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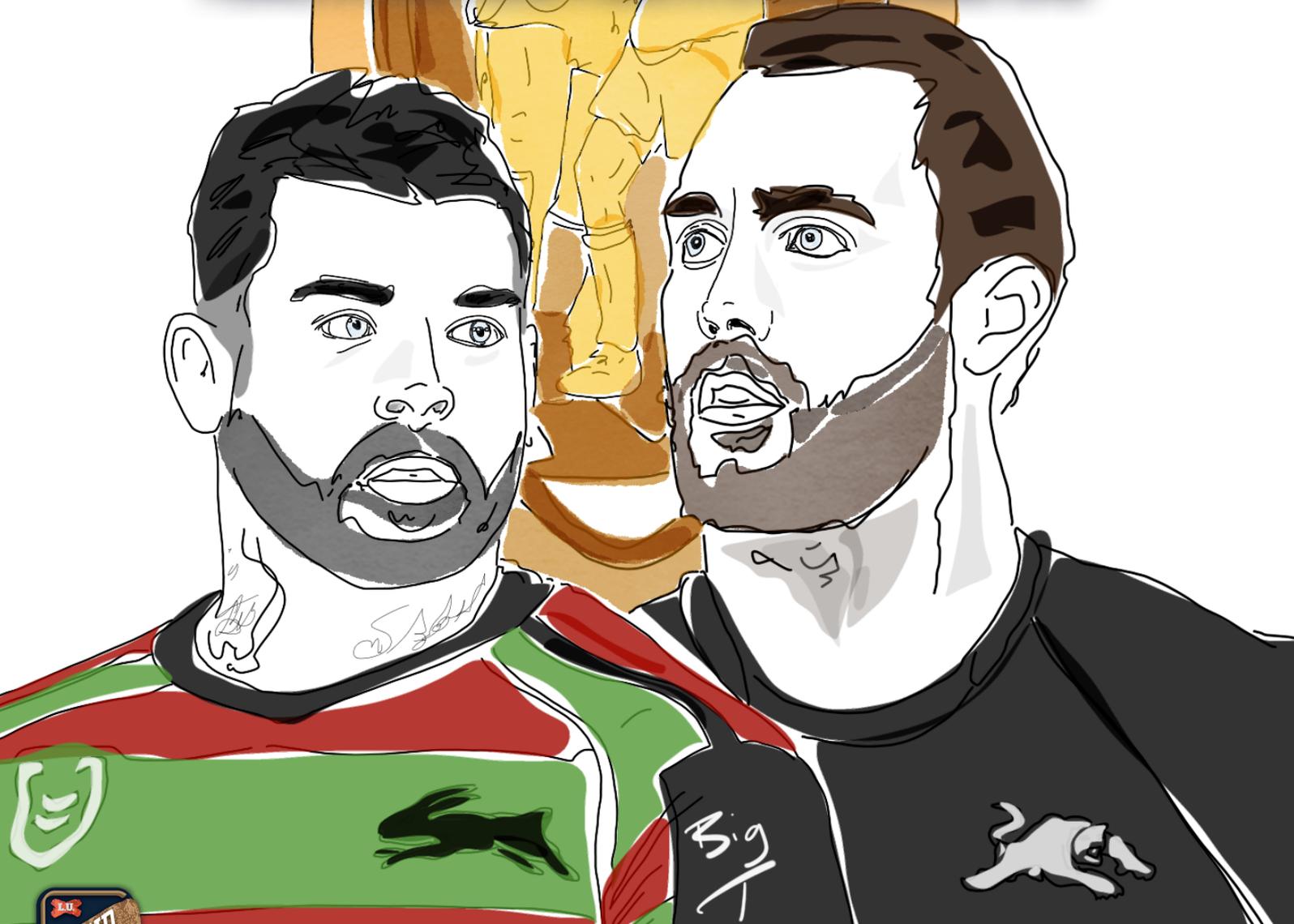
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Below the match center is a featured article titled 'NRL statement: Api Koroisau' with a sub-headline 'THE National Rugby League (NRL) has issued NSW Blues player Api Koroisau with a Breach Notice for failing to comply with the game's biosecurity protocols during the State's Game II camp.' The article is dated 23 Jul 2021 6:05PM.

The main content area features a 'MATCH CENTRE' for Round 20: MELBOURNE STORM vs PENRITH PANTHERS. The score is 0-0. The match is scheduled for 7:35pm on Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Suncorp Stadium. A pre-match timer shows 0:00. A social media link for #NRLStormPanthers is provided.

Navigation tabs include PRE-MATCH, TEAMS, PLAY BY PLAY, SCORERS, and WRAP UP. Below this is a 'Round 20:' section with 'Form Guide' and 'Upcoming Games' for both teams.

Form Guide:

- Storm: Round 19 (16-20), Round 18 (48-4)
- Panthers: Round 21 (0-0), Round 18 (16-30)

Upcoming Games:

- Storm: Round 21 at Suncorp Stadium, Round 22 at WIN Stadium
- Panthers: Round 21 at Suncorp Stadium, Round 22 at WIN Stadium

A 'Latest News' section at the bottom left features an article titled 'Storm sneak past the Cowboys to record 15th win in a row' with a sub-headline 'MELBOURNE has survived a late scare from North Queensland to register a club record 15th straight win by 20-16 at Queensland Country Bank Stadium tonight.' The article is dated 23 Jul 2021 10:29PM | Sam Bourke.

THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON

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From the editor

Tim Costello

October arrives this weekend - and with it, NRL Grand Final Day. After the wild ride that was 2020, it was thought 2021 might be a more stable season - but we could not have been more wrong.

The Panthers and Rabbitohs have taken somewhat different paths to reach the final match of the season, but a solid case can be made for both claiming victory.

Inside these pages you'll find plenty to feast your eyes on - a chat with Nathan Cleary, a tribute to Benji Marshall, a look back at the defensive mettle that defined this season, a guide to the Clive Churchill Medal, and a detailed, in-depth, 11-page match program taking a look at this incredible match-up approaching on Sunday.

And a huge hand to both Robert Crosby and TheBiggestTiger who have gone above and beyond to make this special Grand Final issue of The Front Row that little bit better.

We'll be back next week with a final edition for the 2021 season, wrapping the Grand Final, and looking ahead to Grand Finals in the QRL and UK leagues. As always, thanks for your support of the Front Row.

Happy reading - and enjoy your Grand Final footy!



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BATTLE ROYALE

CLEARY'S INFLUENCE IMPORTANT AS PANTHERS LOOK TO END TITLE DROUGHT

The battle of the number sevens will go a long way towards determining the outcome of Sunday's NRL grand final between Penrith and South Sydney.

Panthers halfback Nathan Cleary admits he got carried away with a specific plan when the teams last met three weeks ago.

But he won't make the same mistake of bombing Rabbitohs fullback Blake Taaffe relentlessly in the season decider.

The South Sydney custodian dropped his first touch in their last clash before he bounced back and played a starring role in the Rabbitohs' 16-10 upset win.

"Blake had that early drop so I probably went after him a bit too much rather than playing the field position battle," Cleary said.

"But it's kind of different each game you get in with the flow of the game and you have a bit of a kicking plan, but it changes as the game goes on and it's something you've got to adapt to."

Cleary will face off with Adam Reynolds with both halfbacks holding the keys to unlocking the defence of the opposition.

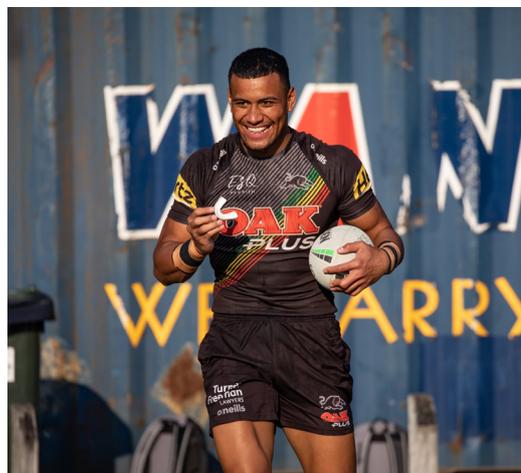
The Penrith maestro has full respect for what Reynolds is capable of, but he's looking forward to the battle.

"Reyno's got one of the best kicking games in the comp and kicking games are an important thing in big games and where you allow the other team to start their sets," Cleary said.

"It's something we work hard at and it'll be no different this weekend."

Reynolds won on points' decision in their last clash, but Cleary will look to deliver the knockout blow inspired by a genius play in their win over Melbourne last weekend.

The halfback admits he gained great satisfaction out of a cross-field kick from dummy half which landed on winger Stephen Crichton's chest in the third minute.



Penrith centre-turned-winger Stephen Crichton

"Once you get into the big games it's a lot harder to find points and you're versing the best defences in the league so I guess you've got to be creative sometimes and work hard at trying to find those points," Cleary said.

"It's such a big moment and in a big game."

Coach Ivan Cleary admitted the Panthers would use their experience in big games over the last two years to their advantage.

It could be the motivation that results in their first premiership since 2003.

"We know the pain of losing so we're certainly going to sit back and enjoy the week," he said.

"In terms of (last year's grand final) there were a few things we learned, but we've learned that through this finals series too.

"Last year was very new for us in many ways and all the little experiences we're getting will help us again."

Co-captain Isaah Yeo said while they would enjoy the week their aim for the whole season was to win the competition. He knows they haven't achieved that yet.

"It's extremely hard to get here, but we understand we're here to win the grand final and there's still one more to go."

WORDS: PAUL JOBBER

PHOTOS: PANTHERS MEDIA



Panthers halfback Nathan Cleary wants to go one better in 2021.

BENJI: A TRIBUTE

ANDREW FERGUSON LOOKS BACK AT A STORIED CAREER THAT COULD COME TO AN END ON SUNDAY - THE STORY OF BENJAMIN QUENTIN MARSHALL.

When I first laid my eyes on Rugby League as a child, I was captivated immediately by the game.

Some players struck a chord with me for different reasons – Andrew Ettingshausen because he was so quick and because he had the same first name as me (I was in Primary School in a small country town, this was a big deal!) and Garry Jack because of his amazing ability to cut down anyone trying to score in the corner with his trademark bootlaces tackles.

The following year, I was mesmerised by Tim Brasher, purely because the commentators revealed he was a schoolboy. So was I! And from then he had a fan.

It was more than that with Brasher though. He was fast, had the ability to swerve away from defenders and get away, he was a prolific try scorer. Even as a primary schooler, I was adamant that Brasher would play Origin and Test football. I don't know why, I just knew.

He had that something extra. Something special. That x-factor.

I've seen plenty of great players both in my time as a fan and of those before I was born via archives but none quite captivated me like Brasher did.

Until Benji.

I remember watching his debut against the Knights in 2003. This scrawny little kid who looked like his legs were built out of pogo sticks. He was trying to sidestep anyone and everyone. He was like nothing I've ever seen in this game before. I hadn't seen anything like him in any game - anywhere! And while in 2004, we didn't get to see much of him - in 2005, oh wow!

No one will ever forget that try he set up for Daniel Fitzhenry against the Sharks, Benji unleashing three enormous sidesteps, a burst of speed and then a no-look pass to his winger to score. I didn't know it at the time, but this would become just one of an insanely high number of highlight reel moments that Benji would create over his career.

The immense number of injuries in those early days were worrying to us fans, but they didn't seem to impact Benji. The

accolades quickly flowed: named International Five-Eighth of the Year in 2009, winner of the Golden Boot in 2010, his second International Five-Eighth award in 2011 along with being named the Dally M Five-eighth of the year in the same season.

This was peak Benji. He had matured, developed his game, become more patient, didn't try to pull off a trick-shot play *every* time he touched the ball. He was the best in the world, at a time when Darren Lockyer, Cameron Smith, Billy Slater, Johnathan Thurston and Greg Inglis were all International superstars.

Just like with Brasher - when he eventually departed the Tigers of Balmain, Benji's exit from the Wests Tigers was devastating. This wasn't supposed to ever end - not like this!

He ventured to Rugby Union, quickly realised it wasn't for him and returned to the NRL at the Dragons. He played more a steady hand there, as opposed to the exciting magician role he had mastered at the Wests Tigers.

After three years his career looked to be at a crossroads when supercoach Wayne Bennett picked him up for a year at Brisbane. That was one of Benji's best seasons in some time as he showed signs of mastering the playmaking role, relying less and less on his otherworldly stepping skills.

He returned to the Wests Tigers for a further three years and was comfortably their best player for that period, showing no signs of slowing down or worsening. If anything, he was a different, more consistent and well-rounded half.

Bennett, now at the helm of the Rabbitohs, signed Benji for 2021. And like I did when Brasher went to Souths all those years ago, I found myself as equally engrossed in South Sydney games as I was in Wests Tigers games.

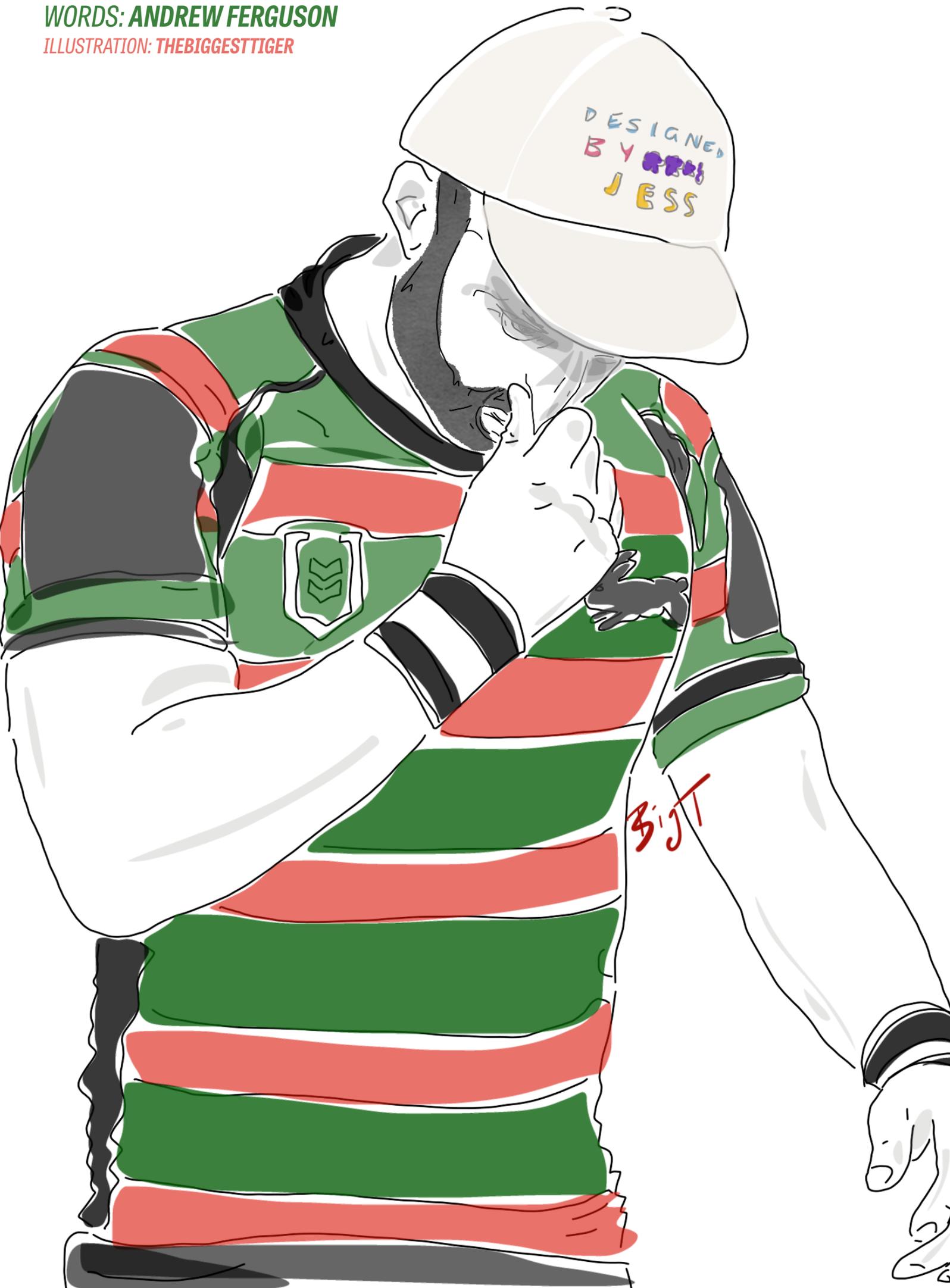
Benji, you are unlike no other before you, and there will be no one like you for a long, long time. You excited fans like only the great Dally Messenger did.

You are an icon, you are the highlight reel.

You are always, Benji.

WORDS: ANDREW FERGUSON

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AGAINST THE GRAIN

WHY DEFENCE HAS NEVER RATED SO GOOD

Just over 11 months ago Cameron Smith signed off with the trophy, not that anyone knew. His official retirement was still months away, and at the time it mattered little. Against the odds, the season was over.

That was 2020, an NRL season like no other.

Now fast forward to Sunday night and Suncorp Stadium. And come the final whistle, the torrent of upheaval that is season 2021 may not fit under Brisbane's Story Bridge.

It started in March when the rule book suffered more tweaks than a Tom Trbojevic hamstring. Six-again's and fewer scrums satisfied a desire to speed up the play, then it didn't. But it was too late, the train had left the station.



Magic Round was exactly that, from old-school thuggery to the innocuous, any contact with the head, puff...gone.

Then came the virus, the same as last time only different. Something like a Burgess mutation, crunch.

When everyone eventually woke up, the posts were in the Sunshine State. From Robina to Townsville and just about everywhere in between, Queensland was rugby league nirvana.

Nothing added up, tackling seemed optional and scoreboards were on tilt.

Records tumbled like the night Josh Addo-Carr bagged six tries, not since 1950 and against eventual grand finalist South Sydney - unfathomable.

The Storm torched most, equalling a record 19 on the bounce at almost 34 points a week.

Alex Johnston made sure it wasn't all one-way traffic, surging to a Rabbitohs club record 29 tries that was set way back in 1954.

Then as the gap between the top sides and the also-rans widened, **Tommy Turbo** imposed himself like no other. Simply unstoppable with five hat-tricks on the way to blindsiding the Dally M count in just 15 appearances.



Including finals, the fullback's trail of destruction included 28 tries, breaking Phil Blake's Manly club record from 1983.

Blake was a teenage sensation, a DIY opportunist long before Bunnings made the grade. But more than that, he marks a line in the sand for his era.

The polar opposite to that drawn in 2021.

From 1984, right across the board the points suddenly dried up. It took Blake another three seasons to tally the 27 from his breakout year. Canterbury coach Warren Ryan had locked the door and thrown away the keys, the Dogs of War announced themselves as the ministers of defence and the others slowly fell into line.

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Grand finals from the time were a playmaker's worst nightmare. A miserly four tries across three grand finals from 1984, including the only tryless shootout in 1986.

Eventually rule modifications saw the game open up, and so the cycle continues with each ensuing adaptation.

Now with the floodgates open wider than ever, the steely resistance of the top sides in recent weeks has rocked the script.

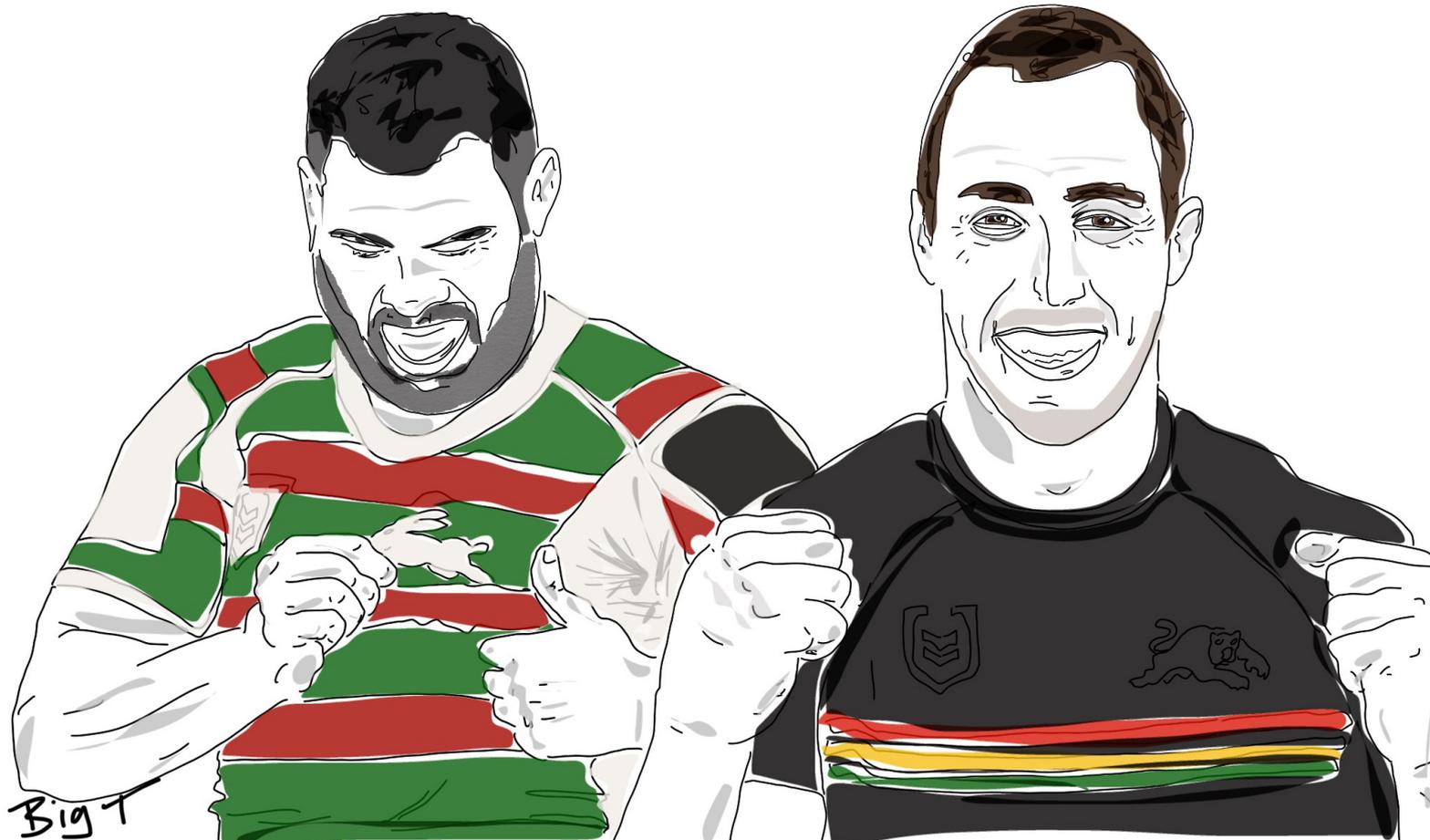
With a meagre five tries between them, Penrith's last two outings undermine the preconceived entertainment narrative,

yet there they are, among the most spectacular contests seen in years.

Names like Capewell and Sorenson, in the shadows of big names, scrambling to save their side's bacon in a showcase of rugby league's warm underside.

Now it's just the Panthers and Rabbitohs, stingy defence versus unpredictable brilliance.

And in another season like no other, perhaps the best is yet to come.



WHO CLAIMS CLIVE?

A LOOK AT THE CHANCES OF EACH PLAYER TO WIN THE CLIVE CHURCHILL MEDAL

WORDS: RICK EDGERTON

Winning team or losing team? A half? A fullback? Rick Edgerton looks at both starting 13's and how each player looks ahead of Sunday's decider.

All odds listed are courtesy of Sportsbet and correct at the time of writing. Prices will inevitably change throughout the week.

PENRITH PANTHERS

1. Dylan Edwards - \$34

After missing week one of the finals through injury, Edwards has produced two high quality performances against the Eels and Storm running for an average 215 metres and busting 13 tackles. Also looked very safe under the high ball taking some high pressure bombs and is brilliant at supporting up the middle whenever a Panthers break is made. Probably lacks the ball playing ability to tip with confidence but a sneaky chance if you think he can nab a try or two.

2. Stephen Crichton - \$67

Strike outside back who brings plenty of X factor to the Panthers backline. Has crossed the try line twice this finals series and with his big athletic frame it'd be no surprise to see him cross again. Is averaging 174 metres throughout the three finals but that number is inflated thanks to his week one performance where he ran for 293 metres whilst filling in for Edwards at fullback. Needs tries and lots of them to be a legitimate chance.

3. Paul Momirovski - \$81

At his fourth club in as many years and has been a solid contributor for the mountain men at right centre. Shows good game awareness and is more than capable of setting up his outside man in try scoring situations. Had a particularly strong game against his former club in the prelim but not likely to be a serious contender.

4. Matt Burton - \$26

Expected to play second fiddle to Penrith's halves coming into the season, Burton has instead displayed good enough form to nail down a position at centre where he's crossed for 16 tries, keeping Crichton on the wing in the process. Has a booming left foot step he'll be ready to unleash if given any space on Sunday night. Has been kept fairly quiet in the finals with just the one line-break but an outside chance if you think the game comes his way.

5. Brian To'o - \$26

Outstanding season for the Panthers flyer helping his team to the grand final and the Blues to a dominant series victory. Has been eating metres for breakfast, leading the league in both running and post contact metres and is an expert finisher close to the line. Shows amazing evasive skills often using his diminutive frame to duck under defenders or simply shrug them off with his underrated strength. Missed

the final against Parra in week two to rest his ankle but returned in good order against the Storm in the prelim. Would have to buck history with no wingers winning the medal in its 35-year history but given the influence he's had on games this year he looks a knockout chance at big odds.

6. Jarome Luai - \$15

Another Panther who broke into the Origin arena this year adding to the big game experience he tasted throughout last year's finals. Admitting his form dropped coming out of that Origin campaign in the absence of Nathan Cleary alongside him, Luai looked considerably sharper with the ball in hand in the prelim win over the Storm. At his best when he's playing and reacting on instinct and with Cleary likely to receive a lot of attention in the decider there's every chance it opens up for Luai to shine. Strong chance.

7. Nathan Cleary - \$4

On the cusp of completing the ultimate season of redemption, Cleary will lead the Panthers into the final battle to atone for last year's grand final loss. Played a major hand in New South Wales regaining the Origin shield but you get the sense Cleary's number one drive all year was to get back on this stage and reverse the result. Ultra consistent competitor with the best kicking game in the comp and a brilliant game manager, Cleary has all the key big game attributes covered. Seemed to pick up a knock on his troublesome shoulder late in the win over the Storm which is the only query but has toughed it out to come this far. Sure to have a major bar on the outcome. Finished second only to Tom Trbojevic in the Dally M count and deserved favourite in this market.

8. Moses Leota - \$81

Racing the clock to be fit after missing last week due to a calf strain he aggravated against the Eels in week 2. Only played 33 minutes in that contest and ran for just 58 metres. At his best, Leota packs plenty of punch through the middle and if the medical team can get him right, will give the Panthers some much needed fresh legs after some physical encounters but hard to see him figuring in man of the match discussions here.

9. Apisai Koroisau - \$13

Amongst the craftiest number nine's in the game and no stranger to racking up a 50 plus tackle count. A line-break against the Eels in week 2 is his only attacking stat for the finals and surprisingly he only has one try assist to his name for the entire year. Stats aren't everything of course and much of that could be put down to the dominant voices of Cleary and Luai demanding the ball. Has a dynamic running game out of acting half and always a threat close to the line. I'll be looking to others, but if you think the game opens up around the ruck than he has to be given some hope.

10. James Fisher-Harris - \$23

Picked up a knock to his knee against the Storm in the prelim and is considered to be in some doubt but the tough as teak kiwi international will be a hard man to rule out with the trophy on the line. At his best Fisher-

Harris is one of the premier front-rowers in the game capable of blasting the ruck with his damaging runs of the footy. Hasn't been at his best this finals series averaging 87 metres compared to his season average of 151. Those numbers suggest he may have been carrying a niggle prior to last week. Hard to see him figuring for the medal unless he can make a speedy return to full fitness.

17. Liam Martin - \$67

Named on the interchange but will surely be promoted to the run on side an hour before kickoff as has been the case for the past two months. Hard-nosed footballer who can run a tough line against the grain or hit a hole on his opposite man's outside shoulder. Tireless worker as evidenced by his 46 tackles in the prelim. Gained valuable big match experience in his debut Origin series this year. Unlike most edge back-rowers, doesn't play the full 80 minutes mainly due to the presence of Viliame Kikau on the bench. Unlikely for man of the match honours here unless you think he crosses for a couple of meat pies.

12. Kurt Capewell - \$26

Hard working back-rower who can hit a gap in attack to find the try line. Has been at the forefront of the Panthers heroic defensive efforts over the past fortnight making 46 tackles against the Eels and cracking the half century with 50 against the Storm, a number of which came in key moments. Has plenty of big match experience with 11 finals matches and 6 Origins to his name. Heading to the Broncos next season, Capewell will be doing everything he can to ensure he finishes his short stint at the Panthers with a premiership. Great value if you're looking for one at bigger odds.

13. Isaah Yeo - \$11

Despite playing an integral role in getting his club to their second straight Grand Final and nailing down a Blues jersey this year, Yeo somehow still seems a touch underrated when you hear pundits talking about the modern day lock forwards. Plays the link role through the middle as well as any and is the ultimate foil for Luai and Cleary. Tireless worker in defence with an exceptional tackle efficiency rate of a tick under 98%, meaning he rarely misses his man. Displays neat footwork in and around the ruck which combined with his strength often sees him break the line. Everything he does is with intent and he could easily end up producing the match-winning play. Looks excellent value at double figure odds.

Interchange - No interchange player has ever won the award and that's not likely to change this year. Tyrone May, Viliame Kikau, Scott Sorensen and Spencer Leniu shape the Panthers pine with Kikau at \$34 the only one you could consider. Coming off the interchange, he has the potential to break the game open with his large frame near unstoppable close to the line.



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

1. Blake Taaffe - \$34

After Latrell Mitchell was suspended for his infamous shot on Joey Manu in round 24, most judges were quick to put the red pen through the Rabbitohs premiership chances. At 22 years of age and just seven top grade appearances to his name, Taaffe will now enter Sunday evening's decider as the most inexperienced player in the NRL era to run out in a Grand Final. A halfback by trade, the South Sydney youngster has done a remarkable job at the back and barring one early dropped bomb from Cleary in week one of the finals has shown great composure under the high ball. Looks a bit of a jack in the box with the ball in hand capable of busting tackles and being a halfback by trade has served him well having setup three tries in his two finals games. Understandably big odds given his inexperience but if you're looking for a real smoky at odds and like a Souths' win, he's certainly not the worst option.

2. Alex Johnston - \$51

The best finisher in the game with 29 tries this season making him the competition's leading try-scorer for the second straight year. With speed to burn Johnston will turn a half chance into a certain four-pointer within the blink of an eye. If the bunnies looked like being big winners you could almost entertain throwing a cheeky bet on him at the odds, but not in the tight grueling encounter this grand final shapes to be.

3. Dane Gagai - \$67

Big match player with 19 appearances for Queensland at Origin level and the Wally Lewis medal winner for man of the series in 2017. Gagai has been strong all season and a key part of the Rabbitohs lethal left side attack. With two try-assists in his two finals played, he's every chance of setting up his winger whilst having the strength and footwork to cross himself. After losing four prelims throughout his career, the 30-year-old has finally made it to his first grand final and will be looking to make every post a winner before heading back to Newcastle next year. No centre has won the award, but given his ability to perform on the big stage you have to give him some chance at massive odds.

4. Campbell Graham - \$81

Very underrated player who never puts a foot wrong and has a real feel for the game. Has been a staple of South Sydney's side for a number of years and poses a real threat close to the line. His tall lanky frame makes him an aerial threat and it would come as no surprise to see him cross the stripe but claiming Clive is probably out of the question.

5. Jaxson Paulo - \$81

Another Rabbitohs outside back with limited



experience, Paulo has just 24 top grade games under his belt and will be sure to be tested in the air off the boot of Cleary. Has shown little signs of nerves to date however and has scored three tries in his two finals games. His height should serve him well in the air and he looks to possess great footwork which troubled the Sea Eagles at times in the prelim. Promising player but little chance of being best on ground.

6. Cody Walker - \$6.50

Second favourite in betting on the back of his best individual season. The Rabbitohs pivot sits on top of the tree for both try and line-break assists with 33 and 44 respectively. Interestingly, hasn't recorded a try-assist and only one line-break assist in his two finals games despite seemingly putting to bed the theory that he goes missing in big games. Scored a try in week one against the Panthers and crossed for two opportunistic tries against Manly in the prelim. Has all the skills and will be scheming all night in order to unlock the Panthers brick wall defence. Strong chance if the Rabbitohs prevail but certainly won't get things all his own way in this one.

7. Adam Reynolds - \$17

Battled through a groin strain in the prelim to help guide his team to Sunday's decider despite relinquishing goal-kicking duties and general play kicking for much of the contest. He did start kicking more in the second half of that contest which was a positive sign. Has been in career best form this season with his first class ball-playing and a willingness to run the ball more adding to his already outstanding kicking and game management skills. One of only a few survivors from the 2014 premiership team and now gets one final shot at glory in Rabbitohs colours before leaving for Brisbane next year. Hard to tip for best on ground given he may still be carrying his groin injury but the \$17 looks rather juicy given the quality of player he is.

8. Mark Nicholls - \$101

An underrated forward for South Sydney who is going well enough to keep Tom Burgess and Jai Arrow on the bench. Ensures his team get off to a steady start with his willingness to take the tough carries in the opening exchanges. Will reliably get through his work on Sunday night but that won't be enough to feature in Churchill discussions.

9. Damien Cook - \$15

Ultra consistent number nine who plays at a high level week in week out. Averaging just 66 metres per game this year, Cook's running game has been a little down on previous seasons but he did look as sharp as he has in sometime in the prelim running for 100 metres for the first time since round 19. Always a danger close to the line with his pass selection often seeing his middle forwards crash over from close range. Outside of Cody Walker, looms as South Sydney's biggest attacking threat and has plenty of

big game experience with 12 Origins to his name. Nice looking odds if you think his forwards can gain some ascendancy and give Cook the chance to unleash his lethal running game.

10. Tevita Tatola - \$101

Bunnies bookend who provides his side with plenty of punch running the football. Ran for 144 metres in their week one victory over the Panthers taking it up to the more fancied Panthers pack. Will be sure to churn out another strong display but not in contention for the medal.

11. Keaton Koloamatangi - \$51

Super strong forwards who's found a real home on South Sydney's left edge this season after breaking into the top grade as a middle forward last year. Big and skillful, Koloamatangi is just one of many attacking options in the Bunnies left side attack with his footwork and ability to offload. His booming presence demands plenty of attention and is an underrated reason Cody Walker and co have so much room to weave their magic out wide. Unlikely to come into contention but you couldn't rule him out completely if you think he crosses for a try or two.

12. Jaydn Su'A - \$67

Strong and aggressive back-rower set to run out for the last time in red and green before heading to the Dragons. Aggressive on both sides of the ball, Su'A is capable of exploding onto a short ball and loves to get up and intimidate with his ability to pull off a big hit in defence. Like his second-row partner, unlikely to figure unless he crosses the stripe.

13. Cameron Murray - \$11

Comes into the Grand Final on the back of another stellar season where he's been among the Rabbitohs most consistent performers. Punches well above his weight playing through the middle on a weekly basis. Plays smart using his footwork to get in between defenders when running the footy whilst doubling as South Sydney's link man for halves Walker and Reynolds. Was instrumental in last week's fast start against Manly popping offloads inside the Sea Eagles half to generate second phase play leading to his team unleashing their attack out wide. One of the best on ground in the prelim with 195 metres, 5 tackle busts, 3 offloads and 35 tackles. In top form and looks a ripping chance at double figure odds.

Interchange – Souths' have named an unchanged four-man bench of Benji Marshall, Jacob Host, Tom Burgess and Jai Arrow. Hard to see any of the four challenging for the medal due to a lack of game time, but if I had to single out one it would be Jai Arrow at \$67. The Maroons forward works hard through the middle and has the required aggression needed to try and unsettle the Panthers ruthless pack.

RICKS TIPS

TOP PICKS

Panthers Nathan Cleary
Rabbitohs Cameron Murray

BEST VALUE

Panthers Isaah Yeo
Rabbitohs Damien Cook

BEST ROUGHIE

Panthers Brian To'o
Rabbitohs Blake Taaffe

PREVIOUS WINNERS BY POSITION

Fullback - 6: Robbie O'Davis (Knights) 1997, Darren Lockyer (Broncos) 2000, Billy Slater (Storm) 2009 & 2017, Darius Boyd (Dragons) 2010, Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm) 2020

Five-Eighth - 4: Cliff Lyons (Sea Eagles) 1987, Greg Inglis (Storm) 2007, Luke Keary (Roosters) 2018, Jack Wighton (Raiders) 2019

Halfback - 10: Peter Sterling (Eels) 1986, Ricky Stuart (Raiders) 1990, Allan Langer

(Broncos) 1992, Geoff Toovey (Sea Eagles) 1996, Brett Kimberley (Storm) 1999, Andrew Johns (Knights) 2001, Scott Prince (Tigers) 2005, Cooper Cronk (Storm) 2012, Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles) 2013, Johnathan Thurston (Cowboys) 2015

Front-row - 3: Paul Dunn (Bulldogs) 1988, Willie Mason (Bulldogs) 2004, Brent Kite (Sea Eagles) 2008

Hooker - 2: Luke Priddis (Panthers) 2003, Shaun Berrigan (Broncos) 2006

Second-row - 4: David Furner (Raiders)

1994, Gorden Tallis (Broncos) 1998, Craig Fitzgibbon (Roosters) 2002, Luke Lewis (Sharks) 2016

Lock - 6: Bradley Clyde (Raiders) 1989 & 1991, Brad Mackay (Dragons) 1993, Jim Dymock (Bulldogs) 1995, Glenn Stewart (Sea Eagles) 2011, Sam Burgess (Rabbitohs) 2014

No winger, centre or interchange player has won the Clive Churchill Medal

PREMIERSHIP LADDER

RUGBY LEAGUE project

FINAL 2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP STANDINGS

Pos	Team	Overall									Home						Away							
		P	W	L	D	B	F	A	Pts	Diff	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	Diff	P	W	L	D	F	A
1	Melbourne Storm	24	21	3	-	1	815	316	44	499	12	11	1	-	419	162	257	12	10	2	-	396	154	242
2	Penrith Panthers	24	21	3	-	1	676	286	44	390	12	12	-	-	320	110	210	12	9	3	-	356	176	180
3	South Sydney Rabbitohs	24	20	4	-	1	775	453	42	322	12	10	2	-	347	258	89	12	10	2	-	428	195	233
4	Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles	24	16	8	-	1	744	492	34	252	12	8	4	-	394	256	138	12	8	4	-	350	236	114
5	Sydney Roosters	24	16	8	-	1	630	489	34	141	12	8	4	-	310	238	72	12	8	4	-	320	251	69
6	Parramatta Eels	24	15	9	-	1	566	457	32	109	12	7	5	-	275	224	51	12	8	4	-	291	233	58
7	Newcastle Knights	24	12	12	-	1	428	571	26	-143	12	8	4	-	242	236	6	12	4	8	-	186	335	-149
8	Gold Coast Titans	24	10	14	-	1	580	583	22	-3	12	5	7	-	312	325	-13	12	5	7	-	268	258	10
9	Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks	24	10	14	-	1	520	556	22	-36	12	6	6	-	258	224	34	12	4	8	-	262	332	-70
10	Canberra Raiders	24	10	14	-	1	481	578	22	-97	12	4	8	-	249	322	-73	12	6	6	-	232	256	-24
11	St George Illawarra Dragons	24	8	16	-	1	474	616	18	-142	12	4	8	-	272	330	-58	12	4	8	-	202	286	-84
12	Warriors	24	8	16	-	1	453	624	18	-171	12	5	7	-	227	264	-37	12	3	9	-	226	360	-134
13	West's Tigers	24	8	16	-	1	500	714	18	-214	12	3	9	-	246	372	-126	12	5	7	-	254	342	-88
14	Brisbane Broncos	24	7	17	-	1	446	695	16	-249	12	6	6	-	266	301	-35	12	1	11	-	180	394	-214
15	North Queensland Cowboys	24	7	17	-	1	460	748	16	-288	12	5	7	-	258	327	-69	12	2	10	-	202	421	-219
16	Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs	24	3	21	-	1	340	710	8	-370	12	1	11	-	152	392	-240	12	2	10	-	188	318	-130

STATS LEADERS

FINAL 2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP STANDINGS

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	19	27
2	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	15	25
3	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	21	23
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	24	23
5	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	24	21
6	David FIFITA	GLD	2RF, INT	21	17
	Maika SIVO	PAR	W	21	17
8	Matt BURTON	PEN	CTR, 5/8, HB	22	16
9	Ken MAUMALO	WAR, WST	W	21	15
10	Will KENNEDY	CRO	FB	24	14
	Mikaele RAVALAWA	SGI	W	16	14
	Charlie STAINES	PEN	FB, W	20	14
	Brian TO'O	PEN	W	18	14
	Connor TRACEY	CRO	W, CTR, 5/8, INT	24	14
	Daniel TUPOU	SYD	W	24	14
16	Clint GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	23	13
	Latrell MITCHELL	SOU	FB	17	13
	David NOFOALUMA	WST	W	24	13
	Reimis SMITH	MEL	CTR	23	13

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	24	21	110	-	304
2	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	22	5	112	2	248
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	16	10	85	2	213
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	20	9	69	-	174
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	20	4	66	-	148
6	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, HB, INT	22	7	58	-	144
7	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	20	2	61	2	132
8	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	13	11	41	1	127
9	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W, CTR	20	4	54	2	126
10	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	6	50	-	124
11	Alex JOHNSTON	SOU	FB, W	19	27	-	-	108
12	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	21	4	42	-	100
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	15	25	-	-	100
14	Josh ADDO-CARR	MEL	W	21	23	1	-	94
15	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	24	23	-	-	92
16	Clint GUTHERSON	PAR	FB	23	13	18	-	88
	Braydon TRINDALL	CRO	5/8, HB, INT	18	4	36	-	88
18	Zac LOMAX	SGI	CTR	12	4	35	-	86
19	Jake AVERILLO	CBY	5/8, HB	21	7	27	-	82
20	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	CTR	12	1	38	-	80
	Sam WALKER	SYD	HB, INT	19	8	23	2	80

GRAND FINAL

GAME DAY

THE FRONT ROW MATCH PROGRAM
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SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

OUR TEAM'S TIPS



2021 NRL GRAND FINAL
PENRITH v SOUTH SYDNEY
SUNCORP STADIUM
6:30PM AEST, 7:30PM AEDT

Tipster	Margin	Churchill Medal	First Tryscorer
Paul Jobber	Penrith by 4	Jarome Luai	Matt Burton
Jason Hosken	Penrith by 2	Isaah Yeo	Paul Momirovski
Sam Bourke	Penrith by 2	Isaah Yeo	Matt Burton
Coby Delaney	Penrith by 4	Nathan Cleary	Alex Johnston
Steven Williams	Penrith by 4	Nathan Cleary	Brian To'o
Emile El-Azar	Penrith by 14	Nathan Cleary	Matt Burton
Justin Davies	South Sydney by 10	Cody Walker	Alex Johnston
Rick Edgerton	Penrith by 4	Cameron Murray	Brian To'o
Andrew Ferguson	Penrith by 6	Nathan Cleary	Brian To'o
Lachy MacCorquodale	South Sydney by 4	Cameron Murray	Alex Johnston
Josh Robertson	Penrith by 8	Jarome Luai	Brian To'o
Adam Huxtable	Penrith by 10	Jarome Luai	Apisai Koroisau
Tim Costello	Penrith by 6	Isaah Yeo	Brian To'o
Robert Crosby	South Sydney by 8	Cody Walker	Alex Johnston
Andrew Jackson	Penrith by 14	Apisai Koroisau	Paul Momirovski

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	22	112	140	80%
2	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	FB, W	24	110	136	81%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	5/8, HB	16	85	100	85%
4	Adam DOUEIHI	WST	CTR, 5/8	20	69	87	79%
5	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	20	66	85	78%
6	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	20	61	82	74%
7	Nicholas HYNES	MEL	FB, 5/8, HB, INT	22	58	77	75%
8	Valentine HOLMES	NQL	FB, W, CTR	20	54	73	74%
9	Jamayne ISAAKO	BRI	FB, W	18	50	63	79%
10	Kodi NIKORIMA	WAR	5/8, HB, INT	21	42	52	81%
11	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB, INT	13	41	48	85%
12	Jarrold CROKER	CAN	CTR	12	38	41	93%
13	Braydon TRINDALL	CRO	5/8, HB, INT	18	36	44	82%
14	Zac LOMAX	SGI	CTR	12	35	45	78%
15	Chad TOWNSEND	CRO, WAR	HB	16	34	41	83%

STATS LEADERS

2021 NRL FINALS SERIES AFTER WEEK 3

Top Pointscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T	G	FG	Pts
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	W	3	2	11	-	30
	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	2	3	8	1	30
3	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	2	1	5	-	14
4	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	3	-	6	-	12
	Jaxson PAULO	SOU	W	2	3	-	-	12
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	3	3	-	-	12
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	3	3	-	-	12
	Enari TUALA	NEW	W	1	3	-	-	12
	Cody WALKER	SOU	5/8TH	2	3	-	-	12
10	Adam KEIGHRAN	SYD	CTR	2	-	5	-	10

Top Tryscorers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	T
1	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	2	3
	Jaxson PAULO	SOU	W	2	3
	Jason SAAB	MAN	W	3	3
	Tom TRBOJEVIC	MAN	FB	3	3
	Enari TUALA	NEW	W	1	3
	Cody WALKER	SOU	5/8TH	2	3

Top Goalkickers

Rank	Player	Team	Position(s)	P	G	Att	%
1	Reuben GARRICK	MAN	W	3	11	12	92%
2	Ryan PAPENHUYZEN	MEL	FB	2	8	9	89%
3	Nathan CLEARY	PEN	HB	3	6	7	86%
4	Adam KEIGHRAN	SYD	CTR	2	5	7	71%
	Mitchell MOSES	PAR	HB	2	5	6	83%
6	Jamal FOGARTY	GLD	HB	1	4	5	80%
	Adam REYNOLDS	SOU	HB	2	4	5	80%
	Blake TAAFFE	SOU	FB	2	4	7	57%

TWO SYDNEY CLUBS... IN QUEENSLAND

PENRITH AND SOUTH SYDNEY FACE OFF AT SUNCORP FOR THE ULTIMATE PRIZE

The climax to the 2021 NRL season will see the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Penrith Panthers face off at Suncorp Stadium on Sunday evening.

The Rabbitohs hold overall dominance against the Panthers with 47 wins, 40 losses and a draw from 88 premiership clashes since first meeting in 1967. The Rabbitohs additionally boast a slightly superior for-and-against record with 18 more points scored than their opponents (1,665 - 1,647).

A NEW RIVALRY IN FIVE ACTS

ROUND 6, 2003 - PANTHERS 16 V RABBITOHS 14

Trading tries in an early season encounter at Aussie Stadium, young forward Trent Waterhouse made the most of his first starting appearance with a decisive four-pointer seven minutes from fulltime.

The match served as one of the earliest appearances in the top grade for Nathan Merritt who would go on to become the greatest try-scorer in the history of the South Sydney club with a four-pointer incidentally against Penrith 11 years later.

Panthers 16 (Lewis, T. Puletua, Waterhouse tries. Campbell 2/4 goals)
Rabbitohs 14 (McKinnon 2, Peters tries. Smith 1/3 goals)

ROUND 3, 2012 - RABBITOHS 40 V PANTHERS 24

The Rabbitohs claimed their first victory under coach Michael Maguire, but it was the game changing decision to shift Greg Inglis from centre to fullback that stole the show.

The Panthers kept the scoreline competitive in front of their home fans, however an early 0-18 deficit proved too much for the mountain men to overcome.

Rabbitohs 40 (Taylor 2, Everingham, Asotasi, Inglis, McQueen tries. Reynolds 8/8 goals)
Panthers 24 (Burns 2, Kingston, Smith tries. Walsh 4/4 goals)

ROUND 17, 2017 - RABBITOHS 42 V PANTHERS 14

Enjoying an afternoon to remember at ANZ Stadium, local junior Alex Johnston collected five tries in a rare highlight for the Rabbitohs as the curtain began to fall on Michael Maguire's tenure.

Having established an early lead via a try to captain Matt Moylan, the poor showing sparked the Panthers into a late season revival with seven wins from their final nine matches.

Rabbitohs 42 (Johnston 5, Burns, S. Burgess tries. Reynolds 7/7 goals)
Panthers 14 (Moylan, Mansour tries. Cleary 3/3 goals)

FW 3, 2020 - PANTHERS 20 V RABBITOHS 16

An inspired run from Isaah Yeo resulted in a crucial try to Dylan Edwards that secured the Panthers their first grand final appearance since 2003.

Sunday marks the third time the two sides have met in finals football; the Rabbitohs secured a week off in 2021 (16-10) at Queensland Country Bank Stadium, while the Panthers progressed through to the Grand Final in 2020 (20-16) at ANZ Stadium.

Elevating their rivalry to new heights in the first Grand Final contested outside of Sydney, here is all you need to know about the 2021 Grand Final combatants.

Despite the best efforts of Corey Allan to narrow the margin to four points with seven minutes remaining, the Rabbitohs late season surge came to a halt one match shy of the premiership decider.

Panthers 20 (To'o, May, Edwards tries. Cleary 4/4 goals)
Rabbitohs 16 (Johnston, Gagai, Allan tries. Reynolds 2/4 goals)

FW 1, 2021 - RABBITOHS 16 V PANTHERS 10

Stunning the league with a defensive display not seen since the side's last premiership triumph, Rabbitohs rookie Blake Taaffe stood tall in the absence of suspended superstar Latrell Mitchell after a shaky start at fullback.

Losing Dylan Edwards and Moses Leota in the lead up to the match, the Panthers were limited to a single try for only the second time in two seasons.

Rabbitohs 16 (Walker, Paulo tries. Reynolds 4/5 goals)
Panthers 10 (Crichton try. Cleary 3/3 goals)

HEAD TO HEAD RECORDS

PENRITH PANTHERS

MOST TRIES: Craig Gower, Luke Lewis (6)

MOST GOALS: Nathan Cleary (43)

MOST POINTS: Nathan Cleary (107)

MOST FIELD GOALS: Neil Baker (3)

BIGGEST WIN: 44 points (Panthers 56 v Rabbitohs 12 - Round 11, 2021)

MOST TRIES IN A MATCH: John Cross, Joe Galuvao, Michael Gordon, Matt Burton (3)

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH: Greg Alexander, Nathan Cleary (10)

NRL ERA DEBUTANTS:

Jason Wrigley (2004), Jarrod Sammut (2007), Ben McFadgean (2009), Ryan Simpkins (2012), Leilani Latu (2015), Malakai Watene-Zelezniak (2017)

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

MOST TRIES: Nathan Merritt (11)

MOST GOALS: Eric Simms (61)

MOST POINTS: Eric Simms (164)

MOST FIELD GOALS: Eric Simms (11)

BIGGEST WIN: 54 points (Rabbitohs 59 v Panthers 5 - Round 7, 1980)

MOST TRIES IN A MATCH: Alex Johnston (5)

MOST GOALS IN A MATCH: Steve Walsh (10)

NRL ERA DEBUTANTS:

Filimone Lolohea (2002), Troy Robinson (2003), Rhys Hanbury (2004), David Tyrell (2009), Junior Vaivai (2009), Deon Apps (2011), Andrew Everingham (2012), Kirisome Auva'a (2014), Ed Murphy (2016), Tautalatasi Tasi (2016), Adam Doueihi (2018), Tom Amone (2019)



HEAD TO HEAD STAT ATTACK

Penrith Panthers

TOP POINTSCORER: Nathan Cleary (225)
TOP TRYSCORER: Matt Burton (16)
TOP TRY-ASSISTS: Nathan Cleary (21)
TOP TACKLER: Isaah Yeo (836)
TOP OFFLOADS: Tevita Pangai Jr (54)
TOP LINEBREAKS: Matt Burton (25)
TOP TACKLE BREAKS: Brian To'o (123)
TOP METRES: Brian To'o (4,924)
TOP POST-CONTACT METRES: Brian To'o (1,806)
LONGEST WINNING STREAK: 12 matches (Round 1 v Cowboys - Round 12 v Bulldogs)
BIGGEST WIN: 48 points (Round 9 v Sharks)
LONGEST LOSING STREAK: 2 games (Round 13 v Tigers - Round 14 v Sharks)
PLAYERS USED: 28
PLAYERS WHO DEBUTED AT THE CLUB: 21
APPEARED IN EVERY MATCH: None
DEBUTANTS: J'maine Hoggood (Round 10), Lindsay Smith (Round 13), Izack Tago (Round 13), Taylan May (Round 21)
STRONGEST SPINE: Dylan Edwards, Jarome Luai, Nathan Cleary, Apisai Koroisau (10 matches)
MOST EXPERIENCED PLAYER: Isaah Yeo (172 matches)
GRAND FINAL EXPERIENCE: Apisai Koroisau, Dylan Edwards, Tyrone May, Stephen Crichton, Brian To'o, Jarome Luai, Nathan Cleary, James Fisher-Harris, Viliame Kikau, Liam Martin, Isaah Yeo, Brent Naden, Kurt Capewell, Moses Leota

Rabbitohs

TOP POINTSCORER: Adam Reynolds (256)
TOP TRYSCORER: Alex Johnston (29)
TOP TRY-ASSISTS: Cody Walker (33)
TOP TACKLER: Damien Cook (1,004)
TOP OFFLOADS: Cameron Murray (23)
TOP LINEBREAKS: Alex Johnston (38)
TOP TACKLE BREAKS: Latrell Mitchell (93)
TOP METRES: Tom Burgess (3,616)
TOP POST-CONTACT METRES: Tom Burgess (1,393)
LONGEST WINNING STREAK: 10 matches (Round 12 v Eels - Round 22 v Titans)
BIGGEST WIN: 46 points (Round 15 v Broncos)
LONGEST LOSING STREAK: 1 match (Round 1 v Storm; Round 9 v Storm; Round 11 v Panthers; Round 23 v Panthers)
PLAYERS USED: 31
PLAYERS WHO DEBUTED AT THE CLUB: 16
APPEARED IN EVERY MATCH: Mark Nicholls
DEBUTANTS: Dean Hawkins (Round 5), Peter Mamouzelos (Round 14), Blake Taaffe (Round 15), Davvy Moale (Round 20), Lachlan Ilias (Round 25)
STRONGEST SPINE: Latrell Mitchell, Cody Walker, Adam Reynolds, Damien Cook (15 matches)
MOST EXPERIENCED PLAYER: Benji Marshall (345 matches)
GRAND FINAL EXPERIENCE: Benji Marshall, Alex Johnston, Adam Reynolds, Tom Burgess, Latrell Mitchell, Josh Mansour

A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS

51 players have appeared for both South Sydney and Penrith in first grade

Barry Harris - 8 games for Souths (1963-1964); 15 games for Penrith (1967)
Bill Tonkin - 13 games for Souths (1962); 22 game for Penrith (1967-1968)
Paul Gibson - 2 games for Souths (1962); 9 games for Penrith (1969-1970)
Bob Broad - 45 games for Penrith (1968-1971); 14 games for Souths (1972-1973)
Jim Hall - 7 games for Penrith (1968); 12 games for Souths (1973)
John Dykes - 17 games for Souths (1975, 1978); 4 games for Penrith (1977)
Mark Ross - 12 games for Penrith (1980); 64 games for Souths (1981-1987)
Phil Gould - 29 games for Penrith (1976-1979); 23 games for Souths (1986)
Paul Akkary - 26 games for Souths (1984-1985); 29 games for Penrith (1986-1988)
Neil Baker - 87 games for Souths (1984-1987); 41 games for Penrith (1988-1989)
Les White - 11 games for Penrith (1982-1984); 4 game for Souths (1988)
Graham Lyons - 60 games for Souths (1988-1991); 3 games for Penrith (1992)
Mark Lyons - 7 games for Penrith (1991-1992); 19 games for Souths (1993-1995)
Darren Brown - 70 games for Souths (1989-1990, 1992-1993); 65 games for Penrith (1994-1998)
Peter Tunks - 101 games for Souths (1977-1983); 12 games for Penrith (1990)
Mark Carroll - 13 games for Penrith (1987-1989); 84 games for Souths (1990-1993, 1999)
Matt Goodwin - 120 games for Penrith (1983-1989); 7 games for Souths (1992)
Darren Stewart - 13 games for Penrith (1990-1991, 1993); 1 game for Souths (1992)
Mark McGaw - 16 games for Penrith (1993); 22 games for Souths (1994-1995)
Paul Quinn - 6 games for Penrith (1993); 46 games for Souths (1994-1997)
Jason Ryan - 3 games for Penrith (1993); 6 games for Souths (1995-1996)
Marty Moore - 11 games for Penrith (1995); 31 games for Souths (1996-1997)
Phil Howlett - 1 game for Penrith (1993); 45 games for Souths (1996-1998)
Jason Williams - 16 games for Souths (1991); 41 games for Penrith (1996-1998)
Shane Vincent - 7 games for Penrith (1993); 1 game for Souths (1996)
Brett Gillard - 16 games for Penrith (1993-1994); 7 games for Souths (1997)
Jason Nicol - 3 games for Penrith (1993); 19 games for Souths (1999)
Duncan MacGillivray - 49 games for Penrith (1996-2001); 23 games for

Souths (2002-2003)
Shannon Donato - 19 games for Souths (1995-1997); 25 games for Penrith (2002-2005)
Frank Puletua - 152 games for Penrith (1998-2001, 2004-2010); 26 games for Souths (2002-2003)
Andrew Hinson - 49 games for Penrith (1996-2001); 5 games for Souths (2002)
Lee Hookey - 67 games for Souths (1999, 2003-2005); 17 games for Penrith (2006)
Joe Galuvao - 78 games for Penrith (2002-2005); 23 games for Souths (2006-2007)
Ben Rogers - 11 games for Penrith (2004-2005); 36 games for Souths (2006-2008)
Joe Williams - 46 games for Souths (2004-2007); 1 game for Penrith (2008)
Rhys Wesser - 177 games for Penrith (1998-2008); 41 game for Souths (2009-2011)
Garret Crossman - 24 games for Penrith (2004-2005); 18 games for Souths (2009-2010)
Craig Stapleton - 24 games for Penrith (2006); 3 games for Souths (2010)
Ben Ross - 55 games for Penrith (2003-2005); 24 games for Souths (2011)
Yileen Gordon - 34 games for Souths (2005-2008); 3 games for Penrith (2011)
Junior Vaivai - 4 games for Souths (2009-2010); 8 games for Penrith (2011)
James Roberts - 28 games for Souths (2011, 2019-2020); 6 game for Penrith (2013)
Tim Grant - 129 games for Penrith (2007-2014, 2019); 21 games for Souths (2015)
Apisai Koroisau - 14 games for Souths (2014); 53 games for Penrith (2015, 2020-2021)
Chris Grevsmuhl - 29 games for Souths (2015-2016); 14 games for Penrith (2016)
Robert Jennings - 8 games for Penrith (2015, 2021); 34 games for Souths (2017-2018)
Michael Oldfield - 4 games for Souths (2016); 1 game for Penrith (2017)
Tyrell Fuimaono - 19 games for Souths (2017-2018); 7 games for Penrith (2019)
Hame Sele - 5 games for Penrith (2019); 17 games for Souths (2020-2021)
Jed Cartwright - 1 game for Penrith (2019); 10 games for Souths (2020-2021)
Josh Mansour - 158 games for Penrith (2012-2020); 11 games for Souths (2021)

PENRITH PANTHERS



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

Age	P	T	G	FG	Pts		
25	20	5	-	1	22	Dylan EDWARDS	1
21	25	10	14	-	68	Stephen CRICHTON	2
25	18	6	-	-	24	Paul MOMIROVSKI	3
21	25	16	6	1	77	Matt BURTON	4
23	20	15	-	-	60	Brian TO'O	5
24	24	2	-	-	8	Jarome LUAI	6
23	19	10	91	2	225	Nathan CLEARY	7
26	23	3	-	-	12	Moses LEOTA	8
28	17	3	-	-	12	Apisai KOROISAU	9
25	23	2	-	-	8	James FISHER-HARRIS	10
26	26	9	-	-	36	Viliame KIKAU	11
28	22	6	-	-	24	Kurt CAPEWELL	12
26	24	2	-	-	8	Isaah YEO	13
25	20	3	-	-	12	Tyrone MAY	14
28	18	1	-	-	4	Scott SORENSEN	15
21	18	1	-	-	4	Spencer LENIU	16
24	26	3	-	-	12	Liam MARTIN	17
25	7	4	-	-	16	Brent NADEN	18
23	18	-	-	-	-	Mitch KENNY	19
22	6	-	-	-	-	J'maine HOPGOOD	20
20	22	14	-	-	56	Charlie STAINES	21

Ivan CLEARY

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RESERVES

COACH

PENALTIES

SCRUMS

SET RESTARTS

Age P T G FG Pts

1	Blake TAAFFE	22	7	1	6	-	16
2	Alex JOHNSTON	26	21	29	-	-	116
3	Dane GAGAI	30	22	10	-	-	40
4	Campbell GRAHAM	22	20	9	-	-	36
5	Jaxson PAULO	22	11	9	-	-	36
6	Cody WALKER	31	24	15	-	-	60
7	Adam REYNOLDS	31	24	5	116	2	256
8	Mark NICHOLLS	31	26	3	-	-	12
9	Damien COOK	30	23	2	-	-	8
10	Tevita TATOLA	24	20	-	-	-	-
11	Keaon KOLOAMATANGI	23	22	3	-	-	12
12	Jaydn SU'A	23	22	5	-	-	20
13	Cameron MURRAY	23	19	5	-	-	20
14	Benji MARSHALL	36	22	3	-	-	12
15	Jacob HOST	25	20	1	-	-	4
16	Thomas BURGESS	29	25	4	-	-	16
17	Jai ARROW	26	22	2	-	-	8
18	Taane MILNE	26	12	8	-	-	32
19	Patrick MAGO	26	11	-	-	-	-
20	Braidon BURNS	25	8	2	-	-	8
21	Jed CARTWRIGHT	24	4	-	-	-	-

Wayne BENNETT

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MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee Gerard SUTTON
Touch Judges Todd SMITH
Dave MUNRO
NRL Bunker Grant ATKINS

Match Stats

HEAD TO HEAD: 88 MATCHES

SOUTH SYDNEY 47-40 (1 DRAW)

At Suncorp Stadium: 1 match, Penrith 1-0

LAST TEN: PENRITH 6-4

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2017	R6	Souths 21-20	BlueBet Stadium	15,535
2017	R17	Souths 42-14	Stadium Australia	14,103
2018	R2	Penrith 18-14	BlueBet Stadium	15,995
2019	R7	Souths 22-18	BlueBet Stadium	14,931
2019	R14	Penrith 19-18	Stadium Australia	11,023
2020	R7	Penrith 20-12	Netstrata Jubilee	106
2020	FN	Penrith 20-16	Stadium Australia	30,116
2021	R11	Penrith 56-12	Apex Oval	10,824
2021	R23	Penrith 25-12	Suncorp Stadium	8,848
2021	FN	Souths 16-10	QLD Country Bank	18,244

BIGGEST WINS

1980	R7	Souths 59-5	Redfern Oval	4,752
2021	R11	Penrith 56-12	Apex Oval	10,824

FINALS HEAD TO HEAD: 2 MATCHES

1-ALL

At Suncorp Stadium: never met in finals at this venue

FINALS HISTORY

SEASON	ROUND	RESULT	VENUE	CROWD
2020	FN	Penrith 20-16	Stadium Australia	30,116
2021	FN	Souths 16-10	QLD Country Bank	18,244

MILESTONES

PLAYER	CLUB	MILESTONE	NEEDS...
Damien Cook	Souths	100 career points	6 points
Dane Gagai	Souths	300 career points	6 points
Latrell Mitchell	Souths	100 club points	11 points
Tautau Moga	Souths	100 career points	8 points
Penrith (since 1967)		100 Finals tries	4 tries

Match stats courtesy of



Preview with Rob Crosby

History beckons in historic decider

The Penrith Panthers and the South Sydney Rabbitohs will vie for the right to be crowned premiers in the conclusion to one of the most remarkable seasons in the history of rugby league.

Setting up an all Sydney decider after finishing the regular season in second and third respectively, the Sunday evening fixture will see the Panthers and Rabbitohs face off in the first Grand Final played outside of Sydney in a united competition.

Falling short of equalling the greatest comeback in premiership history twelve months ago, the Penrith Panthers will be determined to learn from the mistakes of last year and go one better in the final match of the season.

Holding on in an absorbing 10-6 win over the Storm last Saturday to book a shot at redemption, the Panthers will head into the biggest match of the season with several players in doubt.

Leaving Tevita Pangai Jr out of the 21-man squad after the mid-season recruit left Suncorp Stadium in a knee brace last week, coach Ivan Cleary will give Brian To'o (ankle), Moses Leota (calf) and James Fisher-Harris (knee) up until an hour before kick-off to prove their fitness.

Retaining 13 players - as well as Brent Naden in the extended squad - from the side that went down to the Storm last year, Paul Momirovski, Matt Burton, Scott Sorenson and Spencer Leniu will experience the intensity of a Grand Final for the first time.

Defeating their Grand Final opponents twice throughout the regular season in Dubbo and Brisbane, the Panthers will need to improve after being restricted to a single try in 80 minutes of football during the first week of the play-offs.

Touted as pre-season favourites despite falling short in three successive preliminary finals, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will strive to send captain Adam Reynolds and coach Wayne Bennett out as winners in their final appearances for the club.

Securing a place in the premiership decider with a comprehensive 36-16 victory over the Sea Eagles last Friday,

the Rabbitohs have stuck solid with the same 17 players used throughout the entire finals series.

Naming three players remaining from the side's last Grand Final victory in 2014, off-contract veteran Benji Marshall could bow out with a second premiership ring 16 years after his flick pass was immortalised into rugby league folklore.

The Rabbitohs will need to defy history on Sunday evening given the well-established precedent of no team winning a premiership after conceding 50 points at any stage in a season.

Who to watch: Lining up in his first grand final after being included in the extended squad last year, playmaker-turner-centre Matt Burton will be hoping to end his time at Penrith on a premiership high. Enjoying a sensational rise after beginning the year in reserve grade, the 21-year-old up-and-comer from Dubbo has been a focal point of the Panthers attack this season with 16 tries and 13 try-assists to go with more than 100 running metres on average. Set to shift into the halves at Canterbury-Bankstown next season, expect a strong showing from Burton as the mountain men strive to turn heartache into ecstasy.

Becoming one of the modern greats for South Sydney after debuting in first grade at 26 years of age, Cody Walker shapes as the man most likely to deliver the Rabbitohs their 22nd premiership title. Regarded as one of the best attacking players in the game as reflected by his standing as the league leader for try-assists (33) and linebreak assists (44), the Indigenous All Stars captain is similarly adept at scoring tries having crossed for 66 four-pointers in 141 appearances. Coming under criticism previously for his inability to seize the occasion in big matches, look for Walker to leave a lasting legacy with a starring performance in the biggest match of the season.

Favourite: The Panthers will start the match as favourites based on the big game experience of seven Origin representatives and 13 players backing up from last year's decider.

My tip: Coming into the match well-rested and with confidence after knocking off their opponents earlier in the finals series, the South Sydney Rabbitohs will create history with their 22nd first grade title.

Margin: Rabbitohs by 8
Clive Churchill Medallist: Cody Walker
First Try Scorer: Alex Johnston

PENRITH PANTHERS

2021 GRAND FINALISTS

1. DYLAN EDWARDS

Producing a man of the match performance last week to take the Panthers back to the Grand Final, Edwards has been a quiet achiever since joining the club from the Mid North Coast as a teenager.

NRL appearances: 79

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

2. STEPHEN CRICHTON

Scoring an early try in the Preliminary Final win over Melbourne, the local junior from St Clair has shown great versatility at centre, fullback and wing this season.

NRL appearances: 52

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

3. PAUL MOMIROVSKI

Coming to the club a month before the start of the season as part of a trade that saw Daine Laurie join the Tigers, the well-travelled outside-back will be looking to claim a premiership ring of his own after narrowly missing out on Grand Final jerseys with the Roosters (2018) and Storm (2020).

NRL appearances: 37

Grand Final appearances: N/A

4. MATT BURTON

Playing his final match for the club ahead of a much-publicised move to Canterbury, the St John's Dubbo junior has thrived at left centre after coming through the ranks in the halves. NRL appearances: 31

Grand Final appearances: N/A

5. BRIAN TO'O

Earning a call up for New South Wales off the strength of his work rate and powerful running style, To'o is another homegrown success story having started out with St Marys.

NRL appearances: 51

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

6. JAROME LUAI

Beating out his opposite number for the Blues' five-eighth role earlier in the year, the St Marys star will be hoping to add a first grade title to his resume following earlier successes in Under 20s and reserve grade.

NRL appearances: 64

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

7. NATHAN CLEARY (C)

Developing into one of the best players in the world after debuting in first grade as an 18-year-old, Cleary will be determined to lift the Provan-Summons trophy after failing to seize Grand Final day twelve months ago.

NRL appearances: 119

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

8. MOSES LEOTA

Hamppered by a troublesome calf throughout the finals series, the Auckland-born front-rower has revelled in his promotion to the starting side with more than 100 metres and 26 tackles on average this season.

NRL appearances: 104

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

9. APISAI KOROISAU

Winning a premiership with the Rabbitohs as a first grade rookie, Koroisau earned his first cap for New South Wales in the final match of this year's State of Origin series.

NRL appearances: 144

Grand Final appearances: 2 (2014, 2020)

10. JAMES FISHER-HARRIS

Heading into the match under an injury cloud after hurting his knee in last week's win over Melbourne, Fisher-Harris has evolved into a feared enforcer in the years since crossing the Tasman as a teenager with hopes of making it in the NRL.

NRL appearances: 133

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

11. VILIAME KIKAU

Considered one of the most destructive ball runners in the competition, the Fijian behemoth stands as a superstar of the game five years on from his move to Penrith from North Queensland.

NRL appearances: 97

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

12. KURT CAPEWELL

Departing the club to take up a lucrative deal with Brisbane next season, Capewell has gone from a reliable utility to a representative forward in his two seasons at Penrith.

NRL appearances: 95

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

13. ISAIAH YEO (C)

Going from an Under 20s bench player to captaining the NRL side as an elite-level forward, Yeo is testament to Penrith's pursuit of success through long-term investment in junior development.

NRL appearances: 172

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

INTERCHANGE

14. TYRONE MAY

Playing a number of positions across the backline, halves and forward pack, the Minchinbury Jets junior will fill any role as needed by his coach.

NRL appearances: 55

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

15. SCOTT SORENSON

Spending the first eight rounds in reserve grade before becoming a regular fixture off the bench, Sorenson has shown tremendous courage by playing through the pain of a dislocated wrist sustained late in the regular season.

NRL appearances: 57

Grand Final appearances: N/A

16. SPENCER LENIU

Missing out on a spot in last year's Grand Final by the barest of margins, the talented front-rower from the Minchinbury Jets will get his shot at the big dance at the expense of Tevita Pangai Jr.

NRL appearances: 36

Grand Final appearances: N/A

17. LIAM MARTIN

Breaking into the Origin arena after another strong season in the top grade, the Temora junior has split his time between the starting side and interchange to great effect.

NRL appearances: 63

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

RESERVES

18. BRENT NADEN

Securing a deal to play under Trent Barrett at Canterbury-Bankstown next season, Naden has performed strongly in limited opportunities this season - including the Semi Final win over Parramatta.

NRL appearances: 37

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2020)

19. MITCH KENNY

Developing a devoted following operating under the name Mitch Kenny FC (MKFC), an ankle injury sustained a fortnight ago looks set to deny the Windsor Wolves junior of a place in the final 17.

NRL appearances: 36

Grand Final appearances: N/A

20. J'MAINE HOPGOOD

Making six appearances in his rookie year with the Panthers, the up-and-coming forward will be ready to take his place in the final 17 should Leota or Fisher-Harris fail to overcome injuries.

NRL appearances: 6

Grand Final appearances: N/A

21. CHARLIE STAINES

Playing the bulk of the year in first grade only to lose his spot on the eve of the finals, the man affectionately known as the "Forbes Ferrari" will be sure to light up BlueBet Stadium with his blistering pace in years to come.

NRL appearances: 23

Grand Final appearances: N/A

THE REST

Penrith have 7 further players who took part in the 2021 NRL season who won't be there on Grand Final Day:

Matt Eisenhuth	19 appearances
Robert Jennings	3 appearances
Taylan May	1 appearance
Tevita Pangai Junior	6 appearances
Jaeman Salmon	2 appearances
Lindsay Smith	1 appearance
Izack Tago	6 appearances

COACH

IVAN CLEARY

Hoping to get lucky in his third crack at the big dance, the former Warriors coach has played an instrumental role in setting the Panthers up for long-term success.

ROAD TO GLORY

HOW THE PANTHERS FOUND THEIR WAY TO SUNCORP ON SUNDAY

The Penrith Panthers started the 2021 season with a single goal in mind: redemption.

Saving their worst performance of last year for the game that mattered most, coach Ivan Cleary had his side primed for another shot at the title with 12 straight wins leading into the representative season.

Paying the price for success at club level with seven players involved across the State of Origin series, injuries and a lack of team consistency during the middle third of the year saw the side surrender the minor premiership to Melbourne.

Forced to take the long road to the big dance following a shock loss to the Rabbitohs in an epic finals encounter, subsequent wins built around defence against the Eels and Storm secured a Grand Final berth twelve months in the making.

The Panthers now have their opportunity - will they capture it or just let it slip?

GAMES: 27 – WINS: 23 – LOSSES: 4
POINTS SCORED: 704
POINTS CONCEDED: 314
FINISHED: 2ND

ROUND 1 - PANTHERS 24 v COWBOYS 0

Starting the year in fine form with four unanswered tries on home soil, the defensive display saw the Panthers hold an opposition to nil for the first time in an opening round fixture. **Panthers 24 (Capewell, Edwards, To'o, Yeo tries. Cleary 4 goals) def Cowboys 0**

ROUND 2 - PANTHERS 28 v BULLDOGS 0

Having their opponents measure from the opening exchanges in a contest played in rain-soaked conditions, Nathan Cleary sustained a head knock that saw the Panthers co-captain fail to see out the match. **Panthers 28 (Kikau 2, Momirovski 2, May tries. Cleary 2, Crichton 2 goals) def Bulldogs 0**

ROUND 3 - PANTHERS 12 v STORM 10

Canterbury-bound playmaker Matt Burton put an end to calls for an early release with a starring performance in the side's first meeting against the Storm since last year's decider; a late try to Kurt Capewell saw the Panthers move to the top of the premiership ladder. **Panthers 12 (Staines, Capewell tries. Crichton 2 goals) def Storm 10 (B. Smith, Addo-Carr tries. Munster 1 goal)**

ROUND 4 - PANTHERS 46 v SEA EAGLES 6

Kicking off the Easter weekend with an attacking masterclass on the northern beaches, winger Brian To'o drew praise from representative selectors with a brace of tries. **Panthers 46 (To'o 2, Kikau 2, Leota, Burton, Capewell, Momirovski tries. Cleary 7 goals) def Sea Eagles 6 (Cust try. Garrick 1 goal)**

ROUND 5 - PANTHERS 30 v RAIDERS 10

Wearing a replica strip to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the side's maiden premiership win, detractors accused the exuberant Panthers of arrogance following a fifth straight win. **Panthers 30 (Staines 2,**

Burton, Luai, Cleary tries. Cleary 5 goals) def Raiders 10 (Wighton, Croker tries. Croker 1 goal)

ROUND 6 - PANTHERS 20 v BRONCOS 12

Made to work for the two points against a Brisbane side given little hope before kick-off, Nathan Cleary took control in the final ten minutes with a two-point field goal and a try to turn a 12-all scoreline into a 20-12 win. **Panthers 20 (Capewell, Burton, Cleary tries. Cleary 3 goals. Cleary 2ptfg) def Broncos 12 (Pangai Jr, Bullemor tries. Isaako 2 goal)**

ROUND 7 - PANTHERS 24 v KNIGHTS 6

Fending off a gallant Newcastle side in the opening match of ANZAC Round, Dylan Edwards starred in his return from injury with a try to seal the victory. **Panthers 24 (Crichton, Burton, Edwards, To'o tries. Cleary 4 goals) def Knights 6 (To'a try. Ponga 1 goal)**

ROUND 8 - PANTHERS 28 v SEA EAGLES 16

Returning to Bathurst after COVID-19 prevented the side's annual pilgrimage to Western NSW twelve months earlier, the Panthers faced fierce opposition from a vastly improved Sea Eagles outfit bolstered by a fit-and-firing Tom Trbojevic. **Panthers 28 (Edwards, To'o, Martin, May, Crichton tries. Cleary 4 goals) def Sea Eagles 16 (T. Trbojevic, DCE, Saab tries. Garrick 1, DCE 1 goals)**

ROUND 9 - PANTHERS 48 v SHARKS 0

Recording their biggest win of the season to the delight of a buoyant home crowd, young gun Charlie Staines snared a hat-trick to take his personal tally against the Sharks to seven tries in two meetings. **Panthers 48 (Staines 3, Fisher-Harris, Crichton, Burton, Kikau, Eisenhuth tries. Cleary 8 goals) def Sharks 0**

ROUND 10 - PANTHERS 48 v TITANS 12

Treating fans to an attacking tour de force in the final match of Magic Round, Nathan Cleary claimed a personal tally of 28 points to assert his standing as the best halfback in the game. **Panthers 48 (Cleary 3, Staines 2, Fisher-Harris, Leota, Martin tries. Cleary 8 goals) def Titans 12 (Fermor, Brimson tries. Fogarty 2 goals)**

ROUND 11 - PANTHERS 56 v RABBITOHS 12

Dubbo juniors Isaah Yeo and Matt Burton gave friends and family a day to remember with a landslide victory in the first premiership match played at Apex Oval. **Panthers 56 (Burton 3, Cleary 2, Kikau, Capewell, To'o, Crichton tries. Cleary 10 goals) def Rabbitohs 12 (Mansour, Walker tries. Reynolds 2 goals)**

ROUND 12 - PANTHERS 30 v BULLDOGS 4

Scoring a pivotal try through Spencer Leniu on the stroke of halftime to break the spirit of a battling Bulldogs outfit, Stephen Crichton finished off one of the tries of the year as the Panthers posted their best ever start to a season. **Panthers 30 (Staines 2, Leniu, Momirovski, Burton, Crichton tries. Cleary 3 goals) def Bulldogs 4 (Schoupp try)**

ROUND 13 - PANTHERS 6 v TIGERS 26

Missing a host of stars away on representative

duties and suspension, the Panther cubs lacked the experience needed to weather a hostile environment at Leichhardt Oval. **Panthers 6 (Burton try. Crichton 1 goal) lost to Tigers 26 (Laurie, Liddle, L. Leilua, Utoikamanu tries. Doueihi 5 goals)**

ROUND 14 - PANTHERS 18 v SHARKS 19

Opting to rest the bulk of their representative stars two days after the opening State of Origin fixture, the Panthers rallied from an 18-point deficit to draw level before Shaun Johnson snapped a one-pointer from long range. **Panthers 18 (Burton 2, Tago tries. Crichton 3 goals) lost to Sharks 19 (Moylan, Johnson, Multitalo tries. Johnson 3 goals. Johnson fg)**

ROUND 15 - PANTHERS 38 v ROOSTERS 12

Reinforcing their claims as premiership contenders with a full-strength squad, the Panthers piled on the points after Siosia Taukeiaho was sent to the sin bin for a tackle that drew the ire of commentators. **Panthers 38 (To'o 2, Crichton, Yeo, Cleary, Staines tries. Cleary 7 goals) def Roosters 12 (Baker, Keighran tries. Keighran 2 goals)**

ROUND 16 - PANTHERS 13 v EELS 12

Forced to play a potential sell-out behind closed doors due to the spread of COVID-19 throughout Greater Sydney, Matt Burton nailed a one-pointer to give the Panthers bragging rights in the traditional Western Sydney derby. **Panthers 13 (May, Koroisau tries. Crichton 2 goals. Burton fg) def Eels 12 (Sivo, Papali'i tries. Moses 2 goals)**

ROUND 18 - PANTHERS 30 v WARRIORS 16

Taking advantage of a battered and bruised Warriors team in a double header played at Suncorp Stadium, behemoth second-rower Viliame Kikau bagged his third double of the season. **Panthers 30 (Kikau 2, Staines 2, To'o, Martin tries. Crichton 3 goals) def Warriors 16 (Egan, Berry, Walsh tries. Walsh 2 goals)**

ROUND 19 - PANTHERS 18 v BRONCOS 12

Brisbane forward Thomas Fiegler was lucky to remain on the field after a hit that had Isaah Yeo out like a light before hitting the ground; Dylan Edwards produced a highlight in an otherwise unmemorable match by snapping a two-point field goal on halftime. **Panthers 18 (To'o, Staines, Crichton tries. Crichton 1, Burton 1 goals. Edwards 2ptfg) def Broncos 12 (Hetherington, Bullemor tries. Isaako 2 goals)**

ROUND 20 - PANTHERS 10 v STORM 37

Missing a host of stars unavailable due to injury, fullback Dylan Edwards assumed the captaincy for the first time in a grand final re-match that saw the Panthers never come close to challenging the Storm. **Panthers 10 (Naden, Sorenson tries. Burton 1 goal) lost to Storm 37 (Jeremia 3, R. Smith, J. Bromwich, Grant tries. Papenhuyzen 4, Hynes 2, Munster 1 goals. Papenhuyzen fg)**

ROUND 21 - PANTHERS 20 v ROOSTERS 14

Rising star Matt Burton proved the difference with a spectacular individual effort and an accurate goal-kicking display to put the

Panthers on top in a match that finished three tries apiece. **Panthers 20 (Burton 2, Momirovski tries. Burton 4 goals) def Roosters 14 (Radley, Manu, Tupou tries. Keighran 1 goal)**

ROUND 22 - PANTHERS 34 v DRAGONS 16

Nathan Cleary made a successful return from injury against a Dragons side still in free fall weeks after the infamous barbecue that led to Paul Vaughan's dismissal. **Panthers 34 (Naden 2, Edwards 2, Burton, Momirovski tries. Cleary 5 goals) def Dragons 16 (Ravalawa, Bird, Amone tries. Lomax 2 goals)**

ROUND 23 - PANTHERS 25 v RABBITOHS 12

Handing mid-season acquisition Tevita Pangai Jr a club debut in a match touted as a warm up for September, the Panthers trailed 0-12 before posting 25 unanswered points to all but secure a top two finish. **Panthers 25 (Cleary, Crichton, Naden, Koroisau tries. Cleary 4 goals. Cleary fg) def Rabbitohs 12 (Gagai, Mitchell tries. Reynolds 2 goals)**

ROUND 24 - PANTHERS 30 v TIGERS 16

Heading to Redcliffe following six straight appearances at Suncorp Stadium, representative winger Brian To'o crossed for a try in his return from ankle surgery. **Panthers 30 (Leota, Pangai Jr, Luai, Kikau, To'o tries. Cleary 5 goals) def Tigers 16 (Utoikamanu, Simpkins, Maumalo tries. Brooks 2 goals)**

ROUND 25 - PANTHERS 40 v EELS 6

Benefitting from the choice to field a full-strength squad against a second-string opposition, the Panthers finished the regular season with enough wins to claim the minor premiership in any other year except 2021. **Panthers 40 (To'o 3, Pangai Jr, Burton, Koroisau, Cleary tries. Cleary 6 goals) def Eels 6 (Opacic try. Ferguson 1 goal)**

QF - PANTHERS 10 v RABBITOHS 16

Losing Dylan Edwards and Moses Leota to injury prior to kick-off, the Panthers missed an opportunity to go straight through to the preliminary final in an epic contest played in Townsville. **Panthers 10 (Crichton try. Cleary 3 goals) lost to Rabbitohs 16 (Walker, Paulo tries. Reynolds 4 goals)**

SF - PANTHERS 8 v EELS 6

Kicking a penalty goal on halftime that ultimately proved the difference, the Panthers lived up to their reputation as the premier defensive side in the league to claim victory in one of the best finals contested during the past decade. **Panthers 8 (Capewell try. Cleary 2 goals) def Eels 6 (Blake try. Moses 1 goal)**

PF - PANTHERS 10 v STORM 6

Outlasting the reigning premiers in a match regarded as the grand final come a week early, the Panthers were made to wait until the last play of the game to confirm a place in the final match of the season. **Panthers 10 (Crichton, To'o tries. Cleary 1 goal) def Storm 6 (Papenhuyzen try. Papenhuyzen 1 goal)**

SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS

2021 GRAND FINALISTS

1. BLAKE TAAFFE

Stepping up in the absence of Latrell Mitchell with a Grand Final appearance in just his eighth first grade match, Taaffe has enjoyed a meteoric rise since starring in South's Jersey Flegg victory two years ago.

NRL appearances: 7

Grand Final appearances: N/A

2. ALEX JOHNSTON

Equalling Les Brennan for the most tries in a season by a South Sydney player, the La Perouse junior will be out to repay the faith shown by supporters who forced club management to table a new deal midway through last year.

NRL appearances: 165

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2014)

3. DANE GAGAI

Playing his final match in red and green ahead of a move back to Newcastle, Gagai can credit Wayne Bennett for a career lifeline after being released by Brisbane as a 21-year-old.

NRL appearances: 225

Grand Final appearances: N/A

4. CAMPBELL GRAHAM

Debuting in first grade while preparing to sit his HSC exams, the Coogee Wombats junior was included in Brad Fittler's extended squad during this year's State of Origin series.

NRL appearances: 89

Grand Final appearances: N/A

5. JAXSON PAULO

Going from a Jersey Flegg premiership to a NRL Grand Final in the space of two years, Paulo confirmed his place in the side with a brace of tries during last week's win over Manly.

NRL appearances: 24

Grand Final appearances: N/A

6. CODY WALKER

Equally adept at setting up tries and scoring four-pointers of his own, Walker has grown into a fan favourite at Redfern after coming into grade as a mature aged debutant.

NRL appearances: 141

Grand Final appearances: N/A

7. ADAM REYNOLDS (C)

Taking the field as a South Sydney player for the final time on Sunday night, the long-serving number seven will be hoping to add his name to a select group of players to captain the Rabbitohs to premiership glory.

NRL appearances: 230

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2014)

8. MARK NICHOLLS

Affectionately known as the GOAT by South Sydney supporters, the journeyman front-rower has achieved a career best year by crossing for a double and captaining the side a decade on from his first grade debut.

NRL appearances: 109

Grand Final appearances: N/A

9. DAMIEN COOK

Shaping as a key figure in the Rabbitohs bid to triumph on Sunday evening, the incumbent New South Wales hooker has been a focal point of the side's second coming during the Anthony Seibold and Wayne Bennett years.

NRL appearances: 146

Grand Final appearances: N/A

10. TEVITA TATOLA

Growing into a formidable front-rower after four seasons in the top grade, Tatola has been strong since returning from a knee injury sustained prior to the competition relocating to Queensland.

NRL appearances: 92

Grand Final appearances: N/A

11. KEAON KOLOAMATANGI

Establishing himself as a starting forward in only his second year in first grade, the Mascot Jets junior looms as a representative player of the future after spending time in camp with the New South Wales squad prior to State of Origin I.

NRL appearances: 36

Grand Final appearances: N/A

12. JAYDN SU'A

Bouncing back from the disappointment of being dropped to reserve grade mid-season, the Queensland representative will be hoping to join St George Illawarra as a premiership winner.

NRL appearances: 82

Grand Final appearances: N/A

13. CAMERON MURRAY

Touted as a future captain after progressing from the Mascot Jets to starring at the highest levels of the game, the mobile lock-forward makes up for in work rate what he lacks in size.

NRL appearances: 102

Grand Final appearances: N/A

INTERCHANGE

14. BENJI MARSHALL

Potentially drawing the curtain on one of the greatest careers seen in rugby league history, Marshall was just days away from retiring before a last-ditch call to Wayne Bennett extended his career into a 19th season.

NRL appearances: 345

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2005)

15. JACOB HOST

Making the most of a move to the Rabbitohs following five years in-and-out of first grade, the former St George Illawarra forward has bounced back after being dropped one game into his career at South Sydney.

NRL appearances: 71

Grand Final appearances: N/A

16. TOM BURGESS

Hoping to achieve a piece of Grand Final history distinct from his brothers, the English prop has gone on to become the most-capped Burgess after being the last to debut for the club.

NRL appearances: 187

Grand Final appearances: 1 (2014)

17. JAI ARROW

Heading to Sydney with the explicit intention of winning a premiership, Arrow has maintained his reputation as a workhorse with an average contribution of 120 metres and 26 tackles each week.

NRL appearances: 102

Grand Final appearances: N/A

RESERVES

18. TAANE MILNE

Scoring eight tries in 12 matches at South Sydney after managing 19 appearances in five years beforehand, the Fijian outside back boasts the distinction of winning every match he has appeared in this season.

NRL appearances: 31

Grand Final appearances: N/A

19. PATRICK MAGO

Set to join Wigan in the English Super League next year, Mago provided solid service off the bench during two seasons at the club.

NRL appearances: 37

Grand Final appearances: N/A

20. BRAIDON BURNS

Cruelled by injury ever since coming into the top grade under Michael Maguire, Burns started his professional career at Penrith in an Under 20s team featuring the likes of Dylan Edwards, Tyrone May and Liam Martin.

NRL appearances: 40

Grand Final appearances: N/A

21. JED CARTWRIGHT

Playing one game for Penrith before moving to South Sydney midway through last season, Cartwright will be hoping to add to his appearance tally in years to come.

NRL appearances: 11

Grand Final appearances: N/A

THE REST

South Sydney have 10 further players who took part in the 2021 NRL season who won't be there on Grand Final Day:

Dean Hawkins	3 appearances
Lachlan Ilias	1 appearance
Liam Knight	11 appearances
Peter Mamouzelos	3 appearances
Josh Mansour	11 appearances
Steven Marsters	1 appearance
Latrell Mitchell	17 appearances
Davy Moale	2 appearances
Tautau Moga	1 appearance
Hame Sele	7 appearances

COACH

WAYNE BENNETT

Bring his tenure at the Rabbitohs to a close on Sunday evening, the seven-time Grand Final winner will be aiming to become the first coach to win premierships at three different clubs.

ROAD TO GLORY

HOW THE RABBITOHS FOUND THEIR WAY TO SUNCORP ON SUNDAY

History shows no team has ever won a Grand Final having conceded 50 points in a season. Two times in the space of three weeks the South Sydney Rabbitohs were written off based on that precedent.

Coming into the year as favourites for the premiership, an on-going contract dispute between captain Adam Reynolds and club management resulted in the local junior announcing his departure alongside coach Wayne Bennett at season's end. Dealt a further blow on the cusp of the finals with superstar fullback Latrell Mitchell copping a hefty suspension in a spiteful clash against the Roosters, the Rabbitohs adopted a siege mentality to upset the Panthers in the opening week of the finals before confirming a place in the Grand Final with a dominant display over the Sea Eagles.

The end of an era is coming for the Rabbitohs on Sunday evening - history will determine whether the era is looked upon with fondness or regret.

GAMES: 26 -- WINS: 22 -- LOSSES: 4
POINTS SCORED: 827
POINTS CONCEDED: 479
FINISHED: 3RD

ROUND 1 - RABBITOHS 18 v STORM 26

Extending their winless record in Melbourne to 17 matches after trailing 0-22 inside the opening half hour, Latrell Mitchell sparked a fightback that ultimately fell short in his return from injury. Rabbitohs 18 (Johnston 2, Mitchell tries. Reynolds 3/3 goals) lost to Storm 26 (Papenhuyzen 2, Munster, Oram tries. Papenhuyzen 5/6 goals)

ROUND 2 - RABBITOHS 26 v SEA EAGLES 12

Keeping the Sea Eagles at a distance to post their first win of the season, a concussion to Adam Reynolds early in the second half saw veteran Benji Marshall step up to guide the side home in wet conditions. Rabbitohs 26 (Walker, Reynolds, Mitchell, Cook, Johnston tries. Mitchell 2/3, Reynolds 1/3 goals) def Sea Eagles 12 (Croker, Taupau tries. Garrick 2/2 goals)

ROUND 3 - RABBITOHS 26 v ROOSTERS 16

Blowing their foundation rivals off the park with an expansive brand of football, marquee recruit Jai Arrow had the last laugh following a fracas which saw Roosters rookie Daniel Suluka-Fiifta sent to the sin bin. Rabbitohs 26 (Walker 2, Gagai, Mansour tries. Reynolds 4/5, Mitchell 1/2 goals) def Roosters 16 (Tedesco, B. Morris, J. Morris tries. Tedesco 1/2, Taukieleho 1/1 goals)

ROUND 4 - RABBITOHS 38 v BULLDOGS 0

In a contest pitting one of the best attacking sides against one of the worst, the Rabbitohs had to wait until midway through the second half to secure the result on Good Friday. Rabbitohs 38 (Walker 2, Mansour, Johnston, Mitchell, Reynolds tries. Reynolds 7/7 goals) def Bulldogs 0

ROUND 5 - RABBITOHS 35 v BRISBANE 6

Never troubled in a match that failed to reach any great heights, off-contract halfback Adam Reynolds created history as the first player

to kick a two-point field goal following the introduction of a rule no one asked for over the off-season. Rabbitohs 35 (Mitchell 2, Marshall, Johnston, Reynolds, Graham tries. Reynolds 4/7 goals. Reynolds 2pt field goal, Mitchell field goal) def Broncos 6 (isaako try, isaako 1/1 goal)

ROUND 6 - RABBITOHS 18 v TIGERS 14

Leaving much to be desired despite getting the result via a barnstorming run from Tom Burgess in golden point, the Rabbitohs were dealt a blow with Latrell Mitchell copping a four-match ban for dangerous contact. Rabbitohs 18 (Murray, Gagai, Burgess tries. Reynolds 2/3 goals. Reynolds 2pt field goal) def Tigers 14 (Laurie, Garner tries. Doueichi 3/3 goals)

ROUND 7 - RABBITOHS 40 v TITANS 30

Proving age shall not weary the oldest player in the league, Benji Marshall wound back the clock with a brace of tries in a match where both sides prioritised attack over defence. Rabbitohs 40 (Marshall 2, Paulo, Walker, Gagai, Johnston tries. Reynolds 8/9 goals) def Titans 30 (Fifita 3, Fogarty, Peachey tries. Fogarty 5/5 goals)

ROUND 8 - RABBITOHS 34 v RAIDERS 18

Turning a halftime deficit into a comprehensive victory in the nation's capital, a precise kicking game from Adam Reynolds left pundits and fans alike bemused at the club's refusal to go beyond a one-year extension for the accomplished halfback. Rabbitohs 34 (Johnston 2, Graham, Gagai, Su'A tries. Reynolds 7/7 goals) def Raiders 18 (Rapana 2, Whitehead, Kris tries. Rapana 2/4 goals)

ROUND 9 - STORM 50 v RABBITOHS 0

Producing a performance at home that could be charitably described as defensively inept, the Rabbitohs were spared further embarrassment as a result of Cameron Munster having an off night standing in as goal-kicker. Rabbitohs 0 lost to Storm 50 (Addo-Carr 6, Jennings 2, Hughes, B. Smith tries. Munster 5/10 goals)

ROUND 10 - RABBITOHS 32 v SHARKS 22

Bouncing back from the horror show of nine days earlier, Adam Reynolds was on target after announcing his decision to depart the club at season's end in favour of a longer-term deal at Brisbane. Rabbitohs 32 (Walker 2, Koloamatangi, Johnston, Arrow tries. Reynolds 6/6 goals) def Sharks 22 (Kennedy, Woods, Nikora, Hiroti tries. Townsend 3/4 goals)

ROUND 11 - RABBITOHS 12 v PENRITH 56

Treating a sell-out crowd in Dubbo to a performance that brought embarrassment upon the foundation club, Wayne Bennett refused to subject Benji Marshall to the debacle by only using 16 players. Rabbitohs 12 (Mansour, Walker tries. Reynolds 2/2 goals) lost to Panthers 56 (Burton 3, Cleary 2, Kikua, Capewell, To'o, Crichton tries. Cleary 10/11 goals)

ROUND 12 - RABBITOHS 38 v EELS 20

Alex Johnston and Dane Gagai made a mockery of the Eels right edge defence with both players crossing for three tries apiece during Indigenous Round. Rabbitohs 38 (Johnston 3, Gagai 3, Cook tries. Reynolds 5/7 goals) def

Eels 20 (Gutherson, Papali'i, Sivo, Arthur tries. Moses 2/4 goals)

ROUND 14 - RABBITOHS 24 v KNIGHTS 10

Alex Johnston lived up to his reputation as a try-scoring specialist in a listless affair which saw young hooker Peter Mamouzelos make his first grade debut off the bench. Rabbitohs 24 (Johnston 3, Su'A tries. Reynolds 4/4 goals) def Knights 10 (Young, Mann tries. Clifford 1/2 goals)

ROUND 15 - RABBITOHS 46 v BRONCOS 0

Scoring eight unanswered tries to record the club's biggest ever win over the Broncos, young gun Blake Taaffe gave supporters a glimpse into life after Adam Reynolds with a late cameo on debut. Rabbitohs 46 (Johnston 2, Graham 2, Mitchell, Gagai, Sele, Milne tries. Reynolds 6/8, Mitchell 1/1 goals) def Broncos 0

ROUND 16 - RABBITOHS 38 v TIGERS 22

Coasting to victory in their first appearance at Leichhardt Oval since 2007, Adam Reynolds achieved a moment of infamy by strolling over untouched for a try only to put a foot on the dead ball line before grounding the ball. Rabbitohs 38 (Johnston 2, Graham 2, Milne, Walker, Murray tries. Reynolds 5/8 goals) def Tigers 22 (Doueichi 2, Laurie, Nofaloama tries. Doueichi 3/4 goals)

ROUND 17 - RABBITOHS 46 v COWBOYS 18

Out to make a point after being overlooked by New South Wales selectors for Origin III, Adam Reynolds and Cody Walker were in fine touch during a clash shifted to Newcastle due to a growing number of COVID-19 cases in Greater Sydney. Rabbitohs 46 (Milne 3, Johnston 3, Taaffe, Burgess tries. Reynolds 7/10 goals) def Cowboys 18 (Dearden, Wright, Feldt tries. Drinkwater 3/4 goals)

ROUND 18 - RABBITOHS 32 v BULLDOGS 24

Holding off a spirited Bulldogs side with a try to unsung prop Mark Nicholls in his 100th first grade game, the most bizarre moment of the season occurred when Lachlan Lewis tackled Cody Walker as both sides headed from the field at the change of ends. Rabbitohs 32 (Johnston 2, Milne, Host, Murray, Nicholls tries. Reynolds 4/7 goals) def Bulldogs 24 (Schoupp, Allan, Okunbor, Biondi-Odo tries. Averillo 4/4 goal)

ROUND 19 - RABBITOHS 60 v WARRIORS 22

Annihilating the Warriors with 11 tries on the Sunshine Coast, coach Wayne Bennett was displeased with his side's defensive lapses which allowed the nomadic New Zealanders to post four tries. Rabbitohs 60 (Burgess 2, Su'A 2, Mansour 2, Paulo, Murray, Walker, Koloamatangi, Mitchell tries. Reynolds 7/9, Mitchell 1/2 goals) def Warriors 22 (Watene-Zelezniak, Montoya, Nikorima, Walsh tries. Walsh 3/4 goals)

ROUND 20 - RABBITOHS 50 v DRAGONS 14

Showing no ill effects of a disrupted preparation which saw the side remain on the tarmac in Rockhampton before playing the match in Brisbane a day late, the Rabbitohs showed little mercy to a Dragons side reeling from the infamous "Weekend at Vaughany's". Rabbitohs 50 (Mitchell 2, Walker, Milne, Su'A, Mansour,

Reynolds, Arrow, Koloamatangi tries. Reynolds 7/9 goals) def Dragons 14 (Burns, Fuimaono, Sloan tries. Norman 1/2, Sullivan 0/1 goals)

ROUND 21 - RABBITOHS 40 v EELS 12

Blowing the Eels off the park in an early preview of finals football, Adam Reynolds surpassed Eric Simms as the highest point-scorer in the history of the South Sydney Rugby League Football Club. Rabbitohs 40 (Mansour 2, Paulo 2, Gagai, Murray tries. Reynolds 8/9 goals) def Eels 12 (Sivo, Blake tries. Gutherson 2/2 goals)

ROUND 22 - RABBITOHS 36 v TITANS 6

Proving far too strong for a Gold Coast team vying for a place in the top eight, injury-plagued centre Braidon Burns crossed for a double in a rare start for the club. Rabbitohs 36 (Mansour 2, Burns 2, Mitchell, Reynolds tries. Reynolds 6/8 goals) def Titans 6 (Thompson try, Sexton 1/1 goal)

ROUND 23 - RABBITOHS 25 v PANTHERS 12

Getting out to an early lead in one of the most anticipated clashes of the regular season, the class of Nathan Cleary got the Panthers over the line in the dying stages. Rabbitohs 12 (Gagai, Mitchell tries. Reynolds 2/3 goals) lost to Panthers 25 (Cleary, Crichton, Naden, Koroisau tries. Cleary 4/6 goals. Cleary field goal)

ROUND 24 - RABBITOHS 54 v ROOSTERS 12

A new chapter in the book of feuds was etched in stone after Latrell Mitchell was charged with a dangerous high tackle that fractured the cheekbone of former teammate Joey Manu; the resulting suspension saw the star fullback sidelined for the remainder of the season. Rabbitohs 54 (Johnston 3, Nicholls 2, Mitchell 2, Paulo 2 tries. Reynolds 7/7, Mitchell 2/3 goals) def Roosters 12 (Manu, Verrills tries. Taukieleho 1/1, Walker 1/1 goals)

ROUND 25 - RABBITOHS 20 v DRAGONS 16

Fielding a spare parts side captained for the first time by fan favourite Mark Nicholls, 21-year-old halfback Lachlan Ilias was given an opportunity to press his case as the club's long-term number seven beyond 2021. Rabbitohs 20 (Graham 2, Ilias, Milne tries. Taaffe 2/5 goals) def Dragons 16 (Sloan 2, Ravalawa tries. Norman 2/3 goals)

QF - RABBITOHS 16 v PANTHERS 10

Earning a week off following a defensive display not seen since the side's last premiership win in 2014, rookie Blake Taaffe stood tall at fullback in only his sixth game in the top grade. Rabbitohs 16 (Walker, Paulo tries. Reynolds 4/5 goals) def Panthers 10 (Crichton try. Cleary 3/3 goals)

PF - RABBITOHS 36 v SEA EAGLES 16

Getting the job done after narrow misses in their three previous preliminary finals, an emphatic opening saw the Rabbitohs become the first side to qualify for the 2021 Grand Final. Rabbitohs 36 (Walker 2, Paulo 2, Johnston 2, Graham tries. Taaffe 4/7 goals) def Sea Eagles 16 (Garrick 2, T. Trbojevic tries. Garrick 2/3 goals)

THE RECORD

ALL 88 MATCH RESULTS BETWEEN SOUTH SYDNEY AND PENRITH SINCE THEIR FIRST PREMIERSHIP MATCH IN 1967.

Meeting	Year	Round	Rabbitohs	Score	Round	Score	Venue
1	1967	9	South Sydney	39	Penrith	0	Penrith Park
2	1967	20	South Sydney	14	Penrith	7	Redfern Oval
3	1968	7	South Sydney	12	Penrith	13	Redfern Oval
4	1968	18	South Sydney	19	Penrith	14	Sydney Cricket Ground
5	1969	7	South Sydney	18	Penrith	17	Sydney Sports Ground
6	1969	18	South Sydney	40	Penrith	18	Penrith Park
7	1970	1	South Sydney	38	Penrith	5	Redfern Oval
8	1970	12	South Sydney	18	Penrith	18	Penrith Park
9	1971	8	South Sydney	12	Penrith	10	Penrith Park
10	1971	19	South Sydney	5	Penrith	12	Redfern Oval
11	1972	7	South Sydney	26	Penrith	20	Penrith Park
12	1972	18	South Sydney	14	Penrith	20	Redfern Oval
13	1973	2	South Sydney	22	Penrith	12	Redfern Oval
14	1973	13	South Sydney	24	Penrith	9	Penrith Park
15	1974	2	South Sydney	40	Penrith	18	Penrith Park
16	1974	13	South Sydney	20	Penrith	17	Redfern Oval
17	1975	4	South Sydney	14	Penrith	9	Redfern Oval
18	1975	15	South Sydney	7	Penrith	9	Penrith Park
19	1976	5	South Sydney	26	Penrith	15	Redfern Oval
20	1976	17	South Sydney	23	Penrith	17	Penrith Park
21	1977	4	South Sydney	12	Penrith	2	Redfern Oval
22	1977	15	South Sydney	2	Penrith	43	Penrith Park
23	1978	4	South Sydney	9	Penrith	8	Redfern Oval
24	1978	15	South Sydney	10	Penrith	2	Penrith Park
25	1979	5	South Sydney	39	Penrith	9	Redfern Oval
26	1979	16	South Sydney	24	Penrith	7	Penrith Park
27	1980	7	South Sydney	59	Penrith	5	Redfern Oval
28	1980	18	South Sydney	22	Penrith	17	Penrith Park
29	1981	10	South Sydney	3	Penrith	22	Penrith Park
30	1981	21	South Sydney	17	Penrith	11	Redfern Oval
31	1982	6	South Sydney	12	Penrith	8	Penrith Park
32	1982	20	South Sydney	14	Penrith	8	Redfern Oval
33	1983	7	South Sydney	13	Penrith	36	Redfern Oval
34	1983	14	South Sydney	19	Penrith	8	Penrith Park
35	1984	9	South Sydney	8	Penrith	22	Redfern Oval
36	1984	22	South Sydney	2	Penrith	18	Penrith Park
37	1985	8	South Sydney	11	Penrith	16	Penrith Park
38	1985	21	South Sydney	14	Penrith	10	Redfern Oval
39	1986	5	South Sydney	15	Penrith	8	Penrith Park
40	1986	18	South Sydney	8	Penrith	11	Redfern Oval

* DID NOT MEET:

1997: Rabbitohs played ARL, Panthers played SuperLeague
2000, 2001: Rabbitohs excluded from NRL for two seasons

41	1987	4	South Sydney	13	Penrith	6	Redfern Oval
42	1987	17	South Sydney	4	Penrith	2	Penrith Park
43	1988	15	South Sydney	14	Penrith	22	Penrith Park
44	1989	14	South Sydney	8	Penrith	19	Sydney Football Stadium
45	1990	12	South Sydney	6	Penrith	44	Penrith Park
46	1991	3	South Sydney	22	Penrith	36	Penrith Park
47	1991	18	South Sydney	12	Penrith	23	Sydney Football Stadium
48	1992	15	South Sydney	20	Penrith	24	Richardson Park, Darwin
49	1993	13	South Sydney	26	Penrith	30	Sydney Football Stadium
50	1994	13	South Sydney	26	Penrith	18	Sydney Football Stadium
51	1995	10	South Sydney	10	Penrith	42	Sydney Football Stadium
52	1996*	10	South Sydney	12	Penrith	20	Penrith Park
53	1998*	23	South Sydney	18	Penrith	36	Penrith Park
54	1999*	18	South Sydney	20	Penrith	0	Penrith Park
55	2002*	17	South Sydney	23	Penrith	16	Penrith Park
56	2002	24	South Sydney	12	Penrith	28	Central Coast Stadium
57	2003	6	South Sydney	14	Penrith	16	Aussie Stadium
58	2003	18	South Sydney	24	Penrith	30	Penrith Park
59	2004	9	South Sydney	4	Penrith	38	Penrith Park
60	2004	18	South Sydney	30	Penrith	6	Aussie Stadium
61	2005	6	South Sydney	6	Penrith	36	Aussie Stadium
62	2006	10	South Sydney	20	Penrith	32	CUA Stadium
63	2006	22	South Sydney	32	Penrith	26	Telstra Stadium
64	2007	13	South Sydney	14	Penrith	4	Telstra Stadium
65	2007	21	South Sydney	16	Penrith	32	CUA Stadium Penrith
66	2008	3	South Sydney	22	Penrith	26	CUA Stadium Penrith
67	2009	18	South Sydney	36	Penrith	12	ANZ Stadium
68	2009	24	South Sydney	10	Penrith	40	CUA Stadium Penrith
69	2010	12	South Sydney	42	Penrith	22	ANZ Stadium
70	2010	24	South Sydney	18	Penrith	54	CUA Stadium Penrith
71	2011	12	South Sydney	10	Penrith	22	Centrebet Stadium Penrith
72	2012	3	South Sydney	40	Penrith	24	Centrebet Stadium Penrith
73	2012	17	South Sydney	38	Penrith	12	ANZ Stadium
74	2013	3	South Sydney	44	Penrith	32	Centrebet Stadium Penrith
75	2014	6	South Sydney	18	Penrith	2	Sportingbet Stadium Penrith
76	2015	17	South Sydney	6	Penrith	20	Pepper Stadium
77	2015	21	South Sydney	20	Penrith	16	ANZ Stadium
78	2016	16	South Sydney	26	Penrith	28	Pepper Stadium
79	2017	6	South Sydney	21	Penrith	20	Pepper Stadium
80	2017	17	South Sydney	42	Penrith	14	ANZ Stadium
81	2018	2	South Sydney	14	Penrith	18	Panthers Stadium
82	2019	7	South Sydney	22	Penrith	18	Panthers Stadium
83	2019	14	South Sydney	18	Penrith	19	ANZ Stadium
84	2020	7	South Sydney	12	Penrith	20	Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah
85	2020	PF	South Sydney	16	Penrith	20	ANZ Stadium
86	2021	11	South Sydney	12	Penrith	56	Apex Oval, Dubbo
87	2021	23	South Sydney	12	Penrith	25	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
88	2021	QF	South Sydney	16	Penrith	10	QLD Country Bank Stadium, Townsville
89	2021	GF	South Sydney	?	Penrith	?	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

NRL: FINALS WEEK 3 WRAP

Friday | PF 1 | SOUTH SYDNEY 36 MANLY-WARRINGAH 16



SOUTH SYDNEY RABBITOHS (36)
Tries: Cody Walker (2), Alex Johnston (2), Jaxson Paulo (2), Campbell Graham
Conversions: Blake Taaffe (4/7)
MANLY-WARRINGAH SEA EAGLES (16)
Tries: Reuben Garrick (2), Tom Trbojevic
Conversions: Reuben Garrick (2/3)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium
Crowd: 26249
Halftime Score: South Sydney 22 Manly-Warringah 0
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
3 points - Cody Walker
2 points - Cameron Murray
1 points - Blake Taaffe

OUR REPORT with SAM BOURKE

Rabbitohs into the Grand Final after thumping Sea Eagles

South Sydney have thumped Manly by 36-16 at Suncorp Stadium tonight to reach their first Grand Final since their famous 2014 premiership win.

The win sets up a fairy tale finish for supercoach Wayne Bennett who enters his 10th Grand Final and for premiership winning halfback Adam Reynolds, who will both depart the club at season's end.

Souths five-eighth Cody Walker was superb for the Bunnies, scoring two tries and having a hand in several others in another eye-catching display. He was well supported by NSW lock Cameron Murray who was a workhorse and rookie fullback Blake Taaffe who has somehow managed to almost fill the gigantic boots of the suspended Latrell Mitchell since coming into the starting side only weeks ago.

Manly were their own worst enemy tonight, making a whopping 9 errors in the first half, which led to four South Sydney tries and left them with far too much work to do, even for the mercurial Tom Trbojevic who was kept relatively quiet by the Bunnies defence.

The Rabbitohs got on the board first, when centre Dane Gagai got a kick away close to the line which then pin balled off two Manly defenders and was then desperately knocked back by Gagai. Cody Walker then collected the ball off the deck to score early. Rookie fullback Blake Taaffe was the surprise goalkicker instead of regular goalkicker Adam Reynolds and converted the try giving his side an early 6-0 lead. Manly looked dangerous and thought they hit back when Tom Trbojevic looked to have put his winger Rueben Garrick over to score, however unfortunately for Manly it was called back by the Bunker for an obstruction in the lead up.

South Sydney then sent their lethal left-hand side in motion and it paid dividends when Taaffe hit his winger Alex Johnston with a superb cut out pass for the NRL's leading tryscorer to add to his season tally. Taaffe then converted from the sideline to give his side a 12-0 lead after 25 minutes.

Despite having little football, Trbojevic was again a threat and looked to have gone over to finally get his side on the scoreboard, however Manly

were again denied by the Bunker when the replay showed the Dally M Medal favourite lost possession at the death.

The Rabbitohs then went further ahead when hooker Damien Cook picked up a stray kick that went to ground. The crafty number nine then threaded a neat deft grubber off the left foot for a flying Cody Walker who scored his second try.

Then just before the break off the back of yet another Sea Eagles error, Souths struck again when Adam Reynolds and Campbell Graham combined down the right-hand side for winger Jaxson Paulo to score and give the Bunnies a commanding 22-0 lead at the break.

Manly desperately needed to score first following halftime and they did, when Kieran Foran and Josh Schuster combined down the left-hand side for Reuben Garrick to score in the corner and then convert from sideline to narrow the scoreline to 24-6 and some hope of a miracle comeback.

South Sydney again made Manly pay for yet another crucial error inside their own half, as veteran half Benji Marshall held up a neat pass for Campbell Graham at the line for the rangy centre to crash over and extend the lead to 28-6.

The Rabbitohs then had one foot in the Grand Final, when winger Jaxson Paulo scored his second try after he collected a huge Adam Reynolds bomb. The young winger collected the ball running backwards and then looked over his shoulder at the tryline to dive over and send Bunnies fans to heaven.

Manly then scored two late consolation tries, when centre Moses Suli made two excellent line breaks before linking with Tom Trbojevic who scored his 28th try of the season and on the second occasion his winger Rueben Garrick to narrow the score to 32-16 as the game wound down.

Cody Walker and Blake Taaffe then put a cherry on top of the cake, combining with some slick hands to put Alex Johnston over for his second try and into the 2021 Grand Final.

South Sydney and their fans now will sit back and await the winner of tomorrow's match where the Melbourne Storm take on the Penrith Panthers to determine who the Rabbitohs will play at Suncorp Stadium next Sunday.

Saturday | PF 2 | PENRITH 10 MELBOURNE 6



MELBOURNE STORM (6)
Tries: Ryan Papenhuyzen
Conversions: Ryan Papenhuyzen (1/1)
PENRITH PANTHERS (10)
Tries: Stephen Crichton, Brian To'o
Conversions: Nathan Cleary (1/2)

Venue: Suncorp Stadium
 Crowd: 29011
 Halftime Score: Melbourne 0 Penrith 6
LeagueUnlimited.com Players of the Match:
 3 points - Dylan Edwards
 2 points - Isaah Yeo
 1 points - Jahrome Hughes

OUR REPORT with ROB CROSBY

Penrith hold on in all-time classic

The Penrith Panthers have confirmed their place in the 2021 NRL Grand Final after outlasting the Melbourne Storm 10-6 in an absorbing clash on Saturday afternoon.

Scoring tries in the opening minutes of both halves while limiting their opponents to a single four-pointer for the first time this season, Penrith defended resolutely before a vocal crowd in excess of 29,000 at Suncorp Stadium.

The win sees Penrith gain a shot at redemption against South Sydney twelve months on from the disappointment of falling short in the final match of last season.

Having led the league in points scored this season, the Storm struggled to play on their terms and were guilty of committing 16 errors in a performance rarely sighted from a Craig Bellamy coached side.

Wasting little time in posting the only points of the first half, Penrith captain Nathan Cleary pulled off an audacious kick from dummy half which allowed Stephen Crichton (3rd minute) to touch down untouched.

Losing representative front-rower Christian Welch to a HIA early in proceedings, the Storm's woes were compounded further when Brandon Smith was ruled out minutes after becoming the first player to

execute a 20/40 in first grade.

Nelson Asofa-Solomona appeared to lock up the scoreboard midway through the first half only for the bunker to deem Scott Sorenson had been impeded by Dale Finucane in the lead up.

Both sides had opportunities to post points in the final moments of the opening half, however desperate defence saw the score remain 6-0 in the Panthers' favour at the change of ends.

Coming out for the second half determined to gain another shot at the premiership, returning winger Brian To'o (42nd minute) touched down after an error from Justin Olam invited the Panthers into the Storm's half.

In an absorbing second half which saw both sides trade sets at a fierce intensity, Ryan Papenhuyzen (63rd minute) got a result from a Cameron Munster kick aimed at the in-goal to narrow the score to 10-6.

Repelling several attacking raids from the Storm during the closing stages, the Panthers managed to hold on despite a number of nervous moments as the clock counted down to fulltime.

In a moment of concern for the victors, Nathan Cleary was placed on report for a lifting tackle on Kenny Bromwich midway through the first half which could see the Penrith playmaker come under scrutiny from the match review committee in the coming days.

NRL MATCH REVIEW

Finals Week 3 Charge Sheet

Player	Club	Charge - Grade	On who?	Base Penalty	Priors / discounts (loading)	Carry overs	Points/fine if guilty	Points/fine early plea	Plea / result	Suspension / fine	Carryovers accrued
Josh ALOIAI	Manly	Dangerous Throw - 2	Mark Nicholls	300	2 non-similar (+40%)	25	445	340	Guilty - early plea	3 matches	40
James FISHER-HARRIS	Penrith	Dangerous Contact (head/neck) - 1	Felise Kaufusi	\$1500	1 non-similar (+20%)	N/A	\$1800	\$1350	Guilty - early plea	\$1350	N/A
Stephen CRICHTON	Penrith	Contrary Conduct - 1	Justin Olam	\$1500	2 similar, 1 non-similar (120%)	N/A	\$3300	\$2500	Guilty - early plea	\$2500	N/A
Harry GRANT	Melbourne	Crusher Tackle - 1	Dylan Edwards	200	1 non-similar (+20%)	0	240	180	Guilty - early plea	1 match	80

LEAGUEUNLIMITED NRL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Standings after Finals Week 3

After each game, our writers allocate 3-2-1 points to the best players on the field, including every NRL game and all three Origin matches. On this page we track the full tally for each player across the season.

40 points - Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles/NSW)

38 points - Nathan Cleary (Panthers/NSW)

31 points - Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

25 points - Mitchell Moses (Eels), James Tedesco (Roosters)

22 points - Clinton Gutherson (Eels), Will Kennedy (Sharks), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles), Latrell Mitchell (Rabbitohs/NSW)

19 points - Jahrome Hughes (Storm), Adam Doueihi (Wests Tigers), Ben Hunt (Dragons/QLD)

17 points - Cameron Munster (Storm), Nicholas Hynes (Storm), David Fifita (Titans), Payne Haas (Broncos/NSW)

16 points - Ryan Papenhuyzen (Storm)

15 points - Jake Clifford (Cowboys), Daine Laurie (Wests Tigers), Roger Tuivasa-Sheck (Warriors), Kalyn Ponga (Knights)

14 points - Brandon Smith (Storm), Sam Walker (Roosters), Jarome Luai (Panthers/NSW)

13 points - Isaiah Papali'i (Eels), Alexander Brimson (Titans), Brian To'o (Panthers)

12 points - Christian Welch (Storm), Reece Walsh (Warriors), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs)

11 points - Harry Grant (Storm), Reed Mahoney (Eels), Cameron Murray (Rabbitohs)

10 points - Joseph Manu (Roosters), Scott Drinkwater (Cowboys)

9 points - Isiah Yeo (Panthers), Matt Burton (Panthers), Ashley Taylor (Titans), Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Keaon Koloamatangi (Rabbitohs), Stephen Crichton (Panthers), Luke Brooks (Wests Tigers)

8 points - James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), George Williams (Raiders), Shaun Johnson (Sharks), Dylan Edwards (Panthers), Tyrone Peachey (Titans), Kieran Foran (Sea Eagles)

7 points - Matthew Dufty (Dragons), Luke Thompson (Bulldogs), Benji Marshall (Rabbitohs)

6 points - Jared Waerea-Hargreaves (Roosters), Tevita Pangai Junior (Broncos), Daniel Saifiti (Knights), Braydon Trindall (Sharks), Mitchell Pearce (Knights), Jordan Rapana (Raiders), Josh Addo-Carr (Storm), Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs), Valentine Holmes (Cowboys), Addin Fonua-Blake (Warriors), Damien Cook (Rabbitohs), Anthony Milford (Broncos), Jamayne Isaako (Broncos), Jamal Fogarty

(Titans), Maika Sivo (Eels), Josh Papali'i (Raiders), Haumole Olakau'atu (Sea Eagles), Bradman Best (Knights)

5 points - Jason Saab (Sea Eagles), Josh Curran (Warriors), Josh Schuster (Sea Eagles), Toby Rudolf (Sharks), Brett Morris (Roosters), Mitchell Barnett (Knights), Corey Harawira-Naera (Raiders), Chad Townsend (Sharks), Drew Hutchison (Roosters), Luke Keary (Roosters), Tom Starling (Raiders), Tyson Gamble (Broncos), Tino Fa'asuamaleaui (Titans/QLD)

4 points - Liam Martin (Panthers), Kodi Nikorima (Warriors), Joseph Tapine (Raiders), Jayden Brailey (Knights), Tui Kamikamica (Storm), Dale Finucane (Storm), Sitili Tupouniua (Roosters), Victor Radley (Roosters), Jack Wighton (Raiders), Mark Nicholls (Rabbitohs), Dane Gagai (Rabbitohs), Nathan Brown (Eels), Tohu Harris (Warriors), Stefano Utoikamanu (Wests Tigers), Ronaldo Mulitalo (Sharks)

3 points - Dallin Watene-Zelezniak (Bulldogs), Tesi Niu (Broncos), Josh Hodgson (Raiders), Siosiaua Taukeiaho (Roosters), Adam Clune (Dragons), Mikaele Ravalawa (Dragons), Matt Ikuvalu (Roosters), Sam Williams (Raiders), Ryan Sutton (Raiders), Angus Crichton (Roosters), Tariq Sims (Dragons), Nelson Asofa-Solomona (Storm), Moeaki Fotuauika (Titans), Apisai Koroisau (Panthers), Connor Watson (Knights), Tom Dearden (Broncos), David Klemmer (Knights), Xavier Savage (Raiders), Toby Sexton (Titans), Jake Averillo (Bulldogs), Justin Olam (Storm), Paul Vaughan (Dragons), Enari Tuala (Knights), Luke Metcalf (Sharks), Briton Nikora (Sharks), Euan Aitken (Warriors), Blake Ferguson (Eels), Thomas Burgess (Rabbitohs), Josh Jackson (Bulldogs), Luciano Leilua (Wests Tigers), Jayden Campbell (Titans), Herbie Farnworth (Broncos), Jai Arrow (Rabbitohs), Jake Granville (Cowboys)

2 points - Jack de Belin (Dragons), Jeremy Marshall-King (Bulldogs), Bailey Simonsson (Raiders), Jesse Bromwich (Storm), Wayne Egan (Warriors), Peta Hiku (Warriors), Jeremiah Nanai (Cowboys), Lachlan Ilias (Rabbitohs), Blake Taaffe (Rabbitohs), Nick Meaney (Bulldogs), Moses Suli (Sea Eagles), Jack Williams (Sharks), Tyrone May (Panthers), Hame Sele (Rabbitohs), Sione Katoa (Bulldogs), Bunty Afoa (Warriors), Josh Mansour (Rabbitohs), Taniela Paseka (Sea Eagles), Josh Morris (Roosters), Jason Taumalolo (Cowboys), Junior Paulo (Eels), Josh Kerr (Dragons), Blake Lawrie (Dragons), Martin Taupau (Sea Eagles), Zac Lomax (Dragons), Dylan Napa (Bulldogs), Josh Aloiai (Sea Eagles), Blayke Brailey (Sharks), Phillip Sami (Titans), Marata Niukore (Eels), Hudson Young (Raiders), Moses Mbye (Wests Tigers), Daniel Tupou (Roosters), Tyson Frizell (Knights), Murray Taulagi (Cowboys), Moses Leota (Panthers), Jack Bird (Dragons), Waqa Blake (Eels), Bayley Sironen (Warriors), Ryan Matterson (Eels), Matthew Lodge (Broncos)

1 point - Xavier Coates (Broncos), Shawn Blore (Wests Tigers), Jake Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Beau Fermor (Titans), Isaac Liu (Roosters), Ben Murdoch-Masila (Warriors), Ryan James (Raiders), Andrew McCullough (Dragons), Paul Momirovski (Panthers), Tukupa Hau Tapuha (Roosters), Jack Hetherington (Bulldogs), Lindsay Collins (Roosters), Thomas Flegler (Broncos), Sebastian Kris (Raiders), Matt Frawley (Raiders), Mitchell Dunn (Cowboys), Francis Molo (Cowboys), Lachlan Lewis (Bulldogs), Matt Moylan (Sharks), Braden Hamlin-Uele (Sharks), Dylan Brown (Eels), Mathew Feagai (Dragons), Reece Robson (Cowboys), Shane Wright (Cowboys), Alex Twal (Wests Tigers), Albert Kelly (Broncos), Connor Tracey (Sharks), Coen Hess (Cowboys), Nat Butcher (Roosters), David Nofualuma (Wests Tigers), Brodie Jones (Knights), Kotoni Staggs (Broncos), Dean Jeremia (Storm), Hamiso Tabuai-Fidow (Cowboys), Corey Thompson (Titans), Emre Guler (Raiders), Kurt Mann (Knights), Caleb Aekins (Raiders), Felise Kaufusi (Storm), Will Hopoate (Bulldogs), Joe Ofahengau (Wests Tigers), Jaydn Su'A (Rabbitohs)

UK WATCH - RESULTS & FIXTURES

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

PLAYOFF RESULTS - ELIMINATOR FINALS

Leeds Rhinos 8 Tries: Ash Handley; Goals: Rhys Martin 2 def Wigan Warriors 0 at DW Stadium

Hull KR 19 Tries: Jimmy Keinhorst, Mikey Lewis, Jordan Abdull; Goals: Jordan Abdull 3; Field Goals: Jordan Abdull 1 def Warrington Wolves 0 at Halliwell Jones Stadium

PLAYOFF FIXTURES all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Week Two (Semi Finals)

Thu 30 Sep 7:45pm Catalans (1st) v Hull KR Stade Gilbert Brutus
Fri 1 Oct 7:45pm St Helens (2nd) v Leeds Totally Wicked Stadium

Week Three (Grand Final)

Sat 9 Oct 6:00pm Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 Old Trafford, Manchester

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - PLAY-OFFS

SEMI FINAL RESULTS

St Helens 58 Tries: Leah Burke 3, Jodie Cunningham 2, Paige Travis 2, Tara Jones 2, Chantelle Crowl, Rachael Woosey; Goals: Zoe Harris 5 def Castleford Tigers 0 at Totally Wicked Stadium -- / -- Leeds Rhinos 22 Tries: Tasha Gaines, Courtney Winfield-Hill, Sophie Nuttall 2; Goals: Courtney Winfield-Hill 3 def York City Knights 18 Tries: Olivia Wood, Emma Hardy 2, Kelsey Gentles; Goals: Emma Hardy 1 at Totally Wicked Stadium

GRAND FINAL

Sun 10 Oct 3:00pm St Helens v Leeds Emerald Headingley Stadium

BETFRED CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYOFF RESULTS - ELIMINATOR FINALS

Batley Bulldogs 23 Tries: Ben Kaye, Tom Gilmore, Elliott Hall; Goals: Tom Gilmore 5; Field Goals: Tom Gilmore 1 def Bradford Bulls 10 Tries: Joe Brown, Jordan Lilley; Goals: Danny Brough 1 at Fox's Biscuits Stadium

Halifax Panthers 24 Tries: Matt Garside 2, James Woodburn-Hall, Conor McGrath; Goals: Liam Harris 2, Connor Robinson 1, James Woodburn-Hall 1 def Whitehaven RLFC 20 Tries: Andrew Bulman 2, Liam Cooper, Ryan King; Goals: Louis Jouffret 2 at The Shay Stadium

PLAYOFF FIXTURES all times BST UK, add 9 hours for AEST

Week Two (Semi Finals)

Sat 2 Oct 3:15pm Toulouse (1st) v Batley Stade Ernest Wallon
5:30pm Featherstone (2nd) v Halifax Millennium Stadium

Week Three (Final - Million Pound Game)

Sun 10 Oct 6:00pm Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 Venue TBC

BETFRED WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - SHIELD

SEMI FINAL RESULTS

Featherstone Rovers 30 Tries: Brogan Kennedy 2, Olivia Grace, Katie Hepworth 2, Andrea Dobson; Goals: Katie Hepworth 3 def Bradford Bulls 12 Tries: Sarah Dunn, Bailey Alexander, Hannah Donald at Millennium Stadium -- / -- Huddersfield Giants 30 Tries: Amelia Brown 2, Ellie Thompson, Rachael Barker, Erin Stott; Goals: Francesca Townend 3 def Warrington Wolves 26 Tries: Georgia Sutherland 2, Michelle Davis, Ellie Jelves, Georgia Westwood; Goals: Michelle Davis 3 at Laund Hill Sports Complex

SHIELD FINAL

Sun 10 Oct 12:00pm Huddersfield v Featherstone Emerald Headingley Stadium



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Who's celebrating in Grand Final Week? Birthdays from 29 September to 5 October 2021

Friday 1 October

Aaron Booth (Melbourne) 26
Haumole Olakau'atu (Manly) 23

Saturday 2 October

Tepai Moeroa (Melbourne) 26
Tom Trbojevic (Manly) 25
Corey Waddell (Canterbury) 25

Sunday 3 October

Jaxson Paulo (South Sydney) 22
Maika Sivo (Parramatta) 28

Monday 4 October

Charlie Staines (Penrith) 21

QRL TEAMLISTS

PLEASE NOTE: Teamlists are updated and finalised one hour before kickoff. Check QRL.com.au on match day.

INTRUST SUPER CUP - FINALS WEEK THREE

SECOND PRELIMINARY FINAL

Sunday 3 October, Suncorp Stadium, 1:15pm AEDT (12:15pm local)
Referee: Tyson Brough; Sideline Officials: Nick Morel, Jacob Whitehouse

Wynnum Manly SEAGULLS

1	Selwyn Cobbo
2	David Mead
3	Delouise Hoeter
4	Jesse Arthars
5	Richard Kennar
6	Jack Campagnolo
7	Sam Scarlett
8	Aaron Rockley
9	Jayden Berrell
10	Max Elliott
11	Zeb Taia
12	TC Robati
13	Luke Bateman
14	Kalolo Saitaua
15	Matiu Love-Henry
16	Tristan Hope
17	Francis Tualau
18	Edward Burns
19	Issac Luke

Tweed SEAGULLS

1	Lindon McGrady
2	John Mackin
3	Treyman Spry
4	Lee Turner
21	Ryland Jacobs
6	Will Brimson
7	Toby Sexton
8	JJ Collins
9	Brent Woolf
10	Harrison Muller
11	Lamar Liolveave
12	Juwan Compain
13	Braden Robson
14	Liam Hampson
15	Daniel Ross
16	Jack Glossop
17	Tevin Arona
18	Joshua Patston
19	Matthew Koellner
20	Stuart Mason

FIRST PRELIMINARY FINAL

Sunday 3 October, Suncorp Stadium, 3:45pm AEDT (2:45pm local)
Referee: Nick Pelgrave; Sideline Officials: Michael Wise, Jack Klein

Norths DEVILS

1	Jack Ahearn
2	Jonathon Reuben
3	Jacob Gagan
4	Bernard Gregorius
5	Nene Macdonald
6	Connor Broadhurst
7	Tyrone Roberts
8	Michael Molo
9	Danny Levi
10	Piki Rogers
11	Moses Noovao-McGreal
12	Leivaha Pulu
13	Michael Sio
14	Matthew Milson
15	Jerome Veve
16	Petero Nakubuwai
17	Brendan Piakura
18	Jack Miers
19	Hiale Roycroft
20	Bryce Donovan

Burleigh BEARS

1	Kurtis Rowe
2	Curtis Dansey Smaller
3	Sami Sauluma
4	Andre Niko
5	Jonus Pearson
6	Joshua Rogers
7	Tanah Boyd
8	Luke Page
9	Pat Politoni
10	Jeff Lynch
11	Dylan Kelly
12	Joshua Berkers
13	Sam Coster
14	Shallin Fuller
15	Jacob Hind
16	John Palavi
17	Jack Stockwell
18	Apiata Noema-Matenga
19	Guy Hamilto

HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - FINALS WEEK THREE

FIRST PRELIMINARY FINAL

Saturday 2 October, Moreton Daily Stadium, 4:00pm
Referee: Jake Stanton; Sideline Officials: Matt Colclough, Cody Kwik

Sunshine Coast FALCONS

1	Blake Wilson
2	Gian Largiader
3	Kane Jackson
4	Jack Aiken
5	Zachariah Miles
6	Jai Smoothy
7	Jayden Zanchetta
18	Kaleb Sutton
9	Nick Ellems
10	Matthew Baker
11	Jake Zammit
12	Leyton Ey
13	Sam Reid
14	Rory Curtis
15	Blake Woodford
16	Zacari Short
17	Joseph Lowe
19	Pat McGinn

Townsville BLACKHAWKS

1	Tomas Chester
2	Jesse Yallop
3	Zac Laybutt
4	Jordan Lipp
5	Ethan Hagarty
6	Jake Bourke
7	Aaron Moore
8	Hamilton Taia
9	Curtis Dempsey
10	Brayden Ross
11	Joey Jensen
12	Zachery McMinn
13	Tyson Chase
14	Joel Baldwin
15	Tyreice Baira-Gela
16	Tai Laidlow
17	Cameron Bateup

Redcliffe DOLPHINS

1	Tahj Wood
2	Zarrin Galea
3	Samual Elara
4	Harrison McIndoe
5	Daeron Amituanai
6	Toby Elliot
7	Cody Hunter
8	Jyris Glamuzina
21	Taniela Otukolo
10	Jordan Crocker
11	Mali Le Pou
12	Joe Clarke
13	Chayse Cavanagh
9	Kyle Barnwell
14	Rece Hansen
15	Jesse Tu'inukuafe
17	Bailey Morgan

Wynnum Manly SEAGULLS

1	Ben Farr
2	Grand Hagai
3	Kurtis Farr
4	Sebastian Winters-Chang
5	Tom Farr
6	Braden Whittaker
7	Max Plath
8	Jacob Sturt
9	Harrison Graham
10	Malachai Retchford
11	Ethan Malt
12	Kobe Martin
13	Alec MacDonald
14	Sefa Roache-Faimalo
15	Nathan Ward
16	John Radel
17	Caius Faatili

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QRL INTRUST SUPER CUP - SEMI FINALS

Tweed Seagulls 41 Tries: Lamar Manuel-Liolveave, Lee Turner; Braden Robson, John Mackin, Jack Glossop, Brent Woolf, Toby Sexton; Goals: Toby Sexton 6; Field Goals: Toby Sexton 1 **def Redcliffe Dolphins 22** Tries: Will Partridge, Cameron Cullen, Jeremy Hawkins, Preston Riki; Goals: Will Partridge 3 **at Tugun Seahawks RLFC**
Burleigh Bears 16 Tries: Jeff Lynch, Kurtis Rowe, Curtis Dansey-Smaller; Goals: Josh Rogers 2 **def Souths Logan Magpies 4** Tries: Benaiah Bowie **at Pizzey Park**

QRL U21 HASTINGS DEERING COLTS - SEMI FINALS

Wynnum Manly Seagulls 39 Tries: Malachi Retchford 2, Max Plath, Harrison Graham, Grand Hagai, Ben Farr; Goals: Braden Whittaker 7; Field Goals: Max Plath 1 **def Mackay Cutters 28** Tries: Blake Paskins 2, Ethan Borg, Rayden Burns, Arthur Miller-Stephen; Goals: Henri Stocks 4 **at Tugun Seahawks RLFC**
Townsville Blackhawks 26 Tries: Dylan White, Zachery McMinn, Jordan Lipp, Jesse Yallop, Zac Laybutt; Goals: Dylan White 2, Zac Laybutt 1 **def Souths Logan Magpies 6** Tries: Tyrone Harding; Goals: Byron Johnson 1 **at Pizzey Park**

TURBO TAKES DALLY M

ALL THE KEY DETAILS FROM RUGBY LEAGUE'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS...

Manly-Warringah fullback Tom Trbojevic has been crowned the 2021 Dally M Medal winner, claiming the prestigious award with a round remaining in tonight's medal count.

Also named fullback of the year, Trbojevic played just 15 games this season and beat a field of absolute stars to be named season's best, including Penrith half Nathan Cleary and Rabbitohs five-eighth Cody Walker, who formed the halves pairing of the year.

Awards & nominees list

2021 Dally M NRL Player of the Year

Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

Nominees: Nathan Cleary, Tom Trbojevic, Cody Walker, Daly Cherry-Evans, James Tedesco

Peter Moore Award (Rookie of the Year)

Sam Walker (Roosters)

Captain of the Year

James Tedesco (Roosters)

Nominees: Jesse Bromwich & Dale Finucane (Storm), Nathan Cleary & Isaah Yeo (Panthers), James Tedesco (Roosters), Adam Reynolds (Rabbitohs), Daly Cherry-Evans (Sea Eagles)

Coach of the Year

Craig Bellamy (Storm)

Nominees: Craig Bellamy, Ivan Cleary, Wayne Bennett, Trent Robinson, Des Hasler

Provan Summons Medal (Spirit of the Game)

Josh Morris (Roosters): helping brother Brett post-injury

Peter Frilingos Award for Headline Moment

Melbourne Storm: 19 straight wins

Top Pointscorer

Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles)

Ken Irvine Award for Top Tryscorer

Alex Johnston (Rabbitohs)

YOUI Tackle of the Year

Xavier Coates (Broncos)



DrinkWise Try of the Year

Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles), Round 25 v Cowboys

VB Hardest Working Player of the Year

Isaiah Papali'i (Parramatta Eels)

Team of the Year

Fullback: Tom Trbojevic (Sea Eagles)

Nominees: James Tedesco, Kalyn Ponga, Will Kennedy, Tom Trbojevic, Ryan Papenhuyzen

Wingers: Reuben Garrick (Sea Eagles), Brian To'o (Panthers)

Nominees: Reuben Garrick, Josh Addo-Carr, Brian To'o, Jason Saab, Alex Johnston

Centres: Matt Burton (Panthers), Justin Olam (Storm)

Nominees: Matt Burton, Joseph Manu, Bradman Best, Justin Olam, Dane Gagai

Five-Eighth: Cody Walker (Rabbitohs)

Nominees: Adam Doueihi, Cameron Munster, Cody Walker, Jarome Luai

Halfback: Nathan Cleary (Panthers)

Nominees: Jahrome Hughes, Daly Cherry-Evans, Adam Reynolds, Nathan Cleary

Props: James Fisher-Harris (Panthers), Payne Haas (Broncos)

Nominees: Daniel Saifiti, Jared Waerea-Hargreaves, James Fisher-Harris, Payne Haas, Christian Welch

Hooker: Brandon Smith (Storm)

Nominees: Api Koroisau, Brandon Smith, Harry Grant, Damien Cook

Second Rowers: Viliame Kikau (Panthers), Isaiah Papali'i (Eels)

Nominees: Haumole Olakau'atu, Viliame Kikau, Sitili Tupouniua, Isaiah Papali'i

Lock: Isaah Yeo (Panthers)

Nominees: Cameron Murray, Isaah Yeo, Dale Finucane, Jake Trbojevic

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 1

Thursday, Mar 11
Friday, Mar 12

Saturday, Mar 13

Sunday, Mar 14

March 11-14

Melbourne v Souths	26-18	AAMI	8:05pm
Newcastle v Canterbury	32-16	McD. Jones	6:00pm
Brisbane v Parramatta	16-24	Suncorp	8:05pm
Warriors v Gold Coast	19-6	C. Coast	3:00pm
Sydney v Manly	46-4	SCG	5:30pm
Penrith v North Qld	24-0	Penrith	7:35pm
Canberra v Wests Tigers	30-12	GIO	4:05pm
St Geo Illa v Cronulla	18-32	Netstrata	6:15pm

ROUND 2

Thursday, Mar 18
Friday, Mar 19

Saturday, Mar 20

Sunday, Mar 21

March 18-21

Parramatta v Melbourne	16-12	Bankwest	8:05pm
Warriors v Newcastle	16-20	C. Coast	6:00pm
Gold Coast v Brisbane	28-16	Cbus	8:05pm
Canterbury v Penrith	0-28	Bankwest	3:00pm
Manly v Souths	12-26	Lottoland	5:30pm
North Qld v St Geo Illa	18-25	QLD CB	7:35pm
Wests Tigers v Sydney	6-40	C'town	4:05pm
Cronulla v Canberra	10-12	Netstrata	6:15pm

ROUND 3

Thursday, Mar 25
Friday, Mar 26

Saturday, Mar 27

Sunday, Mar 28

March 25-28

Penrith v Melbourne	12-10	Bluebet	8:05pm
St Geo Illa v Manly	38-12	WIN	6:00pm
Souths v Sydney	26-16	Stad. Aus.	8:05pm
Canberra v Warriors	31-34	GIO	3:00pm
Brisbane v Canterbury	24-0	Suncorp	5:30pm
Parramatta v Cronulla	28-4	Bankwest	7:35pm
Newcastle v Wests Tigers	20-24	McD. Jones	4:05pm
North Qld v Gold Coast	8-44	QLD CB	6:15pm

ROUND 4

Thursday, Apr 1
Friday, Apr 2

Saturday, Apr 3

Sunday, Apr 4

Monday, Apr 5

April 1-5

Manly v Penrith	46-6	Lottoland	8:05pm
Canterbury v Souths	0-38	Stad. Aus.	4:05pm
Melbourne v Brisbane	40-6	AAMI Park	8:05pm
Cronulla v North Qld	48-10	Netstrata	5:15pm
Gold Coast v Canberra	4-20	Netstrata	7:45pm
Newcastle v St Geo Illa	13-22	McD. Jones	4:05pm
Sydney v Warriors	32-12	SCG	6:15pm
Wests Tigers v Parramatta	22-36	Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

Easter Weekend

Lottoland	8:05pm
Stad. Aus.	4:05pm
AAMI Park	8:05pm
Netstrata	5:15pm
Netstrata	7:45pm
McD. Jones	4:05pm
SCG	6:15pm
Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

ROUND 5

Thursday, Apr 8
Friday, Apr 9

Saturday, Apr 10

Sunday, Apr 11

April 8-11

Souths v Brisbane	35-6	Stad. Aus.	7:50pm
Warriors v Manly	12-13	C. Coast	6:00pm
Penrith v Canberra	30-10	Bluebet	7:55pm
Gold Coast v Newcastle	42-16	Cbus	3:00pm
Canterbury v Melbourne	18-52	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Sydney v Cronulla	26-18	SCG	7:35pm
Wests Tigers v North Qld	30-34	Leichhardt	4:05pm
Parramatta v St Geo Illa	12-26	Bankwest	6:15pm

ROUND 6

Thursday, Apr 15
Friday, Apr 16

Saturday, Apr 17

Sunday, Apr 18

April 15-18

Brisbane v Penrith	12-20	Suncorp	7:50pm
Newcastle v Cronulla	26-22	McD. Jones	6:00pm
Melbourne v Sydney	20-4	AAMI Park	7:55pm
Manly v Gold Coast	36-0	Mudgee	3:00pm
Souths v Wests Tigers	18-14*	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Canberra v Parramatta	10-35	GIO	7:35pm
St Geo Illa v Warriors	14-20	Netstrata	2:00pm
North Qld v Canterbury	30-18	QLD C.B.	4:05pm

ROUND 7

Thursday, Apr 22
Friday, Apr 23

Saturday, Apr 24

Sunday, Apr 25

April 22-25

Penrith v Newcastle	24-6	Bluebet	7:50pm
Gold Coast v Souths	30-40	Cbus	6:00pm
Parramatta v Brisbane	46-6	TIO Darwin	7:55pm
Cronulla v Canterbury	12-18	Netstrata	5:30pm
North Qld v Canberra	26-24	QLD C.B.	7:35pm
Wests Tigers v Manly	6-40	Bankwest	1:45pm
Sydney v St Geo Illa	34-10	SCG	4:05pm
Melbourne v Warriors	42-20	AAMI Park	6:15pm

ANZAC Round

ROUND 8

Thursday, Apr 29
Friday, Apr 30

Saturday, May 1

Sunday, May 2

April 29-May 2

Canberra v Souths	20-34	GIO	7:50pm
Melbourne v Cronulla	40-14	AAMI Park	6:00pm
Brisbane v Gold Coast	36-28	Suncorp	7:55pm
Penrith v Manly	28-16	Bathurst	3:00pm
Canterbury v Parramatta	10-32	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Newcastle v Sydney	4-38	McD. Jones	7:35pm
Warriors v North Qld	24-20	C. Coast	2:00pm
St Geo Illa v Wests Tigers	8-16	WIN	4:05pm

ROUND 9

Thursday, May 6
Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 8

Sunday, May 9

May 6-9

Souths v Melbourne	0-50	Stad. Aus.	7:50pm
Penrith v Cronulla	48-0	Bluebet	6:00pm
Parramatta v Sydney	31-18	Bankwest	7:55pm
Canberra v Newcastle	16-24	Wagga	3:00pm
Wests Tigers v Gold Coast	28-36	C'belltown	5:30pm
North Qld v Brisbane	19-18	QLD C.B.	7:35pm
Manly v Warriors	38-32	Lottoland	2:00pm
St Geo Illa v Canterbury	32-12	Netstrata	4:05pm

ROUND 10

Friday, May 14

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16

May 14-16

Wests Tigers v Newcastle	36-18	Suncorp	6:00pm
Manly v Brisbane	50-6	Suncorp	8:05pm
Canterbury v Canberra	18-20	Suncorp	3:00pm
Cronulla v Souths	22-32	Suncorp	5:30pm
Sydney v North Qld	30-16	Suncorp	7:45pm
Warriors v Parramatta	18-34	Suncorp	1:50pm
Melbourne v St Geo Illa	44-18	Suncorp	4:05pm
Gold Coast v Penrith	12-42	Suncorp	6:25pm

Magic Round Brisbane

ROUND 11

Thursday, May 20
Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

May 20-23

North Qld v Newcastle	36-20	QLD C.B.	7:50pm
Warriors v Wests Tigers	30-26	C. Coast	6:00pm
Cronulla v St Geo Illa	13-12	Netstrata	7:55pm
Gold Coast v Canterbury	30-20	Cbus	3:00pm
Sydney v Brisbane	16-34	SCG	5:30pm
Canberra v Melbourne	10-34	GIO	7:35pm
Souths v Penrith	12-56	Apex	2:00pm
Parramatta v Manly	6-28	Bankwest	4:05pm

ROUND 12

Thursday, May 27
Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Sunday, May 30

May 27-30

Brisbane v Melbourne	12-40	Suncorp	7:50pm
North Qld v Warriors	29-28	QLD C.B.	6:00pm
Wests Tigers v St Geo Illa	34-18	Bankwest	7:55pm
Penrith v Canterbury	30-4	Bluebet	3:00pm
Souths v Parramatta	38-20	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Sydney v Canberra	44-16	C. Coast	7:35pm
Cronulla v Gold Coast	38-10	C.EX Coffs	2:00pm
Newcastle v Manly	18-10	McD. Jones	4:05pm

Indigenous Round

ROUND 13

Thursday, Jun 3
Friday, Jun 4
Saturday, Jun 5
Sunday, Jun 6
Byes

June 3-6

St Geo Illa v Brisbane	52-24	Netstrata	7:50pm
Wests Tigers v Penrith	26-6	Leichhardt	7:55pm
Melbourne v Gold Coast	20-14	Sun. Coast	7:35pm
Newcastle v Parramatta	4-40	McD. Jones	4:05pm
Canterbury, North Qld, Souths, Canberra, Sydney, Manly, Cronulla, Warriors			

STATE OF ORIGIN 1

Wednesday, Jun 9

June 9

NSW v QLD	QLD Country Bank	8:10pm
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ROUND 14

Friday, Jun 11

Saturday, Jun 12

Sunday, Jun 13

Monday, Jun 14

June 11-14

Manly v North Qld	50-18	4 Pines	6:00pm
Cronulla v Penrith	19-18	Netstrata	7:55pm
Gold Coast v Sydney	34-35	Cbus Super	3:00pm
Souths v Newcastle	24-10	Stad. Aus.	5:30pm
Canberra v Brisbane	38-16	GIO	7:35pm
Warriors v Melbourne	16-42	C. Coast	2:00pm
Parramatta v Wests Tigers	40-12	Bankwest	4:05pm
Canterbury v St Geo Illa	28-6	Stad. Aus.	4:00pm

2021 NRL DRAW

ROUND 15

Thursday, Jun 17
Friday, Jun 18

Saturday, Jun 19

Sunday, Jun 20

WOMEN'S ORIGIN

Friday, Jun 25

ORIGIN 2

Sunday, Jun 27

ROUND 16

Thursday, Jul 1

Friday, Jul 2

Saturday, Jul 3

Sunday, Jul 4

ROUND 17

Thursday, Jul 8

Friday, Jul 9

Saturday, Jul 10

Sunday, Jul 11

Byes

ORIGIN 3

Wednesday, Jul 14

ROUND 18

Friday, Jul 16

Saturday, Jul 17

Sunday, Jul 18

ROUND 19

Thursday, Jul 22

Friday, Jul 23

Saturday, Jul 24

Sunday, Jul 25

ROUND 20

Thursday, Jul 29

Friday, Jul 30

Sunday, Aug 1

Monday, Aug 2

June 17-20

Brisbane v Souths

North Qld v Cronulla

Penrith v Sydney

Newcastle v Warriors

St Geo Illa v Canberra

Melbourne v Wests Tigers

Parramatta v Canterbury

Gold Coast v Manly

Beanies for Brain Cancer Round

0-46

24-26

38-12

10-6

22-20

66-16

36-10

24-56

Suncorp 7:50pm

QLD C.B. 6:00pm

Bluebet 7:55pm

McD. Jones 3:00pm

WIN 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Bankwest 2:00pm

Cbus 4:05pm

ROUND 21

Thursday, Aug 5

Friday, Aug 6

Saturday, Aug 7

Sunday, Aug 8

August 5-8

Newcastle v Brisbane 28-20

Canberra v St Geo Illa 20-12

Parramatta v Souths 12-40

Warriors v Cronulla 18-16

Sydney v Penrith 14-20

Manly v Melbourne 18-28

Canterbury v Wests Tigers 16-28

Gold Coast v North Qld 36-14

Suncorp 7:50pm

Cbus Super 6:00pm

Cbus Super 8:05pm

Cbus Super 3:00pm

Suncorp 5:30pm

Suncorp 7:35pm

Cbus Super 1:50pm

Cbus Super 4:05pm

ROUND 22

Thursday, Aug 12

Friday, Aug 13

Saturday, Aug 14

Sunday, Aug 15

ROUND 23

Thursday, Aug 19

Friday, Aug 20

Saturday, Aug 21

Sunday, Aug 22

ROUND 24

Thursday, Aug 26

Friday, Aug 27

Saturday, Aug 28

Sunday, Aug 29

ROUND 25

Thursday, Sep 2

Friday, Sep 3

Saturday, Sep 4

Sunday, Sep 5

August 12-15

Melbourne v Canberra 26-16

St Geo Illa v Penrith 16-34

Brisbane v Sydney 20-21

Souths v Gold Coast 36-6

North Qld v Wests Tigers 16-24

Manly v Parramatta 56-10

Warriors v Canterbury 24-10

Cronulla v Newcastle 14-16

Women in League Round

Sun. Coast 7:50pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 7:55pm

Cbus 3:00pm

QLD C.B. 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Redcliffe 2:00pm

Redcliffe 4:05pm

August 19-22

Gold Coast v Melbourne 20-34

Canberra v Manly 18-19

Penrith v Souths 25-12

Wests Tigers v Cronulla 20-50

Canterbury v Newcastle 16-22

Parramatta v North Qld 32-16

St Geo Illa v Sydney 22-40

Brisbane v Warriors 24-22

Cbus 7:50pm

Suncorp 6:00pm

Suncorp 8:05pm

R'hampton 3:00pm

Cbus 5:30pm

Cbus 7:35pm

Toowoomba 2:00pm

Suncorp 4:05pm

August 26-29

Newcastle v Gold Coast 15-14

Warriors v Canberra 16-28

Sydney v Souths 12-54

St Geo Illa v North Qld 26-38

Cronulla v Brisbane 24-16

Melbourne v Parramatta 10-22

Manly v Canterbury 36-18

Penrith v Wests Tigers 30-16

Sun. Coast 7:50pm

Mackay 6:00pm

Suncorp 7:55pm

R'hampton 3:00pm

Suncorp 5:30pm

Suncorp 7:35pm

Redcliffe 1:50pm

Redcliffe 4:05pm

September 2-5

Canberra v Sydney 16-40

Cronulla v Melbourne 16-28

Parramatta v Penrith 6-40

Brisbane v Newcastle 35-22

North Qld v Manly 18-46

Souths v St Geo Illa 20-16

Gold Coast v Warriors 44-0

Wests Tigers v Canterbury 0-38

Mackay 7:50pm

Cbus 6:00pm

Cbus 8:05pm

Suncorp 3:00pm

QLD C.B. 5:30pm

Sun. Coast 7:35pm

Cbus 2:00pm

Redcliffe 4:05pm

2021 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP FINALS SERIES

WEEK 1

Friday, Sep 10 QF 1

Saturday, Sep 11 EF 1

QF 2

Sunday, Sep 12 EF 2

SEPTEMBER 10-12

Melbourne (1) v (4) Manly 40-12

Sydney (5) v (8) Gold Coast 25-24

Penrith (2) v (3) Souths 10-16

Parramatta (6) v (7) Newcastle 28-20

Qualifying & Elimination Finals

Sun. Coast 7:50pm

QLD C.B. 5:40pm

QLD C.B. 7:50pm

Browne 4:05pm

WEEK 2

Friday, Sep 17 SF 1

Saturday, Sep 18 SF 2

SEPTEMBER 17-18

Manly v Sydney 42-6

Penrith v Parramatta 8-6

Semi Finals

Mackay 7:50pm

Mackay 7:50pm

WEEK 3

Friday, Sep 24 PF 2

Saturday, Sep 25 PF 1

SEPTEMBER 24-25

Souths v Manly 36-16

Melbourne v Penrith 6-10

Preliminary Finals

Suncorp 7:50pm

Suncorp 4:00pm

WEEK 4

Sunday, Oct 3 GF

OCTOBER 3

Penrith v Souths

Grand Final

Suncorp Stadium 7:30pm

All matches except Grand Final & Origin broadcast live on Fox League & Kayo Sports. Thu 7:50pm, Fri 7:55pm and Sun 4:05pm matches, all Finals, Grand Final and Origin are broadcast live on the Nine Network. NOTE: NRL draw is subject to change - visit LeagueUnlimited.com for updated fixtures. All times listed are NSW/VIC/ACT local.

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