster (38-0) and Toulouse (64-16) to finish in 10th place and 3 wins away from the top 6.

TURNING POINT

Round 21 – After a solid mid-season rally to get their campaign back on track, Batley had got themselves to within a win of finals contention. They came up against a York side who were also resurgent after a poor start. Batley had an opportunity to prove themselves against another side near them on the table and in the same struggle, and the Bulldogs were thumped 37-6. They lost all bar 1 of their final 6 games to sink down to 10th on the table.

WHAT WORKED

Defence – It may seem odd, but it was Batley's defence that kept them in a lot of games. They conceded 30 points or more in a game just 6 of their 33 games in 2024 and only one of those 6 games (their last game of the year) saw them conceded more than 38 points in a game. Their defence for the last few years has always been the reliable and consistent part of their play, which is a great base to build upon for 2025.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Attack – Batley's once solid attack fell away badly in 2024. They averaged a paltry 16.23 points per game, with only the last placed Dewsbury who was worse. Their one reliable strategy was to head to the wing of Joe Burton, who scored 21% of the teams tries on his own. The Bulldogs struggled all season to convert possession and good field position into points, with some performances looking like there was a genuine lack of cohesion.

BEST PLAYERS

The impact that Luke Hooley had on the side in his brief time on the field with the Bulldogs was immediate and impactful. He played all bar 5 games from Round 9 to Round 25 and the Bulldogs won 8 of those 12 League matches. When he didn't play, Batley won 3 of 14 Championship games. He started out at fullback before shifting to halfback briefly and had a big impact on the teams attack. Edge forward Lucas Walshaw was the best and most consistent performer in the pack, constantly leading by example.

ROOKIES

22 year-old winger Joe Burton isn't exactly a rookie anymore, given this was his fourth season, but it was his absolute best thus far. He was a genuine stand-out performer all year, scoring an impressive 22 tries from 33 games. Similarly, 21-year-old fullback Robbie Butterworth had his breakout season in 2024, going from depth player to regular starter. Both players will be playing with plenty of confidence and skill in 2025 after such impressive seasons.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Batley side have a very good core to work with and in 2025 they will add Danny Addy from the Featherstone Rovers, Josh Jordan-Roberts from Hunslet and James Glover from Sheffield, in a bid to improve the teams attack. Meanwhile Lucas Walshaw announced his retirement, while Elliot Hall has taken up an offer with League 1 side Oldham and Greg Johnson has also departed the club.

The team has good depth and a good mix of experience and youth across the park. Their defence is solid and their new signings should help improve their attack. There's plenty of reasons for Batley to get themselves back into the top 6 again.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-04	1895 R2	FEV	W 15 14	Fox's Biscuits	-
11	CC R3	WOR	W 48 18	Fox's Biscuits	-
18	1895 R3	HUN	W 36 0	South Leeds	700
25	CC R4	ROC	W 30 14	Fox's Biscuits	-
Mar-03	1895 QF	SHE	L 10 26	SOL Stadium	727
9	CC R5	WID	W 18 14	DCBL Stadium	1,067
17	1	FEV	L 20 24	Fox's Biscuits	1,961
23	CC R6	CAS	L 14 28	Fox's Biscuits	-
29	2	DEW	L 4 24	FLAIR	1,549
Apr-07	3	HAL	L 10 18	The Shay	1,770
14	4	WHI	W 25 12	Ortus REC	450
21	5	WAK	L 14 34	Fox's Biscuits	2,572
28	6	YOR	W 22 18	Fox's Biscuits	845
May-05	7	BAR	L 14 24	Northern Comps	1,976
19	8	DON	L 0 26	Eco-Power	1,236
26	9	BRA	W 21 20	Fox's Biscuits	-
Jun-02	10	SHE	W 31 18	Fox's Biscuits	983
16	11	SWI	W 20 16	Heywood Road	917
22	12	TOU	L 0 36	Fox's Biscuits	-
30	13	WID	W 24 16	DCBL Stadium	2,476
Jul-07	14	WAK	L 12 34	DIY Kitchens	5,112
14	15	BAR	W 22 2	Fox's Biscuits	-
21	16	DEW	W 29 22	Fox's Biscuits	-
28	17	HAL	L 16 22	Fox's Biscuits	-
Aug-04	18	FEV	L 16 24	Millennium	1,544
11	19	SWI	W 26 6	Fox's Biscuits	-
16	20	SHE	W 24 14	SOL Stadium	877
25	21	YOR	L 6 37	LNER Stadium	-
Sep-01	22	WID	L 8 12	Fox's Biscuits	-
8	23	DON	L 0 38	Fox's Biscuits	-
15	24	BRA	L 14 16	Bartercard Odsal	3,212
22	25	WHI	W 28 14	Fox's Biscuits	1,644

ROUND	1C2	CC3	1C3	CC4	1C4F	CC5	1	CC6	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	SEASON STATS						
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GIBBONS, Joe							B	B	B					B																				-	4	-	-	-	-	
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MOORE, Brandon	L	L	L	H	L	H	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	32	-	5	-	-	20	
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WARD, Michael	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	FR	1	24	1	-	-	4
WHITE, Ben	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	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	31	-	7	3	-	34
WOODS, Josh	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	28	-	1	71	4	150

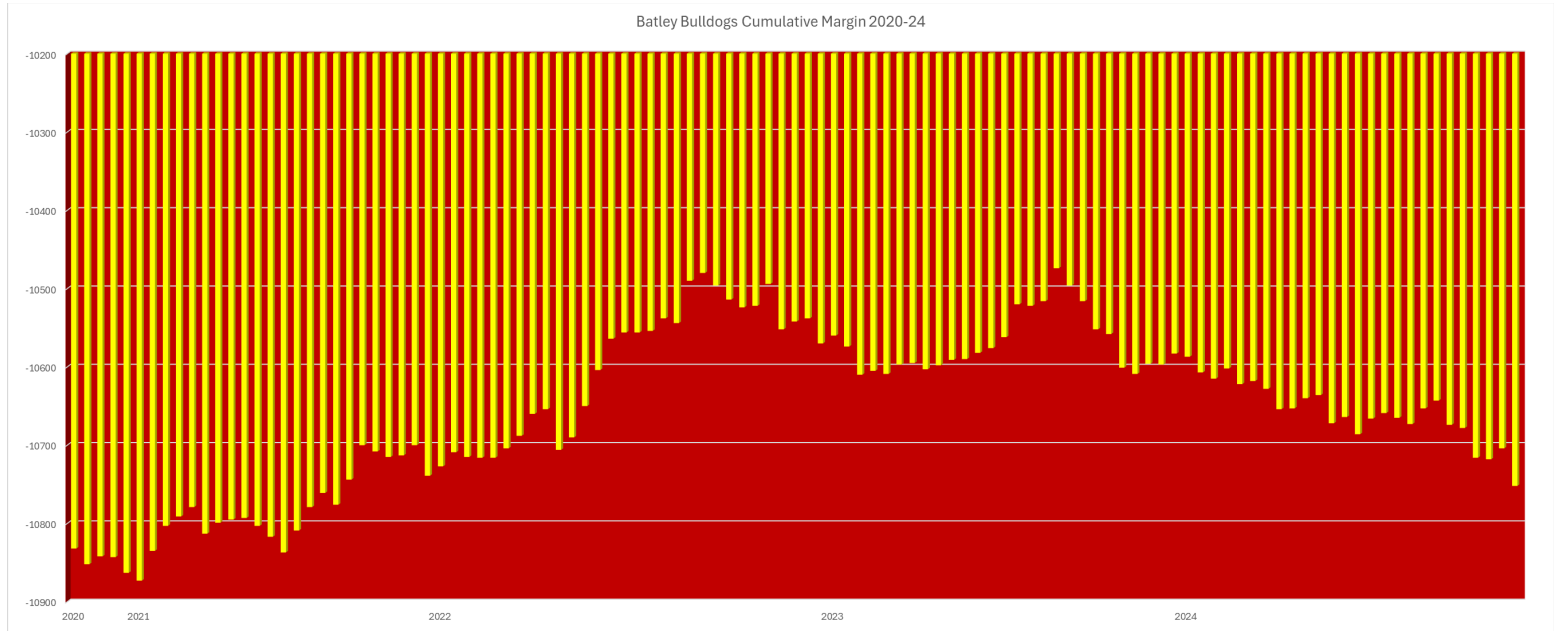
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
 Biggest home crowd
 Average home crowd

Mark Moxon
 2,572 (vs. Wakefield Trinity in round 5)
 1,601

Top pointscorer
 Top try scorer

League: Josh Woods (115)
 All: Josh Woods (150)
 League: Joe Burton (18)
 All: Joe Burton (22)



BRADFORD BULLS

AJ LUCANTONIO

All rise for the second-coming of Bull Mania!

Well here we are again. It appears that the Bradford Bulls are on the rise after nearly becoming extinct last decade.

After making the finals last season, the Bulls were keen on making strides and went about it by being aggressive in the player market, landing signings such as Zac Fulton whilst also landing Hull discards Franklin Pele and Jayden Okonbor.

Bradford were consistent all the way through the season, playing an entertaining brand of football but also grinding out strong performances with big efforts against the higher ranked Championship teams.

This saw the team finish in the finals race for the second year in succession, they even trounced Featherstone in the finals at home to set up a rematch of last year's Grand Final qualifier with Toulouse.

It was heartbreak once more for the Bulls with a field goal denying them a chance to compete for premiership glory.

Despite that, this year was a strong success for the Bulls, Jordan Liley topped the points with over 300 points while Kieran Gill scored 20 tries this season.

With strong home-crowds turning out at the iconic Odsal Stadium to cheer their side on. The club is in as good a position as it has been in for a few seasons and will be looking to rise to the top of Championship in 2025.

Despite this fortuitous luck, the Bulls are still facing financial question-marks. The club issued a warning surrounding the club's finances, calling for more financial support from the RFL. Despite a £22,000 profit in their latest set of accounts, chief executive Jason Hirst warned it will take the increasing backing of owners, benefactors, sponsors, supporters and volunteers to keep the Bulls in the black.

TURNING POINT

A narrow one-point loss at home to Featherstone saw Bradford only have one win out of their previous four outings. From that point forward, the Bulls would only lose one match and storm into third position for the conduct of the semi-finals.

WHAT WENT RIGHT?

Their recruitment strategy. It paid off with a number of strong performers week in and week out for this Bulls side.

Fulton along with QLD Cup forward Logan Bayliss-Brow were impressive on a weekly basis, consistently giving the halves their chance to deliver with ball in hand. Their array of mid-season recruits performed well and were among their best performers with Pele, Okonbor and winger Max Lehmann sound to finish the season.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Just couldn't get it done against the big teams in the comp. The big complaint about this Bradford side is their inability to compete with the fellow big dogs in the Championship. For the record, we are talking about Wakefield and Toulouse who the Bulls faced several times this season.

In the five meetings with the two sides, the Bulls only had one win which was a 19-12 win against Toulouse. They also had a draw in France and a one-point finals loss to Olympique. They were, however, winless against the Wildcats despite their last meeting only being decided by two possessions as opposed to the blowouts they suffered against Wakefield earlier in the season.

BEST PLAYERS

There were a number of stand-out players but half Jordan Liley put together one of his strongest seasons, hitting the triple-century in points for the first time in his career. The 28-year-old has found his mark in Bradford after a few inconsistent seasons through injury and in-different form. Keven Appo got through a mountain of work in his 32 games, proving to be a consistent impact player for the Bulls.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Looking ahead to 2025, the Bulls will be hellbent on improving their IMG score off-field. The club improved on their inaugural score last season and with renewed showings on-field, they will be looking to make their mark on a possible return to the top-flight.

The on-field performance should improve as they add Fijian international and former NRL star Waqa Blake. Brian Noble also returns to the Bulls as they look for redemption and Championship glory next season.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-04	1895 R2	DEW	W 40 4	FLAIR	-
11	CC R3	NWC	W 48 2	Odsal	-
18	1895 R3	KEI	W 26 18	Cougar	3,729
25	CC R4	WID	L 12 26	Odsal	-
Mar-03	1895 QF	SWI	W 21 12	Bartercard Odsal	-
15	1	WAK	L 12 42	DIY Kitchens	7,221
29	2	HAL	W 29 10	Bartercard Odsal	3,853
Apr-07	3	FEV	W 24 14	Millennium	-
13	4	TOU	W 19 12	Bartercard Odsal	2,720
21	5	YOR	L 14 25	LNER Stadium	2,675
28	6	WID	L 13 14	Bartercard Odsal	3,029
May-05	7	SWI	W 38 12	Heywood Road	1,187
12	1895 SF	WAK	L 14 40	Bartercard Odsal	5,340
19	8	SHE	W 28 10	Bartercard Odsal	2,234
26	9	BAT	L 20 21	Fox's Biscuits	-
Jun-02	10	BAR	W 36 24	Bartercard Odsal	2,655
16	11	WHI	W 36 18	Ortus REC	-
23	12	DON	W 38 4	Bartercard Odsal	2,909
30	13	DEW	W 38 12	FLAIR	-
Jul-06	14	TOU	D 12 12	Ernest Wallon	2,340
14	15	WAK	L 2 14	Bartercard Odsal	3,203
21	16	YOR	W 36 28	Bartercard Odsal	3,025
28	17	WID	L 6 25	DCBL Stadium	3,065
Aug-04	18	BAR	D 24 24	Northern Comps	2,419
11	19	WHI	W 58 0	Bartercard Odsal	2,502
18	20	FEV	L 21 22	Bartercard Odsal	3,099
25	21	DON	W 18 4	Eco-Power	1,758
30	22	DEW	W 54 0	Bartercard Odsal	3,006
Sep-08	23	SHE	W 30 12	SOL Stadium	1,948
15	24	BAT	W 16 14	Bartercard Odsal	3,212
22	25	HAL	L 10 14	The Shay	3,285
29	26	SWI	W 50 0	Bartercard Odsal	-
Oct-06	EF	FEV	W 25 12	Bartercard Odsal	-
13	SF	TOU	L 20 21	Ernest Wallon	2,680

DEWSBURY RAMS

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After relegation in 2022 and an immediate bounce back to the Championship in 2023 with a dominant season, 2024 looked to be a season that could see the Rams consolidate a strong position in the second tier of English rugby. That is not how it panned out. The team that was so dominant in 2023 was largely retained and were outclassed in 2024.

Start of the season saw three consecutive defeats in the cups – not heavy – but a warning this would a season to struggle, although not necessarily a relegation battle Season opener saw them host Halifax and they lost. While not a big defeat – 24-10 – it set the tone for the season. Whipping boys the Rams were not for almost the whole season, however they were generally outclassed by everyone.

The Good Friday Heavy Woollens Derby saw them once more at the Flair Stadium for the second round match against their rivals Batley Bulldogs. In arguably the best performance of the season they won 24-4 in front of more than 1500 fans. Unfortunately for the Rams, that was as good as it got all season. Successive defeats led to a record-breaking consecutive defeats record of 23 games, beating their previous record by five, and an early relegation confirmation. A defeat against troubled Whitehaven on the August Bank Holiday weekend 10-18 saw the Rams relegated with five matches left in the season. Four more defeats were to follow, including their second heaviest defeat of the season the next game when they were unable to register even a point in their 54-0 loss at Bradford. This was one of only three games throughout the season when the Rams were unable to score, the other two bring in consecutive games at Wakefield for their heaviest defeat of the season (56-0) and then in the next match after that when they lost 40-0 at the Flair to York Knights.

The season's closing game saw the Rams host promotion-chasing Sheffield. A 28-8 win saw the losing streak end dramatically and Sheffield unable to go into the Championships play-offs. Manager Dale Ferguson resigned as head coach at the start of May after defeat away to Doncaster and Paul March took over. Dewsbury ended up 15 points from guaranteed safety with only four points and Whitehaven who went down with them were a mere 14 points ahead.

If the 2023 season was memorable for promotion, the 2024 season was definitely one almost every fan will want to forget. Many of the losses were not heavy but equally they were a defeat. Only seven times could they muster 20 points or more in a game, with the final game being their highest points tally for a game all season. With three heavy defeats in the regular league season, it would be easy to look at these, but too often a weak defence and not enough points scored saw them outclassed in the pitch in play and in the points scored. Dewsbury need to lick their wounds from this season and try to bounce back in 2025 and gain promotion.

TURNING POINT

If there was one then it would be the narrow defeat at Barrow two weeks after their win against Batley. Having lost the home match before against Widnes 24-6, Dewsbury needed to win this one. A loss 27-20 duly followed and this was followed by another home loss the next week against Swinton. Another 20 defeats were to follow as the players' confidence sank further and further.

WHAT WORKED

Very little to be honest, as the statistics tell. Bottom of the league for a reason. Twice they won, and these were by 20 points each time so the forwards were able to attack but these were just two games in a whole season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Most points conceded and fewest points scored in the Championship tells its own story. It would be too easy to blame the defence but the forwards are there to score tries and the points scored were by far the worst in the whole division, with the other relegated team Whitehaven scoring 100 points more and accruing six more wins during the season than Dewsbury. However the defence are not blameless as some of the defeats were down to silly mistakes which gave away an unnecessary try here and there. The margins of defeat can rest on just one or two plays.

BEST PLAYER

Calum Turner is in his third season at the Flair and has consolidated his half back position after playing as a full back previously. Unfortunately he has signed for Featherstone Rovers for the 2025 season, which will leave a hole in the teams three-quarters line up.

ROOKIES

While former manager Dale Ferguson brought in some players from local amateur sides, it was Castleford signing Jacob Hookem who was the best. Hookem, who played only one game for the Tigers having been signed from Midlands, was brought in as a half back and was almost ever-present. He has remains with the squad for 2025 which is good.

LOOKING AHEAD

Will the team bounce back? Can they bounce back, is the more pressing question on many fans' lips? After a chastening season back in the second tier with only two wins and only four points achieved, it's going to be hard to recover confidence. Veteran Paul Sykes remains as do many other players including Ferguson. Some of the new signings are lovely and have come from amateur and 1st division teams which may be shows the ambition of the club in 2025, that is consolidation rather than a big push for promotion. March remains in charge as head coach for next season after taking over on an interim basis on May 1st. Certainly the Rams have the talent and potential to gain promotion straight away and that is what many fans will be hoping for, if not expecting.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jan-28	1895 R1	KEI	L 6 35	Cougar	839
Feb-04	1895 R2	BRA	L 4 40	FLAIR	-
11	CC R3	YOR	L 8 14	FLAIR	-
Mar-17	1	HAL	L 10 24	FLAIR	1,449
29	2	BAT	W 24 4	FLAIR	1,549
Apr-07	3	WID	L 6 24	FLAIR	1,084
14	4	BAR	L 20 27	Northern Comps	1,675
21	5	SWI	L 22 50	Heywood Road	894
28	6	DON	L 12 38	Eco-Power	1,296
May-04	7	TOU	L 21 38	FLAIR	-
19	8	FEV	L 12 46	FLAIR	1,150
24	9	SHE	L 13 36	SOL Stadium	971
31	10	WAK	L 0 56	DIY Kitchens	5,892
Jun-16	11	YOR	L 0 40	FLAIR	-
23	12	WHI	L 12 38	Ortus REC	-
30	13	BRA	L 12 38	FLAIR	-
Jul-07	14	DON	L 16 20	FLAIR	-
14	15	WID	L 12 34	DCBL Stadium	2,337
21	16	BAT	L 22 29	Fox's Biscuits	-
27	17	TOU	L 6 58	Ernest Wallon	2,155
Aug-04	18	WAK	L 16 42	FLAIR	1,750
11	19	YOR	L 12 54	LNER Stadium	-
18	20	BAR	L 24 31	FLAIR	-
25	21	WHI	L 10 18	FLAIR	-
30	22	BRA	L 0 54	Bartercard Odsal	3,006
Sep-08	23	HAL	L 6 34	The Shay	1,647
15	24	SWI	L 16 28	FLAIR	-
21	25	FEV	L 12 50	Millennium	-
29	26	SHE	W 28 8	FLAIR	-

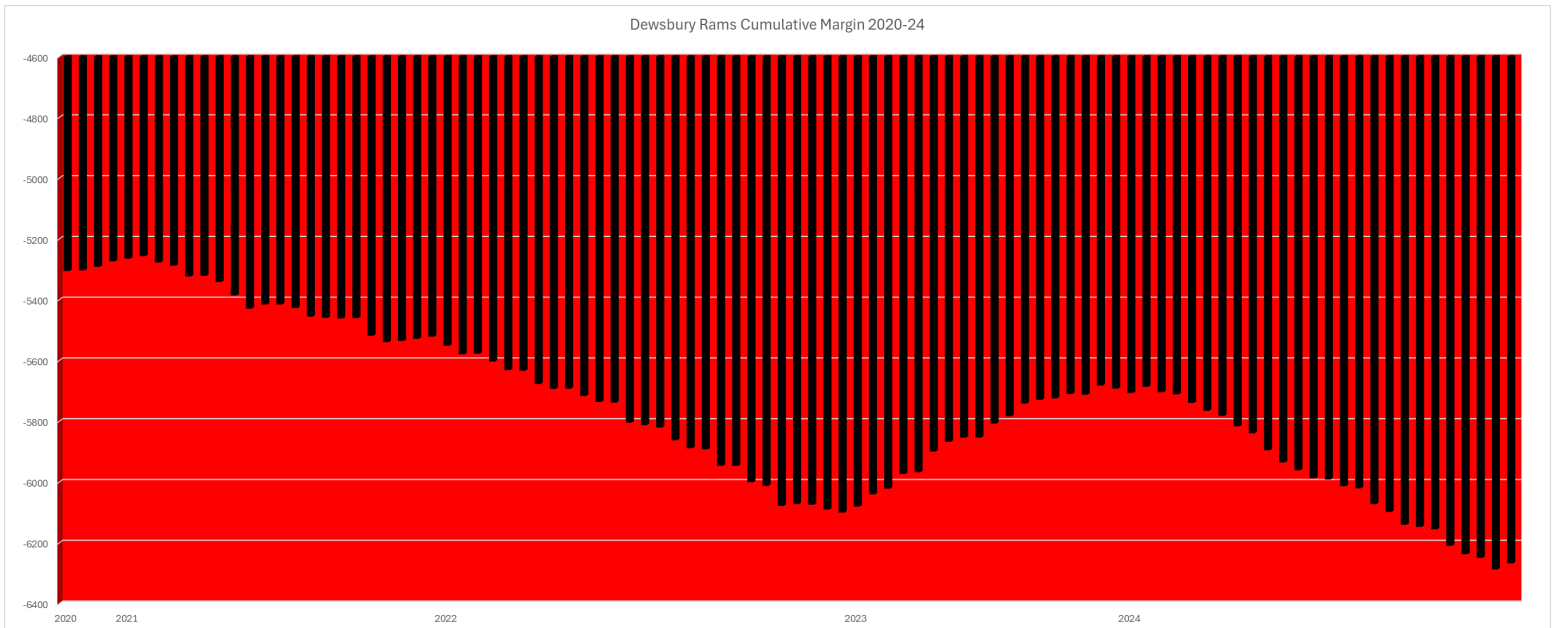
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CORION, Travis	W							W	W	W	W	W	W																	7	-	3	-	-	12	
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RUSH, Kieran				B	B									HB	FE															2	2	-	-	-	-	
RUSSELL, Joel			B																									B	-	2	-	-	-	-		
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches Paul March (20), Dale Ferguson (9)
 Biggest home crowd 1,750 (vs. Wakefield Trinity in R18)
 Average home crowd 1,396

Top pointscorer
 Top tryscorer

League: Calum Turner (89); All: Calum Turner (93)
 League: Lewis Carr, Bailey O'Connor, Owen Restall, Perry Whiteley (6)
 All: Perry Whiteley (8)



DONCASTER RLFC

ANDREW FERGUSON

After 2 strong seasons in 2021-22 and then narrowly missing the Championship finals in 2023, Batley came into 2024 keen to return to the top 6, however a slow start and meek finish to the Championship campaign denied them the opportunity.

The year itself started strongly for Batley, as they won both of their opening 1895 Cup games to advance to the Quarter Final, which they lost to Sheffield. They also won their first 3 Challenge Cup games before going down to Castleford in Round 6.

As for the Championship season though, They started with 3 losses, one of which was a very disappointing 20 point loss to Dewsbury (who would win just 1 other game all year). They improved slightly but will still very inconsistent, as they won 2 of their next 5 games. A mid-season rally saw them win 8 of their next 12 games to be just 1 win outside the top 6 with just 6 games remaining.

Then their form fell off a cliff as they won just 1 of their last 6 games, suffering heavy losses to York (37-6), Doncaster (38-0) and Toulouse (64-16) to finish in 10th place and 3 wins away from the top 6.

TURNING POINT

Round 21 – After a solid mid-season rally to get their campaign back on track, Batley had got themselves to within a win of finals contention. They came up against a York side who were also resurgent after a poor start. Batley had an opportunity to prove themselves against another side near them on the table and in the same struggle, and the Bulldogs were thumped 37-6. They lost all bar 1 of their final 6 games to sink down to 10th on the table.

WHAT WORKED

Defence – It may seem odd, but it was Batley's defence that kept them in a lot of games. They conceded 30 points or more in a game just 6 of their 33 games in 2024 and only one of those 6 games (their last game of the year) saw them conceded more than 38 points in a game. Their defence for the last few years has always been the reliable and consistent part of their play, which is a great base to build upon for 2025.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Attack – Batley's once solid attack fell away badly in 2024. They averaged a paltry 16.23 points per game, with only the last placed Dewsbury who was worse. Their one reliable strategy was to head to the wing of Joe Burton, who scored 21% of the teams tries on his own. The Bulldogs struggled all season to convert possession and good field position into points, with some performances looking like there was a genuine lack of cohesion.

BEST PLAYERS

The impact that Luke Hooley had on the side in his brief time on the field with the Bulldogs was immediate and impactful. He played all bar 5 games from Round 9 to Round 25 and the Bulldogs won 8 of those 12 League matches. When he didn't play, Batley won 3 of 14 Championship games. He started out at fullback before shifting to halfback briefly and had a big impact on the teams attack. Edge forward Lucas Walshaw was the best and most consistent performer in the pack, constantly leading by example.

ROOKIES

22 year-old winger Joe Burton isn't exactly a rookie anymore, given this was his fourth season, but it was his absolute best thus far. He was a genuine stand-out performer all year, scoring an impressive 22 tries from 33 games. Similarly, 21-year-old fullback Robbie Butterworth had his breakout season in 2024, going from depth player to regular starter. Both players will be playing with plenty of confidence and skill in 2025 after such impressive seasons.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Batley side have a very good core to work with and in 2025 they will add Danny Addy from the Featherstone Rovers, Josh Jordan-Roberts from Hunslet and James Glover from Sheffield, in a bid to improve the teams attack. Meanwhile Lucas Walshaw announced his retirement, while Elliot Hall has taken up an offer with League 1 side Oldham and Greg Johnson has also departed the club.

The team has good depth and a good mix of experience and youth across the park. Their defence is solid and their new signings should help improve their attack. There's plenty of reasons for Batley to get themselves back into the top 6 again.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
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11	CC R3	WID	L 16 50	DCBL Stadium	788
Mar-17	1	YOR	W 36 20	Eco-Power	1,463
29	2	SHE	L 20 26	Eco-Power	1,719
Apr-07	3	WAK	L 6 42	Eco-Power	2,520
14	4	FEV	L 4 46	Eco-Power	1,701
21	5	BAR	W 38 6	Northern Comps	1,616
28	6	DEW	W 38 12	Eco-Power	1,296
May-05	7	WID	L 14 16	DCBL Stadium	2,936
19	8	BAT	W 26 0	Eco-Power	1,236
26	9	HAL	L 8 34	The Shay	1,479
Jun-02	10	WHI	D 25 25	Eco-Power	1,740
15	11	TOU	L 0 52	Ernest Wallon	2,138
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10	19	TOU	W 20 18	Eco-Power	1,121
18	20	WHI	L 24 28	Ortus REC	699
25	21	BRA	L 4 18	Eco-Power	1,758
Sep-01	22	HAL	L 16 17	Eco-Power	1,443
8	23	BAT	W 38 0	Fox's Biscuits	-
15	24	WID	W 30 14	Eco-Power	1,360
22	25	SWI	W 22 20	Heywood Road	836
29	26	WAK	L 6 72	DIY Kitchens	5,233

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BAXTER, Lewis																					B	FR	FR	B	B	B	B	FR	FR	4	5	-	-	-	-
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BURNS, Greg			H	H	H					H	H								H	H					H	H	H			12	-	-	-	-	-
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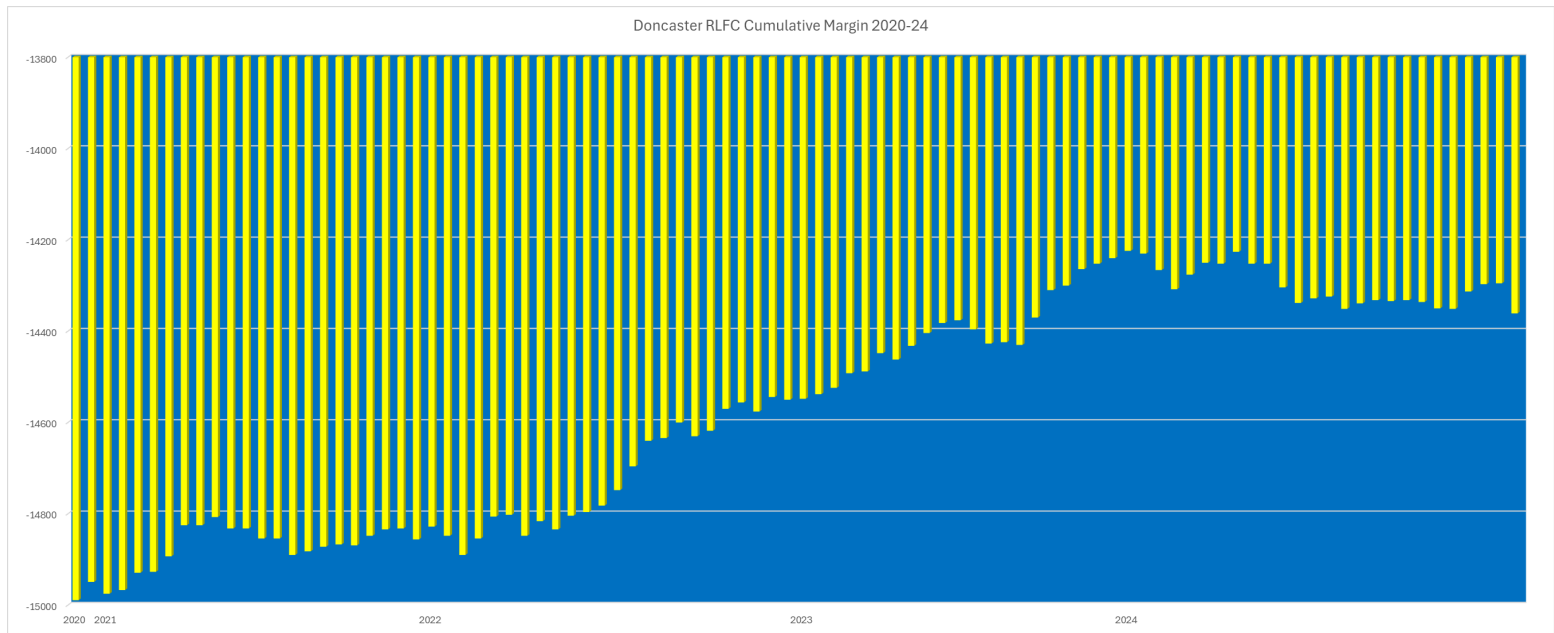
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Biggest home crowd

Richard Horne
2,520 (vs. Wakefield Trinity in R3)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top try scorer

1,524
League: Connor Robinson (151); All: Connor Robinson (177)
League: Bureta Faraimo (14); All: Bureta Faraimo (14)



FEATHERSTONE ROVERS

ANDREW FERGUSON

Since the Rovers were relegated to Championship 30 years ago, just 2 of those seasons saw them in League 1, while 26 of the other 28 years saw them finish in the top 7. Furthermore, Featherstone have finished in the top 6 in Championship every year since 2009, however they have only once won the Championship Grand Final in that time (2011). 2023 saw them finish the Championship season as commanding Minor Premiers, having won 25 of their 27 games, 6 wins clear of second place. They then lost the Semi Final against London, who went on to claim the Premiership.

2024 should've been a season where the Rovers finally got over the hurdle went one step better than the previous several seasons, but a mid-season form slump, which saw them win just 2 of 9 games, followed by a drop off at the end of the season which resulted in just 1 win from the last 4 games before the finals almost saw them drop out of the finals race completely. They finished tied on points with 7th placed Sheffield, narrowly pipping them due to their points difference, which was just 22 points better.

The Rovers lost in the first week of finals to Bradford, putting an end to a disappointing end of the season. Their Cup run was much more competitive, scoring wins against Thatto Heath, Keighley and Wakefield Trinity, before going down 26-14 to Leigh in the 6th round.

TURNING POINT

Round 23 – After rescuing their campaign from a woeful mid-season slump, Round 23 saw the Rovers come up against the lowly Swinton, who had been belted 60-0 the week prior. The Rovers should've continued their winning run, but instead were never in the match, trailing by 8 at the break before eventually losing 28-8. The Rovers went on to lose to Sheffield the following week. If these 2 games had've been wins, Featherstone would've been on 32 points in 4th place and would've been in much better form for their final round clash with top side York, before going into the finals.

WHAT WORKED

Attack on the edges – Connor Jones was brilliant in 2024 at creating points, Whether it was scoring tries himself (he scored 18 all up for the year), linking with his edge forward Brad Day (who bagged 16 tries) or being involved in the lead up work that helped Connor Wynne to cross for his 21 tries. Attack has not been a weak point for the Rovers for many years.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Cohesion – small things combined to make a bigger issue. Despite their brilliant season in 2023, by years end the club decided to replace coach Sean Long with James Ford. There was a very large number of roster changes also for their 2024 campaign. These factors alone ensured that team cohesion was considerably worse than in 2023.

BEST PLAYERS

Second Row forward Brad Day had a brilliant year, defensively solid every week, while his strong line running on the edge's of the ruck saw him become a key focal point in the Rovers attack all year. He scored an impressive 16 tries in 2024, while also proving to be a key link man between the middle and the outside backs. At the end of the year, Day won the clubs Coaches' Player of the Year and Players' Player of the year awards. Connor Jones was the vital cog in the forwards-dominated Rovers attack, while Connor Wynne bagged 21 tries for the year in a great season for the talented winger.

ROOKIES

Middle forward Mo Kamano had a stellar debut season in 2024, playing in 20 games. His powerful ball running was used to great effect throughout the year, coming off the bench and steamrolling through tired defences. Fellow debutant Manoa Wacocecoke scored 7 tries in 11 games on the wing and will be looking to nail down his place in the side next year.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Rovers have made a number of key signings for their 2025 campaign. Hooker Will Jubb, utility back Calum Turner, winger Derrell Olpherts, young Australian half Zach Herring and powerful forward King Vuniyayawa. These players will add much needed starch and depth to their forwards and playmaking stocks and are expected to help improve the defensive shortcomings in 2024, enhance their attack and overall, become an elite team in the Championship once again.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jan-28	1895 R1	HUN	W 62 12	South Leeds	875
Feb-04	1895 R2	BAT	L 14 15	Fox's Biscuits	-
11	CC R3	THA	W 72 0	Crusader	-
25	CC R4	KEI	W 58 14	Cougar	-
Mar-10	CC R5	WAK	W 14 10	Millennium	-
17	1	BAT	W 24 20	Fox's Biscuits	1,961
23	CC R6	LEI	L 14 26	Leigh Sports	4,287
29	2	WAK	L 12 20	Millennium	4,127
Apr-07	3	BRA	L 14 24	Millennium	-
14	4	DON	W 46 4	Eco-Power	1,701
21	5	WID	W 32 24	Millennium	2,200
28	6	WHI	W 28 24	Ortus REC	521
May-05	7	HAL	W 36 16	Millennium	-
19	8	DEW	W 46 12	FLAIR	1,150
26	9	BAR	L 12 25	Northern Comps	2,311
Jun-02	10	SWI	L 40 42	Millennium	2,200
16	11	SHE	L 16 18	SOL Stadium	1,444
23	12	YOR	L 24 34	Millennium	1,564
29	13	TOU	L 0 20	Ernest Wallon	4,907
Jul-07	14	WHI	W 66 0	Millennium	1,605
14	15	HAL	W 14 6	The Shay	1,760
20	16	DON	L 12 24	Millennium	-
28	17	WAK	L 18 46	DIY Kitchens	6,453
Aug-04	18	BAT	W 24 16	Millennium	1,544
11	19	WID	W 8 0	DCBL Stadium	2,422
18	20	BRA	W 22 21	Bartercard Odsal	3,099
24	21	TOU	W 22 10	Millennium	-
Sep-01	22	BAR	W 36 18	Millennium	1,345
8	23	SWI	L 8 28	Heywood Road	780
15	24	SHE	L 6 20	Millennium	1,246
21	25	DEW	W 50 12	Millennium	-
29	26	YOR	L 6 16	LNER Stadium	2,450
Oct-06	EF	BRA	L 12 25	Bartercard Odsal	-

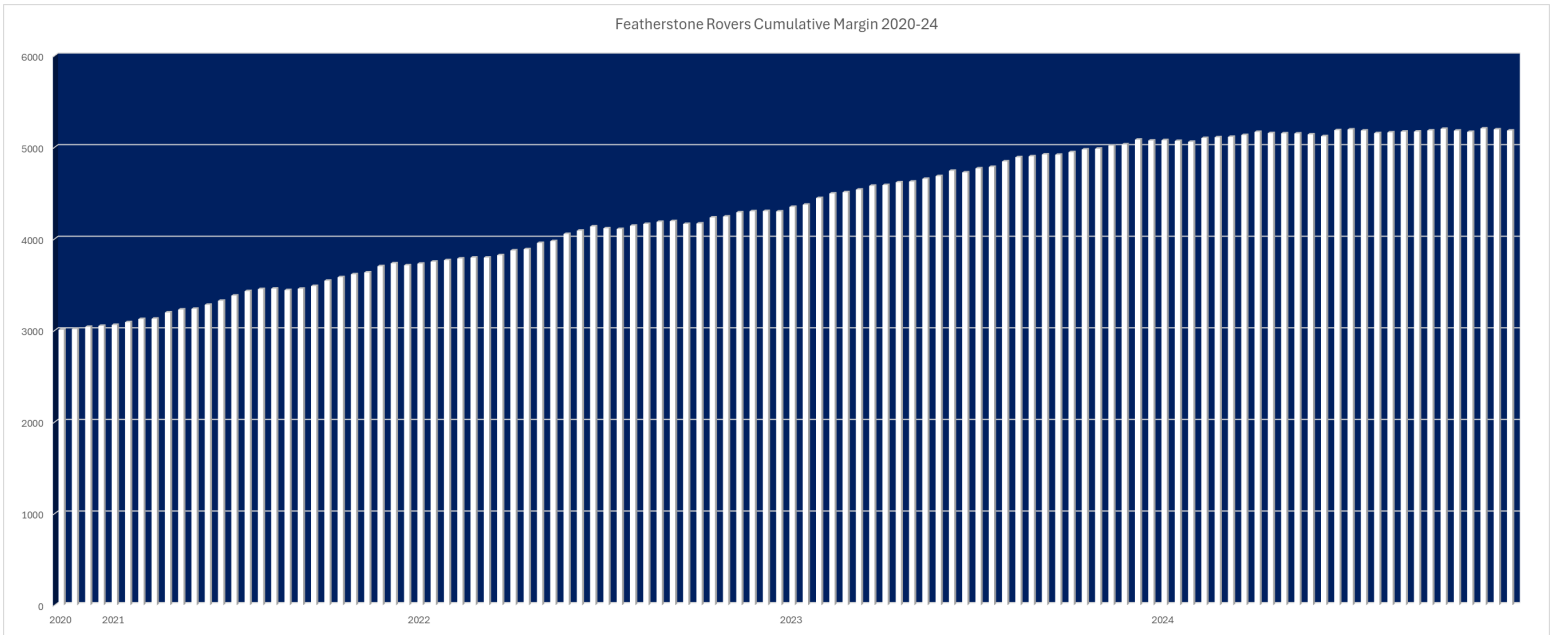
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ALBERT, Wellington					B	B	FR	B	B			B	B	FR	B	B	FR								B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	3	16	1	-	-	4
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
 Captain
 Biggest home crowd

James Ford
 Danny Addy
 4,127 (vs. Wakefield Trinity in round 2)

1,979
 Average home crowd
 Top pointscorer
 Top tryscorer
 League: Ben Reynolds (124); All: Ben Reynolds (156)
 League: Connor Wynne (19); All: Connor Wynne (21)



HALIFAX PANTHERS

AJ LUCANTONIO

Out of debt but out of depth as star recruits fail to shine

A lot was made of the Halifax Panthers heading into 2024. Following the signings of Gareth Widdop and Greg Eden, the Panthers were expected to make a significant improvement after narrowly missing the finals last season. Despite the signings, the Panthers went backwards and failed to again make the finals leading to further questions about the team's future direction.

Under new coach Liam Finn, the Panthers started strong, easily moving through the first few rounds of the Challenge Cup. Their run would come to a crashing halt as they were bounced out of the tournament by Catalans on home soil. Halifax's form in the Championship can only be described as inconsistent, with Finn unable to get the best out of his marquee players as Widdop missed a crucial stretch of the season after suffering a painful injury in the side's 28-0 defeat to Sheffield.

Halifax lost four straight to be in 13th position after Round 10. A strong second half of the season saw impressive wins over sides like Bradford and York which will be pleasing heading into 2025, but questions remain over the team's overall consistency.

TURNING POINT

The start of the season set the tone for how the remaining rounds would play out for the Panthers. A run of five straight losses, all by emphatic margins, was the catalyst for the side's poor performance this season. Despite a late charge, it wasn't enough to make a finals run.

WHAT WENT RIGHT?

They managed to find consistency at the right end of the season

Despite the poor start to the season, Halifax hit their stride towards the end of the season and pulled off some big results that shook up the Championship finals race. Loanee Charlie Graham impressed enough to earn a permanent gig with the side heading into 2025 as he scored 11 tries in his 16 games. Louis Joffret was also impressive and will have to take up a big role in the side after the departure of Joe Keys, the French international who impressed in the recent internationals against Ukraine.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Head coach Liam Finn has conceded that he didn't get things right in his first and what turned out to be his only season as coach of the Panthers. He told local media that "nobody is happy with the season we have had. But we understand why we have had the season we have had. I haven't got everything right. There are a lot of things that I have got wrong. There are a lot of things that loads of people have got wrong.

New signing Greg Eden had a disappointing campaign and was quickly released to finish out the season with the Featherstone Rovers while the side struggled away from Shay only winning four of 13 games outside of their home ground.

BEST PLAYERS

French international Louis Joffret was a star that emerged brightest for the Halifax Panthers this season. The 29-year-old has found a home at the Panthers after bouncing around several second division sides, this was his most consistent season so far, scoring 244 points and playing in 32 matches. As mentioned he represented his country and was very impressive in France's

74-8 annihilation of Ukraine. Also to shine this season was prop Adam Tangata who won the club's player of the year award, playing 31 matches this season and scoring the lone try; the 33-year-old has found a purple patch of form towards the latter stages of his career.

LOOKING AHEAD

2025 will be a year of transition for the Panthers as they again have a new coach with new visions. Kyle Eastmond arrives at the club, hoping to bring new vision and attacking output to the club next season.

There will be more significant player movement with Widdop, half-back Joe Keyes among eight players to depart the club next season.

The club also experienced significant financial problems this season with the club claiming that they had a cumulative £80,000 in debts, whilst they'd need a further £120,000 to £150,000 to complete the year. Fortunately, those claims have been settled and the Panthers are looking ahead to a prosperous 2025 season.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jan-28	1895 R1	OLD	L 20 24	Boundary	1,521
Feb-04	1895 R2	ROC	W 52 12	Crown Oil Arena	1,200
11	CC R3	WHI	W 32 4	The Shay	-
24	CC R4	HHH	W 50 4	The Shay	-
Mar-10	CC R5	YKA	W 62 6	The Shay	785
17	1	DEW	W 24 10	FLAIR	1,449
24	CC R6	CAT	L 4 40	The Shay	1,811
29	2	BRA	L 10 29	Bartercard Odsal	3,853
Apr-07	3	BAT	W 18 10	The Shay	1,770
14	4	WID	L 14 40	DCBL Stadium	2,558
21	5	SHE	L 0 46	The Shay	1,521
28	6	SWI	L 12 28	The Shay	1,372
May-05	7	FEV	L 16 36	Millennium	-
19	8	YOR	L 18 40	LNER Stadium	1,693
26	9	DON	W 34 8	The Shay	1,479
Jun-01	10	TOU	L 24 38	The Shay	1,347
15	11	BAR	W 38 28	Northern Comps	1,994
23	12	WAK	L 24 46	DIY Kitchens	6,138
30	13	WHI	W 38 18	The Shay	500
Jul-05	14	SHE	L 0 28	SOL Stadium	1,023
14	15	FEV	L 6 14	The Shay	1,760
21	16	WID	L 20 24	The Shay	1,409
28	17	BAT	W 22 16	Fox's Biscuits	-
Aug-04	18	YOR	W 38 18	The Shay	1,543
11	19	BAR	W 38 12	The Shay	1,421
18	20	SWI	L 6 20	Heywood Road	1,037
25	21	WAK	L 6 48	The Shay	-
Sep-01	22	DON	W 17 16	Eco-Power	1,443
8	23	DEW	W 34 6	The Shay	1,647
14	24	TOU	L 18 38	Ernest Wallon	2,985
22	25	BRA	W 14 10	The Shay	3,285
29	26	WHI	L 20 23	Ortus REC	876

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SEASON SNAPSHOT

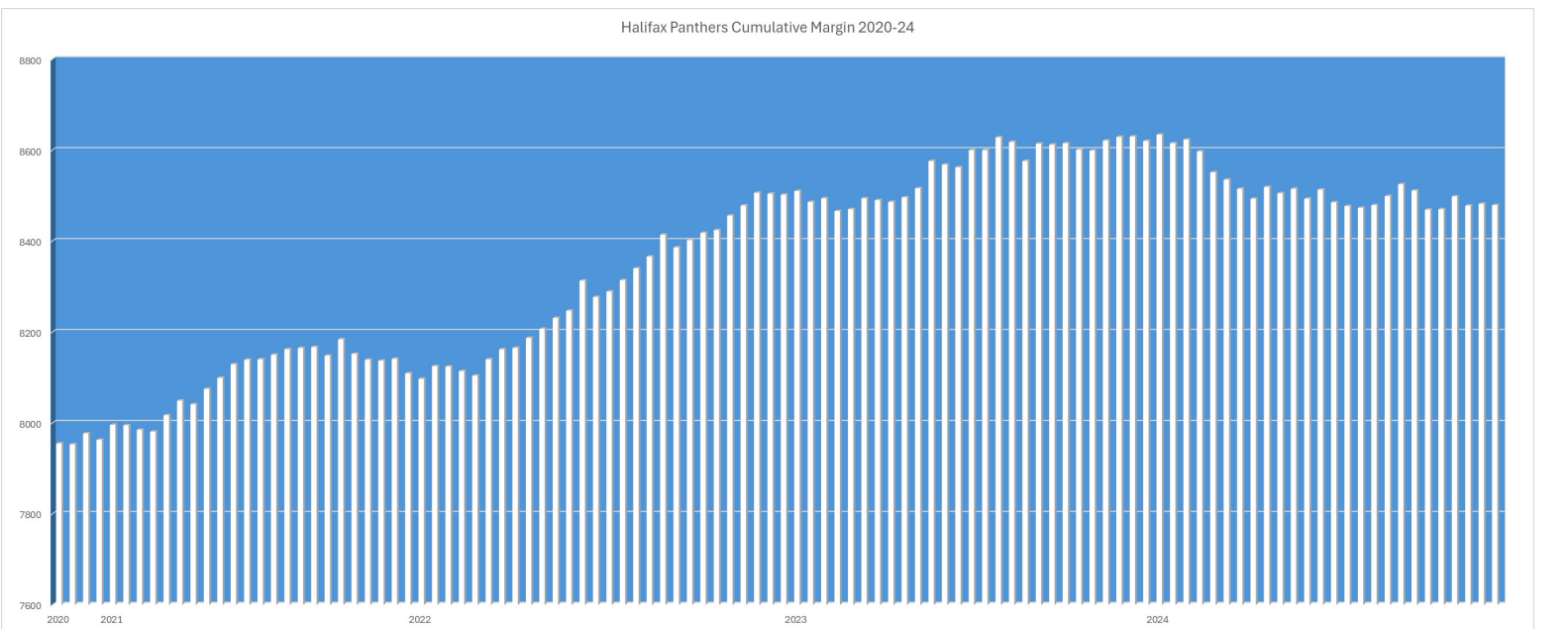
Coach
Biggest home crowd

Liam Finn
3,285 (vs. Bradford in round 25)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer

League: Louis Joffret (164); All: Louis Joffret (244)
League: James Woodburn-Hall (12); All: Joe Keyes (15)

1,546



SHEFFIELD EAGLES

AJ LUCANTONIO

Finals push falls agonisingly short.

After making the finals last season, a lot was expected of the Sheffield Eagles heading into the 2024 season. Despite a 14-win season, a disappointing for-and-against ruled the Eagles' playoff push, which saw their season end in the regular season.

The season began incredibly well for the Eagles with the side surprising most, being in the top three after nine rounds. The side remained in that position up until Round 20 when they suffered an unfortunate collapse to finish the year outside the top five.

Despite that, Mark Aston's side still has a lot to take into 2025 as they push for a return to semi-final football. He will take joy in making the 1895 Cup final for the first time since 2019, and although they were unsuccessful on their return to Wembley, making it there is a huge achievement for the club.

TURNING POINT

The side absolutely collapsed to finish the year. With seven rounds to go, the Eagles were in a playoff position and looking great. However, an untimely collapse saw Sheffield lose all but one game which saw Mark Aston's side miss the playoffs in spectacular fashion. Defensively, they vanished and lacked creativity with the football against some tough opposition but given where they were, they should've finished the season better than they did.

KEY PLAYERS

Cory Aston was the leading pointscorer for the club this season, scoring over 250 points across all competitions. Also, Matty Dawson-Jones and Matty Marsh crossed for 19 tries each this season. They got some help in the middle with NRL veteran Jesse Sene-Lefao providing experience along with prop Tyler Dickinson.

WHAT WENT RIGHT?

The start of the season was a strong point for the Eagles, proving themselves as one of the top teams in the competition with an upset over heavyweights Toulouse. They were in the top three for the first 20 rounds, playing an exciting brand of football and defending well. Highlights include making it to the 1895 Cup final as well as big wins over Featherstone and a 78-24 win over lowly Whitehaven.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Also their collapse. Sitting in third, six points clear of the teams fighting for a spot in the finals should be a sure thing to make the playoffs. But, unfortunately for Sheffield it wasn't to be with the club collapsing hard to end the year. Facing a challenging run home losing to Wakefield and Bradford, the Eagles also had matches they should've won to make the finals.

LOOKING AHEAD

The club had to battle some legal problems this season involving coach Mark Aston. Aston was suspended for 18 months at the conclusion of the season for breaches of the concussion rules.

The alleged breaches concerned the appearance of Matty Marsh for the Eagles in their Betfred Challenge Cup tie at Wigan Warriors on March 22, 13 days after he had suffered a head injury during a Betfred Championship fixture against Swinton Lions, and without having received the necessary medical clearance to return.

Positively, they have gained the services of Super League coach Craig Lingard for the 2025 season in a big boost for the club. He's already made it clear that there will be changes next year.

"With the squad that we've currently got, which I think is a great Championship squad, it's not necessarily a squad that either could or would want to challenge in Super League so we've got to put that in place."

2025 could be the year that Sheffield emerge as a Championship powerhouse as they can emerge from the shadows of Wakefield.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-04	1895 R2	DON	W 22 18	Eco-Power	-
10	CC R3	NEW	W 88 12	SOL Stadium	617
18	1895 R3	MID	W 30 16	Alexander	345
25	CC R4	YOR	W 32 16	LNER Stadium	-
Mar-03	1895 QF	BAT	W 26 10	SOL Stadium	727
9	CC R5	SWI	W 14 12	Heywood Road	412
15	1	TOU	W 24 22	SOL Stadium	794
22	CC R6	WIG	L 18 44	DW	5,733
29	2	DON	W 26 20	Eco-Power	1,719
Apr-07	3	WHI	W 42 16	Ortus REC	598
14	4	SWI	W 22 4	Heywood Road	786
21	5	HAL	W 46 0	The Shay	1,521
28	6	BAR	W 54 0	SOL Stadium	1,103
May-03	7	WAK	L 10 36	SOL Stadium	1,998
12	1895 SF	YOR	W 28 18	LNER Stadium	-
19	8	BRA	L 10 28	Bartercard Odsal	2,234
24	9	DEW	W 36 13	SOL Stadium	971
Jun-02	10	BAT	L 18 31	Fox's Biscuits	983
8	1895 F	WAK	L 6 50	Wembley	-
16	11	FEV	W 18 16	SOL Stadium	1,444
23	12	WID	W 30 21	SOL Stadium	1,003
30	13	YOR	W 18 10	LNER Stadium	2,163
Jul-05	14	HAL	W 28 0	SOL Stadium	1,023
14	15	SWI	L 22 34	SOL Stadium	1,063
21	16	BAR	L 6 8	Northern Comps	1,552
28	17	WHI	W 78 24	SOL Stadium	833
Aug-04	18	DON	W 22 20	SOL Stadium	1,075
9	19	WAK	L 6 42	DIY Kitchens	4,821
16	20	BAT	L 14 24	SOL Stadium	877
25	21	WID	L 20 35	DCBL Stadium	2,486
31	22	TOU	L 12 32	Ernest Wallon	2,079
Sep-08	23	BRA	L 12 30	SOL Stadium	1,948
15	24	FEV	W 20 6	Millennium	1,246
20	25	YOR	L 24 26	SOL Stadium	952
29	26	DEW	L 8 28	FLAIR	-

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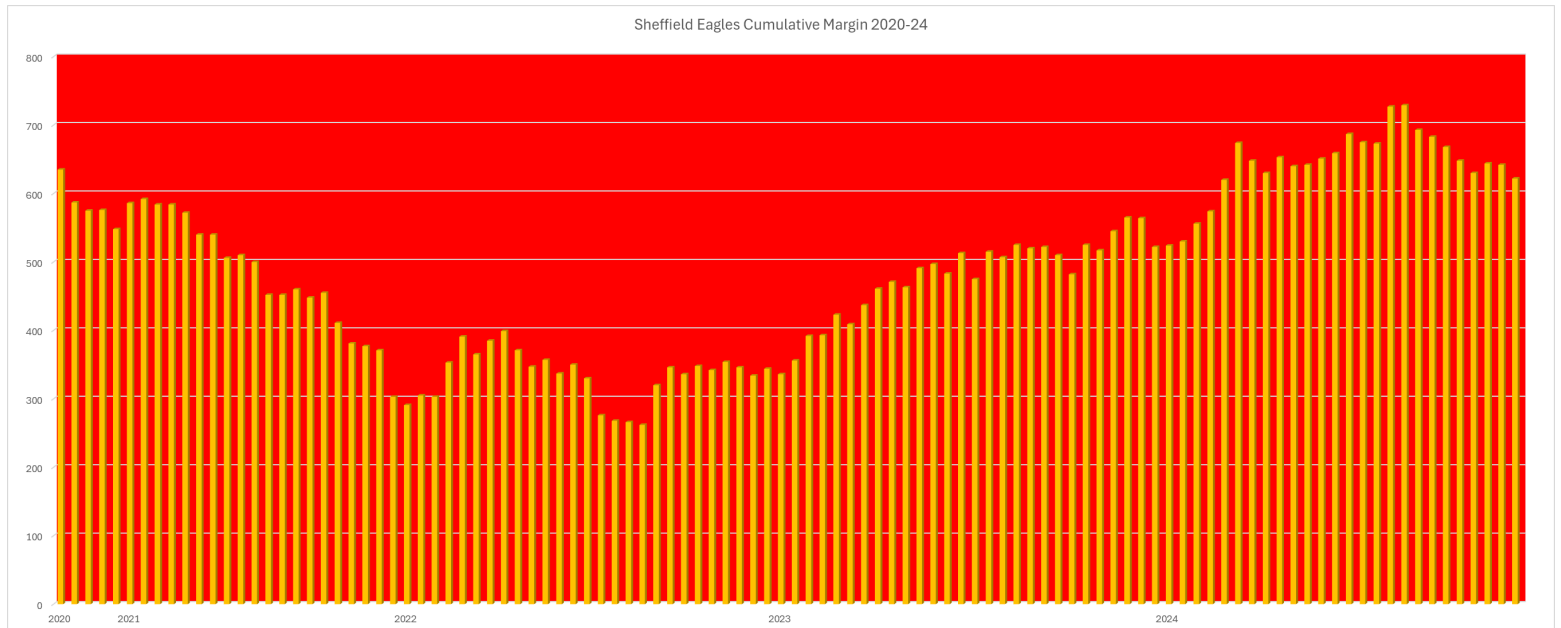
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
 Captain
 Biggest home crowd

Mark Aston
 Anthony Thackeray
 1,998 (vs. Wakefield Trinity in R7)

Average home crowd
 Top pointscorer
 Top try scorers
 League: Cory Aston (192); All Matches: Cory Aston (254)
 League: Matty Dawson-Jones (16); All: Matty Dawson-Jones, Matty Marsh (19)

1,095



SWINTON LIONS

ANDREW FERGUSON

When they moved up from League 1 to Championship after their 2022 season, the Lions had a solid enough season for a promoted outfit, winning 9 of 27 games and finishing in 10th place. They were somewhat in no-mans-land, being 6 wins shy of 6th place and 4 wins clear of last place. But remaining in Championship was the priority for that first season back, which they managed.

2024 then was set to be the year they built upon the previous years efforts and made a push up the table to challenge for a spot in the finals. After a solid beginning to the season in the 1895 and Challenge Cups, Swinton fell away and just could not get themselves into a consistent and reliable run of good form. They won 3 of their opening 6 games, but then won just 3 of their next 13 games, sending them from a high of 6th on the ladder down to 12th. They rallied at the end of the season to win 3 of their last 6 games, but it didn't change their position on the table.

Their disappointing season came to the worst end possible for them when they lost the Promotion/Relegation clash with Hunslet in a nailbiting encounter that saw Hunslet score in the dying minutes of the match to claim a 2 point victory, thus sending Swinton back to League 1 for 2025.

TURNING POINT

Round 26 v Bradford – The Lions were one point behind Barrow on the ladder at the start of the round and a win, coupled with a loss to Barrow would've moved Swinton out of the relegation play-off. Barrow were up against 5th placed Widnes while Swinton were taking on the third placed Bradford. While wins for both teams were unlikely, Barrow took to their more fancied opponents, narrowly losing 26-24. Swinton though never got out of the blocks in their most important game of the year, they trailed 28-0 at the break before going on to lose 50-0. The team morale was decimated and they were unable to hold out the more determined Hunslet in the play-off 2 weeks later.

WHAT WORKED

The Hatton-Williams combination – Centre Jayden Hatton and experienced winger Rhys Williams were the dominant attacking option for the Lions in 2024. Between them they scored 34 of the teams 115 tries, with Williams bagging 18 tries and Hatton crossed for 16. Their combination never failed to produce the goods and the understanding between the two was as good as it gets.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Constant team changes – Just 12 of Swinton's squad of 45 players played in at least 20 of their 33 games in 2024. 4 different stand-off's, 5 different halfbacks and 5 different hookers throughout the season was just too much rotation to build any consistent performances around and the results proved that. Hatton and Williams on the edge played in all but 4 games besides each other and that stability saw them become the key attacking weapon for the side.

BEST PLAYERS

Skillful centre Jayden Hatton had a brilliant season, bagging 16 tries while helping his winger score plenty as well. He was solid in defence and was constantly being targeted by his side in attack to help them get points on the board. He capped the year with the Swinton Player of the Year award. Forwards Mitch Cox and Gavin Rodden also played well throughout the year,

helping the attack on the edge and defending strongly all year, especially Cox who was moved into the middle towards the end of the season to tighten up the defence.

ROOKIES

Debutant Jonny Vaughan had a brilliant season, after just 7 games for Swinton playing mostly at centre, but also slotting in at second row a few times, he was elevated to Super League, lining up for St Helens in 8 matches. Leon Cowen proved his worth in the middle as both a prop and a lock, playing in 11 matches throughout most of the second half of the season. 19-year-old Will Roberts was in just his second year and played solidly in the halves.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dropping back to League 1 isn't what the club would've wanted, but it does put them in good stead to be one of the top sides in 2025. They'll be looking to waste no time getting themselves back up into Championship and they certainly have the roster to do so, with a good mix of youth, experience and players at the peak of their careers. Some stability in team selections will go a long way to improving the side. They'll be looking to dominate the League 1 competition in 2025.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Jan-28	1895 R1	NWC	W 40 12	Stadium CSM	520
Feb-04	1895 R2	WID	W 18 6	Heywood Road	1,006
11	CC R3	WHU	W 50 6	Heywood Road	441
25	CC R4	OLD	W 28 12	Heywood Road	746
Mar-03	1895 QF	BRA	L 12 21	Bartercard Odsal	
9	CC R5	SHE	L 12 14	Heywood Road	412
17	1	WHI	L 16 18	Ortus REC	653
29	2	WID	L 10 28	DCBL Stadium	2,751
Apr-06	3	TOU	W 20 14	Ernest Wallon	3,542
14	4	SHE	L 4 22	Heywood Road	786
21	5	DEW	W 50 22	Heywood Road	894
28	6	HAL	W 28 12	The Shay	1,372
May-05	7	BRA	L 12 38	Heywood Road	1,187
19	8	WAK	L 22 46	DIY Kitchens	5,268
26	9	YOR	L 22 30	Heywood Road	844
Jun-02	10	FEV	W 42 40	Millennium	2,200
16	11	BAT	L 16 20	Heywood Road	917
23	12	BAR	L 10 24	Heywood Road	945
29	13	DON	L 8 18	Millennium	1,056
Jul-07	14	WID	W 24 12	Heywood Road	1,069
14	15	SHE	W 34 22	SOL Stadium	1,063
21	16	WHI	L 20 22	Heywood Road	859
28	17	YOR	L 4 34	LNER Stadium	
Aug-03	18	TOU	L 4 48	Heywood Road	629
11	19	BAT	L 6 26	Fox's Biscuits	
18	20	HAL	W 20 6	Heywood Road	1,037
25	21	BAR	L 18 20	Northern Comps	1,495
Sep-01	22	WAK	L 0 60	Heywood Road	1,048
8	23	FEV	W 28 8	Heywood Road	780
15	24	DEW	W 28 16	FLAIR	
22	25	DON	L 20 22	Heywood Road	836
29	26	BRA	L 0 50	Bartercard Odsal	
Oct-13	Prom F	HUN	L 20 22	Heywood Road	885

Strong campaign undone by grand-final heartbreak

After a grand final heartbreak last season against London, Toulouse were largely expected to be up there once again in the Championship. Sadly, it would be a case of *deja vu* for Olympique as they once again fell at the final hurdle!

Toulouse entered the season after failing to get past the underdog London Broncos in last season's grand final. The side was hell-bent on avoiding that fate once again in 2024 and were aggressive in their recruitment. They brought over Ryan Rivett and James Roumanos from the NSW Cup and signed London's Paul Ulberg in the hope of going one better this season.

It was a strong campaign for the side, going on an impressive six game winning streak to end the season inside the top two and earning a week off for the first round of the finals. That proved decisive with an arm-wrestle of a prelim against Bradford, where they won courtesy of a Eloi Pelissier field goal to send the home side into the GF. Unfortunately, that game took it out of Toulouse and they were shut out in the decider by a far superior Wakefield side who returned to Super League at the first time of asking.

Despite the disappointment, Toulouse are again knocking on the door of Super League with an impressive IMG score leaving them just outside the top teams hoping to compete in the UK's top tier. Another strong season could be what the club needs in order to rejoin the top flight.

TURNING POINT

After a slow start to the season, coach Sylvain Houles had to make changes, the return of Ollly Ashall-Bolt at fullback was a turning point as he opened up the Olympique attack and guided the team to an impressive run of wins. This gave confidence to the entire side as they marched towards their second grand-final appearance.

WHAT WENT RIGHT?

Home record
Once again, having teams travel across the pond to France proved to be a significant advantage for Toulouse. They only lost two games at home this season and were nearly 100 points better off at home than they were away whilst conceding only 148 points at home across 13 games.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

Runs of inconsistency!
The only real thing to hold against Toulouse in season 2024. They had two bad runs at the beginning and mid-way mark of the season where they lost three matches. Despite this, the team quickly bounced back and answered with lengthy unbeaten runs which guided the side to second place in the competition.

BEST PLAYERS:

New signing Paul Ulberg delivered with 21 tries this season, half Jake Shorrocks returned at the same time as Ashall-Bolt did and delivered emphatically which saw the side finish runners up. The side also saw a French test debutant with Maxime Stefani making his debut in the end-of-season test match against Wales. Ryan Rivett delivered with a sound first season for his new side while 38-year-old Harrison Hansen was as strong as ever showing superior experience guiding his side well around the park.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Well as was mentioned earlier, Toulouse has a strong grading with IMG and there were whispers that the team could earn a recall to Super League. Definitely a win in the Championship grand final would've carried some weight, but the focus would definitely be trying to get their affairs sorted to improve their grade and rise to Super League in 2025. They had a strong side this season and were easily the second best side this season, just Wakefield were superior in almost every facet of this season.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

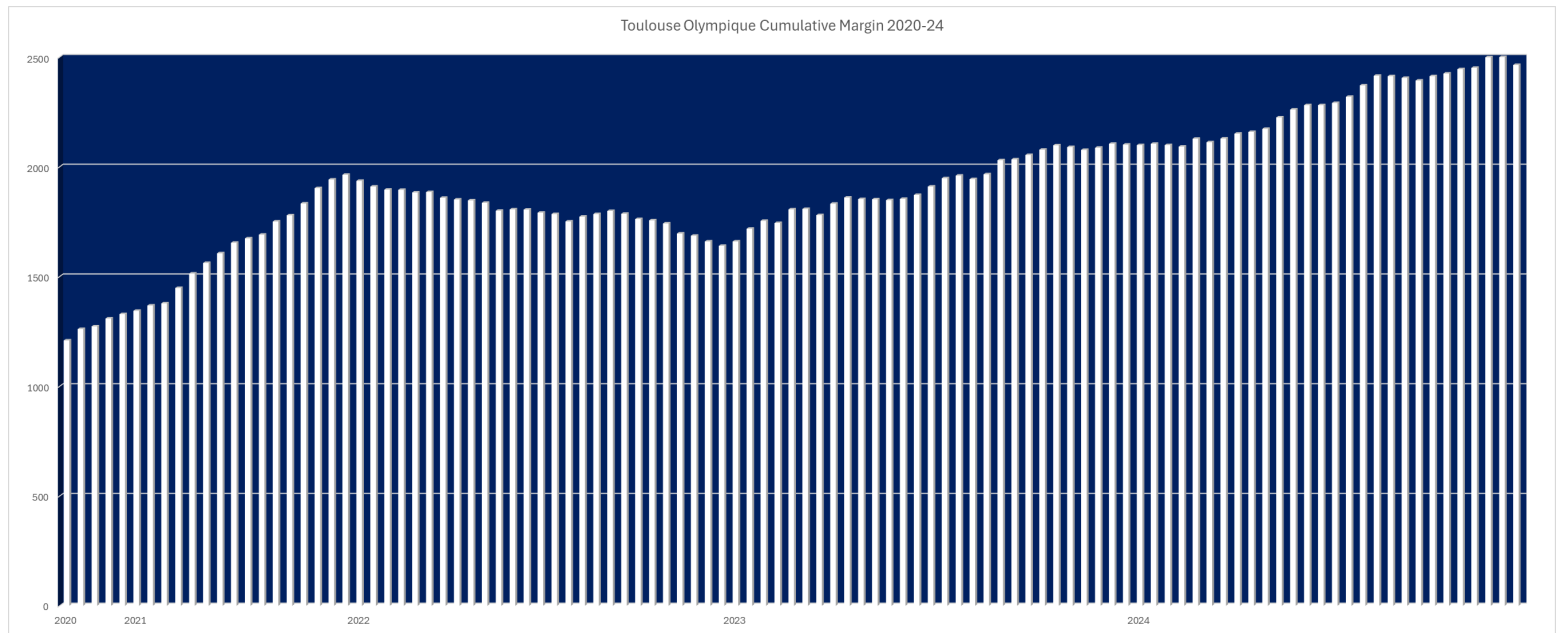
DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE		VENUE	CROWD
Mar-15	1	SHE	L	22 24	SOL Stadium	794
31	2	YOR	W	20 14	LNER Stadium	2,046
Apr-06	3	SWI	L	14 20	Ernest Wallon	3,542
13	4	BRA	L	12 19	Bartercard Odsal	2,720
20	5	WHI	W	40 4	Ernest Wallon	2,055
27	6	WAK	L	12 28	DIY Kitchens	6,743
May-04	7	DEW	W	38 21	FLAIR	-
18	8	BAR	W	38 16	Ernest Wallon	2,313
25	9	WID	W	28 20	Ernest Wallon	2,130
Jun-01	10	HAL	W	38 24	The Shay	1,347
15	11	DON	W	52 0	Ernest Wallon	2,138
22	12	BAT	W	36 0	Fox's Biscuits	-
29	13	FEV	W	20 0	Ernest Wallon	4,907
Jul-06	14	BRA	D	12 12	Ernest Wallon	2,340
13	15	WHI	W	34 24	Ortus REC	331
20	16	WAK	W	32 4	Ernest Wallon	2,822
27	17	DEW	W	58 6	Ernest Wallon	2,155
Aug-03	18	SWI	W	48 4	Heywood Road	629
10	19	DON	L	18 20	Eco-Power	1,121
17	20	YOR	L	12 20	Ernest Wallon	2,181
24	21	FEV	L	10 22	Millennium	-
31	22	SHE	W	32 12	Ernest Wallon	2,079
Sep-07	23	BAR	W	36 24	Northern Comps	1,709
14	24	HAL	W	38 18	Ernest Wallon	2,985
21	25	WID	W	18 12	DCBL Stadium	3,011
28	26	BAT	W	64 16	Ernest Wallon	3,361
Oct-13	SF	BRA	W	21 20	Ernest Wallon	2,680
19	GF	WAK	L	0 36	DIY Kitchens	8,016

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	SF	GF	SEASON STATS					
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BRETHERTON, Joe	B	B	B	B	B	2R																		B	B	B		1	8	2	-	-	8	
BROCHON, Robin	FB	FB	FB	FB	B		B			FB					FE	FE	FE	HB		FB	HB				FB			12	2	-	16	-	32	
CATOR, Joe																						B		B				-	2	-	-	-	-	
DALL ASTA, Paolo															B	B	B											-	3	1	-	-	4	
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LAGUERRE, Benjamin				B	FB										W		W						W	W	W	W	W	W	9	1	4	-	-	16
LIMA, Pierre-Jean			L	L		B		B		B	B				B	B	B	B		B		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	8	9	4	-	-	16	
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MARION, Anthony	L	L	2R	2R	2R	HB	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	HB	L	L	L	28	-	5	-	-	20
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RICHARDS, Greg	B	B	B												B	B	B	B	B	B		B						-	10	-	-	-	-	
RIVETT, Ryan	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	HB	HB	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE	HB	FE	FE	FE	27	-	12	21	-	90
RODRIGUEZ, Baptiste												B					B								L			1	2	1	-	-	4	
ROUMANOS, James	B	B		B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B		FR	FR	FR	FR	B	B	B				B	B	4	18	2	-	-	8
SHORROCKS, Jake	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB		HB	HB	FE	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB						HB	HB	FE	HB	HB	FE		HB	HB	22	-	3	83	-	178
STEFANI, Maxime	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	28	-	16	-	-	64
ULBERG, Paul	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	27	-	21	-	-	84
WALSH, Mac					C																				C			2	-	-	-	-	-	

SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach Sylvain Houles
 Captain Harrison Hansen
 Biggest home crowd 4,907 (vs. Featherstone in round 13)

Average home crowd 2,693
 Top pointscorer Jake Shorrocks (178)
 Top try scorer Paul Ulberg (21)



WAKEFIELD TRINITY

LEE ROBINSON / TRINITY HERITAGE

Three Trophies and Back in the Big Time

When the club was relegated from Super League at the end of the 2023 season, once the dust had settled, many hoped it would be a good thing. We had watched on with envy at how teams such as Hull Kingston Rovers and Leigh Centurions had been relegated, risen from the ashes of gloom to gain promotion and walk out on the big stages of the Challenge Cup Final and Super League Grand Final within a few years. Part of our hopes and dreams came to fruition with immediate promotion back to Super League at the end of 2024 after a journey that saw us lose just two games from 36 and win three trophies along the way.

The early season brought some big scores in the Challenge Cup and 1895 Cup, along with a few club records broken along the way and most were keen for the league season to start. We soon went top of the league and stayed there until the season's end with just one slip up in France along the way with the league title won by 13 clear points. There was also a day out at Wembley Stadium in the 1895 Cup Final, a never-to-be-forgotten day in London with over ten thousand fans travelling by bus, car, train, and any other means for their big day out. The fifty points scored in the final was beyond many people's dreams, especially as opponents Sheffield Eagles were our closest league rivals at the time. Onto the play offs and there was a scare in the semi-final when York Knights caused us some worries and led with fifteen minutes to go, but two late tries gave us a 22-13 victory. The long season finished under the Belle Vue floodlights with a resounding 36-0 win over Toulouse Olympique in the Championship Grand Final, giving us the trophy treble. Super League promotion was sealed a few days later via the new grading system.

TURNING POINT:

The purchase of the club by Matt Ellis and his appointment of Daryl Powell a few weeks later. That turned the fortunes, not only of the coming season, but the whole future of the club going forwards.

WHAT WORKED

The fact that the team was full time certainly assisted the season, but the way coach, Daryl Powell brought the squad together made the season the success it was. He brought in ten new signings including six from overseas who combined with the squad that remained from the 2023 season that brought the positive results. The recruitment policy was a resounding success led by early signing Jermaine McGillvary and followed by Ky Rodwell, a mid-season capture from Parramatta Eels.

Max Jowitt was the outstanding player in the league closely followed by Jay Pitts and Rodwell. The combination of the experience of Luke Gale and McGillvary along with the youth of Oli Pratt were often turning points in games. With injuries many players played out of position which was a key element in Powell's plans for squad rotation as the season ended. The defence also worked in our favour conceding just 373 points all season, 272 in the league, at an average of just over ten points a game in the league.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK:

The weather. Trinity lost two games all season, one in the wind, rain and mud of Featherstone and the other in the blazing sun of Toulouse. These are not excuses as Trinity were outplayed in both games and the Challenge Cup game at Featherstone would have been a challenge to the best teams in the country as the game went to golden point extra time in the driving rain.

BEST PLAYER

In a season when Trinity won three trophies and broke many records, full back Max Jowitt was the standout player in the team as well as the whole Championship. The statistics show he scored 26 tries, kicked 198 goals, and scored 500 points with 56 try assists along the way. With Trinity scoring 262 tries throughout the season, Jowitt had a hand in a third of all tries scored. His goals and points broke season club records and his 500 points broke Lewis Jones' 77-year-old all-time Rugby League record of points scored in a season. He was voted the Club

and League's Player of the Season. He played in 35 of the 36 available games, 25 at full back and ten at half back when Luke Gale and Mason Lino were injured. His link up play from full back was sublime and his long cut out pass to his left winger contributed to two thirds of our tries. At half back his kicking game improved with every game and just to make matters worse in the season he got married in Grand Final week.

ROOKIES

Oli Pratt was the standout 'rookie', turning 20-years-of-age in September. He was entrusted with the number three shirt at the start of the season, and he almost signed for York before Daryl Powell convinced him otherwise. Many of his 19 tries were outstanding efforts from the centre position and his positioning and line running earned him the Championship Player of the Year. Hooker Harvey Smith (aged 18) and Australian, Toby Boothroyd (aged 21) are also honourable mentions.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are all excited to be back in Super League and to see what our new look squad can do against our old foes. Matt Ellis set out his targets early on in his venture and aims for a top six position and finals as soon as we can. We are not getting above ourselves but certainly believe we are already better than three or four teams in the league and can put pressure on the top six. After sampling Wembley in 2023 we would love to go back there for a Challenge Cup Final as 45 years is a long wait. Off the field we are going from strength-to-strength with our new look, ever improving stadium and fans flocking back with recent season ticket purchases. The future is bright.

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-04	1895 R2	YOR	W 40 4	LNER Stadium	-
10	CC R3	SID	W 70 6	Siddal Sports	-
18	1895 R3	NEW	W 110 0	Millennium	1,378
25	CC R4	HNA	W 78 6	DIY Kitchens	2,775
Mar-02	1895 QF	BAR	W 30 12	DIY Kitchens	1,809
10	CC R5	FEV	L 10 14	Millennium	-
15	1	BRA	W 42 12	DIY Kitchens	7,221
29	2	FEV	W 20 12	Millennium	4,127
Apr-07	3	DON	W 42 6	Eco-Power	2,520
14	4	YOR	W 50 6	LNER Stadium	2,695
21	5	BAT	W 34 14	Fox's Biscuits	2,572
27	6	TOU	W 28 12	DIY Kitchens	6,743
May-03	7	SHE	W 36 10	SOL Stadium	1,998
12	1895 SF	BRA	W 40 14	Bartercard Odsal	5,340
19	8	SWI	W 46 22	DIY Kitchens	5,268
26	9	WHI	W 30 6	Ortus REC	1,572
31	10	DEW	W 56 0	DIY Kitchens	5,892
Jun-08	1895 F	SHE	W 50 6	Wembley	-
16	11	WID	W 20 18	DCBL Stadium	4,056
23	12	HAL	W 46 24	DIY Kitchens	6,138
30	13	BAR	W 36 0	Northern Comps	2,245
Jul-07	14	BAT	W 34 12	DIY Kitchens	5,112
14	15	BRA	W 14 2	Bartercard Odsal	3,203
20	16	TOU	L 4 32	Ernest Wallon	2,822
28	17	FEV	W 46 18	DIY Kitchens	6,453
Aug-04	18	DEW	W 42 16	FLAIR	1,750
9	19	SHE	W 42 6	DIY Kitchens	4,821
18	20	WID	W 36 12	DIY Kitchens	5,036
25	21	HAL	W 48 6	The Shay	-
Sep-01	22	SWI	W 60 0	Heywood Road	1,048
8	23	WHI	W 60 6	DIY Kitchens	5,096
15	24	YOR	W 20 4	DIY Kitchens	5,137
21	25	BAR	W 46 0	DIY Kitchens	5,011
29	26	DON	W 72 6	DIY Kitchens	5,233
Oct-13	SF	YOR	W 22 13	DIY Kitchens	5,946
19	GF	TOU	W 36 0	DIY Kitchens	8,016

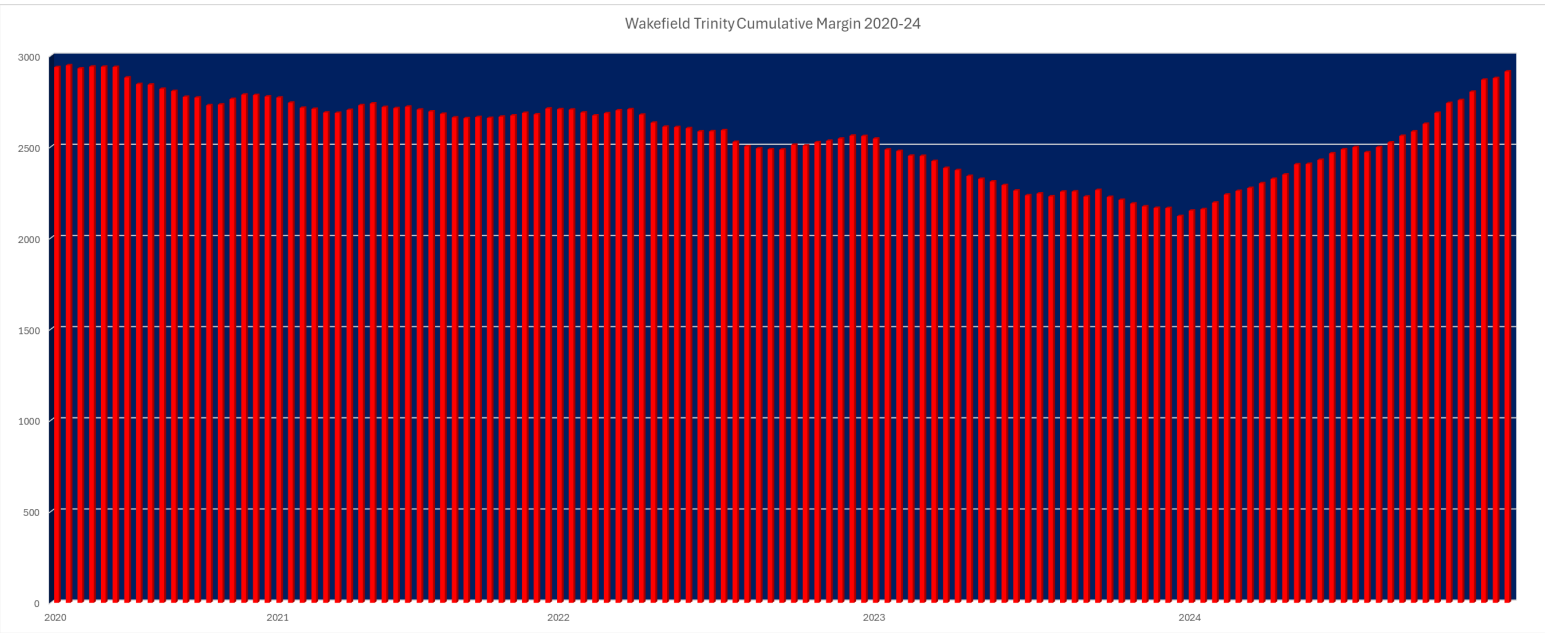
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ASHURST, Mat	2R	2R	B	L	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R		2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	2R	FR	2R	2R		2R	2R	2R	2R		2R		2R	2R	2R	2R	30	1	9	-	-	36							
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BOOTH, Noah			B		B	B										C	FB					B				FB				FB		FE				5	4	3	-	-	12										
BOOTHROYD, Toby	B		2R	2R											2R										B	2R	B	B	B	2R	B	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	FR	5	6	6	-	-	24				
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COZZA, Mathieu	B	FR	L		B		B		L	L	B				B	B	2R												B	B	L		B						6	9	4	-	-	16							
CROFT, Jack		B	C	W			C	B		C	C						C		C	C	C	B	C	B	C	C				W	B		C					14	5	5	-	-	20								
DOYLE, Thomas	B	B			L	H	B	B	H	B	B	B	B	H	H	B	B	H	B				H	B	B	L	B	B	B	B	H	H			B	B			10	19	5	-	-	20							
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GALE, Luke	FE	HB		HB	HB	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE		FE	FE			FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	HB	FE		FE				FE		FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	25	-	13	-	-	52				
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PITTS, Jay	L	L	2R	B	L	2R	L	L				L	L	L	2R	L	2R	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	30	2	11	-	-	44		
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SMITH, Harvey			B	B	B	B				B						B				B	H	B															H	H						4	9	3	-	-	12		
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VAGANA, Isaiah			B	2R	B	B	2R	B	B																						B	2R	B	2R	B	B	B	2R	B	B	B	B	5	10	2	-	-	8			
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach
Biggest home crowd

Average home crowd
Daryl Powell
7,221 (vs. Bradford in round 1)

5,183
League: Max Jowitt (384); All: Max Jowitt (500)
League: Derrell Olpherts (26); All: Derrell Olpherts, Lachlan Walmsley (27)



WHITEHAVEN RLFC

JORDAN WEIR

Well where do you start with Whitehaven's 2024, after surviving relegation from the Championship by points difference in 2023 a number of signings provided hope to Jonty Gorley's side that they could push on and have a sneaky push for the play-offs.

The start of the season looked promising with back to back wins over relegation rivals Swinton and Barrow to find themselves 2/2 in the early stages of the league following early 1895 Cup and Challenge cup exits. However four consecutive defeats brought the Cumbrians back down to earth with heavy defeats against Sheffield and Toulouse. What followed was a magical afternoon at York's LNER community stadium where everything went just right for Haven and they were 36-0 up after 55 minutes, successive draws on the road up against Widnes and Doncaster steadied the ship with feelings that two points should have been there on each occasion. A second half collapse against Halifax signalled the start of sticky period of time for the club which started a run of 1 win in 7 games and rumours of financial issues later confirmed at the beginning of August saw several players leave the club.

What followed for the remainder of the season would be rejected by Hollywood or Netflix for being too far fetched. Haven ended their run of defeats with a last gasp dramatic try from Jake Maizen at home to Doncaster but jubilation soon turned to shock when Jonty Gorley resigned live in a radio interview post match citing his position as untenable following the return of former board members to the club.

The following week saw the appointment of Kyle Amor as interim head coach followed by a players strike, the returning board members once again re-signing before winning at Dewsbury the following week with only 14 players against the odds. However relying on loan players to simply fulfil fixtures it became too much for Haven as they fell to relegation after defeat away to Batley saw Haven's demise eventually confirmed with a monumental points swing needed the following week to remain in the Championship.

TURNING POINT

The turning point seemed to come at the half way stage of the season in Haven's trip to Halifax. Despite losing Jamie Doran in the warm up the Cumbrians were 14-0 after 25 minutes but then conceded 38 straight points before a consolation try in reply late on. That started the run of 1 win in 7 which in amongst the financial troubles was their nail in the coffin.

WHAT WORKED

The signing of Jake Maizen - the Italian international made the full back berth his own finishing the season as leading try scorer despite being unavailable for the final six games of the campaign.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

The signing of Edene Gebbie - pledged to be the best player in the Championship by a former Haven director the PNG international failed to live up to the billing despite flashes of brilliance, he struggled early doors to adapt to the British conditions and maintain fitness.

BEST PLAYER

Ross Ainley - The prop forward grew throughout the season and swept up at the club's end of season presentation evening.

ROOKIES

The Warrington loanee Noah High played 8 games throughout the campaign scoring two tries on his debut and will go back to his parent club looking to push into their reckoning.

LOOKING AHEAD

It's a completely different look at Whitehaven following their relegation with only ONE member of their 2024 playing squad being involved in their 2025 squad in Connor Holliday. Anthony Murray has left a complete overhaul as the club look to turn their fortunes around and re-build filling themselves on local Cumbrian talent. Not much should be expected on Murray's men in the first year of a three year plan.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-04	1895 R2	BAR	L 12 18	Ortus REC	-
11	CC R3	HAL	L 4 32	The Shay	-
18	1895 R3	WO	W 28 22	Fibrus	1,476
Mar-17	1	SWI	W 18 16	Ortus REC	653
29	2	BAR	W 23 22	Ortus REC	-
Apr-07	3	SHE	L 16 42	Ortus REC	598
14	4	BAT	L 12 25	Ortus REC	450
20	5	TOU	L 4 40	Ernest Wallon	2,055
28	6	FEV	L 24 28	Ortus REC	521
May-05	7	YOR	W 36 16	LNER Stadium	1,698
19	8	WID	D 28 28	DCBL Stadium	2,741
26	9	WAK	L 6 30	Ortus REC	1,572
Jun-02	10	DON	D 25 25	Eco-Power	1,740
16	11	BRA	L 18 36	Ortus REC	-
23	12	DEW	W 38 12	Ortus REC	-
30	13	HAL	L 18 38	The Shay	500
Jul-07	14	FEV	L 0 66	Millennium	1,605
13	15	TOU	L 24 34	Ortus REC	331
21	16	SWI	W 22 20	Heywood Road	859
28	17	SHE	L 24 78	SOL Stadium	833
Aug-04	18	WID	L 12 24	Ortus REC	855
11	19	BRA	L 0 58	Bartercard Odsal	2,502
18	20	DON	W 28 24	Ortus REC	699
25	21	DEW	W 18 10	FLAIR	-
Sep-01	22	YOR	L 0 40	Ortus REC	-
8	23	WAK	L 6 60	DIY Kitchens	5,096
15	24	BAR	L 14 34	Northern Comps	2,301
22	25	BAT	L 14 28	Fox's Biscuits	1,644
29	26	HAL	W 23 20	Ortus REC	876

ROUND	1C2	CC3	1C3	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	SEASON STATS							
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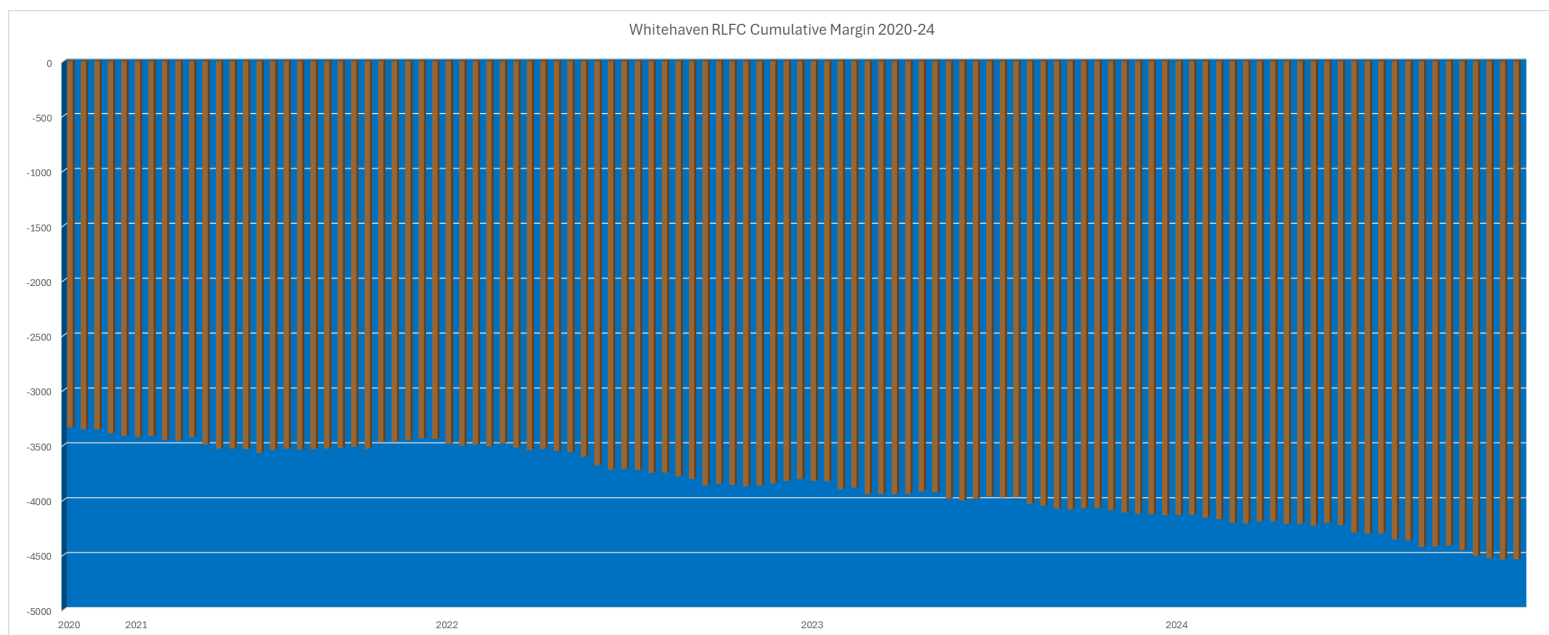
SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coaches
Biggest home crowd

Jonty Gorley (23), Kyle Amor (6)
1,572 (vs. Wakefield Trinity in round 9)

Average home crowd
Top pointscorer
Top tryscorer

728
League: Jake Carter (106); All: Jake Carter (122)
League: Edene Gebbie, Jake Maizen (10); All: Jake Maizen (12)



WIDNES VIKINGS

JAMES GORDON

Widnes entered 2024 with a new coach, the sixth successive year they started the season with a different coach to the one that started the season before.

Allan Coleman was the man tasked with an upturn in fortunes, attempting to lead the Vikings to the Championship play-offs for the first time since their relegation from Super League in 2018. His arrival from Swinton had been announced back in August, though he didn't take charge until October, and after the bulk of the squad had been recruited for the new campaign.

It was a difficult start, going down to defeat to his former club in the 1895 Cup, which ended Widnes' hopes of a run to Wembley in the competition. However, a credible Challenge Cup win over Bradford - the first of three wins over the Bulls during the season - showed early signs of promise, despite the disappointing narrow defeat to Batley in the following round.

Widnes have generally made good starts to league campaigns in recent years and this one was no different, as they racked up four successive wins from the off, including a superb 40-14 win over Halifax Panthers that saw them run riot with 36 unanswered second half points.

A narrow defeat by Featherstone was then followed by a run of games where Widnes won one game by a point, another by two points, and drew the third.

TURNING POINT

There were a few particularly key wins over the season that ultimately contributed to reaching the play-offs. The away win at York at the beginning of June gave Widnes a bit of breathing space in the top six, and meant that even a four-game losing streak after it didn't knock them out of contention. The home win over Sheffield at the end of August was crucial, as was the gutsy away win at Batley the following week. They did make hard work of confirming their play-off place though, losing three straight games needing just one win, before eventually securing it with a narrow win at Barrow on the final day.

WHAT WORKED

Allan Coleman got fans onside with his approach, and getting the team's performances to match. They hadn't lost a game by more than nine points until July, showing their ability to compete and remain in games, even in defeat.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Whatever Widnes are doing around contract renewals and the May 1st deadline, it isn't working. They won just 2 from 8 from the beginning of May until the start of July, and even the two they won before that run were by a grand total of three points. In previous years, it has derailed their play-off bid, this time they managed to turn things around just in time.

BEST PLAYERS

Jordan Johnstone and Matty Fozard were the stand-outs, despite effectively competing for the same shirt. Johnstone had plenty of minutes at 13, while in the latter part of the season, Fozard proved to be a more than useful impact player off the bench, and he only missed two games all season.

ROOKIES

Warrington dual-registration centre Zac Bardsley-Rowe ably filled the void left by the injured Joe Edge, making 10 appearances, and will be a player that surely Widnes will have their eye on keeping for 2025.

LOOKING AHEAD

After ending their play-off duck, the aim for 2025 for Widnes will be maintaining their place in the play-offs and this time securing a top four finish. The changed format for the Championship play-offs for 2025 puts added weight to the top four finish, and that will again be a sign of progress. They have retained the majority of their 2024 squad, with perhaps only Sam Wilde being regarded as a significant loss. The arrival of Dec Patton adds quality to their half-back options, and a few of their other signings could turn out to be shrewd - especially exciting Australian half or full back Cameron Brown.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

DATE	ROUND	OPP	SCORE	VENUE	CROWD
Feb-04	1895 R2	SWI	L 6 18	Heywood Road	1,006
11	CC R3	DON	W 50 16	DCBL Stadium	788
18	1895 R3	NWC	W 30 14	Stadium CSM	1,088
25	CC R4	BRA	W 26 12	Odsal	
Mar-09	CC R5	BAT	L 14 18	DCBL Stadium	1,067
17	1	BAR	W 44 8	DCBL Stadium	1,758
29	2	SWI	W 28 10	DCBL Stadium	2,751
Apr-07	3	DEW	W 24 6	FLAIR	1,084
14	4	HAL	W 40 14	DCBL Stadium	2,558
21	5	FEV	L 24 32	Millennium	2,200
28	6	BRA	W 14 13	Bartercard Odsal	3,029
May-05	7	DON	W 16 14	DCBL Stadium	2,936
19	8	WHI	D 28 28	DCBL Stadium	2,741
25	9	TOU	L 20 28	Ernest Wallon	2,130
Jun-02	10	YOR	W 22 18	LNER Stadium	2,163
16	11	WAK	L 18 20	DCBL Stadium	4,056
23	12	SHE	L 21 30	SOL Stadium	1,003
30	13	BAT	L 16 24	DCBL Stadium	2,476
Jul-07	14	SWI	L 12 24	Heywood Road	1,069
14	15	DEW	W 34 12	DCBL Stadium	2,337
21	16	HAL	W 24 20	The Shay	1,409
28	17	BRA	W 25 6	DCBL Stadium	3,065
Aug-04	18	WHI	W 24 12	Ortus REC	855
11	19	FEV	L 0 8	DCBL Stadium	2,422
18	20	WAK	L 12 36	DIY Kitchens	5,036
25	21	SHE	W 35 20	DCBL Stadium	2,486
Sep-01	22	BAT	W 12 8	Fox's Biscuits	
8	23	YOR	L 6 12	DCBL Stadium	2,663
15	24	DON	L 14 30	Eco-Power	1,360
21	25	TOU	L 12 18	DCBL Stadium	3,011
29	26	BAR	W 26 24	Northern Comps	2,953
Oct-05	EF	YOR	L 10 27	LNER Stadium	2,010

YORK KNIGHTS

EMMA KENNEDY

York Knights' 2024 certainly proved to be a season of two halves.

Who could have predicted that having lost seven of their opening eight Championship matches, they would go on to earn a fourth-placed finish, their highest in five years. Buoyed by off-season marquee signings Richie Myler and Jimmy Keinhorst, and the appointment of new captain Liam Harris, York kicked off the year in fine fashion with a record-breaking 114-10 thrashing of dual registration partners Newcastle Thunder in the 1895 Cup.

Though they were brought back down to earth by Wakefield in their next group stage match, their points difference was heads and shoulders above the rest as they booked their spot in the quarter-finals, cruising past Oldham before missing out on Wembley with a semi-final defeat to Sheffield Eagles. It was a disappointing Challenge Cup campaign too. A weakened team needed Nikau Williams' last gasp try to beat Dewsbury in the opening round, before they crashed out of the competition to the Eagles in round four in a match marred by controversy and ill-discipline.

The league campaign kicked off in mid-March, but not how the Knights would have wanted as they were comfortably defeated at newcomers Doncaster – with Myler suffering an elbow injury that ultimately ended his playing career. Losses to Toulouse, Barrow and Wakefield followed, with a 25-14 win against Bradford a real shock to the system in round five. Head coach Andrew Henderson publicly apologised to supporters after an abject loss to Whitehaven, though May did end on a high note with back-to-back wins against Halifax and Swinton – the latter of which is sure to go down in club history. Trailing 22-0 with 12 minutes to play, York pulled off the most remarkable of comebacks to win 30-22 at Heywood Road.

A gutting late defeat to Widnes the following week proved to be Henderson's last match in charge, and with the club languishing in 13th place, Mark Applegarth was appointed as head coach, seeing his previous role take up a new director of rugby role at the club. Applegarth's reign began with a 40-0 thrashing of Dewsbury, and the Knights made history the following week with their first league win at Featherstone since 1957. Though they bowed out of the 1895 Cup, they were soon back on the horse with victories against Barrow and Doncaster before again falling to defeat at Odsal. August's thrashing of Dewsbury saw Keinhorst hang up his boots with a fairytale ending before York shocked high-flying Toulouse with their first win at the French club in over a decade to close in on the play-off places. They lost just once from thereon out – at League Leaders' Shield winners Wakefield – as wins over both top six hopefuls Sheffield and Featherstone saw them end the season with a coveted home play-off tie. Widnes were easily brushed aside in the play-off eliminator before Trinity proved a step too far, despite the Knights leading narrowly at half time, in what was another successful season.

TURNING POINT

Undoubtedly, the Knights' turning point was the appointment of Applegarth to head coach in mid-June with the club in the relegation zone. The former Wakefield boss led them to a 40-0 thrashing of Dewsbury in his first match in charge, and whilst that wasn't entirely unexpected, it laid the platform for a much-improved side for the latter half of 2024. A history-making triumph at Featherstone later that month – York's first league win at Post Office Road in 67 years – was followed by a first victory in Toulouse in over a decade in mid-August as a real feel-good factor returned to the club. Applegarth's fledgling tenure though wasn't without its tribulations, the Knights collapsing to a heavy defeat at Halifax Panthers, and going down deservedly as their head coach returned to face Trinity in September. But there's no doubt the good outweighed the bad. A thriller at Sheffield left York poised for a final-day shootout against fellow top six hopefuls Featherstone, which they passed with flying colours to earn a fourth-placed finish, their highest in five years. They were comfortable winners over Widnes in their play-off eliminator, and almost had the beating of eventual treble-winners Wakefield the following week as they bowed out in the semi-finals.

WHAT WORKED

Tongan playmaker Ata Hingano started the season coming off the bench as a ball-playing loose forward, but a switch to partner skipper Harris in the halves proved dividends almost straight away, and he was crucially a mainstay in a relatively injury-free season. Such was his impact, the Knights collapsed after he failed a HIA against Widnes in May, and without his off-the-cuff rugby, would likely not have won at Featherstone in June. It was a switch from half-back to centre that proved just the trick for Williams, who had initially struggled to get going after his off-season move from Newcastle. Also filling in at full-back, he came into his own, finishing his sole campaign as one of the club's most consistently strong performers and having a hand in some of their most eye-catching tries. Hooker/half-back Sam Cook also proved to be a shrewd mid-season signing across the pitch after joining from the French Elite League, as did loanees Jacob Gannon and Joe Law, who both made their stays permanent come the end of the season.

WHAT DIDN'T WORK

Recruitment was one obvious area of criticism, with marquee signing Myler playing just one league game before retiring and taking up a director of rugby position at Hull FC in mid-April. After picking up an elbow

injury in their Championship opener at Doncaster, he soon announced his retirement and subsequent new position, with the club left shellshocked. Fellow big-name signing Keinhorst also didn't finish the season after retiring due to increased work commitments as a train driver in August, but did sign off in fairytale fashion with two tries and two conversions against Dewsbury. Fans were also left frustrated by the club's dual-reg partnership with Newcastle, who suffered a thankless season in League One. Alex Donaghy made a sole appearance for the Knights before rejoining his former club on loan, whilst youngsters Brad Ward and Taylor Pemberton were among those to spend time at Thunder in the early season when many would have preferred to see them remain in North Yorkshire. It was certainly a partnership utilised more by Henderson than Applegarth, with almost all the squad remaining in York for the second half of the season.

BEST PLAYERS

It was no surprise to see Hingano scoop the club's Graham Steadman Player of the Year award after an outstanding 2024. The Tongan crucially managed to stay relatively injury-free and proved to be a constant threat with his ability to seemingly carve something from nothing, playing a large part in their surge up the table to fourth. Mr reliable Jordan Thompson was another to stand out, earning himself a Championship Player of the Year nomination. Utilised at both prop and loose forward, he was an ever-present, with his ability to play 80 minutes in the forwards week-in, week-out, nothing short of remarkable. Joe Brown enjoyed another strong season as he returned to the wing after having deputised for the majority of 2023 at full-back, ending the campaign with a team-high 19 tries in 32 appearances. Fan favourite Josh Daley and utility back Williams came into their own under Applegarth before their returns back to Australia at the end of the season.

ROOKIES

2024 was undoubtedly a breakthrough year for winger Ward, who grabbed his chance with both hands after injuries to AJ Towse and Tom Lineham. He scored six times in Applegarth's first nine matches on his way to a Championship Young Player of the Year nomination. Loanees Law and Gannon also impressed, despite the latter playing the majority of the season out of position in the back row. After joining on deadline day, Law proved to be a revelation with his quick handling and tidy footwork, nailing down a spot in the centres. Both will remain with the club for 2025 and beyond.

LOOKING AHEAD

There's no doubt expectations will be high again for the Knights in 2025, and they've been tipped for a coveted spot in Super League over the coming years. In the short-term, there's a new rotation of hookers on the cards following the departures of both Daley and club legend Will Jubb, with former Man of Steel Paul McShane and Jacques O'Neill both signing on. Kieran Buchanan, Law, and Jude Ferriera have solved a problem position in the centres, whilst young outside back James Farrar will provide competition, and Jack Brown, Kieran Hudson and Gannon offer new options at prop.

2024 SEASON RESULTS

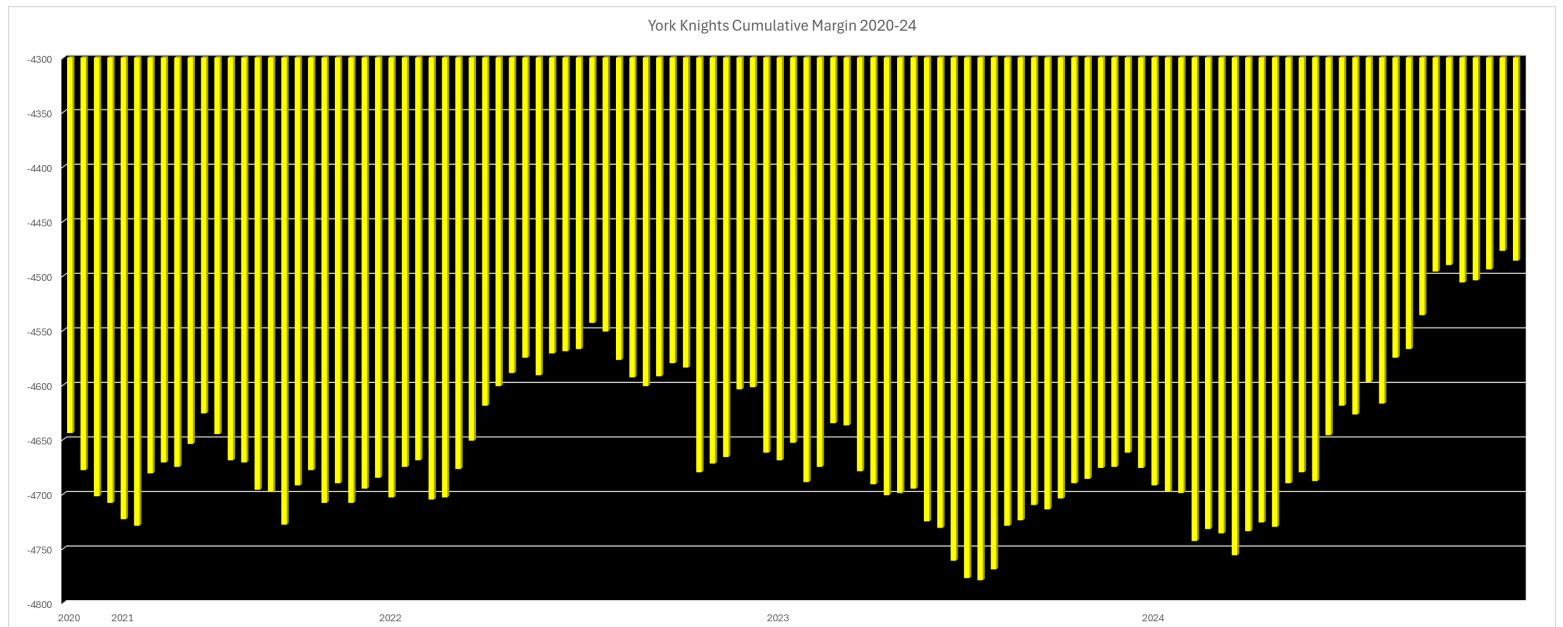
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Feb-04	1895 R2	WAK	L 4 40	LNER Stadium	-
11	CC R3	DEW	W 14 8	FLAIR	-
25	CC R4	SHE	L 16 32	LNER Stadium	-
Mar-03	1895 QF	OLD	W 46 12	LNER Stadium	-
17	1	DON	L 20 36	Eco-Power	1,463
31	2	TOU	L 14 20	LNER Stadium	2,046
Apr-07	3	BAR	L 14 15	Northern Comps	1,692
14	4	WAK	L 6 50	LNER Stadium	2,695
21	5	BRA	W 25 14	LNER Stadium	2,675
28	6	BAT	L 18 22	Fox's Biscuits	845
May-05	7	WHI	L 16 36	LNER Stadium	1,698
12	1895 SF	SHE	L 18 28	LNER Stadium	-
19	8	HAL	W 40 18	LNER Stadium	1,693
26	9	SWI	W 30 22	Heywood Road	844
Jun-02	10	WID	L 18 22	LNER Stadium	2,163
16	11	DEW	W 40 0	FLAIR	-
23	12	FEV	W 34 24	Millennium	1,564
30	13	SHE	L 10 18	LNER Stadium	2,163
Jul-07	14	BAR	W 54 12	LNER Stadium	-
14	15	DON	W 27 0	LNER Stadium	-
21	16	BRA	L 28 36	Bartercard Odsal	3,025
28	17	SWI	W 34 4	LNER Stadium	-
Aug-04	18	HAL	L 18 38	The Shay	1,543
11	19	DEW	W 54 12	LNER Stadium	-
17	20	TOU	W 20 12	Ernest Wallon	2,181
25	21	BAT	W 37 6	LNER Stadium	-
Sep-01	22	WHI	W 40 0	Ortus REC	-
8	23	WID	W 12 6	DCBL Stadium	2,663
15	24	WAK	L 4 20	DIY Kitchens	5,137
20	25	SHE	W 26 24	SOL Stadium	952
29	26	FEV	W 16 6	LNER Stadium	2,450
Oct-05	EF	WID	W 27 10	LNER Stadium	2,010
13	SF	WAK	L 13 22	DIY Kitchens	5,946

ROUND	1C1	1C2	CC3	CC4	1CF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1CSF	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	IM	SF	SEASON STATS													
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SEASON SNAPSHOT

Coach Paul Crarey
 Captains Jarrad Stack (20), Ryan Johnston (6)
 Biggest home crowd 2,953 (vs. Widnes in round 26)

Average home crowd 1,953
 Top pointscorer League: Ryan Shaw (138); All: Ryan Shaw (164)
 Top try scorers League: Andrew Bulman, Luke Cresswell (10)
 All: Andrew Bulman, Luke Cresswell (10)



ROUND 1

Hunslet 48 (A. Goddard 3, J. Ferreira 2, J. Render 2, C. Berry, J. Jordan-Roberts tries; M. Beharrell 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (H. Lowery, B. Ward tries; J. Potter 2 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 18-6. Penalties: Hunslet 11-2. Referee: Luke Bland. Crowd: 402.

Keighley 56 (E. Robson 3, B. Pickersgill 2, A. Bishop, D. Parker, A. Ryder, O. Thomas, B. Walkley tries; J. Miller 8 goals) defeated Cornwall 12 (H. Aaronson, G. Mitchell tries; C. Brown 2 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 26-6. Penalties: Keighley 11-7. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 971.

Rochdale 38 (G. McNally 2, J. Openshaw 2, T. Brierley, J. Hartley, D. Straugheir tries; M. Ridyard 3, M. Rudd 2 goals) defeated Midlands 28 (T. Wilkinson 2, D. Barcoe, J. Bass, I. Nakoronivalu tries; B. Billsborough 3, D. Hewitt goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 22-16. Penalties: Rochdale 4-3. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 465.

Oldham 48 (J. Wardle 2, L. Astley, O. Farnworth, G. Hirst, B. O'Keefe, J. Turner, M. Wildie tries; J. Ellis 8 goals) defeated Workington 10 (J. Bradley, J. Burns tries; C. Walker goal) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 17th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 30-0. Penalties: 8-all. Referee: Nick Bennett.

ROUND 2

North Wales 40 (C. Forster 2, T. Hughes 2, C. Barratt, D. Coates, K. Taylor tries; O. Abel 6 goals) defeated Cornwall 16 (H. Aaronson, C. Brown, N. Cullen tries; C. Brown 2 goals) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: North Wales 22-0. Penalties: Cornwall 5-4. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte.

Keighley 58 (M. Ioane 2, B. Pickersgill 2, J. Sa'u 2, J. Miller, D. Parker, E. Robson, O. Thomas tries; J. Miller 9 goals) defeated Workington 16 (J. Key 2, M. Henson tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 36-6. Penalties: Keighley 14-8. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 916.

Midlands 70 (T. Wilkinson 3, D. Barcoe 2, J. Bass, B. Billsborough, T. Horner, J. Kirby, K. Moran, R. Oakes, M. Welham tries; J. Kirby 11 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (O. Bibby, G. Birch, H. Lowery tries; J. Potter 2 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 30-16. Penalties: 11-all. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 377.

Hunslet 26 (J. Ferreira 2, C. Berry, S. Darley, H. Williams tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) defeated Rochdale 24 (L. Else 2, J. Hartley 2, M. Flanagan tries; M. Rudd 2 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 24th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 14-10. Penalties: Hunslet 6-5. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 448.

ROUND 3

Keighley 42 (E. Robson 2, B. Walkley 2, A. Bishop, A. Brown, M. Ioane, J. Sa'u tries; J. Miller 5 goals) defeated Hunslet 14 (A. Goddard, J. Jordan-Roberts tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Fri, 29th March. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Keighley 20-8. Penalties: Keighley 15-7. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 618.

Workington 48 (B. Taylor 3, M. Henson, L. McNicholas, J. Mossop, C. Taylor, J. Thomson, C. Tyrer tries; C. Walker 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (A. Donaghy, L. Jeremy, B. Ward tries; J. Potter 3 goals) at Kingston Park. Date: Sat, 30th March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Newcastle 18-12. Penalties: Newcastle 7-2. Referee: Luke Bland. Crowd: 412.

North Wales 20 (P. Ah Van 2, R. Ellis, C. Forster tries; O. Abel 2 goals) defeated Midlands 14 (B. Billsborough, M. Kirkbright, M. Welham tries; D. Hewitt goal) at Stadium CSM. Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: 10-all. Penalties: Midlands 8-6. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 707.

Oldham 54 (A. Lawton 2, B. O'Keefe 2, J. Turner 2, M. Agoro, T. Chapelhow, J. Ellis, O. Farnworth tries; J. Ellis 7 goals) defeated Rochdale 6 (M. Dalton-Harrop try; M. Flanagan goal) at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 31st March. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 20-6. Penalties: Oldham 11-7. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 2,041.

ROUND 4

North Wales 58 (C. Forster 2, J. Holmes 2, M. Reid 2, P. Ah Van, S. Costello, R. Ellis, M. Fletcher, L. Nzoungou tries; D. Coates 7 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (H. Lowery, H. Price, T. Siddle tries; J. Potter 3 goals) at Stadium CSM. Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: North Wales 42-0. Penalties: North Wales 7-6. Referee: Andy Sweet.

Oldham 62 (C. Tyrer 6, L. Astley 2, P. Laulu-Togaga'e, A. Lawton, K. Morgan tries; J. Ellis 4, D. Craven 3, C. Tyrer 2 goals) defeated Hunslet 0 at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 28-0. Penalties: Oldham 9-8. Referee: Bradley Milligan.

Workington 32 (J. Hutton 2, J. Bradley, J. Burns, M. Henson, B. Taylor tries; C. Walker 4 goals) defeated Rochdale 22 (J. Andrade, T. Brierley, J. Hartley, C. Ratcliffe tries; M. Flanagan 3 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 22-4. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Nick Bennett.

ROUND 5

Oldham 46 (C. Tyrer 4, P. Laulu-Togaga'e 2, D. Craven, J. Turner, M. Turner tries; C. Tyrer 3, D. Craven 2 goals) defeated Cornwall 10 (H. Aaronson, T. Ashton tries; C. Brown goal) at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 26-4. Penalties: Oldham 9-8. Referee: Tara Jones. Crowd: 1,136.

Hunslet 30 (C. Berry, J. Ferreira, A. Goddard, J. Jordan-Roberts, J. Watson tries; M. Beharrell 5 goals) defeated Midlands 26 (D. Barcoe, T. Horner, J. Sweeting, M. Welham tries; D. Hewitt 5 goals) at Sheffield Olympic Legacy Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 26-18. Penalties: Hunslet 7-6. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 302.

Keighley 22 (B. Walkley 2, A. Bishop, L. Hatton tries; J. Miller 3 goals) defeated North Wales 6 (C. Barratt try; O. Abel goal) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Keighley 8-7. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 1,096.

Rochdale 68 (B. Blackmore 3, L. Else 3, L. Forber 2, J. Hartley 2, B. Killan, C. Ratcliffe tries; M. Ridyard 10 goals) defeated Newcastle 4 (G. Birch try) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 14th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 38-4. Penalties: Rochdale 10-4. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte. Crowd: 379.

ROUND 6

Rochdale 37 (M. Dalton-Harrop 2, J. Dayes, L. Forber, J. Hartley, L. Juma tries; M. Ridyard 6 goals; M. Ridyard field goal) defeated North Wales 36 (C. Forster 2, P. Ah Van, J. Baldwin, J. Burns, D. Coates tries; O. Abel 6 goals) at Stadium CSM. Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 19-18. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte.

Midlands 72 (R. Johnson 2, R. Oakes 2, T. Wilkinson 2, T. Horner, C. McLelland, J. Sweeting, L. Welham, M. Welham, A. Willis tries; J. Sweeting 12 goals) defeated Cornwall 6 (C. Nichol try; C. Brown goal) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 36-0. Penalties: Midlands 8-1. Referee: Adam Williams.

Workington 30 (S. Scholey 2, J. Key, G. Reid, C. Walker tries; C. Walker 5 goals) defeated Hunslet 18 (C. Berry, J. Ferreira, A. Levy tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 18-12. Penalties: Workington 7-6. Referee: Luke Bland. Crowd: 410.

Keighley 82 (B. Walkley 3, B. Dean 2, E. Robson 2, A. Ryder 2, J. Schofield 2, M. Bailey, A. Brown, J. Lynam tries; J. Miller 13 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (E. Lawther try; T. Hepple goal) at Kingston Park. Date: Sun, 21st April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 46-0. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Sam Houghton.

ROUND 7

Oldham 44 (M. Agoro 2, P. Laulu-Togaga'e 2, D. Craven, G. Hirst, C. Kopczak, C. Tyrer tries; J. Ellis 4, C. Tyrer 2 goals) defeated Midlands 16 (R. Johnson, C. McLelland, L. Peachey tries; J. Sweeting 2 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sat, 27th April. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 14-12. Penalties: Oldham 8-6. Referee: Tara Jones. Crowd: 367.

Workington 52 (J. Sammut 3, M. Henson 2, J. Burns, J. Hutton, J. Stephenson, T. Walton tries; C. Forber 8 goals) defeated Cornwall 18 (B. Black, C. Brown, N. Conroy tries; C. Brown 3 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 18-6. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Andy Sweet.

Hunslet 22 (M. Beharrell, H. Hallas, J. Render, M. Scurr tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) defeated North Wales 14 (K. Taylor, T. Whitehead tries; O. Abel 3 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: North Wales 12-6. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 396.

Keighley 42 (J. Sa'u 3, B. Walkley 2, E. Robson, A. Ryder tries; J. Miller 7 goals) defeated Rochdale 30 (L. Forber 3, M. Dalton-Harrop, J. Openshaw tries; M. Ridyard 5 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 28th April. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 30-12. Penalties: Keighley 6-3. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 734.

ROUND 8

Hunslet 26 (J. Ferreira 4, J. Law tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) defeated Keighley 18 (B. Walkley 2, E. Robson, J. Sa'u tries; J. Miller goal) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 14-8. Penalties: 6-all. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 1,389.

Oldham 74 (A. Lawton 4, P. Laulu-Togaga'e 2, C. Tyrer 2, M. Agoro, L. Astley, J. Chapelhow, D. Craven, J. Turner tries; J. Ellis 11 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 40-0. Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Adam Williams. Crowd: 1,303.

Rochdale 56 (T. Brierley 3, L. Forber 2, B. Brennan, M. Dalton-Harrop, L. Else, G. McNally, D. Straugheir tries; M. Ridyard 8 goals) defeated Cornwall 24 (C. Brown 2, N. Conroy, C. Nichol tries; C. Brown 4 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 20-6. Penalties: Cornwall 9-8. Referee: Luke Bland. Crowd: 891.

Midlands 26 (R. Johnson, C. McLelland, J. Sweeting, T. Wilkinson tries; J. Sweeting 5 goals) defeated Workington 16 (E. Bickerdike, J. Sammut, P. Tongia tries; C. Walker 2 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 5th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 12-10. Penalties: Workington 7-3. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte.

ROUND 9

Oldham 42 (M. Agoro 2, A. Lawton 2, C. Tyrer 2, L. Astley, B. Gallagher, J. Turner tries; L. Astley 3 goals) defeated Cornwall 0 at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 12-0. Penalties: Cornwall 4-2. Referee: Denton Arnold.

Midlands 66 (L. Welham 4, J. Bass 2, T. Horner 2, L. Peachey 2, D. Barcoe, C. McLelland tries; D. Hewitt 8, J. Sweeting goals) defeated Newcastle 4 (P. Burns try) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 22-0. Penalties: Midlands 6-3. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 302.

Keighley 30 (B. Walkley 2, G. Flanagan, B. Pickersgill, O. Thomas tries; J. Miller 5 goals) defeated North Wales 10 (M. Reid, K. Taylor tries; D. Coates goal) at Stadium CSM. Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Keighley 12-4. Penalties: Keighley 8-5. Referee: Nick Bennett.

Rochdale 56 (J. Darbyshire 2, L. Nelses 2, D. Straugheir 2, O. Brookes, L. Else, B. Forster, G. McNally tries; M. Ridyard 8 goals) defeated Workington 12 (J. Bradley, Z. Galea tries; C. Forber 2 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 34-6. Penalties: Rochdale 7-5. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 797.

ROUND 10

Hunslet 42 (W. Adams 2, E. O'Hanlon 2, J. Ferreira, J. Jordan-Roberts, J. Render tries; M. Beharrell 7 goals) defeated Cornwall 16 (B. Black, N. Conroy, C. Nichol tries; C. Brown 2 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 6-4. Penalties: Hunslet 12-5. Referee: Tara Jones. Crowd: 296.

Midlands 18 (M. Chrimes, D. Hewitt, R. Johnson tries; D. Hewitt 3 goals) defeated North Wales 10 (P. Ah Van, M. Reid tries; B. Lane goal) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: North Wales 10-6. Referee: Adam Williams. Crowd: 527.

Keighley 28 (J. Sa'u 2, I. Farrell, G. Flanagan, C. Graham tries; J. Miller 4 goals) defeated Oldham 18 (P. Laulu-Togaga'e, J. Turner, C. Tyrer tries; J. Ellis 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 18-0. Penalties: Keighley 7-4. Referee: Nick Bennett.

Rochdale 24 (L. Forber 2, M. Ridyard, A. Roden tries; M. Ridyard 4 goals) defeated Newcastle 18 (P. Burns, E. Lawther, H. Lowery tries; T. Hepple 3 goals) at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sun, 26th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 16-6. Penalties: 3-all. Referee: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 326.

ROUND 11

Cornwall 30 (C. Brown 2, B. Black, H. Boots, D. Weetman tries; C. Brown 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (E. Lawther try; M. Harman goal) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: 6-all. Penalties: Newcastle 5-4. Referee: Alan Billington.

Keighley 25 (I. Farrell, L. Hatton, M. Lambourne, B. Walkley tries; J. Miller 4 goals; J. Miller field goal) defeated Midlands 18 (M. Chrimes 2, L. Welham tries; D. Hewitt 3 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 13-6. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 463.

Oldham 25 (B. Aldridge, L. Astley, D. Craven, J. Johnson, P. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; D. Craven 2 goals; D. Craven field goal) defeated North Wales 24 (P. Ah Van, O. Davies, B. Evans, K. Taylor tries; B. Lane 4 goals) at Stadiwm CSM. Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: North Wales 12-8. Penalties: Oldham 10-5. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 756.

Hunslet 24 (J. Ferreira, M. Fletcher, J. Jordan-Roberts, J. Watson tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals) defeated Workington 22 (E. Bickerdike, J. Bradley, C. Forber, J. Mossop tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 2nd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 24-10. Penalties: Hunslet 4-1. Referee: Nick Bennett.

ROUND 12

Oldham 60 (P. Moran 3, D. Craven 2, C. Tyrer 2, J. Chapelhow, C. Kopczak, N. Roebuck, M. Turner tries; L. Astley 8 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (H. Price try; M. Harman goal) at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 36-0. Penalties: Oldham 9-6. Referee: Andy Sweet.

North Wales 34 (C. Barratt, L. Cooper, S. Costello, B. Evans, J. Holmes, K. Taylor tries; B. Lane 5 goals) defeated Workington 32 (E. Archer, T. Brierley, J. Burns, J. Key, T. Walton tries; C. Walker 6 goals) at Stadiwm CSM. Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: 14-all. Penalties: Workington 7-6. Referee: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 459.

Rochdale 38 (L. Forber 3, D. Nixon 2, A. Roden, D. Spencer-Tonks tries; M. Ridyard 5 goals) defeated Cornwall 14 (C. Brown 2, C. Nichol tries; C. Brown goal) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 20-10. Penalties: Rochdale 7-3. Referee: Carl Hughes.

Hunslet 25 (C. Berry, G. Flanagan Jr, J. Render, J. Watson tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals; M. Beharrell field goal) defeated Midlands 18 (L. Welham 2, M. Welham tries; D. Hewitt 3 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 16th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 12-10. Penalties: Midlands 6-3. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 504.

ROUND 13

Keighley 26 (E. Robson 2, A. Ryder 2, B. Blackmore, J. Sa'u tries; J. Miller goal) defeated Cornwall 0 at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 18-0. Penalties: Keighley 10-5. Referee: Adam Williams.

Rochdale 48 (J. Andrade 2, G. McNally 2, L. Else, D. Nixon, J. Openshaw, D. Straugheir tries; M. Ridyard 8 goals) defeated Hunslet 18 (M. Beharrell, G. Flanagan Jr, M. Knowles tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 24-12. Penalties: Rochdale 7-5. Referee: Warren Turley. Crowd: 402.

North Wales 42 (R. Massam 3, B. Lane 2, S. Costello, B. Evans, K. Taylor tries; B. Lane 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 4 (S. Croston try) at Crow Trees. Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: North Wales 20-0. Penalties: North Wales 8-7. Referee: Bradley Milligan.

Oldham 28 (B. O'Keefe 2, L. Astley, D. Craven, N. Roebuck, C. Tyrer tries; C. Tyrer 2 goals) defeated Workington 4 (R. Lepori try) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 23rd June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 8-0. Penalties: Oldham 4-3. Referee: Nick Bennett.

ROUND 14

North Wales 16 (P. Ah Van, C. Barratt, O. Davies tries; P. Ah Van 2 goals) defeated Cornwall 10 (C. Brown, D. Trerise tries; C. Brown goal) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Cornwall 10-4. Penalties: North Wales 7-4. Referee: Alan Billington.

Midlands 44 (M. Welham 2, T. Wilkinson 2, D. Dixon, T. Horner, L. Peachey, E. Windley tries; D. Hewitt 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 10 (A. Donaghy, E. Lawther tries; M. Harman goal) at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 26-10. Penalties: Midlands 8-5. Referee: Nick Bennett.

Oldham 30 (C. Tyrer 3, B. Aldridge, L. Astley, P. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; C. Tyrer 3 goals) defeated Hunslet 6 (J. Law try; G. Flanagan Jr goal) at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 10-0. Penalties: Hunslet 6-4. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 1,126.

Keighley 37 (J. Sa'u 2, O. Thomas 2, L. Lanskey, E. Robson tries; J. Miller 6 goals; J. Miller field goal) defeated Workington 18 (T. Brierley, C. Forber, T. Walton tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 30th June. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 25-0. Penalties: Workington 5-4. Referee: Denton Arnold.

ROUND 15

Workington 44 (B. Brennan 2, Z. Galea 2, T. Brierley, C. Forber, J. Hartley, M. Henson tries; C. Forber 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 22-0. Penalties: Workington 5-3. Referee: Michael Smiail.

Midlands 32 (T. Horner 2, R. Johnson 2, M. Chrimes, M. Welham tries; D. Hewitt 3, M. Chrimes goals) defeated North Wales 18 (C. Barratt, A. Carr, P. Nash tries; B. Lane 2, D. Coates goals) at Stadiwm CSM. Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Midlands 16-6. Penalties: North Wales 6-5. Referee: Geoffrey Poumes. Crowd: 552.

Keighley 20 (M. Ioane 2, B. Walkley tries; J. Miller 4 goals) drew with Rochdale 20 (D. Nixon, D. Straugheir, E. Whittel tries; M. Ridyard 4 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 7th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 12-6. Penalties: Keighley 8-7. Referee: Warren Turley. Crowd: 1,608.

ROUND 16

Cornwall 24 (T. Ashton, C. Brown, N. Conroy, D. Weetman tries; C. Brown 4 goals) defeated Midlands 22 (J. Bass, L. Peachey, J. Sweeting, L. Welham tries; J. Sweeting 3 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 12th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 16-6. Penalties: Midlands 9-8. Referee: Andy Sweet.

Hunslet 42 (L. Carr 2, J. Ferreira 2, A. Goddard, J. Paga, J. Render, J. Watson tries; M. Beharrell 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 16 (A. Donaghy, E. Lawther, E. Shaw tries; A. Donaghy 2 goals) at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 20-10. Penalties: 7-all. Referee: Andy Sweet.

Oldham 32 (M. Agoro 2, K. Dixon 2, B. Gallagher, B. O'Keefe tries; K. Dixon 4 goals) defeated North Wales 6 (C. Barratt try; D. Coates goal) at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 16-0. Penalties: North Wales 8-7. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 1,270.

Workington 14 (J. Burns, H. Hadfield, J. Mossop tries; C. Forber goal) defeated Rochdale 12 (J. Andrade, D. Spencer-Tonks tries; M. Flanagan 2 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 14th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 6-0. Penalties: Rochdale 3-2. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

ROUND 17

Workington 30 (J. Bradley, Z. Galea, J. Key, G. Reid, J. Stephenson tries; C. Forber 5 goals) defeated Cornwall 8 (C. Abbott, C. Brown tries) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 18-4. Penalties: Workington 10-6. Referee: Adam Williams.

Hunslet 46 (J. Render 3, J. Law 2, C. Berry, N. Booth, L. Carr tries; M. Beharrell 5, M. Knowles 2 goals) defeated North Wales 16 (R. Massam 2, B. Lane tries; B. Lane, D. Moss goals) at Stadiwm CSM. Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 12-10. Penalties: Hunslet 8-5. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte.

Oldham 44 (M. Agoro 2, J. Johnson 2, D. Craven, B. Gallagher, J. Turner tries; K. Dixon 8 goals) defeated Keighley 6 (J. Schofield try; D. Parker goal) at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 20-0. Penalties: Oldham 11-7. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 2,572.

Rochdale 14 (J. Andrade 2 tries; M. Harman 3 goals) defeated Midlands 10 (C. McLelland, L. Welham tries; M. Chrimes goal) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 21st July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 6-0. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 676.

ROUND 18

Cornwall 44 (B. Black 2, N. Conroy 2, N. Cullen 2, H. Aaronson, C. Abbott tries; C. Brown 6 goals) defeated Newcastle 34 (E. Lawther 2, S. Croston, T. Hepple, H. Price, E. Shaw tries; A. Donaghy 5 goals) at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Cornwall 26-18. Penalties: Cornwall 4-3. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte. Crowd: 329.

Workington 32 (T. Brierley, C. Forber, Z. Galea, G. Reid, C. Taylor tries; C. Forber 6 goals) defeated Hunslet 24 (J. Ferreira 2, L. Carr, E. O'Hanlon tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 22-6. Penalties: Workington 7-5. Referee: Warren Turley. Crowd: 572.

Keighley 36 (B. Pickersgill 2, G. Flanagan, M. Ioane, E. Robson, J. Sa'u tries; O. Thomas 6 goals) defeated Midlands 12 (T. Horner, R. Millar tries; J. Sweeting 2 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 18-12. Penalties: Keighley 4-3. Referee: Adam Williams. Crowd: 1,056.

Oldham 14 (K. Dixon, J. Johnson, P. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; K. Dixon goal) defeated Rochdale 10 (L. Forber 2 tries; W. Roberts goal) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 28th July. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 10-8. Penalties: Rochdale 6-5. Referee: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 2,178.

ROUND 19

Keighley 72 (L. McEwan-Peters 4, J. Nuu 2, O. Thomas 2, G. Flanagan, D. Parker, A. Ryder, J. Schofield, B. Walkley tries; J. Miller 5, O. Thomas 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 12 (A. Donaghy, N. Rushworth tries; A. Donaghy 2 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 28-6. Penalties: Keighley 3-1. Referee: Nick Bennett. Crowd: 968.

Oldham 32 (M. Agoro, L. Astley, K. Dixon, P. Laulu-Togaga'e, J. Turner, M. Wildie tries; K. Dixon 4 goals) defeated Midlands 0 at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 22-0. Penalties: Oldham 8-4. Referee: Warren Turley. Crowd: 1,582.

Rochdale 46 (J. Andrade, M. Dalton-Harrop, J. Dayes, L. Else, L. Forber, B. Forster, A. Roden, M. Taulapapa tries; M. Harman 7 goals) defeated Cornwall 32 (H. Aaronson 2, J. Bateman, B. Black, C. Brown, D. Weetman tries; C. Brown 4 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 28-6. Penalties: Rochdale 4-3. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 427.

North Wales 28 (C. Barratt 2, P. Ah Van, B. Evans, B. Lane tries; D. Moss 4 goals) defeated Workington 24 (J. Bradley, J. Key, B. Southward, J. Stephenson tries; C. Forber 4 goals) at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 4th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 22-12. Penalties: North Wales 10-6. Referee: Luke Bland.

ROUND 20

Hunslet 33 (G. Flanagan Jr 2, J. Render 2, C. Berry, M. Knowles tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals; M. Beharrell field goal) defeated Cornwall 26 (C. Abbott 2, A. Small 2, N. Cullen tries; C. Brown 3 goals) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sat, 10th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 14-10. Penalties: Cornwall 6-5. Referee: Sam Jenkinson.

Midlands 34 (J. Bass, M. Chrimes, H. Higham, J. Kirby, J. Sweeting tries; J. Sweeting 7 goals) defeated Workington 22 (J. Hartley 2, Z. Galea, M. Henson tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 20-6. Penalties: Midlands 4-2. Referee: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 677.

Keighley 24 (A. Bishop, G. Flanagan, J. Miller, A. Ryder tries; J. Miller 4 goals) defeated North Wales 16 (B. Lane, M. Unsworth tries; B. Lane 4 goals) at Stadium CSM. Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Keighley 16-2. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Nick Bennett.

Oldham 84 (C. Tyrer 5, K. Dixon 3, J. Sambou 2, B. Aldridge, T. Chapelhow, C. Kopcak, P. Laulu-Togaga'e, J. Turner tries; K. Dixon 12 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 11th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 32-0. Penalties: Oldham 6-2. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 1,006.

2024 BETFRED LEAGUE 1 PLAYOFFS

PRELIMINARY SEMI FINALS

Rochdale 30 (L. Else 2, J. Andrade, M. Dalton-Harrop, L. Forber, L. Juma tries; M. Harman 3 goals) defeated Hunslet 18 (J. Render 2, J. Ferreira, A. Goddard tries; M. Beharrell goal) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 20-14. Penalties: Rochdale 9-8. Referee: Kevin Moore. Crowd: 826.

Midlands 24 (M. Chrimes, D. Hewitt, J. Kirby tries; J. Sweeting 6 goals) defeated Workington 22 (J. Burns 2, E. Bickerdike, B. Brennan tries; C. Forber 3 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sun, 15th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Midlands 18-12. Penalties: Midlands 7-4. Referee: Matthew Lynn.

SEMI FINALS

Hunslet 18 (T. Delaney, J. Ferreira, J. Render tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) defeated Midlands 14 (D. Barcoe, B. Clavering tries; J. Sweeting 3 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 12-6. Penalties: Hunslet 7-5. Referee: Ryan Cox. Crowd: 474.

Keighley 26 (M. Ioane, L. Lanskey, J. Lynam, J. Miller tries; J. Miller 5 goals) defeated Rochdale 22 (J. Andrade, M. Dalton-Harrop, L. Forber, D. Roberts tries; M. Harman 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 22-6. Penalties: Rochdale 9-5. Referee: Ben Thaler. Crowd: 1,037.

ROUND 21

Rochdale 78 (L. Else 3, T. Ratchford 3, L. Forber 2, J. Andrade, M. Dalton-Harrop, M. Harman, G. McNally, D. Straugheir, M. Taulapapa tries; M. Harman 11 goals) defeated Newcastle 6 (L. Jeremy try; A. Donaghy goal) at Gateshead International Stadium. Date: Sat, 17th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 38-0. Penalties: Rochdale 4-1. Referee: Jordan Hughes. Crowd: 220.

Midlands 18 (T. Horner, L. Peachey, T. Wilkinson tries; S. Medforth 3 goals) defeated Cornwall 6 (C. Brown try; C. Brown goal) at Memorial Ground (Cornwall). Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Cornwall 6-0. Penalties: Midlands 6-5. Referee: Sam Houghton.

Hunslet 28 (J. Ferreira, J. Syme, M. Turner, J. Watson, E. Wood tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals) defeated North Wales 20 (C. Barratt, B. Lane, K. Taylor tries; B. Lane 4 goals) at South Leeds Stadium. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: North Wales 18-6. Penalties: 5-all. Referee: Luke Bland. Crowd: 556.

Oldham 20 (M. Agoro 2, G. Hirst, P. Laulu-Togaga'e tries; K. Dixon 2 goals) defeated Keighley 12 (B. Pickersgill, E. Robson tries; J. Miller 2 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 18th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 14-6. Penalties: Keighley 7-4. Referee: Matthew Lynn. Crowd: 2,174.

ROUND 22

Oldham 72 (B. O'Keefe 4, J. Sambou 2, J. Turner 2, C. Tyrer 2, L. Astley, J. Johnson, C. Kopcak, A. Sidlow tries; J. Ellis 8 goals) defeated Cornwall 0 at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 36-0. Penalties: Oldham 11-4. Referee: Aaryn Belafonte. Crowd: 1,421.

Keighley 40 (E. Robson 2, B. Walkley 2, M. Ioane, A. Ryder, O. Thomas tries; J. Miller 6 goals) defeated Hunslet 22 (J. Ferreira, G. Flanagan Jr, J. Render, M. Turner tries; M. Beharrell 3 goals) at Cougar Park. Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Keighley 22-10. Penalties: Hunslet 9-8. Referee: Andy Sweet. Crowd: 1,642.

Rochdale 28 (G. McNally 2, M. Dalton-Harrop, B. Forster, B. Killan tries; M. Harman 4 goals) defeated North Wales 10 (T. Hughes, K. Taylor tries; D. Moss goal) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 12-4. Penalties: North Wales 9-8. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 657.

Workington 46 (B. Brennan 2, M. Henson 2, J. Bradley, T. Brierley, Z. Galea, J. Stephenson, C. Taylor tries; C. Forber 5 goals) defeated Newcastle 0 at Fibrus Community Stadium. Date: Sun, 25th August. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Workington 28-0. Penalties: Workington 7-3. Referee: Sam Jenkinson.

ROUND 23

Hunslet 28 (J. Jordan-Roberts 2, R. Whitmore 2, J. Render tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals) defeated Midlands 22 (M. Chrimes, R. Johnson, S. Medforth, A. Willis tries; J. Sweeting 3 goals) at Alexander Stadium. Date: Sat, 31st August. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 18-6. Penalties: Hunslet 6-3. Referee: Bradley Milligan. Crowd: 420.

North Wales 40 (R. Ellis 2, C. Barratt, L. Evans, C. Forster, D. Moss, M. Reid tries; D. Moss 6 goals) defeated Cornwall 10 (H. Aaronson, A. Rusling tries; C. Brown goal) at Stadium CSM. Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: North Wales 22-4. Penalties: North Wales 7-6. Referee: Adam Williams. Crowd: 755.

Oldham 56 (K. Dixon 2, J. Turner 2, L. Astley, D. Craven, P. Laulu-Togaga'e, A. Lawton, J. Wardle, M. Wildie tries; K. Dixon 8 goals) defeated Workington 0 at Boundary Park. Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Oldham 28-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Warren Turley. Crowd: 2,681.

Rochdale 32 (J. Andrade, M. Dalton-Harrop, L. Else, L. Forber, D. Roberts, M. Taulapapa tries; M. Harman 4 goals) defeated Keighley 18 (G. Flanagan, J. Lynam, B. Walkley tries; J. Miller 3 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 1st September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Rochdale 16-6. Penalties: Rochdale 7-5. Referee: Denton Arnold. Crowd: 1,474.

FINAL TABLE

#	TEAM	P	W	D	L	+/-	PTS
1.	OLDHAM RLFC	20	19	1	-	+741	38
2.	KEIGHLEY COUGARS	20	15	4	1	+342	31
3.	ROCHDALE HORNETS	20	13	6	1	+255	27
4.	HUNSLET RLFC	20	13	7	-	-12	26
5.	MIDLANDS HURRICANES	20	9	11	-	+142	18
6.	WORKINGTON TOWN	20	9	11	-	-45	18
7.	North Wales Crusaders	20	8	12	-	-8	16
8.	Cornwall RLFC	20	3	17	-	-481	6
9.	Newcastle Thunder	20	-	20	-	-934	0

PRELIMINARY FINAL

Hunslet 46 (G. Flanagan Jr 2, J. Render 2, C. Berry, J. Ferreira, M. Turner, E. Wood tries; M. Beharrell 7 goals) defeated Rochdale 26 (L. Forber 2, J. Andrade, J. Darbyshire, M. Taulapapa tries; M. Harman 3 goals) at Crown Oil Arena. Date: Sun, 29th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 18-all. Penalties: Hunslet 7-4. Referee: Scott Mikalauskas. Crowd: 428.

FINAL

Hunslet 20 (J. Render, M. Turner, E. Wood tries; M. Beharrell 4 goals) defeated Keighley 6 (G. Flanagan try; J. Miller goal) at Cougar Park.

Date: Sun, 6th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Hunslet 12-0. Penalties: Hunslet 10-6. Referee: Cameron Worsley. Crowd: 1,037.

Keighley: Thomas, Walkley, Ryder, Robson, Sa'u, Dean, Miller; Maher, Brown, Revell, Lynam, Lanskey, Parker. Int: Flanagan, Ioane, England, Hutton. Hunslet: Flanagan Jr, Turner, Goddard, Ferreira, Render; Knowles, Beharrell, Carr, Whitmore, Fletcher, Wood, Levy, Syme. Int: Berry, Hallas, Wray, O'Hanlon.

IN MEMORIAM

ACKNOWLEDGING THOSE WHO PASSED DURING 2024

JANUARY 2024

RON TAYLOR

Aged 91 years
49 first grade games between 1953 and 1961
Eastern Suburbs, South Sydney

JOE RYAN

Aged 89 years
13 first grade games between 1959 and 1962
Western Suburbs

DARRELL BRAMPTON

Aged 74 years
51 first grade games between 1970 and 1979
South Sydney

MALCOLM PRICE

Aged 86 years
2 tests for Great Britain, 1967

MILOŠ MILINKOVIĆ

Aged 45 years
7 tests for Serbia between 2003 and 2006

MALCOLM AIKER

Aged 45 years
346 games between 1997 and 2010
Salford
1 test for England, 2005

PETER GLYNN

Aged 70 years
242 games between 1976 and 1990
St Helens, Salford, Borough
2 tests for England, 1 test for Great Britain (1979)

APRIL 2024

BOB LANIGAN

Aged 81 years
67 first grade games between 1964 and 1968
Newtown

KEITH BARNES

Aged 89 years
193 first grade games between 1955 and 1968
Balmain
19 tests for Australia between 1957 and 1966

GEOFF HENRY

Aged 77 years
3 first grade games for Western Suburbs in 1969

JIM PAYNE

Aged 87 years
7 interstate games for Queensland between 1956 and 1958

TERRY HILL

Aged 52 years
246 first grade games between 1990 and 2003
South Sydney, Eastern Suburbs, Western Suburbs, Manly-Warringah, Wests Tigers
14 Origin games for NSW between 1993 and 2000
8 tests for Australia between 1995 and 1998

FEBRUARY 2024

JOHN ELFORD

Aged 76 years
116 first grade games between 1966 and 1976
Western Suburbs

PAUL SCHULTZ

Aged 84 years
9 tests for New Zealand between 1965 and 1968

REES DUNCAN

Aged 92 years
60 first grade games between 1954 and 1958
Manly-Warringah, Western Suburbs
2 tests for Australia, 1952

LARRY PINKERTON

Aged 74 years
8 first grade games for Penrith, 1971

BILL FRANCIS

Aged 76 years
53 games between 1980 and 1982
Salford, Oldham
19 tests for Wales between 1975 and 1980
4 tests for Great Britain between 1967 and 1977

PAT DALEY

5 first grade games for Western Suburbs between 1956 and 1958

JOHN MORAN

Aged 75 years
85 first grade games between 1969 and 1977
Penrith, Parramatta

DARRYL VAN DE VELDE

Aged 72 years
1997 QLD representative side, BRL clubs Easts, Souths, Redcliffe
Coach of Redcliffe (BRL), then Castleford, Huddersfield & Warrington in UK Championship. Former QRL director

MAY 2024

STEVE BLYTH

Aged 69 years
93 first grade games between 1976 and 1982
Western Suburbs, Newtown

BRIAN BOURKE

Aged 82 years
5 representative games for Monaro between 1966 and 1974

JACK GILL

Aged 87 years
12 first grade games for Parramatta in 1959
Captain-coach at Norths Newcastle - premiers 1967

JEFF HUNT

Aged 65 years
23 first grade games between 1977 and 1981 for Newtown

DON TOSH

Aged 91 years
62 first grade games between 1953 and 1957 for Parramatta

RON LYNCH

Aged 84 years
238 first grade games between 1961 and 1973
Parramatta, Penrith
12 tests for Australia between 1961 and 1970

MARCH 2024

LEWIS JONES

Aged 92 years
385 games for Leeds between 1952 and 1964
17 tests for Great Britain between 1954 and 1957
2 tests for Wales in 1953 and 1963
2 tests for Rest of the World in 1957
Player-coach for Wentworthville in Sydney Second Division (1960s)

KEITH LENNARD

Aged 91 years
5 games for Western Suburbs between 1953 and 1954

JOHN BOND

Aged 92 years
7 tests for New Zealand between 1953 and 1955

ERN GILLON

Aged 81 years
79 first grade games between 1966 and 1970
Parramatta, Penrith

PHIL LOWE

Aged 74 years
418 games for Hull KR 1967 to 1973, 1977 to 1983
72 first grade games for Manly 1974 to 1976
5 tests for England, 12 for Great Britain 1970 to 1981

JUNE 2024

ROB BURROW

Aged 41 years
492 games for Leeds between 2001 and 2017
21 tests for English League, England and Great Britain 2003 to 2013
Campaigner for Motor Neurone Disease. [More information here](#)

BOB BELFORD

Aged 75 years
9 representative games for Monaro 1970 to 1978

GRAHAM IDLE

Aged 74 years
360 games between 1980 and 1993
Bradford, Hunslet, Rochdale, Bramley, Sheffield, Doncaster, Nottingham,

JULY 2024

GEOFF ROBINSON

Aged 66 years
139 first grade games for Canterbury between 1977 and 1986
30 games for Halifax in 1985/86 season
Coached Canterbury's U23 side to premiership in 1991

BOB BANKS

Aged 94 years
18 first grade games for Eastern Suburbs in 1950
15 tests for Australia between 1953 and 1962

GARRY CAMERON

Aged 70 years
35 first grade games for Cronulla between 1977 and 1980

RON CLIFFORD

Aged 90 years
24 first grade games for Balmain between 1956 and 1960

AUGUST 2024

ALAN MCRITCHIE

Aged 83 years
51 first grade games between 1964 and 1969
St George, Cronulla-Sutherland

GEORGE DOWNIE

Aged 87 years
9 first grade games between 1959 and 1960
Western Suburbs

ERIC PITT

Aged 82 years
30 first grade games between 1966 and 1969
North Sydney

JIM EMIRIAN

Aged 62 years
4 first grade games between 1981 and 1983
Newtown

TONY ANTUNAC

Aged 77 years
41 first grade games between 1965 and 1971
Manly-Warringah, Western Suburbs

JOHN BILBIJA

Aged 65 years
49 first grade games between 1980 and 1988
Balmain, Parramatta, Western Suburbs, South Sydney

ED WHILEY

Aged 79 years
37 first grade games between 1964 and 1971
Manly-Warringah

SEPTEMBER 2024

JOE REATCHE

Aged 66 years
25 first grade games between 1978 and 1982
Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, South Sydney

JOHNNY THOMPSON

Aged 93 years
48 first grade games between 1954 and 1958
Western Suburbs

STEVE BUTLER

Aged 71 years
41 first grade games between 1977 and 1979
St George

RON THORNTON

Aged 92 years
102 first grade games between 1955 and 1961
Canterbury

OCTOBER 2024

KEVIN GOLDSPIK

Aged 82 years
129 first grade games between 1963 and 1971
Canterbury, Eastern Suburbs

PETER FORD

Aged 63 years
58 first grade games between 1985 and 1988
Parramatta

BRIAN LOCKWOOD

Aged 78 years
442 games between 1965 and 1983
Castleford, Canterbury, Balmain, Wakefield, Hull KR, Oldham, Widnes
19 tests between 1970 and 1979 for Great Britain and England

GARY JAMES

Appeared for PNG PM's XIII in 2023

GEORGES AILLÈRES

Aged 89 years
35 tests for France between 1961 and 1970

JOHN GOCHER

Refereed 178 first grade games between 1976 and 1986
Refereed 28 reserve grade games between 1978 and 1985
Refereed 2 English Championship games in 1983

JOSIAH ABAVU

Aged 37 years
3 tests for Papua New Guinea in 2013

NOVEMBER 2024

ERIC ROBINSON

Aged 82 years
42 games between 1961 and 1964
South Sydney

GRAHAM WILLARD

Aged 83 years
2 games for North Sydney in 1966

ROY CHRISTIAN

Aged 81 years
33 tests for New Zealand between 1965 and 1972

KATHLEEN WHARTON

Aged 41 years
3 games for Warriors NRLW in 2019

DECEMBER 2024

PETER LANGMACK

Aged 73 years
93 first grade games between 1971 and 1978
Parramatta, Penrith

RICHARD MCKELL

Aged 53 years
18 first grade games for South Sydney between 1995 and 1996
39 games between 1997 and 1998 for Castleford and Wakefield

JOHN KELL

Aged 90 years
33 first grade games between 1956 and 1958
Canterbury, North Sydney

FRANK WILSON

Aged 80 years
435 games between 1968 and 1982
St Helens, Workington Town, Warrington, Salford, Cardiff City
14 tests for Wales between 1968 and 1976

INTERNATIONAL WRAP

WITH MAX TURNER

To the relief of all those who love international rugby league, the structured calendar that has developed in recent years was implemented again in 2024: the Pacific Cup and Bowl tournaments returned, England again hosted a series against Pasifika opponents, the South American Championship was held in Buenos Aires, and there were senior international matches (SIMS) played on every habitable continent. Qualification for the 2026 World Cups also got under way.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS

The Australian Kangaroos and Jillaroos both showed why they're number one in the world with strong performances to take the men's and women's Pacific Cups.

The Papua New Guinea Kumuls won the men's Pacific Bowl for the second year in a row, but couldn't keep up with the New Zealand Kiwis in the promotion/relegation final. The scoreline blew out to 56-12 in the second half, sparing the Kiwis from an embarrassing relegation.

A youthful Fetu Samoa team won the women's Pacific Bowl to qualify for the 2026 World Cup. Captain Annetta-Claudia Nu'uvasala led Samoa to victory in the Bowl final against Fiji, scoring twice in the last 15 minutes to win 16-12. Samoa also won promotion to next year's Cup with a fast 34-12 win over the PNG Orchids. Hopefully the Orchids fare better in the Bowl.

Fiji's efforts at the women's Pacific Bowl have progressed them to next year's 'World Series' qualifiers, as did Canada (Americas) and Nigeria (Middle East-Africa) from their respective tournaments. Kenya were unlucky to miss out on advancing after their two-match series against Nigeria ended with an aggregated 22-22 score. The next criteria was number of tries scored, which was also tied with 4 each, so the number of goals kicked was used to differentiate the teams (3 to 2).

France and Wales both earned their place at the next women's World Cup with dominant performances in the European qualifying, and Ireland defeated Greece in a cross-group play-off to join the 'World Series'.

In the men's European qualifying, France cruised to big wins over a spirited Ukraine and a disappointing Wales. Les Tricolores have progressed to next year's 'World Series' qualifiers against the Cook

Islands, Jamaica, and South Africa.

An underwhelming Samoan team, containing only two members of their World Cup semi-final winning line-up, travelled to England for a two-match series. While they were better than their abysmal performances in 2023, Samoa struggled to build pressure against a well-prepared English team. The hosts won both games comfortably.

In Buenos Aires, the South American Championship was decided by points difference and awarded to Chile after each team won one game each. The trophy could well have gone to Argentina had they not conceded four tries to surrender a 22-4 lead during the last 20 minutes against Brazil.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

Despite having played just one previous international match, the Netherlands women's team put on a dominant 56-6 performance against Italy in Veneto, which advanced them to World Cup qualifying matches against Ireland and Wales.

The Dutch fell just short of progressing further in the tournament with a narrow loss to Ireland. A clever dummy half run down the short side by Storm Cobain gave the Irish a 16-12 lead in the 72nd minute, which they held onto until fulltime.

The Australian Jillaroos dished up a 17-try 84-0 thumping of the PNG Orchids. Wingers Julia Robinson and Jakiya Whitfield scored 6 and 5 tries respectively.

Tonga men triumphed 25-24 over the New Zealand Kiwis, marking their first win against tier one opposition since 2019. Isaiya Katoa's 75th minute field goal was the only difference between the teams.

Kiwis' winger Casey McLean, aged just 18, scored four tries on his international debut against Papua New Guinea.

Despite qualifying for the next World Cup, France and Wales women learned they still have plenty to improve upon, both suffering big losses to England. English winger Anna Davies scored 5 tries in the 82-0 win against Wales.

England men's halves George Williams and Harry Smith controlled possession and executed their attacking plays brilliantly for comfortable 34-18 and 34-16 wins over the lacklustre Samoans. Herbie Farnworth was another standout for England, with a total of three tries, 19 tackle breaks, and 6 line breaks across both matches. [Farnworth's stats via NRL.com]

Chile's five-eighth Nick Doberer (4 tries), halfback Thomas Garrido (2 tries), hooker Mitchell Black (1 try, 11 goals), and lock Brandon Tobar (3 tries) were best on-field at the South American Championship in Buenos Aires. The quartet, who all travelled from Australia to play, scored 62 of Chile's 74 points at the tournament. Isaah Yeo and Tarryn Aiken (both Australian) were awarded the men's and women's Golden Boot Awards for best international player of the year.

WHAT WAS DISAPPOINTING?

Brazil's women's team withdrew from the Americas World Cup qualifying citing financial and logistical issues. The Amazonas haven't taken the field since their surprise inclusion at the previous World Cup.

A two-match series between France and Lebanon was cancelled just five days after it had been announced. Matches were to be played in Pamiers and Albi. The French Federation claimed that Lebanese players were not released by their NRL clubs, while the IRL cited injuries to Lebanon's key players as a reason for the cancellation. Match summaries for the South American Championship were almost non-existent, and the scorelines of two of the games were reported incorrectly by the IRL.

LOOKING AHEAD

As with most international fixtures, the details tend to be announced at the last minute. At this stage, it is thought that the Ashes will be revived for the first time in over 20 years for both the men's and women's teams of Australia and England. The first women's match will take place as part of the NRL's Las Vegas event on 1 March 2025.

The Pacific Cup and Bowl tournaments are likely to return, with New Zealand, Tonga, and Samoa contesting the men's Cup.

The 'World Series' qualifiers for the men's 2026 World Cup will feature the Cook Islands, France, Jamaica, and South Africa. South Africa have launched a bid to host the tournament, though I wouldn't be surprised to see it held in France. France will almost certainly be one of two teams who will qualify for the World Cup, with the other likely to be the Cook Islands, despite their disappointing results in recent years.

Canada, Fiji, Ireland, and Nigeria have all earned their spots at the women's 'World Series' qualifiers. Only one team will qualify for the World Cup, with Canada or Fiji probably being the favourites. The Fiji Sun apparently let slip that Canada and Fiji both launched bids for hosting rights, which was awarded to Canada.

MEN'S RANKINGS

1	Australia	100%
2	New Zealand	86%
3	England	84%
4	Tonga	63%
5	Samoa	54%
6	PNG	53%
7	Fiji	44%
8	France	30%
9	Serbia	23%
10	Cook Islands	22%
11	Netherlands	22%
12	Wales	18%
13	Malta	17%
14	Ukraine	13%
15	Greece	12%
16	Lebanon	12%
17	Italy	11%
18	Ireland	9%
19	Jamaica	8%
20	Czech Republic	8%

2026 WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION UPDATE

Following completion of Men's RLWC 2026 Qualifying Tournaments during 2024, the following nations have qualified for the 2025 World Series, from which the top two clubs will fill the two vacant qualifying spots for RLWC 2026.

Asia-Pacific:	Cook Islands
Americas:	Jamaica
Middle East-Africa:	South Africa
Europe:	France

The ten-nation World Cup in 2026 already has eight nations having qualified:

England	Papua New Guinea
Australia	New Zealand
Lebanon	Tonga
Samoa	Fiji

WOMEN'S RANKINGS

1	Australia	100%
2	New Zealand	83%
3	England	55%
4	France	36%
5	PNG	29%
6	Wales	24%
7	Ireland	19%
8	Greece	18%
9	Canada	17%
10	Cook Islands	17%
11	Samoa	14%
12	Serbia	11%
13	Netherlands	11%
14	USA	10%
15	Tonga	10%
16	Fiji	8%
17	Nigeria	8%
18	Kenya	7%
19	Philippines	7%
20	Brazil	6%

2026 WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION UPDATE

Following completion of Women's RLWC 2026 Qualifying Tournaments during 2024, the following nations have qualified for the 2025 World Series, from which the winning nation will fill the vacant qualifying spot for RLWC 2026.

Asia-Pacific:	Fiji
Americas:	Canada
Middle East-Africa:	Nigeria
Europe:	Ireland

The eight-nation World Cup in 2026 already has seven nations having qualified:

England	Papua New Guinea
Australia	New Zealand
Wales	France
Samoa	

SENIOR MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 2024

FEBRUARY

Chile 36 (B. Tobar 2, D. Attard, J. Jorquera, A. Olivares, C. Sandoval tries; B. Tobar 6 goals) defeated N Macedonia 22 (J. Gouganovski 2, J. Kostevski, J. Mirčeski tries; N. Suleski 3 goals) at Forshaw Rugby Park, Sylvania Waters (Australia). Date: Sun, 4th February. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Chile 20-16. Referee: Luke Saldern. N Macedonia: Georgievski, Avramovski, Georgievski, Hrvat, Gouganovski; Moncaster, Suleski; Foye, Mitrevski, Mirčeski, Kulevski, Boslovski, Miletic. Int: Kosteski, Kostevski, Boicheski, Petrovski. Chile: Ramirez Ley, Sandoval, De La Paz, Fisher, Jorquera; Garrido, Lopez, Tobar, Black, Olivares, Doberer, Attard, Vasquez. Int: Jiminez, Castillo, Artesi, Caamano.

Serbia 52 (B. Cecaric 3, L. Ilić 2, E. Bibić, A. Marković, S. Stojiljkovic, L. Stojić tries; S. Stojiljkovic 7, B. Cecaric goals) defeated Montenegro 34 (J. Cullen 2, V. Dedić 2, I. Ivanović, M. Novaković tries; S. Popović 5 goals) at Stadion u Parku, Tivat (Montenegro). Date: Sat, 17th February. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: Serbia 22-18. Referee: Nenad Zujčić. Montenegro: Novakovic, Cullen, Andric, Hardy, Dasic; Popović, Dedić; Kosanović, Ivanović, Dakic, Cenaj, Baljaj, Žarković. Int: Radonjic, Mizdalo, Burim, Kovacevic. Serbia: Cecaric, Zivojinovic, Ilić, Marković, Loncar; Zenuni, Stojić, Stojiljkovic, Tomić, Novaković, Trifunović, Bibić, Čuk. Int: Markovic, Bojicic, Nestic, Ivankovic.

Malta 22 (E. Foote, Z. Galea, J. Rodrigues, Z. Rodrigues tries; Z. Galea 3 goals) defeated North Macedonia 18 (T. Georgievski, X. Georgievski, J. Mirčeski tries; J. Suleski 3 goals) at Forshaw Rugby Park, Sylvania Waters (Australia). Date: Sun, 18th February. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: 12-all. Referee: Billy Greatbatch. North Macedonia: Georgievski, Kostevski, Hrvat, Georgievski, Gouganovski; Miletec, Suleski; Mirčeski, Mitrevski, Boicheski, Kulevski, Georgievski, Kosteski. Int: Miletic, Moncaster, Moncaster, Boskovski. Malta: Galea, Foote, Rodrigues, Sipple, Muscat; Tonna, Rodrigues, Vella, Azzopardi, Bucca, Sherry, Fabri, Cassar. Int: Mifsud, Azzopardi, Sherry, Jackson.

MARCH

USA 16 (R. Burroughs, K. Granby, J. Martin tries; K. Granby, M. McCrory goals) drew with Canada 16 (C. Curran, B. Mahovic, L. Toroca tries; J. Bourne 2 goals) at Valley High School, Las Vegas (USA). Date: Fri, 1st March. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: USA 10-0. Referee: Cody Kuxman. USA: Washington, Williams, Burroughs, Martin, Granby; Bannerot, Lupton; Webb, McCrory, Bryce, Johnson, Piggins, Eichner. Int: Finnesy, Ferrick, Makavaha, Whaley. Canada: Hamilton, Michalik, Toroca, Keegel, Carpenter; Mahovic, Bourne; Astley, Stothers, Curran, Chuck, Park, Dumas. Int: Yurkiw, Martyn, Andrianas, Tupou.

MAY

Greece 34 (R. Tuliati 2, I. Frangos, N. Mavreas, I. Nake, P. Varypatis tries; A. Vrahnos 3, N. Tsakalos 2 goals) defeated Norway 26 (D. Galic 3, M. Høyland, S. Olsen, M. Soiland tries; J. Mellor-King goal) at Agios Dimitrios Municipal Stadium, Athens (Greece). Date: Sat, 25th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Greece 22-12. Referee: Stephane Vincent. Greece: Nake, Chionis, Frangos, Varypatis, Mikelopoulou; Dardamanis, Vrahnos; Tsakalos, Stephanou, Bastas, Aliou, Mavreas, Tuliati (C). Int: Lamprou, Koufakis, Onyango, Bafaloukas. Norway: Kiriinya, Galic, Torsen, Høyland, Soiland; Mellor-King, Mwikaria; Stenseth-Holm, Milligan, Holte, Olsen, Sagelv, Harvey. Int: Mellor, Vanthe, Fludal, Falk.

JUNE

England 40 (A. Handley 2, T. Johnstone 2, J. Welsby 2, M. Nicholson, G. Williams tries; H. Smith 4 goals) defeated France 8 (F. Yaha try; A. Mourgue 2 goals) at Stade Ernest Wallon, Toulouse (France). Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: England 18-8. Penalties: France 6-4. Referee: Tom Grant. France: Mourgue, Yaha, Laguerre, Griffier, Miloudi; Rougé, Fages; Navarrete, Da Costa, Bousquet, Goudemand, Séguier, Garcia (C). Int: Tison, Chan, Sangaré, Maria. England: Welsby, Johnstone, Wood, Newman, Handley; Williams (C), Smith; Thompson, O'Neill, Lees, Currie, Nicholson, Minchella. Int: Lewis, Harrison, Dupree, Wilson.

SEPTEMBER

Netherlands 34 (M. Donnelly 2, D. Koolstra 2, P. Kuijpers, M. Van Der Reek tries; D. Koolstra 5 goals) defeated Scotland 26 (D. Arthur, A. Brown, L. Cairney, J. Duncan, N. Hall tries; L. Punton 3 goals) at RC The Bassets, The Hague (Netherlands). Date: Sat, 14th September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 18-10. Referee: Louis Moreau-Réfat. Netherlands: Razoux Schultz, Harringa, Van Der Berg, Van Der Reek, Prins; Thomson, Koolstra; Ebing, Adams, Turnock, Kuijpers, Geevers, Kuijpers. Int: Donnelly, Van Bokhoven, Wilce, Neves Aldair. Scotland: Paton, Cairney, Wishart, Moir, Brown; Punton, Hamilton; Logan, Duncan, Mair, Morris, Cowan, Hall. Int: McMillan, Banks, Arthur, Burns.

Germany 58 (L. Kurz 4, H. Miles 4, F. Kaehler, F. Kramer, M. Tormann tries; F. Rau 7 goals) defeated Poland 18 (M. Klosinski, M. Kowalewski, E. Wisniewskii tries; S. Krupa 2, S. Archer goals) at Stadion Miejsko-Gminny w Nowych Skalmierzycach, Kalisz (Poland). Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Germany 22-6. Referee: Misa Vakadranu. Poland: Glinkowski, Koza, Medeck, Kleszcz, Scherautz; Lucka, Krupa; Dziag, Kowalewski, Myszkowski, Archer, Tutak, Wisniewskii. Int: Klosinski, Owoc, Luckzak, Kosteci. Germany: Esser, Kaehler, Kurz, Rau, Kramer; Nyahoe, Miles; Zwanski, Mokalei, Apostel, Wilmott, Tormann, Doughton. Int: Wikander, Brekwoldt, Mayer, Hanswillemenke.

Ireland 30 (L. O'Callaghan 2, T. Ashurst, S. Cahill, A. Quinn tries; J. Farrar 5 goals) defeated Netherlands 28 (D. Koolstra 2, T. Van Bokhoven 2, M. Geevers tries; D. Koolstra 4 goals) at Zaandijk RC, Zaandam (Netherlands). Date: Sat, 21st September. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Ireland 30-12. Referee: Pierre-Loman Chevalier. Netherlands: Donnelly, Khumalo, Van Der Berg, Van Der Reek, Harringa; Kluvers, Koolstra; Turnock, Adams, Ebing, Geevers, Kuijpers, Van Bokhoven. Int: Van Bokhoven, Wilce, de Ruiter, Kuijpers. Ireland: Whitford, Cahill, Keppel, Parks, Coyne; Farrar, Ashurst; Gill, O'Callaghan, Winney, Mawson, Quinn, Hogg. Int: Connell, Stapleton, McConnell, Haynes.

Malta 42 (K. Cassar 2, J. Gatt 2, H. Jewitt 2, Z. Galea, K. Gauci tries; K. Gauci 4, Z. Galea goals) defeated Italy 0 at A.S.D. Juvenilia, Udine (Italy). Date: Sat, 28th September. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Malta 20-0. Referee: Ciprian Gajulete. Italy: Bertolini, Sosta, Buraschi, Lai, Vallone; Boscolo, Corte; Signorini, Occhialini, Colla, Toffoletti, Spegginorin, Saoncella. Int: Forno, Cannato, Godoleshi, Civino. Malta: Galea, Jewitt, Jewitt, Micallef, Gauci; Gatt, Cassar (C); Cassar, Cutajar, Zarb, Davenport, Vella, Dimech. Int: Zammit, Watts, Maylor, Chircop.

Netherlands 52 (M. Prins 2, M. Donnelly, K. Ebing, M. Geevers, D. Harringa, A. Razoux Schultz, T. Van Bokhoven, H. Van Der Berg tries; M. Thomson 5, D. Harringa 3 goals) defeated Serbia 6 (S. Stojiljković try; D. Jašari goal) at FK Car Konstantin, Niš (Serbia). Date: Sat, 28th September. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 18-6. Referee: Enzo Peyre. Serbia: Mora, Trifunović, Palović, Čengaj, Marinković; Jašari, Dedić; Čalić, Štrbac, Janković, Arsić, Đurić, Bibić. Int: Stojanović, Krnjeta, Stojiljković, Ilić. Netherlands: Donnelly, Harringa, Van Der Berg, Van Der Reek, Prins; Thomson, Kluvers; Van Bokhoven, Adams, Ebing, Geevers, Van Bokhoven, Kuijpers. Int: Razoux Schultz, Turnock, de Ruiter, Wilce.

OCTOBER

Japan 24 (A. Carless, T. Drury, K. Fukushige, R. Kobayashi, S. Takahashi tries; K. Yoshitomi 2 goals) defeated Hong Kong 14 (M. Chiu, T. Lee, T. Wong tries; W. Webster goal) at Hiroo Community Green Park, Hokkaido (Japan). Date: Sun, 13th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: Japan 16-8. Referee: Geoff Yorston. Japan: Drury, Iwanabe, Okui, Carless, Takahashi; Yoshitomi, Kobayashi; Takuji Lai, Fukushige, Miyao, Otake, Takahashi, Kakuta. Int: Fukasawa, Hasegawa, Gerediaga Etxaburu, Grieve. Hong Kong: Wong, Chui, Man, Webster, Chan; Wai, Spence; Jones, Welling, Atherton, Yip, Lee, O'Donnell. Int: Brown, Lei, Freeman, Chiu.

Wales 22 (M. Clarke, G. Dudson, M. Fozard, R. Williams, H. Worthington tries; M. Fozard goal) defeated Jamaica 16 (J. Hudson-Lett, B. Jones-Bishop, A. Young tries; D. Carter, K. Rush goals) at The Gnoll, Neath (Wales). Date: Tue, 15th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Jamaica 10-4. Referee: Marcus Griffiths. Wales: Walkley, Butt, Roberts, Evans, Williams; Kear (C), Fozard; Dudson, Yates, Evans, Davies, Antrobus, Bowring. Int: Worthington, Clarke, Walker, Robinson. Jamaica: Jones-Bishop, Young, Ball, Carter, Agoro; Woodburn-Hall, Rush; Andrade, Tomlinson, Gittens-Bedward, Small, Dayes, Ramsden. Int: Skerrett-Evans, Hudson-Lett, Brown, Coleman.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Cup - Pool Match

Australia 18 (T. Dearden, H. Tabuai-Fidow, T. Trbojevic tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) defeated Tonga 0 at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane (Australia). Date: Fri, 18th October. Kickoff: 7:10 PM. Halftime: Australia 6-0. Penalties: Australia 6-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. Crowd: 33,196. Australia: Edwards, Coates, Tabuai-Fidow, Trbojevic, Lomax; Dearden, Moses; Carrigan, Grant, Collins, Crichton, Murray, Yeo (C). Int: Burton, Barnett, Cotter, Young. Tonga: Hopoate, Tupou, Suli, Alamoti, Katoa; Lolohea, Katoa; Fonua-Blake (C), Havili, Kaufusi, Olakau'atu, Katoa, Taumalalo. Int: Luke, Tupouniua, Paseka, Koloamatangi.

Ukraine 84 (T. Polata 4, T. Menchinsky 2, J. Ngaronoa 2, A. Sivokoz 2, O. Skorbach 2, Y. Trusov 2, D. Vedler 2 tries; O. Skorbach 10 goals) defeated Czech Republic 0 at City Stadium, Letohrad (Czech Republic). Date: Fri, 18th October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: Ukraine 32-0. Referee: Misa Vakadranu. Czech Republic: Tichý, Vagner, Kittl, Teichman, Chrbolka; Veselý, Hudrlík; Bělohávek, Řička, Novotný, Hanč, Pecold, Adamec. Int: Zamrsky, Studecky, Czermak, Brynda. Ukraine: Davydov, Polata, Puchkov, Troian, Vedler; Skorbach, Jannissen; Knight, Seremenko, Sivokoz, Ngaronoa, Trusov, Menchinsky. Int: Karpenko, Davydov, Checheta, Shcherbyna.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Bowl - Pool Match

Papua New Guinea 22 (R. Derby, N. Macdonald, S. Namu, J. Rimbu tries; R. Martin 3 goals) defeated Fiji 10 (M. Sivo, S. Valemei tries; T. Milne goal) at HFC Bank Stadium, Suva (Fiji). Date: Sat, 19th October. Kickoff: 8:10 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea 16-0. Penalties: Fiji 6-2. Referee: Wyatt Raymond. Crowd: 7,581. Fiji: Turuva, Sivo, Jennings, Blake, Valemei; Naiqama, Donoghoe; Kamikamica, Tagituihua, Nakubuwai, Kikau, Milne, Navale. Int: Kautoga, Lovodua, Miller, Kegg-King. Papua New Guinea: Macdonald, Roltinga, Mathias, Tai, Derby; Laybutt, Lam; Richard, Horne, Alick, Martin, Simbiken, De Belin. Int: Rimbu (C), Bandi, Alu, Namu.

Czech Republic 34 (M. Schejbal 2, J. Brynda, L. Cintler, K. Henzl, D. Radil tries; J. Hudrlík 5 goals) defeated Poland 24 (K. Kleszcz, D. Medeck, J. Tutak, E. Wisniewskii tries; M. Kowalewski 4 goals) at City Stadium, Letohrad (Czech Republic). Date: Sat, 19th October. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Czech Republic 24-12. Referee: Misa Vakadranu. Czech Republic: Hudrlík, Slivka, Mikulas, Czermak, Schejbal; Cintler, Brynda; Zamrsky, Skorepa, Havel, Radil, Henzl, Studecky. Int: Henzl, Lafant, Teichman, Vagner. Poland: Kowalewski, Cichosz, Kleszcz, Medeck, Kalwinek; Lucka, Owoc; Dziag, Zerba, Kosteci, Luckzak, Tutak, Wisniewskii. Int: Gabryś, Wojtas, Szymanczak, Karkus-Blada.

Canada 28 (C. Carpenter 2, L. Keegel, B. Mahovic, J. Michalik, E. Ohlmann tries; J. Bourne, J. Park goals) defeated Jamaica 6 at Lamport Stadium, Toronto (Canada). Date: Sat, 19th October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Canada 8-6. Referee: Kemoy Whyte.
Canada: Carpenter, Michalik, Timler, Froome, Keegel; Mahovic, Bourne; Ohlmann, Stothers, Curran, Chuck, Park, Dumas. Int: Yurkiw, Talbot, Martyn, Roberts. Jamaica: Bryan, Morris, Mignott, Morgan, Jones; Green, Thompson; Rowe, Jones-Bishop, Thompson-Griffiths, Skerrett-Evans, Hill, Bryan. Int: Pearson, Richards, Bartley, Thomas.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION | 2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament | Semi Final

Wales 48 (M. Butt, J. Coope-Franklin, C. Davies, M. Fozard, E. Kear, A. Robinson, A. Walker, H. Worthington tries; M. Fozard 7, E. Kear goals) defeated Serbia 0 at Stade d'Albert Domec, Carcassonne (France). Date: Tue, 22nd October. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Wales 30-0. Referee: Geoffrey Pomes. PROGRESSION: Wales enter final, Serbia to third place playoff.
Serbia: Cotric, Trifunović, O'Meley, Nofolaluma, Mora; Soric, Dedić; O'Meley, Popovic, Čalić, Arsić, Đurić, Bibić. Int: Jašari, Čotrić, Krnjeta, Janković. Wales: Walkley, Coope-Franklin, Butt, Evans, Williams; Kear (C), Ralph; Worthington, Fozard, Evans, Davies, Clarke, Bowring. Int: Davies, Ross, Walker, Robinson.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION | 2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament | Semi Final

France 74 (N. Pedrero 3, G. Aispuro-Bichet 2, É. Pélissier 2, F. Vailhen 2, H. Budden, J. Goffin, L. Jouffret, C. Martin, T. Zenon tries; L. Albert 6, G. Aispuro-Bichet 3 goals) defeated Ukraine 8 (T. Polata, O. Skorbach tries) at Stade d'Albert Domec, Carcassonne (France). Date: Tue, 22nd October. Kickoff: 7:30 PM. Halftime: France 48-0. Referee: Stéphane Vincent. PROGRESSION: France enter Final, Ukraine to third place playoff.
France: Jouffret, Pedrero, Aispuro-Bichet, Zenon, Martin; Albert, Lacans; Boyer, Lopez-Buttignol, Vailhen, Goffin, Budden, Goudemand. Int: Pélissier, Chan, Salabio, Sangaré. Ukraine: Davydov, Polata, Troian, Ngaronoa, Vedler; Skorbach, Jannissen; Sivokoz, Semerenko, Karpenko, Trusov, Menchinsky, Tereszko. Int: Davydov, Puchkov, Checheta, Korchak.

Philippines 26 (I. Rosario 2, I. Acheampong, J. Avery, N. Stephenson tries; N. Forrest 3 goals) defeated Malta 24 (B. Phillips 2, J. Camilleri, T. Ua-Paepaerei tries; T. Cassel 4 goals) at New Era Stadium, Cabramatta (Australia). Date: Sat, 26th October. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Philippines 16-6. Referee: Cameron Turner.
Philippines: Williams, Acheampong, Avery, Stephenson, Rosario; Ubaldo, Forrest; Nelson, Tootell, Cairns, Nelson, Bernstrom, Hannaford. Int: Marshall, Byrnes, Almonte, Jones. Malta: Zahra, Barlow, Tonna, Cassel, Cassel; Paepaerei, Grech; Moore, Camilleri, Phillips, Cassel, Sherry, Bucca. Int: Zahra, Ua-Paepaerei, Jackson, Exton.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Bowl - Pool Match

Fiji 56 (M. Jennings 3, M. Sivo 2, S. Valemei 2, K. Kautoga, B. Nakubuawai, S. Turuva tries; T. Milne 7, K. Naiqama goals) defeated Cook Islands 6 (R. Ngatikaura try; S. Marsters goal) at HFC Bank Stadium, Suva (Fiji). Date: Sat, 26th October. Kickoff: 8:10 PM. Halftime: Fiji 24-6. Penalties: Fiji 6-4. Referee: Chris Butler. Crowd: 5,943.
Fiji: Turuva, Sivo, Jennings, Blake, Valemei; Naiqama, Donoghoe; Kamikamica (C), Valevatu, Nakubuawai, Kikau, Milne, Navale. Int: Tagituinua, Kautoga, Mafoa, Miller. Cook Islands: Ioka, Marsters, Rennie, Wigmore, Andrew; Takairangi, Marsters; Moeroa, Ngatikaura, Moale, Tetevano, Porter, Petterson-Robati. Int: Tararo, Teague, Makirere, Teroi.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION | 2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament | Final

France 48 (C. Rougé 2, L. Belmas, T. Chan, T. Fages, R. Franco, É. Pélissier; A. Romano, J. Sangaré tries; C. Rougé 6 goals) defeated Wales 6 (R. Williams try; M. Fozard goal) at Stade St Esteve, Perpignan (France). Date: Sat, 26th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: France 20-6. Referee: Aaron Moore.
PROGRESSION: France enter 2025 World Series. Wales eliminated. France: Rougé, Miloudi, Romano, Laguerre, Franco; Tison, Fages; Belmas, Da Costa, Chan, Stefani, Cozza, Goudemand. Int: Pélissier, Sangaré, Boyer, Marion. Wales: Walkley, Coope-Franklin, Butt, Evans, Williams; Kear (C), Ralph; Worthington, Fozard, Evans, Davies, Ross, Bowring. Int: Davies, Walker, Robinson, Grice.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION | 2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament | Third Place Playoff

Serbia 50 (N. Cotric 2, A. Palović 2, I. Čotrić, M. Janković, D. Nofolaluma, N. O'Meley, S. Popovic tries; J. Soric 6, N. O'Meley goals) defeated Ukraine 10 (O. Skorbach, D. Vedler tries; O. Skorbach goal) at Stade St Esteve, Perpignan (France). Date: Sat, 26th October. Kickoff: 5:10 PM. Halftime: Serbia 22-0. Referee: Mohamed Drizza.
Serbia: Nofolaluma, Trifunović, Cotric, Palović, Mora; O'Meley, Soric; O'Meley, Popovic, Bibić, Čotrić, Đurić, Ivankovic. Int: Štrbac, Čalić, Janković, Muranka. Ukraine: Davydov, Polata, Troian, Puchkov, Vedler; Skorbach, Jannissen; Karpenko, Semerenko, Sivokoz, Ngaronoa, Trusov, Menchinsky. Int: Korchak, Davydov, Checheta, Shcherbyna.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Cup - Pool Match

Australia 22 (Z. Lomax 2, L. Collins, M. Moses tries; Z. Lomax 3 goals) defeated New Zealand 10 (J. Isaako, W. Warbrick tries; J. Isaako goal) at Apollo Projects Stadium, Christchurch (New Zealand). Date: Sun, 27th October. Kickoff: 6:05 PM. Halftime: Australia 12-6. Penalties: Australia 7-6. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 17,005.
New Zealand: Kini, Isaako, Timoko, Hiku, Warbrick; Nicoll-Klokstad, Johnson; Fisher-Harris (C), Crossland, Whyte, Papali'i, Sorensen, Tapine. Int: Neame, Nikorima, Niukore, Riki. Australia: Edwards, Coates, Tabuai-Fidow, Trbojevic, Lomax; Dearden, Moses; Carrigan, Grant, Collins, Crichton, Murray, Yeo (C). Int: Burton, Barnett, Cotter, Young.

England v Samoa Series | 1st Test

England 34 (M. Ashton 2, H. Farnworth, M. Lewis, V. Radley, G. Williams tries; H. Smith 5 goals) defeated Samoa 18 (D. Mariner 2, G. Chan Kum Tong tries; J. Pauga 3 goals) at The Brick Community Stadium, Wigan (England). Date: Sun, 27th October. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 16-6. Penalties: England 6-1. Referee: Liam Moore. Crowd: 15,137.
England: Welsby, Young, Newman, Farnworth, Ashton; Williams (C), Smith; Havard, Clark, Lees, Bateman, Pearce-Paul, Radley. Int: Lewis, Knowles, McMeeken, Burgess. Samoa: Tuivasa-Sheck, Skelton, Tago, Pauga, Mariner; Milford, Luai (C); Molo, Tevaga, May, Blore, Nanai, Asiata. Int: Talagi, Leilua, Chan Kum Tong, Vaalepu.

Ireland 36 (J. Keyes 2, J. Farrar, G. King, Z. McComb, H. Rushton tries; R. Dean 6 goals) defeated Scotland 6 (M. Fletcher try; I. Farrell goal) at Gateshead International Stadium, Newcastle (England). Date: Sun, 27th October. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Ireland 20-6. Penalties: Ireland 6-5. Referee: Tom Grant. Crowd: 463.
Scotland: Cumming, Cullen, Carter, Liu, Hutton; Thomas, Farrell; Teanby, Whitmore, Moran, Emslie, Ferguson, Fletcher. Int: Burns, Reid, Morris, Grierson. Ireland: McGowan, Wing, McComb, Brand, Cahill; Dean, Keyes; Moran, O'Callaghan, Michael, Rushton, Hogg, King. Int: Lynch, Ward, Winney, Farrar.

NOVEMBER

Pacific Championships | Pacific Cup - Pool Match

Tonga 25 (A. Fonua-Blake, S. Havili, S. Katoa, S. Luke tries; I. Katoa 4 goals; I. Katoa field goal) defeated New Zealand 24 (P. Crossland, K. Kini, I. Papali'i, J. Tapine tries; J. Isaako 4 goals) at Go Media Stadium, Auckland (New Zealand). Date: Sat, 2nd November. Kickoff: 8:05 PM. Halftime: Tonga 24-6. Penalties: New Zealand 5-2. Referee: Todd Smith. PROGRESSION: Tonga will meet Australia in the Pacific Cup final on Sunday 10 November. On the same day, New Zealand will play in the Promotion-Relegation Playoff against PNG.
New Zealand: Kini, Isaako, Timoko, Hiku, Warbrick; Nicoll-Klokstad, Johnson; Fisher-Harris (C), Crossland, Tapine, Papali'i, Sorensen, Thompson. Int: Whyte, Nikorima, Neame, Niukore. Tonga: Hopoate, Tupou, Suli, Alamoti, Katoa; Lolohea, Katoa; Fonua-Blake (C), Havili, Kaufusi, Olakau'atu, Katoa, Taumalolo. Int: Luke, Tupouniua, Paseka, Wong.

England v Samoa Series | 2nd Test

England 34 (H. Farnworth 2, M. Ashton, L. Marshall, J. Welsby, G. Williams tries; H. Smith 5 goals) defeated Samoa 16 (S. Blore, J. Nanai, J. Tago tries; J. Pauga 2 goals) at AMT Headingley Stadium, Leeds (England). Date: Sat, 2nd November. Kickoff: 2:30 PM. Halftime: England 22-6. Referee: Chris Kendall. Crowd: 16,068.
England: Welsby, Ashton, Newman, Farnworth, Marshall; Williams (C), Smith; Havard, Clark, Lees, Bateman, Nsemba, Radley. Int: Lewis, Knowles, McMeeken, Thompson. Samoa: Tuivasa-Sheck, Skelton, Tago, Pauga, Mariner; Talagi, Luai (C); Molo, Tevaga, May, Blore, Nanai, Leilua. Int: Sasagi, Chan Kum Tong, Palasia, Vaalepu.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Bowl - Pool Match

Papua New Guinea 42 (N. Macdonald 2, E. Roltinga 2, R. Derby, L. Lam, M. Morea, S. Namu tries; K. Laybutt 5 goals) defeated Cook Islands 20 (E. Ioka, S. Marsters, D. Moale tries; S. Marsters 4 goals) at Santos National Football Stadium, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea). Date: Sun, 3rd November. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Papua New Guinea 16-14. Penalties: Papua New Guinea 9-6. Referee: Peter Gough. PROGRESSION: Papua New Guinea win the Pacific Bowl and progress to the Promotion-Relegation Playoff on against NZ.
Papua New Guinea: Macdonald, Roltinga, Mathias, Tai, Derby; Laybutt, Lam (C); Alick, Rimbu, Alu, Russell, Simbiken, De Belin. Int: Richard, Horne, Bandi, Namu, Morea. Cook Islands: Marsters, Ioka, Rennie, Wigmore, Marsters; Takairangi, Teague; Moeroa, Ngatikaura, Moale, Porter, Glenn, Petterson-Robati. Int: Tetevano, Dakin, Teroi, Makatoka.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Cup - Final

Australia 20 (T. Trbojevic 2, X. Coates, H. Tabuai-Fidow tries; Z. Lomax 2 goals) defeated Tonga 14 (E. Katoa, S. Katoa, H. Olakau'atu tries; I. Katoa goal) at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta (Australia). Date: Sun, 10th November. Kickoff: 4:05 PM. Halftime: Australia 14-4. Penalties: Australia 4-3. Referee: Ashley Klein. Crowd: 28,728. OUTCOME: Australia win the Pacific Cup.
Australia: Edwards, Coates, Tabuai-Fidow, Trbojevic, Lomax; Dearden, Moses; Carrigan, Grant, Collins, Crichton, Young, Yeo (C). Int: Burton, Barnett, Cotter, Smith. Tonga: Hopoate, Tupou, Koula, Alamoti, Katoa; Lolohea, Katoa; Fonua-Blake (C), Havili, Kaufusi, Olakau'atu, Katoa, Taumalolo. Int: Luke, Paseka, Wong, Koloamatangi.

Pacific Championships | Pacific Bowl - Promotion-Relegation Final

New Zealand 54 (C. Mclean 4, J. Isaako 3, C. Nicoll-Klokstad, L. Thompson, N. Whyte tries; J. Isaako 6, S. Johnson goals) defeated Papua New Guinea 12 (R. Derby, S. Namu tries; R. Martin 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta (Australia). Date: Sun, 10th November. Kickoff: 6:20 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 22-6. Penalties: New Zealand 9-5. Referee: Gerard Sutton. PROGRESSION: New Zealand remain in Pacific Cup for 2025, PNG remain in Pacific Bowl.
New Zealand: Kini, Isaako, Timoko, Hiku, Mclean; Nicoll-Klokstad, Johnson; Fisher-Harris (C), Crossland, Tapine, Papali'i, Sorensen, Whyte. Int: Nikorima, Neame, Thompson, Clark, Niukore. Papua New Guinea: Macdonald, Roltinga, Mathias, Tai, Derby; Laybutt, Lam; Richard, Horne, Alick, Martin (C), Simbiken, De Belin. Int: Rimbu, Bandi, Namu, Alu, Russell.

DECEMBER

2024 South American Championships | Game 1

Chile 44 (B. Tobar 3, N. Doberer 2, T. Garrido, L. Pizarro, D. Polanco tries; M. Black 6 goals) defeated Brazil 22 (J. Cabral, I. Mancini, L. Pereira, A. Vinicius tries; Z. Grundy 2, L. Pereira goals) at Camioneros Escobar Rugby Club, Buenos Aires (Argentina). Date: Fri, 29th November. Kickoff: 11:00 AM. Halftime: Chile 24-12. Referee: Emiliano Rodriguez. Brazil: Lukata, Bertagnoli, Lopes Jose, Pereira, Mancini; Amato, Grundy; Muller; Cabral, Melo, Saraiva, Patez, Sydorowitz. Int: Vinicius, Godoi, Amato, Vecchia. Chile: Aedo, Polanco, Santander, Arancibia, Ortiz; Doberer (C), Garrido; Pizarro, Black, Carrasco, Attard, Olivares, Tobar. Int: Vargas, Cerezo, Caceres, Vargas.

2024 South American Championships | Game 2

Brazil 12 (J. Cabral, F. Lopes Jose, I. Mancini, B. Melo, A. Vinicius tries; Z. Grundy 4 goals) defeated Argentina 22 (L. Balza, L. Escobar, U. Silva, G. Stasiewicz tries; R. Molina 3 goals) at Camioneros Escobar Rugby Club, Buenos Aires (Argentina). Date: Sat, 30th November. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Argentina 6-4. Referee: Juan Blumetti. Argentina: Villar, Pacheco, Balza, Escobar, Gabarruz; Molina, Cosso; Mauro, Stasiewicz, Silva, Abrego, Byrne, Barrera (C). Int: Prieto, Barragan, Gonzales, Cofre. Brazil: Bertagnoli, Cabral, Cabral, Pereira, Mancini; Lopes Jose, Grundy (C); Muller; Lukata, Vinicius, Saraiva, Melo, Sydorowitz. Int: Godoi, Amato, Vecchia, Simoes.

2024 South American Championships | Game 3

Argentina 32 (S. Gabarruz 2, C. Mauro 2, L. Escobar, U. Silva tries; S. Villar 3, L. Balza goals) defeated Chile 30 (N. Doberer 2, F. Aedo, M. Black, T. Garrido tries; M. Black 5 goals) at Camioneros Escobar Rugby Club, Buenos Aires (Argentina). Date: Sun, 1st December. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: Chile 18-4. Scrums: Argentina 4-2. Penalties: Argentina 12-3. Referee: Juan Blumetti.

OUTCOME: Chile win South American Championships (+20 for and against)

Argentina: Balza, Pacheco, Byrne, Escobar, Gabarruz; Villar, Cosso; Mauro, Stasiewicz, Silva, Gonzales, Cofre, Barrera (C). Int: Prieto, Barragan, Cabezas. Chile: Aedo, Polanco, Santander, Arancibia, Ortiz; Doberer (C), Garrido; Pizarro, Black, Carrasco, Attard, Vargas, Tobar. Int: Olivares, Cerezo, Caceres, Vargas.

South Africa v USA | 1st Test

USA 38 (A. Williams 3, R. Bannerot, D. Lipscomb, M. McCrory, W. Piggins, D. Vidot tries; M. McCrory 3 goals) defeated South Africa 18 (J. Makhari, C. Meyer, C. Strauss tries; J. Makhari 3 goals) at Harlequins Rugby Club, Pretoria (South Africa). Date: Wed, 4th December. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: USA 20-12. Referee: Cody Kuxman.

South Africa: Seedat, Le Sar, Rademeyer, de Sousa, Pienaar; Coetzer, Makhari; Louw (C), van Deventer, Lyte-Mason, Janga, Strauss, Kasselmann. Int: Meyer, Venter, Cronje, Jansen. USA: Washington, Ferrick, Burroughs, Vidot, Williams; Bannerot, Lupton (C); Bryce, McCrory, Russo, Piggins, Eichner, Jiang. Int: Sofe, Lipscomb, Granby, Dacey.

Greece 86 (G. Chionis 3, A. Katsigannis 3, N. Tsakalos 2, A. Dardamanis, A. Linoxylakis, I. Nake, E. Palogiannidis, N. Stefanou, R. Tuliati, P. Varypatis tries; S. Eskioğlu 13 goals) defeated Albania 0 at Stadium I Vorës, Tirana (Albania). Date: Sat, 7th December. Kickoff: 1:00 PM. Halftime: Greece 46-0. Referee: Nenad Zujic.

Albania: Zeneli, Tanushi, Sala, Murati, Shatraj; Dervishi, Sheu; Priska, Penxho, Kurti, Gjeloshi, Alia, Kurtaj. Int: Papa, Telo, Khan, Thanasaj. Greece: Nake, Linoxylakis, Varypatis, Chionis, Katsigannis; Eskioğlu, Dardamanis; Velisarisi, Stefanou, Tsakalos, Frangos, Koulikakis, Tuliati. Int: Bastas, Karefilis, Mayreas, Palogiannidis.

South Africa v USA | 2nd Test

USA 44 (U. Gillard 3, T. Bryce 2, D. Vidot 2, R. Bannerot, P. Lupton tries; M. McCrory 4 goals) defeated South Africa 32 (G. Pienaar 3, J. Cambell, J. Coetzer, H. Rademeyer, D. Venter tries; J. Cambell, J. Makhari goals) at Naka Bulls Rugby Club, Pretoria (South Africa). Date: Sat, 7th December. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: USA 24-14. Referee: Cody Kuxman.

South Africa: Cambell, Matsane, Rademeyer, Coetzer, Pienaar; Seedat, Makhari; Strauss, van Deventer, Jansen, Venter, Janga, Kasselmann. Int: Meyer, Lyte-Mason, Corneelsen, Louw. USA: Washington, Gillard, Burroughs, Vidot, Williams; Bannerot, Lupton; Bryce, McCrory, Jiang, Piggins, Dacey, Eichner. Int: Sofe, Lipscomb, Granby, Johnson.

NOTE: On September 10, France and Lebanon announced a two-match series in Albi, France, to be played 13 and 19 October. The series was cancelled just days later with Lebanon unable to secure release of NRL-affiliated players from clubs.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCHES 2024

JANUARY

Ghana v Nigeria 2023 Internationals

Third Test

Nigeria 30 (A. Rukayat 2, B. Aladegelu, U. Blessing, A. Chinaza, A. Pedro tries; M. Augusta 3 goals) defeated Ghana 20 (C. Anafo, S. Tahiru, S. Tettey, H. Wuaku tries; S. Tettey 2 goals) at University of Ghana Sports Grounds, Accra (Ghana). Date: Sun, 28th Jan. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ghana 16-14. Referee: Olatunbosun Johnson. Ghana: Bhom, Anafo, Tahiru, Benyah, Kijomabo; Adongo, Anash; Larry, Sewornu, Hammond, Tettey, Wuaku, Ashie. Int: Moncar, Haizel, Lawoe, Khakuvie. Nigeria: Aladegelu, Godfirst, Lauretta, Adaye, Blessing; Chioma, Augusta; Muinat, Rukayat, Chinaza, Adie, Pedro, Abuoybo. Int: Rukayat, Success, Odey, Endurance.

APRIL

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Group B

France 58 (M. Canal 4, A. Vilanova 3, C. Himoudi 2, I. Legout, F. Ramos, C. Song Puche tries; M. Pommier 5 goals) defeated Greece 0 at Stade Georges Dardaiilh, Maramande (France). Date: Sat, 13th Apr. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: France 28-0. Referee: James Spencer. France: Samarra, Canal, Song Puche, Vilanova, Himoudi; Roses, Pommier; Ségala, Ramos, Bessahli, Legout, Bessiere, Samarra. Int: Leclerc, Noe, Zaghdoudi, Kuresa. Greece: Stavrianou, Koutsioumpa, Papoutsis, Makri, Anagnostopoulou; Velmachou, Mastoraki; Chali, Lymperidi, Limperi, Gkirklemi, Pappa, Koutsikou. Int: Koutsimpogeorgou, Varypati, Lamprou, Kitsaneli.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Preliminary Game

Netherlands 56 (N. Kennedy 3, L. Gevers 2, L. Berding, H. Blom, K. Geerlings, H. Van Beukering, S. Van Diepen tries; L. Berding 4, K. Geerlings, V. van der Zwan goals) defeated Italy 6 (M. Severgnini try; M. Dall' Antonia goal) at Stadio Maurizio Quaglia, Treviso (Italy). Date: Sat, 27th Apr. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 20-6. Referee: Nenad Zujic.

Italy: Menotti, Hassnien, Agosta, Giacomazzo, Bremang; Dall' Antonia, Virgili; Iozzia, Vio, Bertini, Gai, Forto, Severgnini. Int: Meinerio, Botiaro, Bollini, Tosetii. Netherlands: Kennedy, Hiermons, Berding, Schouw, Van Beukering; Blom, Aerts; Steenkist, van der Zwan, Voorbach, Gevers, Moelee, Geerlings. Int: Kennedy, Velema, Burik, Van Diepen.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Group A

Wales 28 (B. Dainton 2, R. Parker, K. Salter, G. Taylor tries; K. Salter 4 goals) defeated Ireland 10 (M. Quinn, G. Tutty tries; S. Cobain goal) at Cardiff University Sports Fields, Cardiff (Wales). Date: Sat, 27th Apr. Kickoff: 2:45 PM. Halftime: Wales 18-4. Referee: Sam Jenkinson. Crowd: 300.

Wales: Price, Taylor, Prescott, Salter, Davies; Parker, Davies; Price, Gibbons, Jones, Jones, Mundy, Dainton (C). Int: Wood, Carr, Jenkins, Boalar. Ireland: O'Sullivan, Lambert, Copley, Young, Tutty; O'Dwyer, McGuinness (C); Quinn, Griffin, Morton, Cobain, Doyle, Dunne. Int: Preston, Mollo, Egan, Callan.

MAY

Kenya 18 (M. Chitechi, M. Khatenje, A. Salamba tries; M. Chitechi 3 goals) defeated Uganda 16 (N. Immaculate, I. Ira, A. Nabulime tries; Y. Najjuma 2 goals) at Elite Stadium, Kampala (Uganda). Date: Wed, 15th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Uganda 16-8. Referee: Scott Lubukha.

Uganda: Ira, Kyomuhendo, Alanyo, Kirabo, Najjuma; Nabulime, Mungufamaniibo; Immaculate, Nirere, Agenorwot, Phiona, Zurah, Ntakirutimana. Int: Namutebi, Irankunda, Cyizanye. Kenya: Chitechi, Abuga, Anyango, Mijere, Munayi; Chepkemai, Wanjiru; Bosibori, Wangechi, Ongiri, Mulela, Nabwire, Khatenje. Int: Osicho, Oketch, Kimani, Salamba.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Group B

Greece 32 (M. Lamprou 2, D. Papoutsis 2, O. Koutsikou, G. Koutsimpogeorgou, V. Koutsioumpa tries; M. Pappa 2 goals) defeated Serbia 4 (N. Simic try) at Agios Dimitrios Municipal Stadium, Athens (Greece). Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 5:00 PM. Halftime: Greece 14-0. Referee: James Jones.

Greece: Velmachou, Koutsioumpa, Papoutsis, Makri, Stavrianou; Mastoraki, Kitsaneli; Lamprou, Lymperidi, Gkirklemi, Pappa, Limperi, Koutsikou (C). Int: Anagnostopoulou, Chali, Koutsimpogeorgou, Skourliakou. Serbia: Bošnjak, Veljanovski, Micić, Karanović, Stojiljković; Kovačević, Milošević; Maslaković, Bliznac, Liuter, Starčević, Simic, Carreno. Int: Fridl, Cengaj, Bajić, Stojiljković.

Uganda 13 (I. Ira 2, N. Phiona tries; N. Alanyo field goal) defeated Kenya 12 (M. Chitechi, T. Osicho tries; M. Chitechi 2 goals) at Elite Stadium, Kampala (Uganda). Date: Sat, 18th May. Kickoff: 2:00 PM. Halftime: Kenya 8-5. Referee: Brian Odikluort.

Uganda: Ira, Kyabuya, Alanyo, Zurah, Kyomuhendo; Kirabo, Uwamahoro; Immaculate, Nirere (C), Agenorwot, Phiona, Ntakirutimana, Irankunda. Int: Namutebi, Cyizanye, Irankunda, Uwamahoro. Kenya: Munayi, Abuga, Wangechi, Mijere (C), Ngendo; Chepkemai, Wanjiru; Bosibori, Chitechi, Kimani, Mulela, Nabwire, Salamba. Int: Anyango, Oketch, Ongiri, Osicho.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Group A

Ireland 16 (S. Cobain 2, M. Preston tries; S. Cobain 2 goals) defeated Netherlands 12 (J. Kennedy, N. Kennedy, V. van der Zwan tries) at Energia Park, Dublin (Ireland). Date: Sun, 19th May. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Netherlands 8-6. Referee: Fabian Nicaud.

Ireland: O'Sullivan, Fitzgerald, Copley, Young, Lambert; Cobain, McGuinness; Quinn, Preston, Dunne, Callan, Doyle, Molloy. Int: Griffin, Morton, Rutley, Hanley. Netherlands: Kennedy, Hiermons, Kennedy, Gevers, Van Beukering; Blom, Aerts; Steenkist, van der Zwan, Voorbach, Kennedy, Moelee, Berding. Int: Schouw, Hansman, Velema, Van Diepen, van der Kieft.

JUNE

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Group A

Wales 48 (S. Gough-Walters 3, L. Burnell 2, B. Dainton, H. Jones, B. Price, K. Salter, A. Wood tries; L. Burnell 2, K. Salter 2 goals) defeated Netherlands 6 (S. Moelee try; K. Geerlings goal) at RC Waterland, Amsterdam (Netherlands). Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Wales 18-0. Referee: Geoffrey Pomes.

Netherlands: Kennedy, Hiermons, Berding, Gevers, Van Beukering; Aerts, Blom; Steenkist, Van Der Zwan, Voorbach, Terlouw, Moelee, Geerlings. Int: Velema, Kennedy, Dekker, Hansman. Wales: Burnell, Whittaker; Salter; Gough-Walters, Price; Parker, Davies; Price, Gibbons, Jones, Jones, Taylor, Dainton (C). Int: Wood, Carr, Hobbs, Jones.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

Group B

France 58 (C. Song Puche 3, H. Kessely 2, P. Ramazeilles 2, P. Monseratt, J. Roses, M. Samarra tries; L. Diraison 9 goals) defeated Serbia 0 at FK Radnički, Belgrade (Serbia). Date: Sat, 22nd June. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Referee: Jaroslav Bazoch.

Serbia: Bošnjak, Micić, Starčević, Stosic, Karanović; Bajić, Veljanovski; Simic, Kovačević, Marin, Markicevic, Liuter; Maslaković. Int: Simović, Cvjetanovic, Bajić, Cengaj. France: Samarra, Himoudi, Song Puche, Vilanova, Ramazeilles; Roses, Diraison; Kessely, Pommier, Monseratt, Legout, Samarra, Bessahli. Int: Samuel, Ségala, Noe, Kuresa.

England 42 (A. Davies 2, A. Hardcastle, Z. Harris, G. Hetherington, E. Partington, E. Rudge, P. Travis tries; I. Rowe 5 goals) defeated France 0 at Stade Ernest Wallon, Toulouse (France). Date: Sat, 29th June. Kickoff: 3:30 PM. Halftime: England 20-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Geoffrey Pomes.

France: Samarra, Himoudi, Song Puche, Vilanove, Ramazeilles; Roses, Diraison; Akpa (C), Pommier, Ségala, Legout, Bessiere, Bessahli. Int: Samuel, Monseratt, Kessely, Kuresa. England: Hetherington, Partington, Beavers, Hardcastle, Davies; Harris, Rowe; Wood, Bennett, Hoyle, Travis, Rudge, Cunningham (C). Int: Mottershead, Whitfield, Hornby, Sykes.

SEPTEMBER

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC Middle-East Africa Qualifying Tournament

Match 1

Nigeria 22 (R. Iliya 2, B. Aladegelu, U. Endurance tries; B. Aladegelu 3 goals) defeated Kenya 14 (M. Negesia 2, L. Amazimbi tries; A. Ochieng goal) at Impala Club Rugby Grounds, Nairobi (Kenya). Date: Thu, 19th September. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Nigeria 12-0. Referee: Stephane Vincent.

Kenya: Munayi, Atieno, Mijere, Amazimbi, Negesia; Omosso, Ochieng; Khatenje, Chitechi, Kimani, Nabwire, Omala, Salamba. Int: Anyango, Wangechi, Bosibori, Oketch. Nigeria: Aladegelu, Blessing, Endurance, Lauretta, Nwanya; Rukayat, Aadaeze; Nojimu, Rukayat, Chinaza, Muinat, Obazuaye, Iliya. Int: Okitikpe, Success, Adie, Onyedikachi.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC Middle-East Africa Qualifying Tournament

Match 2

Kenya 8 (M. Negesia try; D. Omosso goal; D. Omosso 2 field goals) defeated Nigeria 0 at Impala Club Rugby Grounds, Nairobi (Kenya). Date: Sun, 22nd September. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Kenya 6-0. Referee: Stephane Vincent.

PROGRESSION: Aggregate scores and tries being level, Nigeria won through due to kicking more goals. Nigeria progress as the MEA entrant for the 2025 World Series.

Kenya: Chitechi, Negesia, Wangechi, Amazimbi, Munayi; Atieno, Omosso; Salamba, Oketch, Kimani, Omala, Mulela, Mijere (C). Int: Anyango, Bosibori, Nabwire, Khisa. Nigeria: Blessing, Okitikpe, Lauretta, Success, Endurance; Aladegelu, Aadaeze; Nojimu, Rukayat, Chinaza, Muinat, Obazuaye, Iliya. Int: Rukayat, Nwanya, Adie, Onyedikachi.

OCTOBER

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2026 RLWC European Qualifying Tournament

World Series Playoff

Ireland 42 (B. Lambert 2, T. Doyle, A. Fitzgerald, A. McGuinness, C. Molloy, H. O'Dwyer, G. Tutty tries; S. Cobain 5 goals) defeated Greece 6 (M. Lamprou try; M. Pappa goal) at Gkorytsa Field, Athens (Greece). Date: Sat, 12th October. Kickoff: 3:00 PM. Halftime: Ireland 20-0. Referee: Tara Jones.

PROGRESSION: Ireland qualify for 2025 World Series.

Greece: Velmachou, Stavrianou, Papoutsis, Lymeridi, Skouroliakou; Mastoraki, Kitsaneli; Koutsikou, Skouroliakou, Gkirlemi, Maragkou, Dragoumis, Pappa. Int: Anagnostopoulou, Vasiliogianni, Lamprou, Kozari. Ireland: O'Sullivan, Fitzgerald, O'Dwyer, Tutty, Lambert; Walker, McGuinness (C); Dunne, Roberts, Hanley, Cobain, Doyle, McCusker. Int: Potterton, McAuliffe, Molloy, Quinn.

Pacific Championships

Pacific Cup - Pool Match

Australia 84 (J. Robinson 6, J. Whitfield 5, I. Kelly 2, T. Upton 2, T. Penitani, J. Sergis tries; T. Aiken 8 goals) defeated Papua New Guinea 0 at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane (Australia). Date: Fri, 18th October. Kickoff: 5:05 PM. Halftime: Australia 36-0. Penalties: Australia 5-4. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

Australia: Upton, Robinson, Kelly, Sergis, Whitfield; Penitani, Aiken; Elliott, Dodd, Mato, Apps (C), Clydsdale, Taufa. Int: Higgins, Togatuki, Joseph, Murphy. Papua New Guinea: Mark, Waula, Gwasamun, Norris, Allan; Koroi, Ahoese; Banu, Ravu, Albert (C), Mooka, Veivers, Kaupa. Int: Kapo, Reeves, Kunjil, Kerowa.

Pacific Championships / Pacific Bowl - Pool Match

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION / 2026 RLWC Asia-Pacific Qualifying Tournament - Semi Final

Samoa 30 (S. Masaga 2, J. Patea 2, S. Lofipo, L. Tui tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 3 goals) defeated Tonga 16 (F. Hanisi, M. Takapautolo, L. Tauhalaliku tries; E. Paki 2 goals) at HFC Bank Stadium, Suva (Fiji). Date: Sat, 19th October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Samoa 20-10. Penalties: Samoa 6-3. Referee: Todd Smith.

Tonga: Malupo, Fotu-Moala, Fusi, Fallon, Tauhalaliku; Paki, Tohi-Hiku; Hopoate, Fonusa, Dymock, Takapautolo, Foliaki (C), Penitani. Int: Hanisi, Perese, Uilou, Mailangi. Samoa: Pelite, Taulelei-Siala, Tui, Masaga, Patea; Papalii, Piliae-Rasabale; Nu'uausala (C), Brill, Clarke, Soliola, Pio, Lofipo. Int: Faifua, Karpani, Berryman-Duff, McEwen.

Pacific Championships / Pacific Bowl - Pool Match

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION / 2026 RLWC Asia-Pacific Qualifying Tournament - Semi Final

Fiji 18 (V. Naikore 3, T. Holmes tries; V. Naikore goal) defeated Cook Islands 6 (K. Matua try; C. Poko goal) at HFC Bank Stadium, Suva (Fiji). Date: Sat, 26th October. Kickoff: 6:00 PM. Halftime: Fiji 10-6. Penalties: Cook Islands 7-6. Referee: Peter Gough. Crowd: 3,216.

Fiji: Staples, Naikore, Laing, Naividi, Sekitoga; Yaranamua, Lutu; Bari, Naitokatoka, Nameo, Vakacavu, Smythe, Holmes (C). Int: Shum-Cottrell, Kilawekana, Rainima, Hartigan. Cook Islands: Takairangi (C), Holloway-Samuels, Birch, Atai, Siauane; Poko, Turua-Quedley; Tamarua, Makira, Ngatupuna, Tupou-Witchman, Matua, Stephens. Int: Joseph, Kitai, Maeva, Alo.

Pacific Championships

Pacific Cup - Pool Match

Australia 14 (T. Penitani, J. Sergis, T. Upton tries; T. Aiken goal) defeated New Zealand 0 at Apollo Projects Stadium, Christchurch (New Zealand). Date: Sun, 27th October. Kickoff: 3:35 PM. Halftime: Australia 4-0. Penalties: 4-all. Referee: Liam Kennedy. Crowd: 10,289.

New Zealand: Nicholls-Pualau, Tufuga, Hufanga, Roache, Parker; Broughton, King; Clark, Anderson, Teakaraanga-Katoa, Biddle, George, Hale (C). Int: Hall, Quinlan, Tauaneai, Davison. Australia: Upton, Robinson, Kelly, Penitani, Whitfield; Briggingshaw (C), Aiken; Elliott, Higgins, Mato, Apps, Clydsdale, Taufa. Int: Togatuki, Joseph, Murphy, Sergis.

NOVEMBER

Pacific Championships / Pacific Bowl - Final

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION / 2026 RLWC Asia-Pacific Qualifying Tournament - Final

Samoa 16 (A. Nu'uausala 2, J. Patea tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 2 goals) defeated Fiji 12 (S. Laing, A. Sekitoga tries; V. Naikore 2 goals) at Go Media Stadium, Auckland (New Zealand). Date: Sat, 2nd November. Kickoff: 5:35 PM. Halftime: Fiji 12-4. Penalties: 2-all. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

PROGRESSION: Samoa qualify for the 2026 Women's Rugby League World Cup. Samoa also progress to the Promotion-Relegation Playoff. Fiji enter the 2025 World Series to compete for the final 2026 Women's Rugby League World Cup berth.

Samoa: Pelite, Taulelei-Siala, Tui, Masaga, Patea; Papalii, Piliae-Rasabale; Nu'uausala (C), Brill, McEwen, Soliola, Pio, Lofipo. Int: Clarke, Faifua, Karpani, Berryman-Duff. Fiji: Staples, Naikore, Laing, Naividi, Sekitoga; Yaranamua, Lutu; Bari, Naitokatoka, Smythe, Vakacavu, Hartigan, Holmes (C). Int: Maragi, Shum-Cottrell, Kilawekana, Muller.

England 82 (A. Davies 5, A. Brown 3, E. Partington 2, P. Travis 2, H. Dodd, K. Mottershead, E. Stott, L. Wood tries; I. Rowe 9 goals) defeated Wales 0 at AMT Headingley Stadium, Leeds (England). Date: Sat, 2nd November. Kickoff: 12:00 PM. Halftime: England 34-0. Referee: James Vella.

England: Brown, Partington, Stott, Hardcastle, Davies; Harris, Rowe; Wood, Bennett, Hoyle, Dodd, Travis, Cunningham (C). Int: Mottershead, Whitfield, Sykes, Northrop. Wales: Burnell, McGifford, Wood, Prescott, Davies; Parker; Whittaker; Hughes, Marsh, Carr; Jones, Taylor, Dainton (C). Int: Gibbons, Price, Jenkins, Jones.

Pacific Championships

Pacific Cup - Pool Match

New Zealand 36 (M. Wiki 3, L. Tufuga 2, A. Quinlan, A. Teakaraanga-Katoa tries; T. King 4 goals) defeated Papua New Guinea 0 at Santos International Football Stadium, Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea). Date: Sun, 3rd November. Kickoff: 12:55 PM. Halftime: New Zealand 16-0. Penalties: New Zealand 12-5. Referee: Daniel Schwass.

PROGRESSION: Australia and New Zealand will play in the Pacific Cup final, while Papua New Guinea will meet Bowl winners Samoa in a Promotion-Relegation Playoff.

Papua New Guinea: De La Cruz, Wesley, Gwasamun, Kerowa, Allan; Koroi, Ravu; Albert, Aiton, Banu, Veivers, Mooka, Kaupa. Int: Reeves, Taute, Malabag, Kapo. New Zealand: Parker, Wiki, Hufanga, Roache, Tufuga; Broughton, King; Clark, Anderson, Tauaneai, George, Hall, Hale. Int: Quinlan, Pule, Talataina, Teakaraanga-Katoa.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2025 RLWC Americas Qualifying Tournament - Semi Final

USA 44 (M. Baylous 3, N. Fisch 2, T. A'au, S. Black, C. Treco tries; C. Treco 6 goals) defeated Jamaica 0 at Hodges Stadium, Jacksonville (USA). Date: Wed, 6th November. Kickoff: 7:00 PM. Halftime: USA 28-0. Referee: Michael Smail.

PROGRESSION: USA to meet Canada in the final

USA: Barnard, Baylous, Sargeant, Campbell, Sheldon; Black, Treco; Jordan, Fisch, Sanford, Bradley, Beard, Anderson. Int: A'au, Mencke, White, Oliveri. Jamaica: Clarke, Stewart, Noble-Cunningham, Lewis, Blair; Smith, Smith; Royal, Richards, Pryce, Gordon, Laing, Richards. Int: McCalla, Forrest, Scarlett, Johnson.

WORLD CUP QUALIFICATION

2025 RLWC Americas Qualifying Tournament - Final

Canada 40 (C. Crowl 3, M. Pakulis 2, R. Choboter, C. Sears tries; C. Sears 3, M. Aberg 2, D. Frana goals) defeated USA 8 (H. Sheldon 2 tries) at Hodges Stadium, Jacksonville (USA). Date: Sat, 9th November. Kickoff: 4:00 PM. Halftime: Canada 22-4. Referee: Michael Smail.

PROGRESSION: Canada qualify for 2025 World Series

Canada: Mueller; Jones, Woods, Scholten, Girard; Frana, Lewis; Maguire, Sears, Crowl, Hindley, Aberg, Pakulis. Int: Tam, Choboter, Toussaint, Mitton. USA: Barnard, Baylous, Campbell, Sargeant, Sheldon; Black, Treco; Jordan, Fisch, Sanford, Bradley, Mencke, Anderson. Int: A'au, Scott, Oliveri, White.

Pacific Championships

Pacific Bowl - Promotion-Relegation Playoff

Samoa 34 (J. Fogavini 2, J. Faifua, J. Patea, M. Taulelei-Siala, L. Tui tries; P. Piliae-Rasabale 5 goals) defeated Papua New Guinea 12 (E. Albert 2 tries; E. Veivers 2 goals) at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta (Australia). Date: Sun, 10th November. Kickoff: 11:40 AM. Halftime: Samoa 16-0. Penalties: Samoa 8-4. Referee: Karra-Lee Nolan. Papua New Guinea: De La Cruz, Wesley, Gwasamun, Kerowa, Allan; Koroi, Ravu; Albert (C), Veivers, Banu, Mooka, Reeves, Kaupa. Int: Aiton, Ahoese, Taute, Mark. Samoa: Faifua, Taulelei-Siala, Tui, Masaga, Patea; Papalii, Piliae-Rasabale; Nu'uausala (C), Lofipo, Karpani, Soliola, McEwen, Pio. Int: Berryman-Duff, Fogavini, Tinao, Harrison-Leauno, Brown.

Pacific Championships

Pacific Cup - Final

Australia 24 (T. Aiken, I. Kelly, T. Penitani, J. Robinson, T. Upton tries; T. Aiken 2 goals) defeated New Zealand 4 (L. Tufuga try) at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta (Australia). Date: Sun, 10th November. Kickoff: 1:50 PM. Halftime: Australia 12-0. Penalties: New Zealand 4-3. Referee: Belinda Sharpe.

OUTCOME: Australia win Pacific Cup.

Australia: Upton, Robinson, Kelly, Penitani, Whitfield; Briggingshaw (C), Aiken; Elliott, Higgins, Mato, Apps, Clydsdale, Taufa. Int: Davis, Togatuki, Joseph, Sergis, Elliston. New Zealand: Nicholls-Pualau, Tufuga, Hufanga, Roache, Parker; Broughton, Nathan-Wong; Clark, Anderson, Tauaneai, Biddle, Hall, Hale (C). Int: Teakaraanga-Katoa, Quinlan, George, Pule, Davison.

SENIOR MEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 1904-2024

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
1906	Jan 1st	England	3	Other Nationalities	3	Wigan
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
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
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
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1945	Nov 24th	Wales	11	England	3	Swansea
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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
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1951	Apr 11th	England	10	Other Nationalities	35	Wigan
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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
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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 8th	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

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

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

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

1977	Jan 29th	England	2	Wales	6	Leeds
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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	PNG	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

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	PNG	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

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	PNG	9	Albi
1979	Oct 28th	France	15	PNG	2	Carcassonne

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	PNG	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	PNG	5	New Zealand	56	Port Moresby

1982	Oct 2nd	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	26	New Zealand	36	Goroka
1986	Aug 17th	PNG	24	New Zealand	22	Port Moresby
1986	Oct 4th	PNG	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	PNG	22	New Zealand	36	Port Moresby

1987	Jul 21st	Australia	6	New Zealand	13	Brisbane
1987	Oct 24th	Great Britain	42	PNG	0	Wigan
1987	Nov 15th	France	21	PNG	4	Carcassonne

1988	Jan 24th	France	14	Great Britain	28	Avignon
1988	Feb 6th	Great Britain	30	France	12	Leeds
1988	May 22nd	PNG	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	PNG	14	Auckland
1988	Jul 17th	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	10	Christchurch
1988	Jul 20th	Australia	70	PNG	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	PNG	20	Great Britain	18	Goroka
1990	Jun 2nd	PNG	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	PNG	4	New Zealand	36	Goroka
1990	Aug 11th	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	2	Australia	58	Goroka
1991	Oct 13th	PNG	6	Australia	40	Port Moresby
1991	Oct 27th	France	26	Russia	6	Lyon
1991	Oct 27th	Wales	68	PNG	0	Swansea
1991	Nov 9th	Great Britain	56	PNG	4	Wigan
1991	Nov 24th	France	28	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	10	Auckland
1992	Jul 12th	New Zealand	15	Great Britain	14	Palmerston North
1992	Jul 15th	Australia	36	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	30	Great Britain	32	Lae
1996	Oct 5th	Fiji	4	Great Britain	72	Nadi
1996	Oct 5th	New Zealand	62	PNG	8	Rotorua
1996	Oct 6th	PNG (NRL)	6	Australia	52	Port Moresby
1996	Oct 11th	New Zealand	64	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	34	Cook Islands	12	Auckland
1997	May 15th	NZ Maori	34	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	16	Nadi
1998	Jul 22nd	PNG	34	Fiji	12	Goroka
1998	Jul 26th	PNG	10	Fiji	14	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 7th	NZ Maori	23	Tonga	12	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 7th	PNG	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	PNG	44	Tonga	28	Port Moresby
1998	Oct 14th	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	0	Townsville
2000	Oct 28th	France	20	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	16	France	27	Port Moresby
2001	Jun 20th	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	54	Fiji	10	Port Moresby
2009	Jul 24th	Latvia	6	Ukraine	40	Riga
2009	Jul 25th	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	0	Sydney
2010	Oct 30th	Sweden	20	Norway	20	Gothenburg
2010	Oct 30th	New Zealand	76	PNG	12	Rotorua
2010	Oct 31st	Australia	34	England	14	Melbourne
2010	Nov 6th	England	36	PNG	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	Keckskemét
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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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	PNG	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
2014	Jul 5th	Italy	54	Ukraine	12	Trieste
2014	Jul 12th	Czech Republic	8	Malta	34	Havichkuv Brod
2014	Jul 19th	Canada	24	Jamaica	20	Toronto
2014	Jul 19th	USA	18	Samoa	12	Philadelphia
2014	Jul 26th	Italy	22	Russia	18	Trieste
2014	Aug 10th	Canada	52	USA	14	Toronto
2014	Aug 16th	Denmark	44	Sweden	6	Copenhagen
2014	Aug 28th	Sweden	24	Norway	12	Stockholm
2014	Sep 20th	Serbia	45	Italy	6	Belgrade
2014	Oct 11th	Greece	68	Czech Republic	16	Athens
2014	Oct 17th	Bosnia-Herz.	4	Greece	58	Belgrade
2014	Oct 17th	Serbia	50	Hungary	0	Belgrade
2014	Oct 17th	Wales	18	Scotland	42	Workington
2014	Oct 18th	Ireland	22	France	12	Dublin
2014	Oct 19th	Hungary	6	Bosnia-Herz.	32	Belgrade
2014	Oct 19th	PNG	32	Tonga	18	Lae
2014	Oct 19th	Fiji	40	Lebanon	28	Sydney
2014	Oct 19th	Serbia	22	Greece	50	Belgrade
2014	Oct 25th	Ireland	4	Scotland	25	Dublin
2014	Oct 25th	France	42	Wales	22	Albi
2014	Oct 25th	England	32	Samoa	26	Brisbane
2014	Oct 25th	Australia	12	New Zealand	30	Brisbane
2014	Oct 31st	Scotland	22	France	38	Edinburgh
2014	Nov 1st	New Zealand	14	Samoa	12	Whangarei
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	PNG	10	Gold Coast
2015	May 2nd	Samoa	18	Tonga	16	Gold Coast
2015	May 3rd	Lebanon	34	Malta	16	Sydney
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	Haviichkuv 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	Haviichkuv Brod
2015	Oct 10th	Malta	30	Greece	0	Marsa
2015	Oct 16th	Wales	18	Scotland	12	Wrexham
2015	Oct 17th	Greece	4	Spain	76	Athens
2015	Oct 17th	Norway	30	Sweden	20	Oslo
2015	Oct 17th	France	31	Ireland	14	Albi
2015	Oct 17th	Tonga	28	Cook Islands	8	Campbelltown
2015	Oct 18th	USA	28	Canada	34	Philadelphia
2015	Oct 23rd	Scotland	22	Ireland	24	Edinburgh
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
2015	Nov 1st	England	26	New Zealand	12	Hull
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	PNG	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
2016	Jul 23rd	USA	54	Jamaica	4	Philadelphia
2016	Aug 6th	Germany	12	Belgium	26	Dortmund
2016	Aug 7th	Denmark	50	Sweden	18	Copenhagen
2016	Aug 13th	Netherlands	6	Germany	8	Rotterdam
2016	Sep 3rd	Belgium	36	Netherlands	12	Brussels
2016	Sep 24th	Czech Republic	12	Norway	6	Krupka
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
2016	Oct 15th	Russia	40	Spain	6	Moscow
2016	Oct 15th	Wales	50	Serbia	0	Llanelli
2016	Oct 15th	Australia	26	New Zealand	6	Perth
2016	Oct 16th	Ireland	16	Jamaica	68	Dublin
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
2016	Nov 5th	New Zealand	8	Australia	14	Coventry
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
2017	May 6th	Cook Islands	22	PNG	32	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	Tonga	26	Fiji	24	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	England	30	Samoa	10	Campbelltown
2017	May 6th	Lebanon	24	Malta	4	Sydney
2017	Jun 3rd	Lebanon	6	Italy	4	Beirut
2017	Jun 10th	Italy	94	Spain	4	Turin
2017	Jun 17th	Norway	38	Sweden	18	Oslo
2017	Jul 22nd	Hungary	6	Czech Republic	26	Budapest
2017	Jul 22nd	USA	48	Jamaica	6	Jacksonville
2017	Aug 19th	Denmark	24	Norway	46	Copenhagen
2017	Aug 26th	Germany	18	Netherlands	30	Munster
2017	Aug 29th	Jamaica	28	Canada	14	Kingston
2017	Sep 9th	Netherlands	28	Sweden	24	Amsterdam
2017	Sep 16th	Canada	18	USA	36	Toronto
2017	Oct 6th	Greece	68	Bulgaria	8	Belgrade
2017	Oct 8th	Serbia	50	Greece	8	Belgrade
2017	Oct 8th	Malta	24	Italy	24	Sydney
2017	Oct 10th	Serbia	50	Bulgaria	20	Belgrade
2017	Oct 13th	France	34	Jamaica	12	Perpignan
2017	Oct 14th	Malta	48	Hungary	16	Sydney
2017	Oct 21st	Czech Republic	26	Norway	30	Krupka
2017	Oct 27th	Australia	18	England	4	Melbourne
2017	Oct 28th	PNG	50	Wales	6	Port Moresby
2017	Oct 28th	Fiji	58	USA	12	Townsville
2017	Oct 28th	New Zealand	38	Samoa	8	Auckland
2017	Oct 29th	Ireland	36	Italy	12	Cairns
2017	Oct 29th	France	18	Lebanon	29	Canberra
2017	Oct 29th	Scotland	4	Tonga	50	Cairns
2017	Nov 3rd	Australia	52	France	6	Canberra
2017	Nov 4th	New Zealand	74	Scotland	6	Christchurch
2017	Nov 4th	Samoa	18	Tonga	32	Hamilton
2017	Nov 4th	England	29	Lebanon	10	Sydney
2017	Nov 5th	Italy	46	USA	0	Townsville
2017	Nov 5th	PNG	14	Ireland	6	Port Moresby
2017	Nov 5th	Fiji	72	Wales	6	Townsville
2017	Nov 10th	Fiji	38	Italy	10	Canberra
2017	Nov 11th	Samoa	14	Scotland	14	Cairns
2017	Nov 11th	New Zealand	22	Tonga	28	Hamilton
2017	Nov 11th	Australia	34	Lebanon	0	Sydney
2017	Nov 12th	PNG	64	USA	0	Port Moresby
2017	Nov 12th	Wales	6	Ireland	34	Perth
2017	Nov 12th	England	36	France	6	Perth
2017	Nov 17th	Chile	54	Brazil	8	Los Angeles
2017	Nov 17th	Australia	46	Samoa	0	Darwin
2017	Nov 18th	Colombia	22	Brazil	18	Los Angeles
2017	Nov 18th	Tonga	24	Lebanon	22	Christchurch
2017	Nov 18th	New Zealand	2	Fiji	4	Wellington
2017	Nov 19th	England	36	PNG	6	Melbourne
2017	Nov 24th	Australia	54	Fiji	6	Brisbane
2017	Nov 25th	Tonga	18	England	20	Auckland
2017	Dec 2nd	Australia	6	England	0	Brisbane

2018	Feb 18th	Malta	40	Hungary	28	Sydney
2018	Jun 16th	Czech Republic	20	Norway	12	Prague
2018	Jun 23rd	PNG	26	Fiji	14	Campbelltown
2018	Jun 23rd	Tonga	38	Samoa	22	Campbelltown

2018	Jun 24th	England	36	New Zealand	18	Denver
2018	Jun 24th	Malta	24	South Africa	30	Sydney
2018	Jun 30th	Hungary	0	Ireland	70	Budapest
2018	Jun 30th	Malta	22	Ukraine	34	Marsa
2018	Jul 14th	Czech Republic	64	Hungary	10	Chrudim
2018	Aug 25th	Germany	24	Czech Republic	4	Munster
2018	Sep 1st	Norway	76	Poland	0	Stavanger
2018	Sep 1st	Netherlands	38	Germany	22	Rotterdam
2018	Sep 8th	Ukraine	26	Greece	28	Kharkiv
2018	Sep 15th	Norway	40	Germany	22	Porsgrunn
2018	Sep 15th	Greece	60	Malta	4	Athens
2018	Sep 22nd	Sweden	4	Netherlands	24	Gothenburg
2018	Sep 28th	Poland	32	Hungary	0	Sydney
2018	Oct 1st	Malta	36	Philippines	10	Windsor
2018	Oct 1st	Solomon Is	22	Turkey	30	Windsor
2018	Oct 1st	Hungary	20	Greece	18	Windsor
2018	Oct 4th	Malta	16	Niue	26	Sydney
2018	Oct 4th	Japan	0	Turkey	60	Sydney
2018	Oct 4th	Hong Kong	6	Poland	62	Sydney
2018	Oct 4th	Hungary	18	Vanuatu	13	Sydney
2018	Oct 6th	Spain	32	Russia	24	Valencia
2018	Oct 7th	Philippines	12	Niue	24	Sydney
2018	Oct 7th	Solomon Is	32	Hong Kong	12	Sydney
2018	Oct 7th	Japan	6	Poland	58	Sydney
2018	Oct 7th	Greece	38	Vanuatu	0	Sydney
2018	Oct 9th	Solomon Is	44	Japan	22	Windsor
2018	Oct 10th	Niue	16	Greece	8	Sydney
2018	Oct 10th	Hungary	10	Malta	20	Sydney
2018	Oct 10th	Philippines	29	Turkey	16	Sydney
2018	Oct 10th	Vanuatu	4	Poland	44	Sydney
2018	Oct 11th	Hong Kong	30	Japan	32	Windsor
2018	Oct 12th	Italy	18	South Africa	8	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Russia	36	Serbia	18	Vereya
2018	Oct 13th	Sweden	6	Norway	46	Gothenburg
2018	Oct 13th	Turkey	27	Vanuatu	26	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Greece	26	Hungary	18	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Philippines	10	Poland	14	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Malta	24	Niue	16	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	Solomon Is	56	Hong Kong	14	Sydney
2018	Oct 13th	New Zealand	26	Australia	24	Auckland
2018	Oct 17th	England	44	France	6	Leigh
2018	Oct 20th	Serbia	24	Spain	20	Belgrade
2018	Oct 20th	Australia	34	Tonga	16	Auckland
2018	Oct 27th	England	18	New Zealand	16	Hull
2018	Oct 27th	Ireland	36	Scotland	10	Dublin
2018	Oct 27th	France	54	Wales	18	Carcassonne
2018	Nov 3rd	Ireland	10	France	24	Dublin
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
2018	Nov 17th	Canada	62	Chile	12	Jacksonville
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	PNG	6	Samoa	24	Sydney
2019	Sep 14th	Turkey	24	Greece	38	Istanbul
2019	Sep 14th	Germany	18	Netherlands	56	Bremen
2019	Sep 21st	Serbia	36	Canada	8	Belgrade
2019	Sep 28th	Poland	34	Czech Republic	18	Lodz
2019	Sep 29th	Fiji	16	Lebanon	42	Sydney
2019	Oct 2nd	Nigeria	25	Ghana	12	Lagos
2019	Oct 2nd	Cameroon	4	Morocco	8	Lagos
2019	Oct 5th	Ghana	10	Cameroon	4	Lagos
2019	Oct 5th	Nigeria	38	Morocco	10	Lagos
2019	Oct 12th	Malta	23	Italy	20	Sydney
2019	Oct 12th	Poland	16	Sweden	50	Lodz
2019	Oct 19th	Poland	0	Norway	68	Lodz
2019	Oct 25th	Australia	26	New Zealand	4	Wollongong
2019	Oct 26th	Malta	28	Turkey	12	Sydney
2019	Oct 26th	Scotland	86	Serbia	0	Glasgow
2019	Oct 26th	Spain	8	Ireland	42	Valencia
2019	Oct 26th	Tonga Invitational	14	Great Britain	6	Hamilton
2019	Nov 1st	Greece	24	Scotland	42	London
2019	Nov 2nd	Samoa	18	Fiji	44	Auckland
2019	Nov 2nd	Italy	34	Spain	4	Lignano Sabbiadoro
2019	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	12	Great Britain	8	Auckland
2019	Nov 2nd	Tonga Invitational	16	Australia	12	Auckland
2019	Nov 9th	Serbia	6	Greece	82	Belgrade
2019	Nov 9th	Fiji	22	PNG	20	Christchurch
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	PNG	28	Great Britain	10	Port Moresby

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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
2021	Oct 9th	Serbia	54	Ukraine	18	Belgrade
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	PNG	24	Fiji	14	Campbelltown
2022	Sep 17th	Spain	30	Netherlands	36	Madrid
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	PNG	18	St Helens
2022	Oct 19th	Wales	12	Cook Islands	18	Leigh
2022	Oct 21st	Australia	84	Scotland	0	Coventry
2022	Oct 22nd	Fiji	60	Italy	4	Newcastle
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	PNG	32	Cook Islands	16	Warrington
2022	Oct 28th	New Zealand	48	Ireland	10	Leeds
2022	Oct 29th	England	94	Greece	4	Sheffield
2022	Oct 29th	Fiji	30	Scotland	14	Newcastle
2022	Oct 29th	Australia	66	Italy	6	St Helens
2022	Oct 30th	Lebanon	74	Jamaica	12	Leigh
2022	Oct 30th	Tonga	92	Cook Islands	10	Middlesbrough
2022	Oct 30th	Samoa	62	France	4	Warrington
2022	Oct 31st	PNG	36	Wales	0	Doncaster
2022	Nov 4th	Australia	48	Lebanon	4	Huddersfield
2022	Nov 5th	England	46	PNG	6	Wigan
2022	Nov 5th	New Zealand	24	Fiji	18	Hull
2022	Nov 6th	Tonga	18	Samoa	20	Warrington
2022	Nov 11th	Australia	16	New Zealand	14	Leeds
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
2022	Nov 28th	Colombia	0	Brazil	56	Jerico

2023	Apr 29th	England	64	France	0	Warrington
2023	May 13th	Greece	6	Serbia	40	Athens
2023	May 27th	Italy	4	Serbia	52	Udine
2023	Jul 22nd	South Africa	72	Philippines	14	Gold Coast
2023	Aug 26th	Czech Republic	16	Serbia	28	Ostrava
2023	Sep 16th	Poland	28	Czech Republic	36	Kalisz
2023	Sep 16th	Montenegro	10	Malta	34	Tivat
2023	Sep 23rd	PNG PM XIII	18	Aus PM XIII	30	Port Moresby
2023	Sep 23rd	Malta	78	Bulgaria	0	Marsa
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
2023	Oct 15th	PNG	46	Cook Islands	10	Port Moresby
2023	Oct 21st	Malta	30	Chile	22	Sydney
2023	Oct 21st	North Macedonia	8	Poland	40	Sydney
2023	Oct 21st	New Zealand	50	Samoa	0	Auckland
2023	Oct 21st	Germany	18	Netherlands	44	Essen
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	PNG	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	PNG	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

2024	Feb 4th	North Macedonia	22	Chile	36	Sydney
2024	Feb 17th	Montenegro	34	Serbia	52	Tivat
2024	Feb 18th	North Macedonia	18	Malta	22	Sydney
2024	Mar 1st	USA	16	Canada	16	Las Vegas
2024	May 25th	Greece	34	Norway	26	Athens
2024	Jun 29th	France	8	England	40	Toulouse
2024	Sep 14th	Netherlands	34	Scotland	26	The Hague
2024	Sep 21st	Poland	18	Germany	58	Kalisz
2024	Sep 21st	Netherlands	28	Ireland	30	Zaandam
2024	Sep 28th	Serbia	6	Netherlands	52	Nis
2024	Sep 28th	Italy	0	Malta	42	Udine
2024	Oct 13th	Japan	24	Hong Kong	14	Hokkaido
2024	Oct 15th	Wales	22	Jamaica	16	Neath
2024	Oct 18th	Australia	18	Tonga	0	Brisbane
2024	Oct 18th	Czech Republic	0	Ukraine	84	Letohrad
2024	Oct 19th	Fiji	10	PNG	22	Suva
2024	Oct 19th	Czech Republic	34	Poland	24	Letohrad
2024	Oct 19th	Canada	28	Jamaica	6	Toronto
2024	Oct 22nd	Serbia	0	Wales	48	Caracassone
2024	Oct 22nd	France	74	Ukraine	8	Caracassone
2024	Oct 26th	Philippines	26	Malta	24	Sydney
2024	Oct 26th	Fiji	56	Cook Islands	6	Suva
2024	Oct 26th	France	48	Wales	6	Perpignan
2024	Oct 26th	Serbia	50	Ukraine	10	Perpignan
2024	Oct 27th	New Zealand	10	Australia	22	Christchurch
2024	Oct 27th	England	34	Samoa	18	Wigan
2024	Oct 27th	Scotland	6	Ireland	36	Gateshead
2024	Nov 2nd	New Zealand	24	Tonga	25	Auckland
2024	Nov 2nd	England	34	Samoa	16	Leeds
2024	Nov 3rd	PNG	42	Cook Islands	20	Port Moresby
2024	Nov 10th	Australia	20	Tonga	14	Parramatta
2024	Nov 10th	New Zealand	54	PNG	12	Parramatta
2024	Nov 29th	Brazil	22	Chile	44	Buenos Aires
2024	Nov 30th	Argentina	22	Brazil	28	Buenos Aires
2024	Dec 1st	Argentina	32	Chile	30	Buenos Aires
2024	Dec 4th	South Africa	18	USA	38	Pretoria
2024	Dec 7th	Albania	0	Greece	86	Tirana
2024	Dec 7th	South Africa	32	USA	44	Pretoria

SENIOR WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 1995-2024

YEAR	DATE	HOME	SCORE	AWAY	SCORE	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
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	20	Nigeria	30	Accra

2024	Apr 13th	France	58	Greece	0	Bergerac
2024	Apr 27th	Italy	6	Netherlands	56	Treviso
2024	Apr 27th	Wales	28	Ireland	10	Cardiff
2024	May 15th	Uganda	16	Kenya	18	Kampala
2024	May 18th	Uganda	13	Kenya	12	Kampala
2024	May 18th	Greece	32	Serbia	4	Athens
2024	May 19th	Ireland	16	Netherlands	12	Dublin
2024	Jun 22nd	Netherlands	6	Wales	48	Amsterdam
2024	Jun 22nd	Serbia	0	France	58	Belgrade
2024	Jun 29th	France	0	England	42	Toulouse
2024	Sep 19th	Kenya	14	Nigeria	22	Nairobi
2024	Sep 22nd	Kenya	8	Nigeria	0	Nairobi
2024	Oct 12th	Greece	6	Ireland	42	Athens
2024	Oct 13th	PNG PM XIII	0	Aus PM XIII	50	Port Moresby
2024	Oct 18th	Australia	84	Papua New Guinea	0	Brisbane
2024	Oct 19th	Tonga	16	Samoa	30	Suva
2024	Oct 26th	Fiji	18	Cook Islands	6	Suva
2024	Oct 27th	New Zealand	0	Australia	14	Christchurch
2024	Nov 2nd	Samoa	16	Fiji	12	Auckland
2024	Nov 2nd	England	82	Wales	0	Leeds
2024	Nov 3rd	Papua New Guinea	0	New Zealand	36	Port Moresby
2024	Nov 6th	USA	44	Jamaica	0	Jacksonville
2024	Nov 9th	Canada	40	USA	8	Jacksonville
2024	Nov 10th	Papua New Guinea	12	Samoa	34	Parramatta
2024	Nov 10th	Australia	24	New Zealand	4	Parramatta

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Round 1				
Mar-01	Sat 4:00pm	Canberra	Warriors	Allegiant
1	Sat 8:30pm	Penrith	Cronulla	Allegiant
6	Thu 8:00pm	Sydney	Brisbane	Allianz
7	Fri 6:00pm	Wests Tigers	Newcastle	Campbelltown
7	Fri 7:05pm	Dolphins	Souths	Suncorp
8	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	Canterbury	Netstrata
8	Sat 7:35pm	Manly	North Qld	4 Pines
9	Sun 4:05pm	Melbourne	Parramatta	AAMI
Bye: Gold Coast				
Round 2				
Mar-13	Thu 8:00pm	Newcastle	Dolphins	McD. Jones
14	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	Manly	Go Media
14	Fri 8:00pm	Penrith	Sydney	CommBank
15	Sat 3:00pm	St Geo Illa	Souths	WIN
15	Sat 4:30pm	North Qld	Cronulla	QLD C. Bank
15	Sat 7:35pm	Canberra	Brisbane	GIO
16	Sun 4:05pm	Parramatta	Wests Tigers	CommBank
16	Sun 6:15pm	Canterbury	Gold Coast	Belmore
Bye: Melbourne				
Round 3				
Mar-20	Thu 8:00pm	Melbourne	Penrith	AAMI
21	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	Sydney	Go Media
21	Fri 7:00pm	Brisbane	North Qld	Suncorp
22	Sat 3:00pm	Cronulla	Souths	Pointsbet
22	Sat 4:30pm	Dolphins	Wests Tigers	Kayo
22	Sat 6:35pm	Gold Coast	Newcastle	Cbus Super
23	Sun 4:05pm	Parramatta	Canterbury	CommBank
23	Sun 6:15pm	Manly	Canberra	4 Pines
Bye: St Geo Illa				
Round 4				
Mar-27	Thu 8:00pm	Souths	Penrith	Accor
28	Fri 6:00pm	Sydney	Gold Coast	Allianz
28	Fri 7:00pm	Dolphins	Brisbane	Suncorp
29	Sat 3:00pm	St Geo Illa	Melbourne	Netstrata
29	Sat 4:30pm	North Qld	Canberra	QLD C. Bank
29	Sat 7:35pm	Cronulla	Canterbury	Pointsbet
Jan-00	Sun 4:05pm	Manly	Parramatta	4 Pines
30	Sun 6:15pm	Wests Tigers	Warriors	Campbelltown
Bye: Newcastle				
Round 5				
Apr-03	Thu 8:00pm	Canberra	Cronulla	GIO
4	Fri 6:00pm	Penrith	North Qld	CommBank
4	Fri 8:00pm	Souths	Sydney	Accor
5	Sat 3:00pm	Parramatta	St Geo Illa	CommBank
5	Sat 4:30pm	Gold Coast	Dolphins	Cbus Super
5	Sat 6:35pm	Brisbane	Wests Tigers	Suncorp
6	Sun 4:05pm	Manly	Melbourne	4 Pines
6	Sun 6:15pm	Canterbury	Newcastle	Accor
Bye: Warriors				
Round 6				
Apr-10	Thu 7:50pm	Dolphins	Penrith	Suncorp
11	Fri 6:00pm	St Geo Illa	Gold Coast	WIN
11	Fri 8:00pm	Brisbane	Sydney	Suncorp
12	Sat 1:00pm	Cronulla	Manly	Optus Stadium
12	Sat 3:30pm	Souths	North Qld	Optus Stadium
12	Sat 7:05pm	Parramatta	Canberra	TIO
13	Sun 2:00pm	Melbourne	Warriors	AAMI
13	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	Wests Tigers	McD. Jones
Bye: Canterbury				
Round 7				
Apr-17	Thu 7:50pm	Manly	St Geo Illa	4 Pines
18	Fri 4:05pm	Canterbury	Souths	Accor
18	Fri 8:00pm	Dolphins	Melbourne	Suncorp
19	Sat 7:30pm	Warriors	Brisbane	Go Media
19	Sat 7:35pm	Sydney	Penrith	Allianz
20	Sun 2:00pm	Gold Coast	Canberra	Cbus Super
20	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	Cronulla	McD. Jones
21	Mon 4:00pm	Wests Tigers	Parramatta	CommBank
Bye: North Qld				
Round 8				
Apr-24	Thu 7:50pm	Brisbane	Canterbury	Suncorp
25	Fri 4:00pm	Sydney	St Geo Illa	Allianz
25	Fri 8:05pm	Warriors	Newcastle	Apollo
25	Fri 8:10pm	Melbourne	Souths	AAMI
26	Sat 5:30pm	North Qld	Gold Coast	QLD C. Bank
26	Sat 7:35pm	Penrith	Manly	CommBank
27	Sun 2:00pm	Canberra	Dolphins	GIO
27	Sun 4:05pm	Wests Tigers	Cronulla	Leichhardt
Bye: Parramatta				
Round 9				
May-02	Fri 6:00pm	Cronulla	Parramatta	Suncorp
2	Fri 8:05pm	Sydney	Dolphins	Suncorp
3	Sat 3:00pm	Souths	Newcastle	Suncorp
3	Sat 5:30pm	Warriors	North Qld	Suncorp
3	Sat 7:35pm	Wests Tigers	St Geo Illa	Suncorp
4	Sun 1:45pm	Gold Coast	Canterbury	Suncorp
4	Sun 4:05pm	Penrith	Brisbane	Suncorp
4	Sun 6:25pm	Melbourne	Canberra	Suncorp
Bye: Manly				

Round 10				
May-08	Thu 7:50pm	Parramatta	Dolphins	CommBank
9	Fri 6:00pm	Newcastle	Gold Coast	McD. Jones
9	Fri 8:00pm	Souths	Brisbane	Accor
10	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra	Canterbury	GIO
10	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	Warriors	WIN
10	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	Penrith	QLD C. Bank
11	Sun 2:00pm	Melbourne	Wests Tigers	AAMI
11	Sun 4:05pm	Manly	Cronulla	4 Pines
Bye: Sydney				
Round 11				
May-16	Fri 6:00pm	Newcastle	Parramatta	McD. Jones
16	Fri 8:00pm	Canterbury	Sydney	Accor
17	Sat 3:00pm	Dolphins	Warriors	Suncorp
17	Sat 5:30pm	North Qld	Manly	QLD C. Bank
17	Sat 7:35pm	Cronulla	Melbourne	Pointsbet
18	Sun 2:00pm	Brisbane	St Geo Illa	Suncorp
18	Sun 4:05pm	Canberra	Gold Coast	GIO
18	Sun 6:15pm	Wests Tigers	Souths	Campbelltown
Bye: Penrith				
Round 12				
May-22	Thu 7:50pm	Canterbury	Dolphins	Accor
23	Fri 8:00pm	Parramatta	Manly	CommBank
24	Sat 5:30pm	Penrith	Newcastle	Carrington
24	Sat 7:35pm	Sydney	Cronulla	[unknown]
25	Sun 6:05pm	Warriors	Canberra	Go Media
Bye: Souths, Melbourne, St Geo Illa, Wests Tigers, North Qld, Brisbane, Gold Coast				
Round 13				
May-30	Fri 8:00pm	St Geo Illa	Newcastle	Netstrata
31	Sat 3:00pm	Gold Coast	Melbourne	Cbus Super
Jan-00	Sat 5:30pm	North Qld	Wests Tigers	QLD C. Bank
31	Sat 7:35pm	Manly	Brisbane	4 Pines
Jun-01	Sun 2:00pm	Souths	Warriors	Accor
1	Sun 4:05pm	Penrith	Parramatta	CommBank
1	Sun 6:15pm	Sydney	Canberra	Allianz
Bye: Dolphins, Canterbury, Cronulla				
Round 14				
Jun-05	Thu 7:50pm	Newcastle	Manly	McD. Jones
6	Fri 6:00pm	Melbourne	North Qld	AAMI
6	Fri 8:00pm	Dolphins	St Geo Illa	Suncorp
7	Sat 5:30pm	Cronulla	Warriors	Pointsbet
7	Sat 7:35pm	Brisbane	Gold Coast	Suncorp
8	Sun 2:00pm	Canberra	Souths	GIO
8	Sun 4:05pm	Wests Tigers	Penrith	CommBank
9	Mon 4:00pm	Canterbury	Parramatta	Accor
Bye: Sydney				
Round 15				
Jun-12	Thu 7:50pm	Cronulla	St Geo Illa	Pointsbet
13	Fri 8:00pm	Gold Coast	Manly	Cbus Super
14	Sat 5:30pm	Newcastle	Sydney	McD. Jones
14	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	Dolphins	QLD C. Bank
15	Sun 4:05pm	Souths	Canterbury	Accor
Bye: Melbourne, Parramatta, Wests Tigers, Penrith, Brisbane, Canberra, Warriors				
Round 16				
Jun-20	Fri 8:00pm	Wests Tigers	Canberra	Campbelltown
21	Sat 5:00pm	Warriors	Penrith	Go Media
Jan-00	Sat 3:30pm	Dolphins	Newcastle	HBF
21	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	Newcastle	Accor
22	Sun 2:00pm	Brisbane	Cronulla	Suncorp
22	Sun 4:05pm	Sydney	North Qld	Allianz
22	Sun 6:15pm	Parramatta	Gold Coast	CommBank
Bye: St Geo Illa, Canterbury, Manly				
Round 17				
Jun-26	Thu 7:50pm	Penrith	Canterbury	CommBank
27	Fri 6:00pm	Manly	Wests Tigers	4 Pines
27	Fri 8:00pm	Newcastle	Canberra	McD. Jones
28	Sat 3:00pm	Brisbane	Warriors	Suncorp
28	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	Parramatta	WIN
28	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	Dolphins	Accor
29	Sun 2:00pm	Melbourne	Cronulla	AAMI
29	Sun 4:05pm	Gold Coast	North Qld	Cbus Super
Bye: Sydney				
Round 18				
Jul-04	Fri 8:00pm	Canterbury	Brisbane	Accor
5	Sat 5:30pm	Canberra	St Geo Illa	GIO
5	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	Melbourne	QLD C. Bank
6	Sun 2:00pm	Sydney	Wests Tigers	Allianz
6	Sun 4:05pm	Manly	Souths	4 Pines
Bye: Dolphins, Parramatta, Newcastle, Penrith, Cronulla, Warriors, Gold Coast				
Round 19				
Jul-11	Fri 8:00pm	Cronulla	Dolphins	Pointsbet
12	Sat 3:00pm	Newcastle	Melbourne	McD. Jones
Jan-00	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	Sydney	Netstrata
12	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	Canterbury	QLD C. Bank
13	Sun 4:00pm	Warriors	Wests Tigers	Go Media
13	Sun 4:05pm	Parramatta	Penrith	CommBank
13	Sun 6:15pm	Gold Coast	Brisbane	Cbus Super
Bye: Souths, Manly, Canberra				

Round 20				
Jul-17	Thu 7:50pm	Dolphins	North Qld	Suncorp
18	Fri 6:00pm	Cronulla	Sydney	Pointsbet
18	Fri 8:00pm	Penrith	Souths	CommBank
19	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra	Parramatta	GIO
19	Sat 5:30pm	Canterbury	St Geo Illa	Accor
19	Sat 7:35pm	Melbourne	Manly	AAMI
20	Sun 2:00pm	Wests Tigers	Gold Coast	Leichhardt
20	Sun 4:05pm	Newcastle	Warriors	McD. Jones
Bye: Brisbane				
Round 21				
Jul-24	Thu 7:50pm	Sydney	Melbourne	Allianz
25	Fri 6:00pm	North Qld	St Geo Illa	QLD C. Bank
25	Fri 8:00pm	Brisbane	Parramatta	Suncorp
26	Sat 5:00pm	Warriors	Gold Coast	Go Media
26	Sat 7:35pm	Penrith	Wests Tigers	CommBank
26	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	Cronulla	Industree
27	Sun 2:00pm	Canberra	Newcastle	GIO
27	Sun 4:05pm	Canterbury	Manly	[unknown]
Bye: Dolphins				
Round 22				
Jul-31	Thu 7:50pm	Parramatta	Melbourne	CommBank
Aug-01	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	Dolphins	Go Media
1	Fri 8:00pm	Brisbane	Souths	Suncorp
2	Sat 3:00pm	Gold Coast	Penrith	Cbus Super
2	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	Canberra	WIN
2	Sat 7:35pm	Manly	Sydney	4 Pines
3	Sun 2:00pm	Wests Tigers	Canterbury	CommBank
3	Sun 4:05pm	Cronulla	North Qld	Pointsbet
Bye: Newcastle				
Round 23				
Aug-07	Thu 7:50pm	Melbourne	Brisbane	AAMI
8	Fri 6:00pm	Newcastle	Penrith	McD. Jones
8	Fri 8:00pm	Canberra	Manly	GIO
9	Sat 3:00pm	St Geo Illa	Cronulla	Netstrata
9	Sat 5:30pm	Dolphins	Sydney	Suncorp
9	Sat 7:35pm	Canterbury	Warriors	Accor
10	Sun 2:00pm	Gold Coast	Souths	Cbus Super
10	Sun 4:05pm	Parramatta	North Qld	CommBank
Bye: Wests Tigers				
Round 24				
Aug-14	Thu 7:50pm	Penrith	Melbourne	CommBank
15	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	St Geo Illa	Go Media
15	Fri 8:00pm	Sydney	Canterbury	Allianz
16	Sat 3:00pm	Cronulla	Gold Coast	Pointsbet
16	Sat 5:30pm	Brisbane	Dolphins	Suncorp
16	Sat 7:35pm	Souths	Parramatta	Allianz
17	Sun 2:00pm	Wests Tigers	Manly	Allianz
17	Sun 4:05pm	North Qld	Newcastle	QLD C. Bank
Bye: Canberra				
Round 25				
Aug-21	Thu 7:50pm	Souths	St Geo Illa	Accor
22	Fri 6:00pm	Penrith	Canberra	Glen Willow
22	Fri 8:00pm	Melbourne	Canterbury	AAMI
23	Sat 3:00pm	Manly	Dolphins	4 Pines
23	Sat 5:30pm	Gold Coast	Warriors	Cbus Super
23	Sat 7:35pm	Parramatta	Sydney	CommBank
24	Sun 2:00pm	Newcastle	Brisbane	McD. Jones
24	Sun 4:05pm	Wests Tigers	North Qld	Leichhardt
Bye: Cronulla				
Round 26				
Aug-28	Thu 7:50pm	Canterbury	Penrith	Accor
29	Fri 8:00pm	Warriors	Parramatta	Go Media
29	Fri 8:00pm	Melbourne	Sydney	AAMI
30	Sat 3:00pm	Canberra	Wests Tigers	GIO
30	Sat 5:30pm	St Geo Illa	Manly	Netstrata
Jan-00	Sat 7:35pm	North Qld	Brisbane	QLD C. Bank
31	Sun 2:00pm	Cronulla	Newcastle	Pointsbet
31	Sun 4:05pm	Dolphins	Gold Coast	Suncorp
Bye: Souths				
Round 27				
Sep-04	Thu 7:50pm	Brisbane	Melbourne	Suncorp
5	Fri 6:00pm	Manly	Warriors	4 Pines
5	Fri 8:00pm	Sydney	Souths	Allianz
6	Sat 3:00pm	St Geo Illa	Penrith	WIN
6	Sat 5:30pm	Gold Coast	Wests Tigers	Cbus Super
6	Sat 7:35pm	Canterbury	Cronulla	Accor
7	Sun 2:00pm	Dolphins	Canberra	Kayo
7	Sun 4:05pm	Parramatta	Newcastle	CommBank
Finals Week 1				
Sep 12 to 14	Qualifying & Elimination Finals			
Finals Week 2				
Sep 19-20	Semi Finals			
Finals Week 3				
Sep 26-27	Preliminary Finals			
Grand Final				
October 5	Grand Final			

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Round 1				
Jul-03	Thu 7:45pm	Cronulla	Parramatta	Pointsbet
4	Fri 5:40pm	Canterbury	Newcastle	Accor
5	Sat 3:15pm	Canberra	St Geo Illa	GIO
5	Sat 5:15pm	North QLD	Gold Coast	QLD C. Bank
5	Sat 12:45pm	Brisbane	West's Tigers	Totally W wear
6	Sun 11:50am	Sydney	Warriors	Allianz
Round 2				
Jul-10	Thu 7:45pm	West's Tigers	Canterbury	Campbelltown
12	Sat 3:15pm	St Geo Illa	Sydney	Netstrata
12	Sat 5:15pm	North QLD	Newcastle	QLD C. Bank
12	Sat 12:45pm	Canberra	Cronulla	TBC
13	Sun 1:50pm	Warriors	Parramatta	Go Media
13	Sun 4:00pm	Gold Coast	Brisbane	Cbus Super
Round 3				
Jul-19	Sat 12:45pm	Canberra	Parramatta	GIO
19	Sat 3:15pm	Canterbury	St Geo Illa	Accor
19	Sat 5:15pm	Cronulla	North QLD	Pointsbet
20	Sun 11:50am	West's Tigers	Gold Coast	Leichhardt
20	Sun 1:45pm	Brisbane	Sydney	Totally W wear
20	Sun 6:15pm	Newcastle	Warriors	McD. Jones
Round 4				
Jul-26	Sat 2:45pm	Warriors	Gold Coast	Go Media
26	Sat 3:15pm	Sydney	Canterbury	Allianz
26	Sat 5:15pm	North QLD	Canberra	QLD C. Bank
27	Sun 12:00pm	Parramatta	Newcastle	Eric Tweedale
27	Sun 6:15pm	Cronulla	West's Tigers	Pointsbet
27	Sun 1:45pm	St Geo Illa	Brisbane	TBC

2025 BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Round 1				
Feb-13	Thu 8:00pm	Wigan	Leigh	The Brick
14	Fri 8:00pm	Catalans	Hull FC	Gilbert Brutus
14	Fri 8:00pm	Hull KR	Castleford	S.G. Craven
15	Sat 3:00pm	Leeds	Wakefield	AMT Headingley
15	Sat 5:30pm	St Helens	Salford	Totally Wicked
16	Sun 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Warrington	John Smith's
Round 2				
20	Thu 8:00pm	Wakefield	Hull KR	DIY Kitchens
21	Fri 8:00pm	Hull FC	Wigan	MKM
21	Fri 8:00pm	Warrington	Catalans	Halliwel Jones
22	Sat 3:00pm	Salford	Leeds	Salford
22	Sat 8:00pm	Castleford	St Helens	The Jungle
23	Sun 2:30pm	Leigh	Huddersfield	LSV
Round 3				
27	Thu 8:00pm	Hull KR	Salford	S.G. Craven
28	Fri 8:00pm	Huddersfield	Hull FC	John Smith's
28	Fri 8:00pm	Leigh	Catalans	LSV
Mar-01	Sat 2:30pm	Wakefield	St Helens	DIY Kitchens
1	Sat 1:30pm	Wigan	Warrington	Allegiant
2	Sun 3:00pm	Leeds	Castleford	AMT Headingley
Round 4				
6	Thu 8:00pm	Hull FC	Leigh	MKM
7	Fri 8:00pm	Castleford	Salford	The Jungle
7	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Hull KR	Totally Wicked
8	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	Leeds	Gilbert Brutus
9	Sun 1:00pm	Warrington	Wakefield	Halliwel Jones
9	Sun 1:00pm	Wigan	Huddersfield	The Brick
Round 5				
20	Thu 8:00pm	Salford	Huddersfield	Salford
21	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Warrington	Totally Wicked
21	Fri 8:00pm	Wakefield	Hull FC	DIY Kitchens
22	Sat 3:00pm	Castleford	Catalans	The Jungle
22	Sat 5:30pm	Leeds	Wigan	AMT Headingley
23	Sun 3:00pm	Hull KR	Leigh	S.G. Craven
Round 6				
27	Thu 8:00pm	Castleford	Hull FC	The Jungle
28	Fri 8:00pm	Leigh	Wakefield	LSV
28	Fri 8:00pm	Warrington	Leeds	Halliwel Jones
29	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	St Helens	Gilbert Brutus
30	Sun 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Hull KR	John Smith's
30	Sun 3:00pm	Wigan	Salford	The Brick
Round 7				
Apr-10	Thu 8:00pm	Salford	Leeds	Salford
11	Fri 8:00pm	Hull KR	Wigan	S.G. Craven
11	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Wakefield	Totally Wicked
12	Sat 5:30pm	Warrington	Hull FC	Halliwel Jones
12	Sat 8:00pm	Castleford	Leigh	The Jungle
13	Sun 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Catalans	John Smith's
Round 8				
17	Thu 8:00pm	Wakefield	Castleford	DIY Kitchens
18	Fri 12:30pm	Hull FC	Hull KR	MKM
18	Fri 3:00pm	Wigan	St Helens	The Brick
18	Fri 5:30pm	Leeds	Huddersfield	AMT Headingley
19	Sat 1:30pm	Leigh	Warrington	LSV
19	Sat 6:00pm	Catalans	Salford	Gilbert Brutus
Round 9				
24	Thu 8:00pm	Warrington	St Helens	Halliwel Jones
25	Fri 8:00pm	Leeds	Hull KR	AMT Headingley
25	Fri 8:00pm	Salford	Leigh	Salford
26	Sat 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Castleford	John Smith's
26	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	Wakefield	Gilbert Brutus
27	Sun 3:00pm	Hull FC	Wigan	MKM

Round 5				
Aug-02	Sat 12:15pm	Gold Coast	Canterbury	McD. Jones
2	Sat 2:15pm	West's Tigers	Sydney	McD. Jones
2	Sat 4:15pm	Brisbane	Cronulla	McD. Jones
3	Sun 11:50am	North QLD	Warriors	McD. Jones
3	Sun 1:45pm	Newcastle	Canberra	McD. Jones
3	Sun 3:45pm	Parramatta	St Geo Illa	McD. Jones
Round 6				
Aug-09	Sat 12:45pm	St Geo Illa	Cronulla	Netstrata
9	Sat 3:15pm	Newcastle	West's Tigers	McD. Jones
9	Sat 5:15pm	Canterbury	Warriors	Accor
10	Sun 11:50am	Gold Coast	Sydney	Cbus Super
10	Sun 1:45pm	Canberra	Brisbane	GIO
10	Sun 6:15pm	Parramatta	North QLD	CommBank
Round 7				
Aug-16	Sat 12:45pm	Cronulla	Gold Coast	Pointsbet
16	Sat 3:15pm	Brisbane	Parramatta	Suncorp
16	Sat 7:15pm	Warriors	Canberra	Go Media
17	Sun 11:50am	West's Tigers	St Geo Illa	Allianz
17	Sun 1:45pm	Sydney	Newcastle	Industree
17	Sun 6:15pm	North QLD	Canterbury	QLD C. Bank
Round 8				
Aug-23	Sat 12:45pm	Canterbury	Canberra	Belmore
23	Sat 3:15pm	Gold Coast	St Geo Illa	Cbus Super
23	Sat 5:15pm	Parramatta	Sydney	CommBank
24	Sun 11:50am	Newcastle	Brisbane	McD. Jones
24	Sun 3:45pm	Warriors	Cronulla	Go Media
24	Sun 6:15pm	West's Tigers	North QLD	Leichhardt

Round 10				
May-03	Sat 3:00pm	Leigh	Catalans	St James'
3	Sat 5:15pm	Hull KR	Salford	St James'
3	Sat 7:30pm	St Helens	Leeds	St James'
4	Sun 1:00pm	Huddersfield	Hull FC	St James'
4	Sun 3:15pm	Wigan	Warrington	St James'
4	Sun 5:30pm	Castleford	Wakefield	St James'
Round 11				
15	Thu 8:00pm	St Helens	Catalans	Totally Wicked
16	Fri 8:00pm	Leeds	Hull FC	AMT Headingley
16	Fri 8:00pm	Wigan	Leigh	The Brick
17	Sat 5:30pm	Hull KR	Huddersfield	S.G. Craven
18	Sun 3:00pm	Wakefield	Warrington	DIY Kitchens
18	Sun 5:30pm	Castleford	Salford	The Jungle
Round 12				
22	Thu 8:00pm	Leigh	Hull FC	LSV
23	Fri 8:00pm	Huddersfield	St Helens	John Smith's
23	Fri 8:00pm	Warrington	Hull KR	Halliwel Jones
24	Sat 2:30pm	Castleford	Leeds	The Jungle
24	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	Wigan	Gilbert Brutus
25	Sun 3:00pm	Wakefield	Salford	DIY Kitchens
Round 13				
29	Thu 8:00pm	Huddersfield	Leigh	John Smith's
30	Fri 8:00pm	Hull KR	St Helens	S.G. Craven
30	Fri 8:00pm	Salford	Wigan	Salford
31	Sat 2:30pm	Leeds	Wakefield	AMT Headingley
31	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	Hull FC	Gilbert Brutus
Jun-01	Sun 3:00pm	Warrington	Castleford	Halliwel Jones
Round 14				
13	Fri 8:00pm	Hull FC	Castleford	MKM
13	Fri 8:00pm	Hull KR	Catalans	S.G. Craven
14	Sat 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Wigan	John Smith's
14	Sat 5:30pm	Leeds	Warrington	AMT Headingley
15	Sun 2:30pm	Wakefield	Leigh	DIY Kitchens
15	Sun 3:00pm	Salford	St Helens	Salford
Round 15				
19	Thu 8:00pm	Castleford	Hull KR	The Jungle
20	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Leeds	Totally Wicked
20	Fri 8:00pm	Wakefield	Wigan	DIY Kitchens
21	Sat 3:00pm	Warrington	Huddersfield	Halliwel Jones
21	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	Leigh	Gilbert Brutus
22	Sun 3:00pm	Salford	Hull FC	Salford
Round 16				
27	Fri 8:00pm	Hull KR	Wakefield	S.G. Craven
27	Fri 8:00pm	Leeds	Leigh	AMT Headingley
27	Fri 8:00pm	Warrington	Hull FC	Halliwel Jones
28	Sat 5:30pm	Catalans	Huddersfield	Gilbert Brutus
28	Sat 8:00pm	Castleford	Wigan	The Jungle
29	Sun 3:00pm	St Helens	Salford	Totally Wicked
Round 17				
Jul-03	Thu 8:00pm	Castleford	Huddersfield	The Jungle
4	Fri 8:00pm	Leigh	Wigan	LSV
4	Fri 8:00pm	Salford	Warrington	Salford
5	Sat 3:00pm	Hull FC	St Helens	MKM
5	Sat 5:30pm	Wakefield	Catalans	DIY Kitchens
6	Sun 3:00pm	Hull KR	Leeds	S.G. Craven
Round 18				
10	Thu 8:00pm	Hull FC	Wakefield	MKM
11	Fri 8:00pm	Leeds	St Helens	AMT Headingley
11	Fri 8:00pm	Wigan	Huddersfield	The Brick
12	Sat 3:00pm	Leigh	Hull KR	LSV
12	Sat 6:00pm	Catalans	Warrington	Gilbert Brutus
13	Sun 3:00pm	Salford	Castleford	Salford

Round 9				
Aug-30	Sat 12:45pm	Canberra	West's Tigers	GIO
30	Sat 3:15pm	St Geo Illa	Warriors	Netstrata
30	Sat 5:15pm	North QLD	Sydney	QLD C. Bank
31	Sun 11:50am	Cronulla	Newcastle	Pointsbet
31	Sun 1:45pm	Brisbane	Canterbury	Totally W wear
31	Sun 6:15pm	Gold Coast	Parramatta	Cbus Super
Round 10				
Sep-05	Fri 5:40pm	Sydney	Canberra	Allianz
6	Sat 12:45pm	St Geo Illa	North QLD	WIN
6	Sat 3:15pm	Canterbury	Cronulla	Accor
7	Sun 2:00pm	Warriors	Brisbane	Go Media
7	Sun 1:45pm	Newcastle	Gold Coast	McD. Jones
7	Sun 6:15pm	Parramatta	West's Tigers	CommBank
Round 11				
Sep-11	Thu 7:45pm	Sydney	Cronulla	Allianz
12	Fri 6:00pm	Parramatta	Canterbury	CommBank
13	Sat 12:00pm	Brisbane	North QLD	Totally W wear
13	Sat 1:45pm	Gold Coast	Canberra	Cbus Super
14	Sun 12:00pm	West's Tigers	Warriors	Campbelltown
14	Sun 1:45pm	Newcastle	St Geo Illa	McD. Jones

Elimination Finals - September 19-20

Semi Finals - September 26-27

Grand Final - October 5

Round 19				
17	Thu 8:00pm	St Helens	Leigh	Totally Wicked
18	Fri 8:00pm	Huddersfield	Wakefield	John Smith's
18	Fri 8:00pm	Leeds	Salford	AMT Headingley
19	Sat 3:00pm	Wigan	Hull FC	The Brick
19	Sat 6:00pm	Catalans	Hull KR	Gilbert Brutus
20	Sun 3:00pm	Castleford	Warrington	The Jungle
Round 20				
24	Thu 8:00pm	Wakefield	Leeds	DIY Kitchens
25	Fri 8:00pm	Wigan	Catalans	The Brick
26	Sat 3:00pm	Hull FC	Huddersfield	MKM
31	Thu 8:00pm	Salford	Hull KR	Salford
Aug-01	Fri 8:00pm	Leigh	Warrington	LSV
1	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Castleford	Totally Wicked
Round 21				
7	Thu 8:00pm	Leigh	Leeds	LSV
8	Fri 8:00pm	Wakefield	St Helens	DIY Kitchens
8	Fri 8:00pm	Warrington	Wigan	Halliwel Jones
9	Sat 3:00pm	Hull KR	Castleford	S.G. Craven
9	Sat 5:30pm	Huddersfield	Catalans	John Smith's
10	Sun 3:00pm	Hull FC	Salford	MKM
Round 22				
14	Thu 8:00pm	Warrington	Catalans	Halliwel Jones
15	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Huddersfield	Totally Wicked
15	Fri 8:00pm	Wigan	Hull KR	The Brick
16	Sat 3:00pm	Castleford	Leeds	The Jungle
16	Sat 5:30pm	Hull FC	Leigh	MKM
17	Sun 3:00pm	Salford	Wakefield	Salford
Round 23				
21	Thu 8:00pm	Leeds	Hull KR	AMT Headingley
22	Fri 8:00pm	Leigh	Salford	LSV
22	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Hull FC	Totally Wicked
23	Sat 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Warrington	John Smith's
23	Sat 6:00pm	Catalans	Castleford	Gilbert Brutus
24	Sun 3:00pm	Wigan	Wakefield	The Brick
Round 24				
28	Thu 8:00pm	Leigh	Castleford	LSV
29	Fri 8:00pm	Hull KR	St Helens	S.G. Craven
29	Fri 8:00pm	Warrington	Salford	Halliwel Jones
30	Sat 3:00pm	Hull FC	Leeds	MKM
30	Sat 8:00pm	Catalans	Wigan	Gilbert Brutus
31	Sun 3:00pm	Wakefield	Huddersfield	DIY Kitchens
Round 25				
Sep-04	Thu 8:00pm	Salford	Catalans	Salford
5	Fri 8:00pm	Castleford	Wakefield	The Jungle
5	Fri 8:00pm	St Helens	Wigan	Totally Wicked
6	Sat 3:00pm	Warrington	Leigh	Halliwel Jones
6	Sat 5:30pm	Huddersfield	Leeds	John Smith's
7	Sun 3:00pm	Hull KR	Hull FC	S.G. Craven
Round 26				
11	Thu 8:00pm	Leeds	Catalans	AMT Headingley
12	Fri 8:00pm	Leigh	St Helens	LSV
12	Fri 8:00pm	Wigan	Castleford	The Brick
13	Sat 3:00pm	Wakefield	Hull KR	DIY Kitchens
13	Sat 5:30pm	Hull FC	Warrington	MKM
14	Sun 3:00pm	Huddersfield	Salford	John Smith's
Round 27				
18-21 Sep	TBC	Hull FC	Catalans	MKM
18-21 Sep	TBC	Hull KR	Warrington	S.G. Craven
18-21 Sep	TBC	Leigh	Huddersfield	LSV
18-21 Sep	TBC	St Helens	Castleford	Totally Wicked
18-21 Sep	TBC	Salford	Wakefield	Salford
18-21 Sep	TBC	Wigan	Leeds	The Brick
Playoffs				
Playoffs	Week 1	Sep 26-27	Eliminators	
Playoffs	Week 2	Oct 3-4	Semi Finals	
Grand Final		October 11	Old Trafford	

2025 BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Round 1				
May-16	Fri 5:30pm	Wigan	York	Brick Community
17	Sat 2:00pm	St Helens	Leeds	Totally Wicked
18	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	Barrow	LSV Stadium
18	Sun 2:00pm	Warrington	Huddersfield	Haliwell Jones
Round 2				
25	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	Warrington	LSV Stadium
25	Sun 12:00pm	York	Leeds	LNER
25	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	St Helens	Laund Hill
25	Sun 2:00pm	Wigan	Barrow	Robin Park
Round 3				
31	Sat 12:00pm	Leeds	Wigan	AMT Headingley
Jun-01	Sun 12:00pm	Warrington	Barrow	Haliwell Jones
1	Sun 12:00pm	York	St Helens	LNER
1	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	Leigh	Laund Hill
Round 4				
14	Sat 2:00pm	Barrow	St Helens	Northern Comps
15	Sun 12:00pm	Leeds	Warrington	AMT Headingley
15	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	York	LSV Stadium
15	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	Wigan	Laund Hill
Round 5				
21	Sat 2:00pm	St Helens	Warrington	Totally Wicked
22	Sun 12:00pm	Leeds	Barrow	AMT Headingley
22	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	York	Laund Hill
22	Sun 2:00pm	Wigan	Leigh	Robin Park

Round 6				
27	Fri 5:15pm	Leeds	Leigh	AMT Headingley
29	Sun 12:00pm	Barrow	Huddersfield	Northern Comps
29	Sun 12:00pm	Warrington	York	Victoria Pk
29	Sun 2:00pm	Wigan	St Helens	Robin Park
Round 7				
Jul-11	Fri 5:30pm	Leeds	St Helens	AMT Headingley
13	Sun 12:00pm	Barrow	Warrington	Northern Comps
13	Sun 12:00pm	York	Leigh	LNER
13	Sun 2:00pm	Wigan	Huddersfield	Robin Park
Round 8				
19	Sat 2:00pm	St Helens	Leigh	Totally Wicked
20	Sun 12:00pm	Leeds	Huddersfield	AMT Headingley
20	Sun 12:00pm	Warrington	Wigan	Victoria Pk
20	Sun 12:00pm	York	Barrow	LNER
Round 9				
27	Sun 12:00pm	Warrington	St Helens	Victoria Pk
27	Sun 12:00pm	York	Huddersfield	LNER
27	Sun 2:00pm	Barrow	Leigh	Northern Comps
27	Sun 2:00pm	Wigan	Leeds	Robin Park
Round 10				
Aug-16	Sat 2:00pm	St Helens	Huddersfield	Totally Wicked
17	Sun 12:00pm	Barrow	Leeds	Northern Comps
17	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	Wigan	LSV Stadium
17	Sun 12:00pm	York	Warrington	LNER

Round 11				
23	Sat 2:00pm	St Helens	Barrow	Totally Wicked
24	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	Leeds	LSV Stadium
24	Sun 12:00pm	York	Wigan	LNER
24	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	Warrington	Laund Hill
Round 12				
30	Sat 2:00pm	Barrow	Wigan	Northern Comps
30	Sat 2:00pm	St Helens	York	Totally Wicked
31	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	Huddersfield	LSV Stadium
31	Sun 12:00pm	Warrington	Leeds	Victoria Pk
Round 13				
Sep-05	Fri 5:30pm	St Helens	Wigan	Totally Wicked
7	Sun 12:00pm	Warrington	Leigh	Victoria Pk
7	Sun 2:00pm	Barrow	York	Northern Comps
7	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	Leeds	Laund Hill
Round 14				
14	Sun 12:00pm	Leeds	York	AMT Headingley
14	Sun 12:00pm	Leigh	St Helens	LSV Stadium
14	Sun 2:00pm	Huddersfield	Barrow	Laund Hill
14	Sun 2:00pm	Wigan	Warrington	Robin Park

2025 BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Round 1				
Feb-15	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Widnes	Ernest Wallon
16	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Hunslet	Northern Comps
16	Sun 3:00pm	Bradford	London	Bartercard Odsal
16	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Doncaster	Millennium
16	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	York	Boundary Park
16	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Halifax	OLP Sheffield
Round 2				
22	Sat 6:00pm	York	Toulouse	LNER
23	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Barrow	The Shay
23	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Bradford	South Leeds
23	Sun 3:00pm	London	Featherstone	Cherry Red
23	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Batley	Boundary Park
23	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Sheffield	DCBL Halton
Round 3				
Mar-08	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Bradford	Ernest Wallon
9	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Oldham	Northern Comps
9	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Widnes	Fox's Biscuits
9	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Sheffield	Millennium
9	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Doncaster	South Leeds
9	Sun 3:00pm	York	Halifax	LNER
Round 4				
21	Fri 7:45pm	Bradford	Barrow	Bartercard Odsal
22	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Hunslet	Ernest Wallon
23	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	York	Fox's Biscuits
23	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Widnes	Eco-Power
23	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Featherstone	The Shay
23	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	London	Boundary Park
Round 5				
29	Sat 5:00pm	London	Hunslet	Cherry Red
29	Sat 7:30pm	Doncaster	Toulouse	Eco-Power
30	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	York	Northern Comps
30	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Bradford	Millennium
30	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Batley	The Shay
30	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Oldham	OLP Sheffield
Round 6				
Apr-12	Sat 5:00pm	London	Batley	Cherry Red
12	Sat 6:00pm	Sheffield	Toulouse	OLP Sheffield
13	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Halifax	South Leeds
13	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Featherstone	Boundary Park
13	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Barrow	DCBL Halton
13	Sun 3:00pm	York	Doncaster	LNER
Round 7				
18	Fri 3:00pm	Barrow	London	Northern Comps
18	Fri 3:00pm	Batley	Hunslet	Fox's Biscuits
18	Fri 3:00pm	Doncaster	Sheffield	Eco-Power
18	Fri 3:00pm	Featherstone	York	Millennium
18	Fri 3:00pm	Halifax	Bradford	The Shay
18	Fri 3:00pm	Widnes	Oldham	DCBL Halton
Round 8				
26	Sat 6:00pm	Featherstone	Toulouse	Millennium
27	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Doncaster	Northern Comps
27	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	London	The Shay
27	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Bradford	Boundary Park
27	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Batley	OLP Sheffield
27	Sun 3:00pm	York	Widnes	LNER
Round 9				
May-03	Sat 5:00pm	London	York	Cherry Red
3	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Halifax	Ernest Wallon
4	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Barrow	Fox's Biscuits
4	Sun 3:00pm	Bradford	Sheffield	Bartercard Odsal
4	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Oldham	Eco-Power
4	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Widnes	South Leeds

Round 10				
10	Sat 5:00pm	Oldham	Toulouse	Boundary Park
11	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Bradford	Fox's Biscuits
11	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Doncaster	The Shay
11	Sun 3:00pm	London	Sheffield	Cherry Red
11	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Featherstone	DCBL Halton
11	Sun 3:00pm	York	Hunslet	LNER
Round 11				
23	Fri 7:30pm	Sheffield	Hunslet	OLP Sheffield
24	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Barrow	Ernest Wallon
25	Sun 3:00pm	Bradford	Widnes	Bartercard Odsal
25	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	London	Eco-Power
25	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Batley	Millennium
25	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Halifax	Boundary Park
Round 12				
30	Fri 6:00pm	Batley	Toulouse	Fox's Biscuits
31	Sat 5:00pm	London	Widnes	Cherry Red
Jun-01	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Featherstone	Northern Comps
1	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Bradford	Eco-Power
1	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Oldham	South Leeds
1	Sun 3:00pm	York	Sheffield	LNER
Round 13				
15	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Sheffield	Northern Comps
15	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Doncaster	Fox's Biscuits
15	Sun 3:00pm	Bradford	York	Bartercard Odsal
15	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Hunslet	Millennium
15	Sun 4:00pm	Toulouse	London	Ernest Wallon
15	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Halifax	DCBL Halton
Round 14				
20	Fri 7:45pm	Bradford	Batley	Bartercard Odsal
20	Fri 8:00pm	Featherstone	Halifax	Millennium
21	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Oldham	Ernest Wallon
22	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Barrow	South Leeds
22	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Doncaster	OLP Sheffield
22	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	York	DCBL Halton
Round 15				
28	Sat 3:00pm	Widnes	Toulouse	DCBL Halton
29	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Bradford	Northern Comps
29	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Sheffield	Fox's Biscuits
29	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Oldham	The Shay
29	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	London	South Leeds
29	Sun 3:00pm	York	Featherstone	LNER
Round 16				
Jul-04	Fri 7:45pm	Bradford	Hunslet	Bartercard Odsal
5	Sat 5:00pm	London	Halifax	Kuflink Stadium
5	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Doncaster	Ernest Wallon
6	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Barrow	Millennium
6	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Widnes	Boundary Park
6	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	York	OLP Sheffield
Round 17				
12	Sat 5:00pm	London	Doncaster	Kuflink Stadium
12	Sat 6:00pm	Halifax	Toulouse	The Shay
13	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Batley	Northern Comps
13	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Featherstone	South Leeds
13	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Sheffield	Boundary Park
13	Sun 3:00pm	York	Bradford	LNER
Round 18				
18	Fri 7:45pm	Bradford	Oldham	Bartercard Odsal
19	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Featherstone	Ernest Wallon
20	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Halifax	Fox's Biscuits
20	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	London	OLP Sheffield
20	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Doncaster	DCBL Halton
20	Sun 3:00pm	York	Barrow	LNER

Round 19				
26	Sat 6:00pm	Barrow	Toulouse	Northern Comps
27	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Batley	Eco-Power
27	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	London	Millennium
27	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	York	The Shay
27	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Hunslet	Boundary Park
27	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Bradford	DCBL Halton
Round 20				
Aug-01	Fri 7:45pm	Bradford	Halifax	Bartercard Odsal
3	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Featherstone	Fox's Biscuits
3	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Hunslet	Eco-Power
3	Sun 3:00pm	London	Barrow	Cherry Red
3	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Widnes	OLP Sheffield
3	Sun 3:00pm	York	Oldham	LNER
Round 21				
8	Fri 7:45pm	Bradford	Doncaster	Bartercard Odsal
10	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Sheffield	The Shay
10	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	York	South Leeds
10	Sun 3:00pm	London	Toulouse	Cherry Red
10	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Barrow	Boundary Park
10	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Batley	DCBL Halton
Round 22				
16	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Sheffield	Ernest Wallon
17	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Widnes	Northern Comps
17	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	Oldham	Fox's Biscuits
17	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Featherstone	Eco-Power
17	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Hunslet	The Shay
17	Sun 3:00pm	York	London	LNER
Round 23				
22	Fri 7:45pm	Sheffield	Bradford	OLP Sheffield
23	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	York	Ernest Wallon
23	Sat 6:00pm	Featherstone	Widnes	Millennium
24	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Barrow	Eco-Power
24	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Batley	South Leeds
24	Sun 3:00pm	London	Oldham	Cherry Red
Round 24				
30	Sat 3:00pm	Bradford	Toulouse	Bartercard Odsal
31	Sun 3:00pm	Barrow	Halifax	Northern Comps
31	Sun 3:00pm	Batley	London	Fox's Biscuits
31	Sun 3:00pm	Oldham	Doncaster	Boundary Park
31	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Featherstone	OLP Sheffield
31	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	Hunslet	DCBL Halton
Round 25				
Sep-06	Sat 6:00pm	Toulouse	Batley	Ernest Wallon
7	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	York	Eco-Power
7	Sun 3:00pm	Featherstone	Oldham	Millennium
7	Sun 3:00pm	Halifax	Widnes	The Shay
7	Sun 3:00pm	Hunslet	Sheffield	South Leeds
7	Sun 3:00pm	London	Bradford	Cherry Red
Round 26				
13	Sat 6:00pm	Hunslet	Toulouse	South Leeds
14	Sun 3:00pm	Bradford	Featherstone	Bartercard Odsal
14	Sun 3:00pm	Doncaster	Halifax	Eco-Power
14	Sun 3:00pm	Sheffield	Barrow	OLP Sheffield
14	Sun 3:00pm	Widnes	London	DCBL Halton
14	Sun 3:00pm	York	Batley	LNER



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